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Convention Schedule All Set

Plan To Attend Your Convention

MEN

Thursday, June 11, 1970

12 Noon to 6 P. M. Registration at No. 1 Fire Station on West Broadway.
8 P. M. Officer's meeting, Women's Bldg., Fairgrounds.

Friday, June 12, 1970

8 A. M. to 4 P. M. Registration at No. 1 Fire Station.
9 A. M. Opening ceremonies combined with Ladies at Cinema Theatre on South Harrison St. Welcome addresses and introductions.
9:45 A. M. First business meeting, Cinema Theatre.
11:30 A. M. Joint Memorial service at First United Methodist Church in first block west of circle on W. Washington St.
12 Noon Lunch, eating place of your choice.
1:30 P. M. Second Business meeting - Cinema Theatre.
6 P. M. Sharp Banquet at B & E Roller Rink. 8 blocks West on Washington St. Installation of officers - Awards and Presentation of program.
10 P. M. - 1 A. M. Dance at same location.

Saturday, June 13, 1970

8 A. M. Sharp Waterball contest in first block west of fire station. Ladies' contest to follow, also bucket brigade and hose replacing—games to run continuously until finished.
3 P. M. Parade forming on River Road at North edge of Shelbyville. South on Harrison St. to Broadway and East on Broadway.

Presenting parade trophies and drawing for lucky doe doll to follow.

Camping at Shelby County Fairgrounds. Signs to be up.

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WOMEN

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8 P. M. Officer's meeting, women's bldg. at Fairgrounds.

Friday, June 12, 1970

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10 A. M. Koffee Klatch, First United Methodist Church.
11 A. M. First business meeting, same location.
11:30 A. M. Joint Memorial Services, same location.
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1:30 P. M. Second business meeting.
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10 P. M. - 1 A. M. Dance, B & E Roller Rink.

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3 P. M. Parade forming on River Road at North edge of Shelbyville. South on Harrison St. to Broadway, then east on Broadway.

Presenting parade trophy and drawing for lucky doe doll to follow parade.

PRES SEZ



It's convention time in Indiana, for the most dedicated group of people our state has—the Volunteer Firemen.

Carlos Jeffries, Don Hurst, and the City of Shelbyville, with the help of many volunteers have worked long and hard to give us one of our finest conventions yet. Let us all remember we are guests of the City of Shelbyville. It is our obligation to leave it a better city because we were there.

At this time, we tell our officers that we will elect what we want done in the coming year. We should remember that along with the fun we have, we must take time to conduct the serious business that faces us.

The past year has had its ups and downs, some good, some bad, many of our dreams fulfilled, many of them dashed down the drain by reality, that time is our most important asset.

We started the year with the hope and promise that we would get into each of the districts for a visit. We soon found that there were not enough hours in the day to realize our hopes and still carry out our responsibility to our family and community.

We apologize to the districts we didn't get to visit, but we know that if they did want the

state officers help it was because of the state officers we have. They are the greatest, not once have any one of them hesitated when called on to assist with or to do a job.

I believe we have strengthened the foundation of our organization to do a better job in the future for the Volunteer Firemen.

We have found that we have a long struggle ahead to give the people of Indiana the fire safety and protection which they deserve and expect. It is going to take much dedication on the part of all volunteer firemen to get the proper laws passed and the money that rightly belongs to fire protection and safety started in the right direction.

We must all join this crusade, its our duty to our friends and neighbors. The volunteer fireman gives of his time to buy equipment, build fire stations and protect his communities life and property.

Why can't he expect and receive the cooperation he so richly deserves from those people who are elected to serve these same people?

As we meet in our 24th annual meeting, let us pray it will be in harmony and rededicate to ourselves and to the responsibilities we have volunteered to accept.

Fire Board Orders Reinstatement of 8

The Indiana Fire Prevention Commission March 16th ordered reinstatement of eight Democrats who appealed their dismissal from the state fire marshal's office last September by Republican Fire Marshal Harvey H. Hacker.

The commission, created by a 1965 merit law, ordered reinstatement with back pay of three other Democrats who had appealed their September 19 firings.

The reinstatement orders came after the state requested dismissal of its "charges" against the eight men, presumably because it was believed the board would order the men reinstated anyway.

Hacker's only comment on the case was that the state's decision to drop the charges was ordered by Attorney General Theodore L. Sendak.

Six members of the seven-man board, including four Democrats, were appointed to the board by former Governor Roger D. Branigin.

The employees reinstated will receive full back-pay, with the possible exception of two or three men who have found other work since their firing.

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Convention - Shelbyville

June 11 - 12 - 13, 1970

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JACK FORD

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF IVFA

Gentlemen:

Convention time is once again fast approaching, and if things keep on as they are, it will be the same old theme, still not ready as I should be. The Association is growing with the same steady pace of long standing. A detailed report of that will be in my annual convention report.

There are two areas of which I would like to mention this time.

First is convention sites. It is the obligation of each and every one of us to assist all officers to see that we do have a place to meet each year. The Officers certainly do have an obligation to the membership, but on the other hand the membership has the obligation to assist the Officers. These convention sites are not coming in as they should. I am sure that over the State we have many more probable sites than have been mentioned. I to realize that to house some 500 people and feed some 800 does tax facilities of most communities, but I am also sure that there are sites that have not as yet been cultivated. Crown Point has asked for the convention next year. It has been promised them, as much as present By-Laws will allow. This is where it all started 25 years ago in 1946. Crown Point has already started work to show you a good time and the founding fathers, as well as all the workhorses for IVFA, that all expectations of success has been exceeded. Let us all get on the ball and help the officers keep convention sites ahead and don't forget the many many people that go all out and spare no time and effort to see that the three days of June are the happiest for you that they can muster. They too certainly deserve our most sincere thanks and appreciation. Let's make an effort to tell them when we get to Shelbyville.

Second is safety. This leaves many an hour for talk and pleading as you have done many times before. It is an ever present problem. With the many reports of accidents that have involved trucks and firemen, I feel that we should once again mention safety to all as a special effort to stop this trend.

All the accidents that I have heard of certainly do have logical reasoning and no one can be made to bear all the blame. However, we can keep harping on safety and maybe we can get some one to remember and thus avoid one. I also agree that it means hurry when an alarm comes in, but I have also been told that when the truck or manpower fails to arrive at the scene it does no good at all. Well, you have heard this since you came on the fire service and probably will hear it till you leave but you get the message and we should all do what we can. I am sure that this rash of trouble will blow over as many trends have before.

In closing I would like to thank all for the assistance that has been given me this year. I have enjoyed working with the many fire departments and men thruout the State. My only hope is that I have in some way helped and assisted some to achieve the goals they have set. Another thing that is hard for me to get over is names and people. I sit here and see names and departments day after day. The first thing I know I am associating certain names with the right department and it seems that I know the person. Well, you guessed it, when the time comes for me to face him. I don't know him at all and when I find out who it is it certainly is rather embarrassing, to say the least. I have been told we all have the same problem but no one has told me how to get away from it. Well, I'll struggle along with my problem and you struggle along with yours and when we get to Shelbyville in June we will get together and throw them all away and have ourselves one heck of a good time. When it is over we shall thank the convention committee and return home tired, weary and ready to go to Crown Point for the next one.

Thanks for everything and see you all in Shelbyville.
John T. Ford, Secy.

FIRE BOARD ORDERS REINSTATEMENT OF 8

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The commission took under advisement a request by the state that any money those men have earned since their ouster be deducted from the amount of back pay they will get from the fire marshal's office.

The reinstatements came after the state had presented its case in the firing of Harry Neale of Terre Haute, who was fired as chief dry cleaning inspector.

As it had done with other ousted inspectors, the state presented figures which allegedly showed Neale had not made enough inspections.

Reinstated along with Neale March 16th were Thomas Vokovich and Nick Palla, both of East Chicago; Frank C. Pirillo Sr. of Gary, Willard Clark of Rochester, George Rector of Middleton, Charles McGuirk of New Albany and Donald Morrison of Anderson.

Public Relations N. W.



HAROLD KING

We have been asked to submit a background of our past and why we are a Volunteer Fireman and how we happened to get started.

In 1942 we were in World War II there were a number of younger members of the Moose Drill team, and we were asked to take training as auxiliary firemen or police. At that time our secretary was Chief of the LaPorte Fire Department, and our county Sheriff was also an officer in the Lodge.

We were picked for the job as to where we lived in the

city. I was picked to take training as a fireman. We were given the basic training in fire fighting and first aid. Although we were never called to help, the training was still in my mind.

Then Beatty Hospital was being built and as the electric supervisor I was requested to join the volunteer fire department, where the training was given by a retired fire lieutenant of the Gary Fire Department. Soon we joined the I. V. F. A. and as they are always looking for new blood for District Officers, I was elected to the office of District Secretary.

I think it just gets into your blood and there seems no way to get rid of it. Men think of it in this way. It is our way of showing our fellow neighbors that we have a civic duty to perform. I enjoy the fellowship of these men.

I attended the New Chicago meeting of District 1 and 2, where there was a good meeting. Your District Chairmen Esserman and Lump are good men for the job. I attended a good fire school at the South Bend airport, and we need more of this type of training. Jet fuel and gasoline always make for a good fire. We need not have an airport to fight this kind of fire, as our highways and railroads carry much of this fuel.

The South Bend Department and the I. F. A. sponsored this and were kind enough to invite all departments in the area to be there.

We have the convention under control. Let's all get behind those departments that are not in our Association, as this is one group they cannot afford not to belong to.

See you all at Shelbyville annual meeting.

Harold L. King,
Public Relations N. W.

South Haven Volunteers Host Fire Training

South Haven Volunteer Fire Department was host to Union Township, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Departments, and East Gary and the City of Portage Fire Departments, for a fire fighting training session. The fire training consisted of burning a two-story, brick, farm house. Demonstrations and training were under the direction of Chief Joe Erdelac of the City of Portage Fire Department, with assistance from Chief William Spicer of the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department. Twelve different fires of separate categories were set and controlled by attending Fire Departments. Due to the capable and invaluable knowledge of both Chief Erdelac and Chief Spicer, all in attendance gained much knowledge in theory and actual fire fighting methods.

Use of high-pressure fire fighting equipment was the highlights of the demonstrations, also the transfer of water between units and the relaying of water between companies.

Coffee, sandwiches and refreshments were served throughout the day by the South Haven Firemen's Women Auxiliary.

The South Haven Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank all the attending Departments for making the training session a success. Special thanks are forwarded to Chief Joe Erdelac of the City of Portage Fire Department, whose invaluable knowledge and capable leadership made the day a complete success.



YOUR CHAPLAIN DUANE LANTZ:

Psalms 104, verses 13-20

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun he knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: where in all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

One of my hobbies is my garden, flowers and trees. The budding of the trees and the leaves filling the opening of the bare branches and making full the tree and all its glory. I believe that new truths of more abundant living can be found through watching these small seeds grow and mature to their full glory. The small creatures who attempt to destroy the plants but find through method of spray that these plants are plants of God.

Let us think about God's presence with us where ever we are, whatever we are doing, and leave the circuit of our lives open so that His spirit can speak to our spirits. If we get into the habit of doing that, it will surprise us what help it will give for our daily living.

Prayer: God, of all creation, help us to be grateful to thee for the wonders of thy handiwork seen all around us in nature. Teach us to express our gratitude by joyfulness of spirit regardless of our circumstances or surroundings. Amen

See you at convention
Your Chaplain,
Duane Lantz

Disaster Takes No Holiday

It was Easter night, 1970. The church services were over . . . the dinners finished . . . the new outfits put away . . . the children's baskets looking rather sad with all that candy missing.

It was time to listen to the late news . . . maybe watch a movie . . . think about Monday . . . get ready for bed.

It was like this in Corry, Pennsylvania . . . a small community in the northwestern part of the state . . . 30 miles south of Lake Erie.

Corry, like many small communities across the nation, has a Volunteer Fire Department. A garage . . . trucks . . . and men with regular other jobs who volunteer to fight fires.

At 9:25 last night an alarm sounded in Corry.

A fire had broken out at a paint store on North Center street . . . the main street of Corry. Within a few minutes, volunteer firemen were at the scene.

It didn't look like much of a fire.

There was a lot of smoke . . . not much else.

Firemen let curious onlookers get close to the fire trucks while they worked three hoses on the front of the store . . . one on the rear wall.

There appeared no need to break in. They played the hoses on the building . . . and waited for the store manager to show up and open the front door.

At 9:35 . . . without warning . . . there was a soft "woosh" and the brick walls at the front and rear tumbled. The entire building was flaming.

Five firemen died . . . buried under tons of bricks. It took seven hours to dig out their bodies.

Today, State Fire Marshals and local officials, were puzzled as to what it was that exploded. They noted the store was not large and did not contain large stocks of supplies. The second story was vacant. It was vacated March 1st by a radio station (WOTR), which had reported getting a bomb threat. But investigators said there did not appear to be a connection.

The dead firemen all had extensive experience with the Stanford Hose Company of the Corry Volunteer Fire Department. They all were born and raised in Corry.

They were, 21-year-old Richard Brigham, a cameraman for the Evening Journal; 37-year-old David Apps, father of four children, son of Fire Chief Alfred Apps; 30-year-old Jon Miller, advertising manager for the newspaper; 28-year-old Dennis Rockafellow, father of two children; and 26-year-old Lauren Shreve, father of two children.

One of their fellow volunteers, Robert Garfield, put it this way . . . "It hadn't been much of a fire. Nobody suspected anything. All of a sudden there was nothing left and the fire was spread all over. The blast blew bricks right onto the firemen. Then the walls just folded down on them."

They didn't have to be there . . . but they were. An alarm had sounded . . . and they answered to save property . . . to save lives. And they made the ultimate sacrifice for their community.

By John I. Pelletreau
—United Press International

Notice from the Treasurer to all delegates to the Shelbyville 1970 Convention

Your Treasurer's printed reports on finance, receipts and disbursements from the Warsaw Convention 6-1-69, to the Shelbyville Convention 6-1-70, 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

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIREFIGHTER'S IMAGE?

Have you ever wondered why there are so few Firemen or Fire Chiefs represented as Heroes in American folklore, fiction, television or radio? We have heroes who are policeman, detectives, killers and criminals have become, if not heroic, renown. But where are the Firemen.

But wait, you say, don't forget Smokey Stover, Smokey The Bear and Sparky The Dog. What is interesting about these, is that they are all comic characters. Smokey Stover wears his comic fire helmet backward and rides around in a tiny caricature of a fire apparatus. Smokey The Bear goes in the woods stamping out fires. Sparky The Dog tells every one how to stop fires and also a member of other animated cartoons tell us about fire. There is nothing wrong with humor, but it is interesting that when you think of fictional firemen, those who first come to mind are fire comic figures.

Whether or not there have been firemen heroes may, at first, seem trivial but I think if you dig deeper there is a more significant meaning. It tells us some thing about what Americans think about the fire service. The public buys its entertainment around subjects that interest it. If the public wants comic firemen it gets them. America does not take firemen or the fire service too seriously. Fire, to many Americans, is an "accident" that happens to the other person.

If the hypothesis is correct that the lack of heroic fire service figures in reflecting a cultural attitude of our firemen.

But most important of all, it puts a sharp focus on the tremendous public relation job to educate the American Public about firemen and the fire service. We must try to correct the firemen's image from comic characters and animals such as dogs and bears.

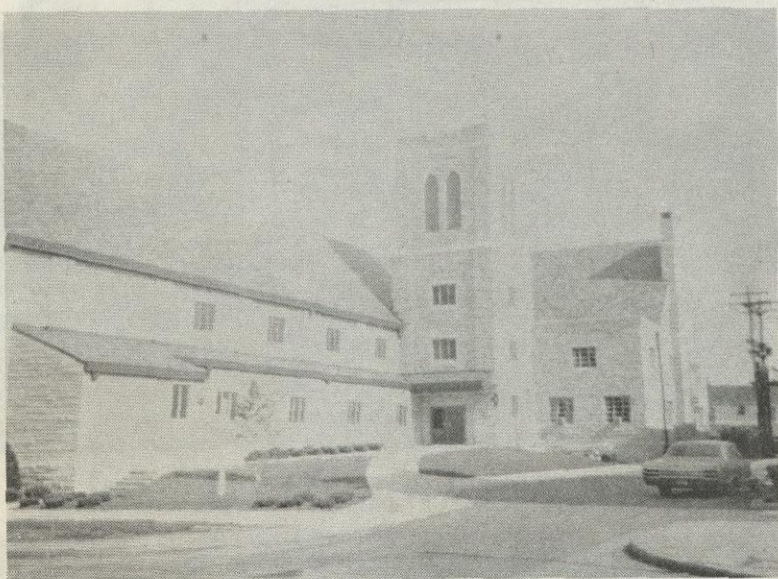
The professionalization and the fire-fighters image should be our prime objectives in the 70's.

Edward R. Sowell, Chief
Speedway Fire Department

The Memoriam

- James Budd — Morgantown
- Clifford Michael — Forest
- Arthur Bieberich — Preble
- Raymond Bloomer — Manilla
- Kenneth Brady — Kendallville
- George A. Midlam — Union City
- Leo Strahm — Monroe
- Robert Herrick — Royal Center
- Howard Lightfoot — Winona Lake
- L. M. Henderson — Winona Lake

First United Methodist Church



Site of Memorial Service on Friday

ACCIDENT DAMAGES McCULLOCH FIRE TRUCK

On April 1st, the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Truck No. 2, returning from an alarm through heavy rain and wind, was involved in an accident with a private car. The car was pulling from a shopping center

complex and proceeded directly in front of the fire truck. This resulted in injuries to the two occupants of the auto and one firefighter.

The car, a 1970 model, was demolished and the fire truck damaged to the amount of \$687.00. None of the injuries were considered serious,

GARRETT'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION WATERBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Feick Park — Garrett, Indiana

Registration	Waterball
Closes	Starts
5:30 P. M.	6:00 P. M.

The International Waterball Rules shall prevail.

Name of Department

No. of Teams men..... women.....

Officer

Please return to:
GARRETT FIRE DEPARTMENT
GARRETT CITY HALL
GARRETT, INDIANA 46738



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IVFA Officers' Meeting

APRIL 19, 1970

SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order by President Goodwin at 10:00 A. M. E.D.T. in the conference room of the Holiday Inn in Shelbyville.

The invocation by Chaplain Lantz was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Engle.

A motion by Hertle to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was 2nd and carried.

The president entertained a motion to donate \$25 from the association treasury to the Staffords to help defray the cost of the wonderful party they had for the officers at their home last night. Such a motion was made by Hertle, 2nd and carried.

The several guests were introduced.

Communications will be a part of the secretary's report.

The roll call was taken by the secretary.

President Goodwin reported on the turmoil in the fire marshal's office. He also told of a meeting he had with the governor concerning a training program. The governor was a willing listener when Goodwin asked that \$100,000 be earmarked for such a program. This request will go to the budget committee.

Vice-president Engle reported that some new departments are forming in Monroe County and he has hopes of signing these departments up in the association.

Treasurer Konopasek had the following report: General Fund Balance is \$15,158.74; Funeral Fund Balance is \$44,570.50; Clothing Fund Balance is \$14,300.77 and the Donation Fund Balance is \$7,852.03. Total in all funds is \$81,882.04. There have been 8 publications of the By-laws and Constitution booklet with the last one coming in 1967. As historian he has compiled some 75-8 1/2 x 14 sheets of history, records and photographs of the association. He suggests it be bound in book form. President Goodwin appointed a committee of Konopasek, Lantz and Laney to review this material.

Chaplain Lantz reports 35 deaths since the last convention with 11 of them occurring in 1970. He told of the many memorials he has had. He is still pleading for nominations for Mrs. I. V. F. A. before May 15, 1970.

Secretary Ford stated that 3 new 50-year pins have been earned. He is still investigating the request on group liability insurance for equipment from District No. 3. Convention badges will remain the same as in previous years. The association membership now totals 10,832. Some memberships are already in for next year and they include 3 new departments. He still receives many notes of gratitude from survivors of deceased volunteer firemen for the chaplain's memorials and other considerations by the association. The secretary is still checking on delinquent departments hoping he can yet persuade them to sign up for the current year. He asks that the newspaper be sent to the seven members of the state fire prevention committee. This will be done. Secretary Ford stated that the I. V. F. A. is now its own insurer. Ford reviewed the radio and television commercials. Some areas apparently are not getting the information. The question was raised as to whether the district chairman should personally deliver this material in his own area. It was agreed this should be done.

The officer's reports were quite general in nature. It should be noted, however, that the district chairmen reports were very encouraging, with most of them reporting bigger and better district meetings.

Publisher Laney reported some equipment company wanted a list of all the department chiefs. This request will be denied. The information is available from the fire marshal's office. He reviewed the officer photographs required for the convention program book. Material for the May issue is still needed. The deadline is May 7, 1970. He asks that the advertising in the newspaper be turned over to Vern Konopasek who has been aiding in this job already. A motion by Weaver, 2nd by Stofer, to do this was carried.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned for a board of director's meeting and lunch.

Chairman Hertle called the board of director's meeting to order and invited Vern Konopasek to explain his draft of the association history and answer any questions concerning same. This edition could be tied in with the 25th anniversary of the association in 1971. A motion that the association underwrite the cost of editing this history in satisfactory book form was made, 2nd and carried. President Goodwin asks that 35 complimentary convention banquet tickets be given to the host department, children be admitted to the banquet for \$2.50 and that every adult be required to have a ticket. A motion by Crocker, 2nd by Baker, that the above requests be put into effect at the Shelbyville convention was carried. The president told of the likelihood of Crown Point requesting the 1971 convention and asked the board to support such a bid. A motion to adopt a resolution to that effect was made by Bousman, 2nd, and carried.

Chairman Esserman told of the difficulties Liverpool-Oregon and Camp No. 133 departments are having getting the clothing allowance from the local trustee because of the type of contracts between departments and the township. The matter was discussed at length and some suggestions were offered to Esserman to take back to those departments.

Chairman Crocker asked about a clothing insurance claim of one Stan Susky of Harris Township.

The meeting was adjourned.

The officer's meeting reconvened at 1:40 P. M.

Board chairman Hertle reported on the board of director's meeting.

President Goodwin then introduced the mayor and fire chief of Jeffersonville. They expressed a desire to have the 1972 convention in their city.

The following convention committees were appointed by the president:

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Hertle, Baker and Bower

CREDENTIALS AND MILEAGE COMMITTEE: Esserman, Brames and Davis

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: McGill, Lump and Lueken

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Sutton, Bousman and Gardner

ROLL CALL COMMITTEE: Fairfield, Stofer and Leist

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Kiefer, Fairfield, Weaver and Crocker.

Jeffries reported on the upcoming convention. Registration will be at No. 1 station; officer's meeting at the fairgrounds with a party by Howe to follow, convention business meeting at the theater and the memorial service at the 1st Methodist Church.

A third contest, known as the "Bucket Brigade" will be a part of this convention. All contest entries are due by June 1, 1970.

Bodily injury and property damage insurance during the convention was discussed. The probable cost for the 3 days will be about \$200. Goodwin appointed Ford and Jeffries to look into the matter.

The president put out a last call for participation by the districts in the Midwest Award. Those districts not yet committed are to see Engle.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

NEW HAVEN DEPARTMENT ELECTS OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

The New Haven Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers some time ago and the following were elected:

James Kennerk, president; David Harper, vice-president and fire investigator; Michael Herman, secretary; Morley Kreiger, treasurer; Carl Zimmerman, chief and welfare; James Pemberton, asst. chief; Richard Grayless, chief engineer; Melvin Cook, Robert Brown, Larry Hite, board of directors; Wayne Budkett, Joe Buchtman, Ed Ortlieb, Robert Brown, captains; David Harper, Paul Stemmler, Lloyd Cline, Ray Mowery, lieutenants; and Michael Renner, public relations.

The Ladies' Auxiliary also held its election and the following were elected: Marilyn Pemberton, president; Dorothy Mowery, vice-president; Carol Maroney, secretary; Bernice Buchtman, treasurer; and Margaret, Cline, sgt.-at-arms.

LONG TIME CHIEF OF EAST GARY PASSES AWAY

Lon Daugherty, age 72 of East Gary, passed away on Saturday, May 23. He served many years as Police and Fire Chief of East Gary. A memorial service was conducted Tuesday evening, May 26 by IVFA Chaplain Duane Lantz and Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, May 27 at 11:00 A. M. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Portage.

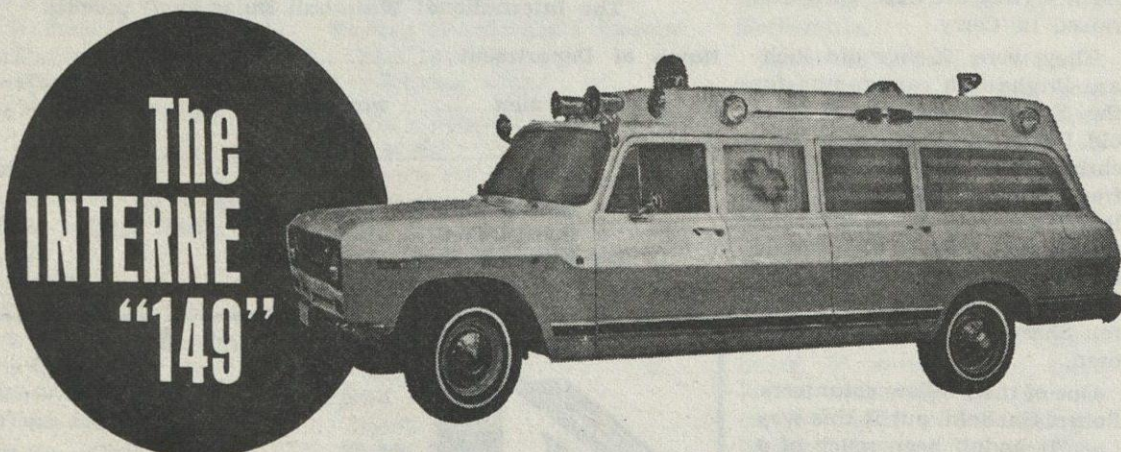
Fire Equipment Demonstration

The Warren Township Fire Department of Indianapolis and The John Bean Scientific Fire Protection Division of Tipton held a Demonstration of: "HIGH PRESSURE FOG, It's Advantages in Fire Extinguishment" on Saturday, April 18th at The Marion County Fairgrounds.

Those in attendance were from the Marion County Fire Departments: Acton, Beech Grove, Bunker Hill, Decatur Twp., Oaklandon, Perry Twp., Greenwood, Pike Twp., Speedway, Wanamaker, Wayne Twp. and Weir Cook Airport. Also present were representatives from General Motors Corp., Buehler Corp. and other industrial firms in the area. On hand were members from The Fire Buffs International of Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Penn. and New York.

Under the direction of Dave Wilson of Bean Corp. those present observed practice demonstrations of the use of High Pressure Fog under 850 lbs. pressure in extinguishing large fires such as tires, lumber piles, fuel fires, automobile fires, and trash fires. A brief demonstration of Magnesium Fire was held, and the results of water upon this type of fire.

The Indianapolis News Media was in attendance to film the demonstrations and inform the public of some of the methods used by firemen in extinguishing different types of fires. Yes, The Indianapolis Air Pollution Control Board was notified in advance of the billowing, large clouds of black smoke that was covering South East Marion County that morning.



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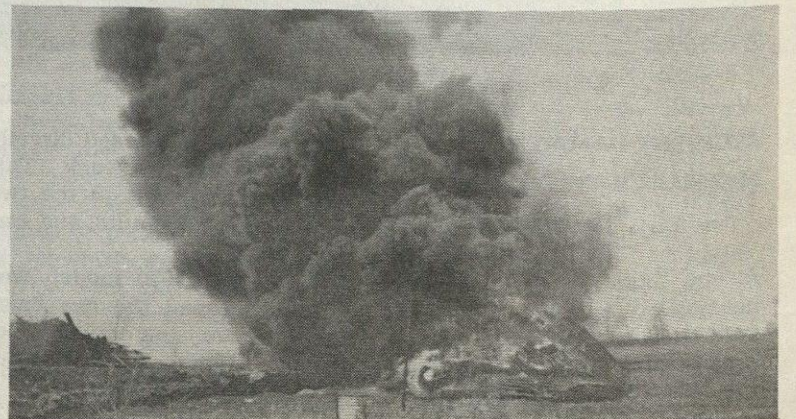
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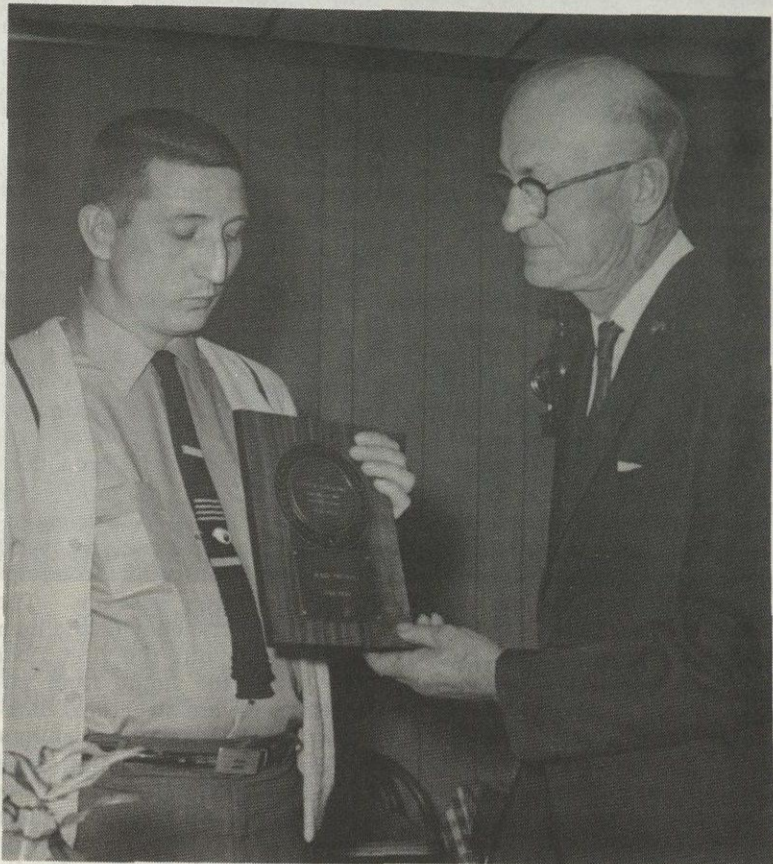
Ward Twp. Fireman Retires

On Saturday evening, April 25, the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department and their wives honored Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Shierling at a family style dinner held at Brants Restaurant in Ridgeville. The tables were covered with red and white checked table clothes, artificial flowers and gold candles on the honored ones table. Dinner music was played during the evening by Mr. Bill Thomas of the Farmland Department.

After the bountiful meal a short history of the Fire Department was reminded by the President Jerry Wagner.

The department was organized in 1956 and chartered in 1957 with Ivan Bousman being their first chief.

A beautiful wall plaque along with his Firemen's badge was presented to Mr. Shierling. Mrs. Shierling received a lovely planter and the Saratoga Town Board presented him with a gold shirt.



President Jerry Wagner presenting plaque to retiree Mr. Cleo Shierling.

Pictures were taken and the evening adjourned with all having a full stomach, a happy but heavy heart for Mr. Shierling who is going on the inactive list.

Those enjoying the wonderful evening were: Mr. Jack Kesser, Mr. Kenny Lindsey, Mr. Bob Smiley, Mr. Duane Kiser, Mr. Bill Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry

Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bousman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Girton, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ruch, Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heston, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Max White, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Retz, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cummings, and the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Shierling.



The group who attended the banquet.

District 1 and 2 To Host Resuscitator School

Robert Esserman of Liberty Township Fire Department and District I Chairman heads up a committee recently formed to present a Resuscitator School on Saturdays, September 26 and October 3. The Jack Renaldi Company of Chicago will furnish the instructors. The location will be announced in the next issue of The Indiana Volunteer Fireman. The last school of this kind was held in 1964 with approximately 250 firemen attending.

Members of the committee who will meet soon to finalize all details are: Robert Esserman, Chairman, Chesterton; Leon Lump, Lowell; Vernon P. Jones, Pine Twp.; Henry Utermark, Lakes of 4 Seasons; Robert Laney, Crown Point; William Markle, Merrillville; E. Stewart, Merrillville; A. Demmon, Merrillville; S. C. Knoefsky, Hammond; Harry Yaros, Merrillville; Herman Buchfuehrer, Ainsworth-Deep River; William Spicer, Valparaiso.

School Safety Awards Made

The annual awards presentations of best achievement in school Fire Safety and Fire Drills was presented by The Warren Twp. Fire Department at Pleasant Run Elementary School, 1800 No. Franklin Rd. on Tuesday, March 24th.

Throughout the previous school year and during the present school term, the fire departments' Inspection Team springs surprise drills and safety inspections on each of the 15 townships public, private and parochial schools. Based on a competitive point system which includes; amount of time to evacuate the building, quietness, orderliness, and safety, the children, the school staff, and the buildings itself is judged by Head Inspector Herman Hendricks and his team of inspectors.

The school that placed third last year placed first this year. Pleasant Run Elementary School, 1800 No. Franklin Rd. having a first class inspection result, among other features outstanding, evacuated their building in 39.2 seconds. Accepting the inscribed plaque for the children, who were present for the ceremony, was principle Albert Zimmerman.

Runner-up schools were; Grasse Creek Elementary School, 10330 Prospect Ave. placed second for the second year and Hawthorne Elementary School, 8301 Rawles Ave. placed third. Honorable Mention was awarded to Holy Spirit Catholic School, 7241 E. 10th Street.

Present at the awards program was Assistant to School Superintendent of Warren Township Henry Lohse, Warren Fire Chief, George Spivey, and Warren Fire Department Inspector Fredrick Faulkner. Runner-up awards were received by their school principles, James Merritt of Grasse Creek, Theodore Witte of Hawthorne, and Sister Marie Elvire of Holy Spirit. The program was conducted by Warren Fire Department Public Relations Director, Capt. Gene Battaly.

Koontz Lake Dedicates New Fire Equip.

Two new trucks were dedicated at special ceremonies at the Koontz Lake-Oregon Township Volunteer Fire Department April 5. Official guests for the occasion were Harvey H. Hacker, Indiana State Fire Marshal, and John J. Dillon, former Attorney General.

Clifford Allen, Oregon Township trustee and member of the Department, presided over the event. Assisting in the planning were Merle Schaunaman, Irvin Strader, and Elmer Hartke, members of the advisory board. Mr. Schaunaman is also fire chief.



Left to right: Merle Schaunaman, chief; John J. Dillon, former state Attorney General; Harvey H. Hacker, state Fire Marshal; Clifford Allen, fire department member and Oregon Township Trustee; Ervin Strader and Elmer Hartke, Township Advisory Board members.

The entertainment was provided by the Oregon-Davis High School chamber choir and the South Bend-Mishawaka barbershop quartet.

The program was interrupted by an alarm. Firemen, all in dress uniform, dutifully filed out to extinguish a grass fire.

Two new International trucks, equipped by Howe, were dedicated. One is a 1,250 gallon pumper-tanker at a cost of \$20,000. The other new addition is a four-wheel-drive brush truck costing \$10,000 and is used to fight grass fires in woods and brush.

The fire department also has

other equipment, including a 1952 International 1,000 gallon tanker and a 1952 International 500 gallon pumper truck as well as an emergency truck.

The all brick, five-bay fire station for Oregon township was dedicated in 1968. It is 40 by 60 feet in size with 12-foot doors. It would have cost more than the \$30,000 spent, but the firemen donated their time and materials to help keep the cost down.

Ladies of the fire department's auxiliary served refreshments for the open house which followed the ceremony.



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Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. Resolutions To Be Presented To The Convention At Shelbyville

RESOLUTION

WE: the members of the various member volunteer fire departments located in District No. 1 and 2 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, in joint meeting duly assembled at Porter, Indiana on January 21, 1970, there being representatives from at least 10 (ten) member departments in good standing present; hereby present the following resolution to the delegates in Convention assembled for their consideration; after our final vote for its adoption; AS FOLLOWS:

1. WHEREAS: Indiana U. S. Highway No. 40 has been established as a line from East to West, and Indiana U. S. Highway No. 31 has been hereby established as a line from North to South; thereby creating in the State of Indiana four (4) district areas of territory, and

2. WHEREAS: Heretofore the entire state delegation has participated in the voting for the selection and election of our present PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS—One (1) each from designated areas such as—"N.W.—N.E.—S.W.—and S.E.": and

3. WHEREAS: When delegate credentials are filed prior to convention meetings; it is our belief that these credentials could be marked by the represented Fire Company member when same are mailed to the Secretary, and thereafter certified by the State Secretary, so as to properly show from what area of the State of Indiana the delegate represents, and

4. WHEREAS: It is the majority of opinion here that EACH of the PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS of this great ASSOCIATION should be elected from the fire departments of their own area. EXAMPLE:—A delegate from the N.W. could NOT participate; or be allowed to vote for; the election of the PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR of the N.E. and vice-versus—North or South areas—now therefore be it hereby

1. RESOLVED: That at the time the PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS are to be elected on the convention floor; the delegation from each area of the state (as heretofore specifies in No. 3 Whereas above) thru a committee of at least three (3) delegates from each area to be appointed by the President; Shall conduct such election of their public relations director only; and be it further resolved—

2. RESOLVED: That where a city, town or township or community Volunteer Fire Department is located directly on U. S. Highway No. 40 (such as Greenfield or Brazil)—and/or is located directly on U. S. Highway No. 31 (such as Plymouth or Austin) such delegates or delegations shall be certified from that area of the State based upon the location therein of their Main Fire Station's location, also that the provisions of this resolution be carried out at the 1971 Convention and thereafter—PASSED AND ADOPTED BY DISTRICTS ONE (1) and TWO (2) ON January 21, 1970 at Porter District meeting.

Signed: Robert Esserman, District 1 Chairman
V. P. Jones, District 1 Secretary
Leon Lump, District 2 Chairman
H. W. Utermark, District 2 Secretary

RESOLUTION

We, the members of the various Fire Departments in District One, of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in a meeting duly assembled at Ainsworth-Deep River Fire Department, on the 20th day of August, 1969, there being present representatives from at least five (5) member departments in good standing, hereby present the following resolution for our Delegate Convention consideration after our final vote for its adoption; as follows;

WHEREAS: When a site for our annual convention is not decided upon for the following year some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining such site, and

WHEREAS: Some extra preparatory time is necessary for the Host City, now therefore be it:

RESOLVED: By this convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., that:

Our annual Convention hereafter—bids and sites for same be acknowledged and accepted two (2) years in advance instead of one (1) year in advance as heretofore, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be effective immediately on and after its passage.

This resolution passed and adopted by District One on August 20, 1969 in a District meeting assembled at Ainsworth-Deep River Fire Department.

Signed: Robert C. Esserman, District One Chairman

Signed: Vernon P. Jones, District One Secretary

By-Laws Resolution No. 2 received 9-1-69 John T. Ford, Secy.

WE, the various departments of District Six, of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., duly assembled in Laotto, Indiana, on this 19th day of February, 1970, there being present representatives of at least five (5) different departments all in good standing, do hereby present this resolution for your consideration and adoption at the Annual Meeting to be held in Shelbyville, Indiana in June, 1970:

WHEREAS: With the growth of the Association getting larger each year and work of the State Secretary growing proportionately;

WHEREAS: All resolutions are being printed in the IVFA Paper for each individual to read;

WHEREAS: It is very difficult to make a complete department mailing upon receipt of each resolution as well as very time consuming, and in light of above, unnecessary; We therefore recommend the following:

BE IT RESOLVED: ARTICLE XII, of the Constitution and By-Laws, be changed. SECTION THREE of the ARTICLE to be changed as follows; Eliminate in its entirety the first sentence and the first word of the second sentence. The first word of the second sentence be replaced with the word ALL, thus making it read-in part:

Section 3—ALL recommendations shall be in the hands of the State Secretary not ETC. right on through as it is now written in the By-Laws Book, with appropriate changes in last paragraph.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Reflecting the unnecessary work and time this could cause, this change becomes effective immediately upon passage.

Approved and adopted unanimously by District Six in Laotto, Indiana, February 19, 1970.

Paul W. Fairfield, Chairman
Richard Engle, Secretary

By-Laws No. 3 received 2-2-70, J. T. Ford

RESOLUTION — Spark Arrester

We, the members of Scipio Township Fire Department, Inc., an Indiana Not for Profit Corporation, LaPorte County, Indiana, and member of the Third District of Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in a meeting duly assembled in Scipio Township, LaPorte County, Indiana, on the 2nd day of March, 1970, there being a quorum of the members present, do unanimously pass, adopt and present the following resolution for consideration of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Volunteer Firemen throughout the State of Indiana not only to fight fires, but to detect and prevent fires, through education, inspection, and the promulgation and enforcement of fire regulations and laws, and

WHEREAS, Scipio Township, LaPorte County, Indiana, and many other townships in the State of Indiana, have railroad trains operating in, on and through their townships, and

WHEREAS, many of the railroad companies operate diesel engines for locomotive power in, on and through said townships, and said diesel engines emit sparks from their exhaust stacks, and

WHEREAS, the sparks emitted from the exhaust stacks of railroad diesel engines being operated in, on and through Scipio Township, LaPorte County, Indiana and many other townships in the State of Indiana have caused many fires, and caused damage to fields, crops and buildings adjacent to the railroad tracks, and have caused the Volunteer Fire Departments of the State of Indiana to be called to fight said fires, resulting in expense to the Fire Departments, to the individual firemen, and resulting in placing said firemen in imminent danger of injury, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS NOW HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Legislature of the State of Indiana pass a law, providing, in essence, that all railroad diesel locomotives operating in, on or through the State of Indiana be equipped with one or more spark arresters, that will arrest, contain, and otherwise dispose of the carbonaceous particles emitted from the exhaust system of a diesel engine, to the extent that any flurry of sparks will at all times, and under all conditions be dissipated or die out within six (6) feet from the top of the exhaust stacks.

2. That the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., pass the foregoing resolution, and proceed to promote the initiation of legislation to carry out the purpose of said resolution, and that said legislation be introduced at the next session of the Indiana Legislature.

Harold King, President
Burt Burlington, Secretary

This resolution duly passed at a District meeting in Scipio Township on March 19, 1970.
Legislative No. 4

Chas F. Gardner, Chairman
Ralph W. Yergler, Secy.

Third District of Indiana Volunteer
Firemen's Association, Inc.

Foam Does The Job For Grabill Fire Department

Fire of undetermined origin starting in the first floor level of the Gotsch residence in Cedarville, some time before 7 p. m., April 10, caused extensive loss to contents and interior furnishings. Prompt response to the call placed by neighbors brought men and equipment within minutes from the Grabill Fire Department. The foam equipment recently donated by the Grabill Cabinet Company, Midwestern Industries, Inc., Fabicon Products, Inc., and Sheller-Globe Corporation enabled the firemen to extinguish the fire with unusual speed and efficiency.

The exceptional effectiveness of the foam generator also made it possible to avoid the use of water stream or fog conventionally and necessarily used for fire extinguishment. An estimated amount of approximately only ten gallons of water used to activate the foam and thus minimized damage from water which would have been extensive had the prompt action by the Department and the equipment not been possible. The speed and efficiency of the men in knocking out the first floor fire saved the home from potentially severe structural damage, however all furnishings, wall finishes, carpeting and fixtures suffered heavy loss from heat, smoke and gases generated by the intensely hot fire contained in the family room. From inconclusive evidence it is possible that the family dachshund, which was barricaded in the kitchen during Mr. and Mrs. Gotsch's absence, managed to pull down the barrier and could have gone to the family room and upset a lamp which seemed to have been the cause of the fire. From the position of the lamp and an overlayment of burning upholstery, it is surmised that the lamp was pulled down from an adjacent table and ignited the chair. The dog was found dead under the dining room table. Smoke and gases were so thick that when firemen arrived and noted a car in the garage, teams with gas masks were assigned to search for possible occupants. Mr. and Mrs. Gotsch were located at Club Olympia where they were about to enjoy a dinner on the occasion of Mrs. Gotsch's birthday. The Gotsch's expressed their heartfelt thanks to members of the Grabill Fire Department, and to Cedar Canyon Fire Department volunteers who so capably and quickly responded to the alarm and saved the home from more extensive losses. In commenting on the situation, Mr. Gotsch emphasized his appreciation to the firms which have gifted our community with the foam generator, stating that such modern equipment together with the dedication of the firemen who respond so well, should provide all residents of the area with a high degree of assurance that excellent protection is available in fire emergencies.

WARD TOWNSHIP PANCAKE SUPPER

Local Firemen of Ward Township, along with the Lions Club, held their semi-yearly pancake and whole hog sausage supper at the fire station March 28th. Approximately 500 people were served.

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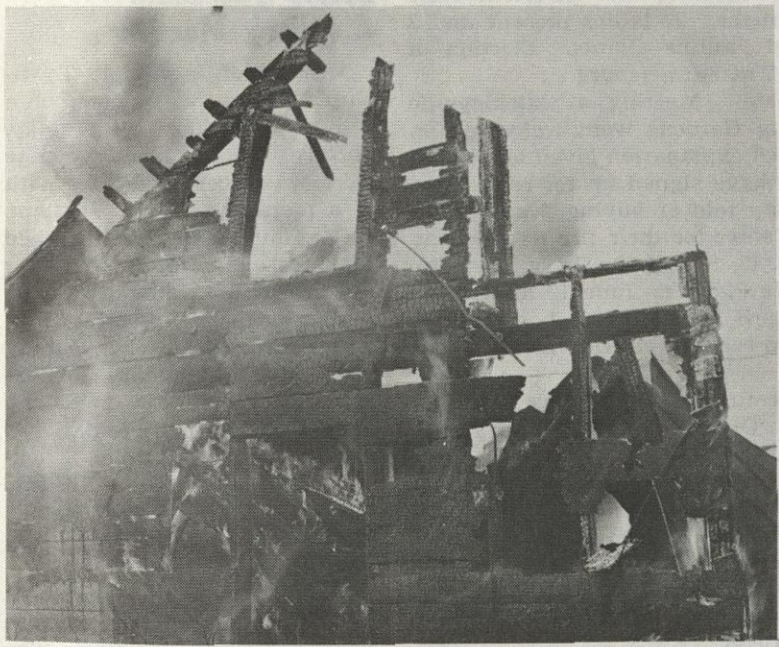


The New Washington Volunteer Fire Department was given an old dwelling to burn for fire training purposes.

On March 15th, with a light snow to help ward off any spread, the department fired the building then controlled the fire until it was down.

One of the pictures shows the building as the fire was getting a start, at the time the Assistant Chief gave two of the young members some of the fundamentals of the pump operation. They were shown the use of fog and how little water is needed to control a lot of fire.

The other picture shows the building about half consumed. The fire had to be under control at all times due to exposures



District 16 Welcomes Lanesville as New Member

A new member has been added to the I. V. F. A. since our last meeting. It is the Lanesville Volunteer Fire Department, located about half-way between Corydon and New Albany on Highway 62.

It consists of 20 members of which 12 or 14 have joined the state association. They are trying to get complete membership in the near future.

The Lanesville Department

around it.

Since the building was outside the department area, the Charleston Volunteers brought one of their pumpers in to stand by while New Washington was out. This area is blessed in having the mutual relation it has between the different departments.

Of course The New Washington Department is no different than most. They have a few that doesn't require training. If the men had the drive and initiative of the Ladies' Auxiliary of this organization there could be no end to their accomplishments. Even though this was only a training program, bad weather and all the ladies were there with donuts and coffee.

Warren Township Fire Station No. 3 Grand Opening

The grand opening of the Warren Township Fire Station No. 3 was held February 7th with many dignitaries and fire officials from the area being present.

The gala affair came off very well despite some very mean weather. There were free hats for the kiddies and fire prevention literature was in abundance for the adults who numbered near the 1500 mark before the day was over.

The official ceremonies were conducted at 11:00 A. M., with open house being observed all day. Refreshments were served to all.

The No. 3 station at 7600 East 10th street, is a double bay drive-through facility which can house up to six pieces of apparatus. Occupying an area of 5,304 square feet, the building features sleeping quarters for six men with attached shower, rest room and locker facilities as well as separate rest rooms for the public. Kitchen and dining room is combined while an attractive and comfortable watch room is located in the front of the building. There are accommodations for storage as well as a work shop. Located across the large bay area from the living quarters is located a meeting room with attached kitchen that will accommodate about 100 people. Also in this part of the building are executive offices of the chief and his staff.

This building exterior is of an "A" shape design constructed of yellow brick and conforms to area residences so as not to detract from the neighborhood appearance. Paved parking facilities are provided for at the building rear and also on the west side of the main drive. The building locates approxi-

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mately 100 feet north of East 10th street with warning lights to be erected for emergency apparatus to gain access to the street.

The property was purchased at a cost of \$7,000.00, the building was constructed by the Robert Waltham Construction Co. at a cost of \$83,855.00 while

paving costs were \$8,373.00. The architect fee of \$5,953.62 brings the total cost to \$105,181.62.

Company 3, under its new roof will consist of engine 3, engine 5, ambulance 7, rescue 6, and tanker 14. Formerly located at 16th street and State Road 100, the old building was torn down.



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IVFA Auxiliary Officers' Meeting

Holiday Inn, Shelbyville, April 19, 1970

Meeting called to order by the president, Rosella Bousman, with introduction of new guests. Her slogan was: "It is always wise to stop wishing for things Long enough to enjoy the fragrance of those now flowering". Opal Laughman gave the Opening prayer. Catherine Mason led us in pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken with all officers present except one District Chairman.

Secretary's report of the minutes was read and approved. The treasurer's report was \$43.50 taken in, \$379.98 disbursements, and the total cash on hand \$824.73. Bills were presented.

Committee reports:

By-Laws, Janet Goodwin. Two resolutions sent in by District 6.

1. We the auxiliary of the 6th District recommend an addition to Article VI, Section 5 to be as follows:

At the time of death of a I. V. F. A. Auxiliary member a Bible shall be presented to the member's family by the State Auxiliary. The price of the Bible not to exceed \$10.00.

2. We, the Auxiliary of the 6th District recommend that Article VI, Section 1 be amended to read:

An expense allowance of \$35.00 each shall be appropriated to the Recording Secretary and to the Corresponding Secretary at the convention for postage and any other necessary expenses. Additional expenses will be allowed upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Submitted by the 6th District
Dorothy Anstett, Secretary.

Sergeant-at-arms, Catherine Mason, asked if our State flags might be carried before the officers' cars in the parade. Jo Lantz made the motion the flags be carried in the parade as such with Mary Stafford making the second. Carried.

Lucky-Doe Doll tickets were passed out.

In old business, Jo Lantz asked if any auxiliary might be known to be without a certificate?

In new business, the president appointed the audition committee: Mary Stafford, chairman; Joan Shanabarger and Donna Brown.

Next Officers' meeting at Fairgrounds in Shelbyville, Thursday night, June 11th.

The question asked was "Shall we take dues at convention?" Decided to accept any ladies' membership dues at convention even if there is no local auxiliary but membership cards will be sent later. Also if Auxiliary cares to present the full 4-page membership form completely filled out with information and membership names, addresses, and the check for full amount, they also will be taken following the meeting at a table with both the recording and corresponding secretaries.

The membership forms with four copies are to be distributed one to recording secretary, one to the insurance lady, one to the chaplain, and one to the District Chairman.

Convention June 12th, at 9:00 a. m. at Cinema Theatre for a joint meeting with the men. At break the women will go to the First Methodist Church social room for Koffee Klutch and part of meeting; 11:30 a. m. we go upstairs for Memorial Services; after lunch the meeting will continue downstairs. The banquet and dance will be held at the Skating Rink. The camping grounds for trailers are at the park. The campers also will be guarded by the Camper's Association members.

Closed for lunch.

In the afternoon meeting Ruth Ford reported she and Inez Jeffries met with Onan Laughman for information on the gift; the idea was very well received.

Sergeant-at-Arms asked what to do with the box in which the flags were previously carried. Katie made a flexible cover for them, had the flags dry-cleaned, poles varnished and stands bronzed. Jean Camp made the motion for the box to be given to the Legion; seconded by Catherine VanArsdale; carried. A thank you to be sent to the Cleaner Company for the free and acceptable service.

President asked that pictures of each officer and each host auxiliary be given Convention chairman, C. N. Jeffries, for convention book.

Waterball chairman reported only one entry in to date for contest. If acknowledgment has not been received by auxiliary, please immediately contact the chairman, Donna Brown, 1202 Canal St., New Haven, Indiana 46774.

District Reports:

1 & 2—Jean Camp. March meeting at Lake Dalecarlia. 31 members from 6 auxiliaries present. Discussion held on the grave markers and waterball contest. Merrillville Auxiliary having a luncheon May 12th.

District 3—Carolyn McCarty gave report in absence of Valleria Pulliam. Held their meeting at Fish Fire Station with Lincoln Township Auxiliary as hostess. 26 present for 6 auxiliaries. Doll tickets passed out. Decided for host auxiliary be responsible for program. The Traveling Doll was returned and won by host auxiliary for most members present. May meeting at Washington Township Fire Station (Starke County).

District 6—Joan Shanabarger. March meeting held at St. Joe Township with 17 members. Secretary Anstette presented the new resolutions. Coming events were Washington Township dance; Wayne Township Easter Egg Hunt on March 28; Arcola dance April 18; and Wayne Township No. 2 a Style Bridge April 30th. April 1 meeting held at Wayne Township No. 1 with Pot Luck supper. Sheriff Bender gave an interesting talk and also a Hair Stylist giving a wig demonstration.

District 7—Marjorie Brames. March meeting at Markle with 5 auxiliaries. Passed out doll tickets. Joined the men for film and lunch.

District 10—Barber Surber. February meeting at Acton Hobo Camp with stew and grub. 78 members and 9 guests from Wana-maker Auxiliary, who might be interested in joining state. Discussion on convention business. Entertainment was an act portraying Minnie Pearl by Virginia Thomas. Bingo played. Time was set for special work night at Acton April 20. Warren Township as hostess for May 18 meeting.

District 11—Vica McGill. March meeting held at North Terre Haute with a delicious chicken dinner. 27 ladies present and 2 state officers, Thelma Lester and Pauline Glaub. Election of officers held. Next meeting May 17 at Farmersburg.

District 12—Catherine VanArsdale. Meeting at Mickleyleville Co. 5 with 4 auxiliaries. Fleming Gardens were welcomed on becoming new state members. Much explanation given on several State benefits. 2 waterball teams have signed up for convention contest. Fleming Gardens auxiliary told of buying 2 end-tables and 2 lamps and a new Control Center for their fire department. They will have a Fish Fry June 17, 18, 19 and 20. Perry Township a card party April 25; Mickleyleville Fish Fry June 19 and 20, an All-Day card party April 15 and April 19; April 25 a booth on the Mall at Lafayette Square; and also cooking election meals. Next meeting in July at Castleton.

District 16—Lois Boaz. March meeting at New Albany Township with 25 women from 4 auxiliaries. Orders taken for jewelry from State. Next meeting at Elizabeth May 12.

District 13—Thelma Lester gave a report of some auxiliaries organizing this past year. Abington Township and Webster Township (Wayne Township), Dublin, Bentonville, and a meeting with Mooreland women May 7. Let's get going Gals!

Bonnie Crocker from Granger asked about District 4 for Auxiliaries. Names of them were submitted to her. Good work and help was offered to her from some officers.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Chaplain Laughman.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosella Bousman, President
Jo Lantz, Recording Secretary
Thelma Lester, Corresponding Secretary

Third District Auxiliary Meeting

The Third District Auxiliary met in the Fish Lake Fire Station with the Lincoln Township Auxiliary as the host group. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Duane Lantz in the absence of Chairman Mrs. William Pulliam. Mrs. Murray

Parry, chaplain of the host Auxiliary, gave a prayer. Pledge to the flag was said by all. Roll call was answered by 26 members, representing six departments.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was given. Minutes of the officers' meeting were read.

District Auxiliary reports sent to the officers' meeting are to be condensed. Membership applications and checks are to be sent to the state recording secretary.

The host group is responsible for the program at each District 3 meeting. Auxiliary pins are still for sale.

Our traveling doll has returned, and was won by Lincoln Township having the most members present.

The next meeting was held in Washington Township (Starke County) on May 12th.

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Washington Township was host for 3rd district Auxiliary meeting on May 12th.

Valerie Pulliam, chairman read minutes of the state officers' meeting at Shelbyville. Jon Lantz explained the use of the new membership forms. The departments were reminded to be sure to enclose checks with the forms—many are coming in without a check.

Bass Lake Auxiliary was a guest and they are very interested in joining the association. Ten members from the department dispensed with their own regular meeting to attend the district meeting. They were told what was necessary to join the association and the benefits they derive from belonging.

The host department had 100% attendance and won the traveling doll award. Monies collected for Lucky Doe Doll tickets were given to chairman Pulliam.

Mrs. Ewing of the host department demonstrated the Slim Jim exerciser. Various members tried it. It is a great aid to reducing and helps to improve your health in many ways.

Drawing of numbers by the host Auxiliary gave many home-made gifts to lucky winners.

Noble Township Auxiliary will be host in June. It is hoped to have a pot-luck dinner for the occasion.

Margaret Tarnow, sec.

Scipio Township Auxiliary Meeting

Meeting of the Scipio Township Auxiliary was opened on a sad note on the 11th of May. Shortly before meeting time word was received of the death of a member's son in Vietnam.

Chaplain Duane Lantz opened the meeting with a prayer for the family of Alan Moore.

Election of officers was held. New officers for the coming year are: President, Adeline VanKoskey; Vice President, Ethel Hibner; Secretary, Jo Lantz; Treasurer, Helen Erickson; Chaplain, Carole Kessler; Historian, Phyllis DeAngelo. Chaplain Lantz installed the new officers.

President Loretta Knicklebein gave a corsage of a yellow rose to all her outgoing officers. The outgoing officers also received a pin as a token of appreciation from the auxiliary.

All members were given small floral pieces made from tile and flowers. Members were reminded of the district meeting at Washington Township on the 12th. They were also reminded of the get-together with the men (as guests) on June 6th. The ladies are treating the men to dinner at this time.

Mrs. Archie Roberts, our newspaper correspondent for many years, was guest. Hosts for the evening were Helen Schmitt, Margaret Tarnow, and Jo Lantz.

Ladies' Waterball Entries Needed

Entries for Ladies' Waterball are very slow coming in. I'm sure all you can think of is freezing now but in June it will be different (I hope). I would like to get ten or twelve or more teams signed up so lets go gals, talk it up and get in there. The trophies are at Shelbyville waiting for a team to take them home.

If you are a new team get in there and fight, remember this is how to learn a lot from other teams, in fact the best way to learn. If you have any questions I can help you with I'll be glad to do all I can.

I am acknowledging all entries so if you don't hear from me within a week after your entry is sent in please follow it up with a letter.

I want to invite all men's and ladies' teams to a meet June 6th at 1:00 P. M. at New Haven. It is open to all and a party afterwards at the station.

I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at New Haven's meet or Convention.

Good Luck and a Safe Season to all.

Donna Brown
1202 Canal St.
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Bensonville Auxiliary Organized In March

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bentonville Fire Department was organized March 19 at the Community room of the Bentonville State Bank. Mrs. Ray Lester of the Raleigh Ladies' Auxiliary was the guest speaker.

The officers elected were Mrs. J. D. Lake, president; Mrs. Stanley Ripberger, vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Summan, secretary; Mrs. Keith Cox, treasurer; Mrs. William Deck, historian and reporter and Mrs. Warren Brown, chaplain. The board members are one year, Mrs. Robert Doty; two years, Mrs. Frank Summan; and three years, Mrs. George Pflum. Ways and means committee is Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. Vernon Fry and Mrs. Merida Smith, Jr.

The Constitution and by-laws have been made and adopted. Copies have been handed to each member.

At the present time we have 21 members. We have in our treasury \$367.71. We sold a Nettle Creek bedspread and made \$260.50 profit. We assisted the firemen with their fish fry April 5, and the ladies had a country store with home made breads, pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, candy, and canned goods.

We will assist the firemen in anyway we can.

Mrs. William Deck
Historian and Reporter

THORNCREEK TWP.

AUXILIARY MAKING DONUTS

Mrs. Opal Laughman, chaplain of the I. V. F. A. Auxiliary, reports that her local Auxiliary (Thorncreek Township, Columbia City), has started making donuts as has been done for several years. They started the second Saturday in May and they bake about 200 dozen each time, always on the second Saturday of the month.

That is Life: One gal works 20 years to make a man out of her son; another gal makes a fool out of him in 10 minutes.

Attention Auxiliary Members

Please, please make checks for membership dues out to the **association**—not to the recording secretary. The new membership forms should be in the hands of all auxiliaries which belonged to the association this past year. When you mail them back be sure a check is enclosed. I have received some listings without a check. The new cards will not be mailed out until after convention. Also be sure to fill the information in the list completely—some have come back without the district area filled in. Again I am asking you to let me know if you have not received a membership certificate in the IVFA. These are given to departments with 5 or more members in the association.

Respectfully,
Jo Lantz, Rec. Sec.

50 Cents?

Many women in the past have asked men and women of our State Firemen's Association, when asked to join our State Auxiliary, "What do we get for our 50c" (The dues are still only 50 cents per year.)

We state members feel that we get a lot for our 50c. Much more than we do when we go to a store to spend it.

For 5c worth: First of all, there is the social and satisfying part, mingling with those who are in our own category of backing our firemen, being it local, county, district or state.

For 10c worth: We have a very good insurance program for our state Auxiliary members, available through our state Insurance chairman, Ruth Ford.

For 15c worth: We as a state Auxiliary have and will donate a gift to our state Firemen for use as they see fit.

For 20c worth: We are an organization to promote unity and harmony among the different Auxiliaries throughout the state.

For 25c worth: We are organized to give aid and assistance to our Volunteer Firemen in their line of duty.

For 30c worth: We have our own waterball contest among the different Auxiliaries—local, district, state and national.

For 35c worth: Our State Convention is held yearly (along

with the Firemen) during the first or second week end of June. This is opened to all Firemen's wives, mothers, sweethearts and daughters who are behind our fire fighting men. We have our own business meetings and pleasure times.

For 40c worth: We receive a very well printed quarterly Firemen's Newspaper in which we receive all the space needed for the women free of charge. Any local, county, district or state news is appreciated.

For 45c worth: All state members have voting power when dues are paid before September 30th.

For 50c worth: We exchange ideas on money making projects to help our Firemen make their calls a little more educational and handy. We also have a part in the state memorial services along with the men.

So as July 1st nears, think it over gals. Talk to your neighboring Auxiliary. We think 50c is 50c well spent when you join our State Firemen's Auxiliary. Any member will be more than happy to sign you up any time.

There will be gals all ready for you at our coming 1970 State Convention at Shelbyville, June 11th, 12th and 13th. They will also try to answer any questions you have in organizing your own local or even getting a new district started.

Hope to see you all at Shelbyville in June.

Your 1970 Auxiliary President
Rosella Bousman



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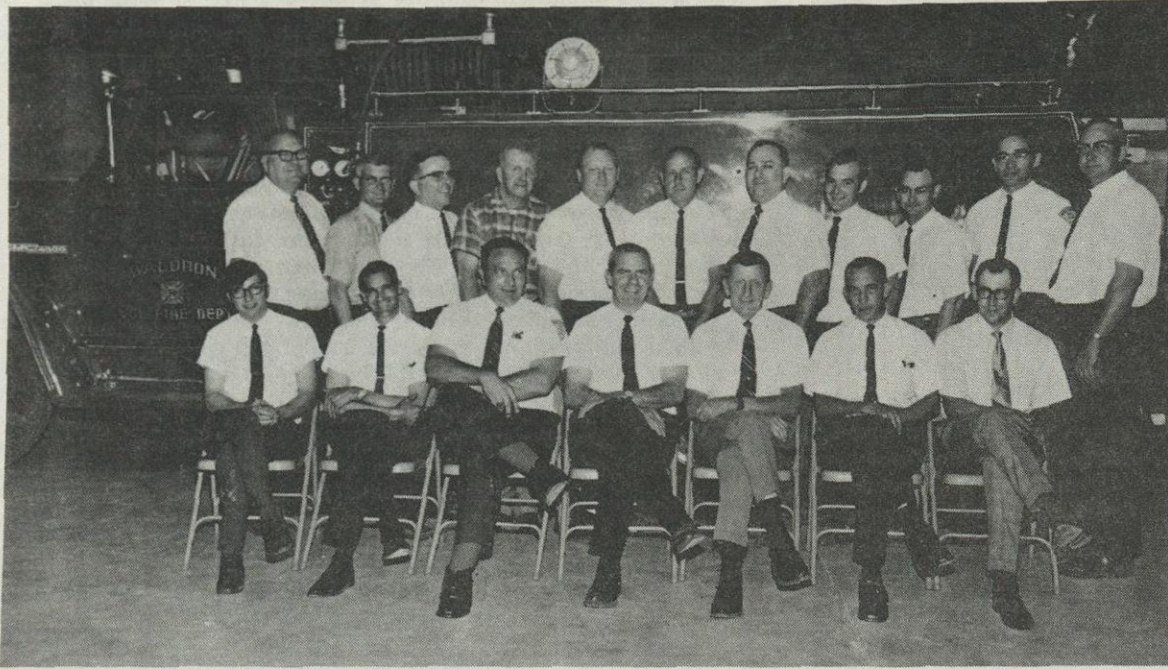
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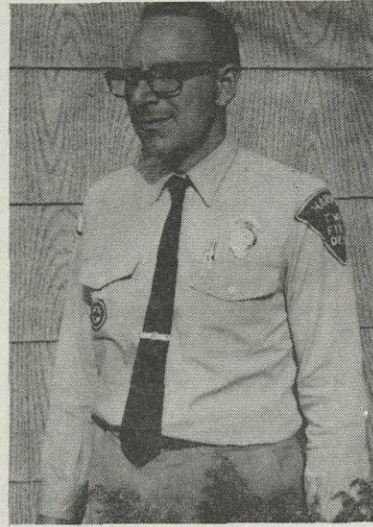
NEW FIRE HOUSE FOR LEWIS TWP. DEPARTMENT

James E. Brown, secretary of the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department of Coalmont, tells of the new fire house recently built by the volunteers of Coalmont and the Lewis Township Department. It is a 40x80 Strand Steel building which houses one fire truck and one tank truck.

The building has been used this past winter for teen dances, soup suppers and fish fries. The flag over the building was donated by John Meyer, the 7th District Congressman.

Officers of the Lewis Township department include Marshall Nichols, president; Gene Husband, fire chief; Don Neison, assistant chief, and James Brown, secretary.

Meet 4th Dist. Chairman Norm Crocker



The Fourth District Chairman is Norman Crocker who is a member of the Harris Township Fire Department of St. Joseph County. He has been associated with the fire service for 10 years.

He served as Training Officer for three years, one year as captain, three years as Assistant Chief, and is in his third year as Chief. He served two years as St. Joseph County Firefighters Association President. General Chairman for one joint Elkhart and St. Joseph County fire school, which was attended by 300 firemen. General Chairman of a St. Joseph County fire school which was attended by 100 firemen.

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Left to right: Greg Hart, Asst. Chief; Willie Fair, Chief; Jim Williams, Asst. Chief.



RANDOLPH COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS MEET

The Randolph county Fire Fighter's Association met recently at the Blue Moon restaurant near Losantville. Approximately 30 men from all Randolph county fire departments were present. Shown here are (from left, front row) Marvin Bailey, secretary from Ridgeville; Raymond Heaston, chairman from Ward township; Bud Harris, White River township; (back row from left) Lloyd Fields, Vice Chairman from Ward township; Kenneth Terrell from West Union Volunteer Fire Dept.; and Russell Bennett from Farmland.

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UNION CITY FIREMAN DIES SUDDENLY

George Arthur "Art" Midlam, age 62, of Union City, passed away unexpectedly April 21 while working on his cottage at Celina, Ohio. "Art" had been West Side fire chief for the past 26 years and had planned to retire on May 1st.

He was a member of the I. F. A., the I. V. F. A. and the Fire Chiefs' Association.

Firemen held memorial services at the funeral home the evening before regular services were held the next day.

District Meetings

DISTRICT 8B

Chairman Ivan Bousman of District 8B called a meeting to order at the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department, with 26 members present, representing seven departments. The meeting was held February 19th.

The chairman introduced the speaker of the evening, Rolland Wells of the Richmond Fire Department. He gave a talk on setting up a command post, determine the types of cars, the contents of cars, the car number, and the amount of fire equipment needed for a train wreck. He then showed slides of the Dunreath and Persing derailments and explained in detail as he showed the slides.

Fire training from the Fire Marshal's office was discussed and questioned as how it could be obtained.

Discussion of the State Convention at Shelbyville on June 11-12-13 was held, with the following subjects: Housing, registration, waterball, hose replacement, bucket brigade, parade, and fun.

Pamphlets of Mr. Volunteer Fireman were passed out to the members present before the meeting was adjourned.

Raymond Heston, Sec.

West Union Township volunteer fire department was host to several other fire departments at its recent meeting held at the fire station at Losantville. Guest departments present were Mooreland, Blountsville, Economy, Modoc, Parker, Farmland, Ridgevill, Ward Township and White River Township.

Albert Moser of the State Fire Marshal's office, was speaker.

The Randolph County Firemen's Association held its March meeting at Losantville at the Blue Moon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Raymond Heston. There were nineteen members in attendance from five departments.

There is a discussion on working at the races this year. Lloyd Fields of the Ward Twp. Dept. will be in charge. Russell Bennett of the Farmland department is making forms for each department. This will be for listing equipment and these will be exchanged so that every department will know what equipment is available in the county.

Ivan Bousman made a motion that the association meet every other month. The next meeting was at Ward Twp. in May.

A discussion was held on having a county picnic with arrangements worked out at the May meeting.

Coffee and doughnuts were served at the close of evening by the host department.

DISTRICT 11

Several Volunteer Fire Departments in the 11th District have purchased new fire trucks. Here is a few that have been reported:

Fillmore received its new Howe Fire Truck recently. Hillsdale and Mecca also purchased some new equipment.

North Terre Haute Fire Department was host for the March 15th meeting with 19 departments answering roll call. Two State Officers were present, Ray Lester, Sergeant-At-Arms and Jim Glaub, past State President. Election of

officers will be held at the next meeting.

After thanking the host department for a delicious chicken dinner, Chaplain Pete King dismissed the meeting.

The May 17th meeting was held at the Farmersburg Fire House.

Charles "Butch" McGill

DISTRICT 16

Members of the 16th District held a very nice meeting at the New Albany Township Volunteer Fire Department. A new department, Campbellsburg, was welcomed into the 16th District and the I. V. F. A.

The Chaplain of the 16th District wishes to thank all of the nice people for the kind words of encouragement after the Memorial service for Doris Van Winkle. Andy and daughter Alice are getting back to life and doing a real fine job.

Martinsburg had a chicken barbecue at the fire house, and as usual the venture was a success.

Greenville Township annual fish fry will be held June 20th. Good food, prizes and entertainment will be provided for all.

G. G. Boaz

RECEIVES GOLD CARD



Shown receiving his life-time gold membership card is Chief Coral Straw of the Pleasant Lake Fire Department. President Bill Goodwin made the presentation. Also in the picture is Mrs. Coral Straw to his left along with Secretary Jack Ford.

NEW FIRE CHIEF FOR WINCHESTER

Winchester has acquired the services of an experienced city fireman in the person of Harley Crow, who recently retired from the Muncie fire department and has taken the position of assistant fire chief at Winchester.

Crow served just short of 26 years as a Muncie fireman, and was a fire captain (assistant fire chief) of the Muncie department for the last 15 of those years. He also followed the spare-time trade of carpentry while at Muncie.

The new Winchester assistant chief also had a distinguished athletic record at Muncie. He was a member of the state championship Bearcat wrestling team in 1932; played football in high school and was also quarterback in 1938 on a Muncie pro football team; and played on the Muncie Y state champion basketball team.

The new assistant fire chief is already familiar with Winchester having been on the Muncie fire department team which helped fight the downtown fire in which the former Sports Center and paint store on North Meridian street burned early on the morning of December 25, 1965.

Pleasant Lake Fire Dept. Celebrated 50th Anniversary



Sunday, May 24th the Pleasant Lake Volunteer Fire Department celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding with an open house at the fire station from 2 to 5 p. m.

The Pleasant Lake Fire Association held its first meeting in May, 1920, at which time Frank Brand and Harry Ross were elected chiefs. These two had served in similar organizations before.

Coral Straw, the only original member still active in the department, was elected secretary-treasurer. Just last month Straw was honored by being made a life-time member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Over \$100 had already been collected at that time and was used to purchase equipment. A fire barn also was under construction in the heart of Pleasant Lake.

The firefighting equipment at that time included a hand-drawn soda-acid cart and a homemade two-wheel ladder cart.

There were not many changes in the equipment of the department until 1926 when the men were able to purchase a Dodge chassis through the use of public donations. The soda-acid equipment was then mounted on that chassis.

The first portion of the present fire barn, located just north of the main street in Pleasant Lake, was also built that year.

The Dodge chassis was replaced in 1930 with a brand new Ford chassis and again, the same soda-acid equipment was remounted. This Model-A chassis is occasionally driven in parades still today and will be on display to those attending the open house.

It was during this period that fire department funds became available from the township treasury, rather than having to depend on donations.

The department felt they needed an additional truck and the township was petitioned for the necessary funds. Consequently, a 1941 Chevrolet pumper with a 500 gallon per minute capacity was purchased and put into service.

During this same period of time, the first addition to the building was completed.

Segg Grim became assistant fire chief in 1947, replacing Frank Brand, who retired at this time.

The next main step forward for the department was a conference phone system installed in 1954. Because of this system, when someone dials the fire department, it will ring in the homes of most fire department members. This enables faster response to an emergency call.

The township trustees purchased a 1947 Chevrolet chassis in 1955 and the department had its first tanks. The men converted the chassis into an 850 gallon tanker in their spare time.

At the same time a second addition to the building was erected and a central heating system was added.

Don Anstett became assistant fire chief in 1958 and Dedrick Anstett was chosen secretary-treasurer in 1959.

The Department was incorporated in 1961 and the township purchased a new 750-gallon Chevrolet pumper as an additional piece of equipment. When announcing the arrival of their new equipment, the firemen drove through town, extremely early one morning, with siren going at full blast. A resuscitator was also added.

The newest piece of equipment is a 1200 gallon tanker purchased by the township in 1969 to replace the well-worn 1947 Chevrolet tanker. A portable light plant and floodlights were also added.

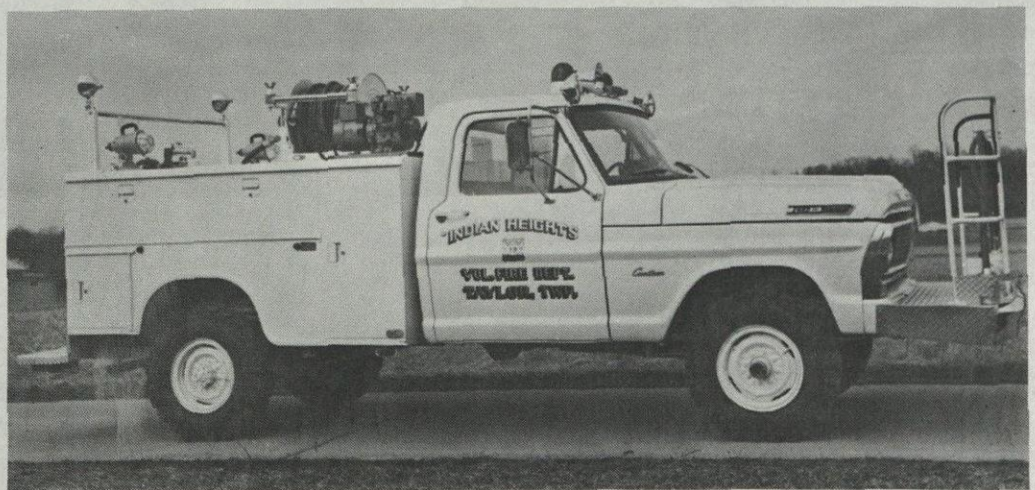
The equipment in use at this time include the 1961 pumper which is radio equipped, the new tanker, also radio equipped, a 1941 Chevrolet pumper, portable generator and floodlights, two auxiliary pumps and a boat and motor for dragging operations.

The department is on call 24 hours a day to any resident of Steuben Township. The men may also be called to assist with fighting fires anywhere in Steuben County. When the men are called to another township, enough equipment is left behind to be able to battle any fire in the township, however.

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May 7th Busy Day For Porter County Firemen

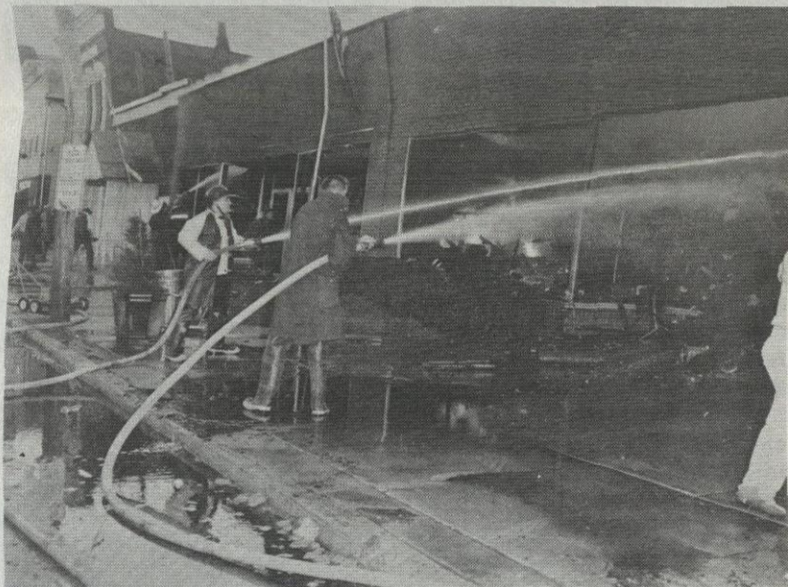
Thursday, May 7th two Porter County communities were struck by major blazes. At 4:20 A. M. Valparaiso Firemen were called to Valparaiso University for a fire in Kinsey Hall Administration Building. Extensive damage was done to the lower floors of the three story 68 year old building. Many records and pictures were damaged or destroyed in the \$150,000 blaze. Capt. Wayne Peck of the Valpo Fire fighters was hospitalized after being overcome while battling the fire.

The State Fire Marshal's Investigators were called in to determine the cause of blaze. Liberty Township was called in for standby with a pumper and five men at the Central Station. At 6:35 P. M. Porter Volunteer Firemen were called to what was to be one of the most destructive fires in Porter County history. George K. Lowry's Porter Hardware was completely destroyed in a half million dollar blaze. The fire started in the basement of the 100 by 120 ft. building, which housed the



most complete hardware and sports goods store in Northern Indiana, and in minutes spread throughout the entire structure. Smoke was seen in a basement stairway at the back of the store by an employee who called to another employee at the front of the store to notify the fire department which is

located around the corner a half a block away. The employees and customers had just got out of the store when something exploded blowing out the front windows. When the Porter Firemen arrived at the scene flames were shooting out the front windows. The firemen immediately began calling for



aid from other departments. Answering the call were: Chesterton, Liberty Twp., Pine Twp., Valparaiso, Beverly Shores, Portage, Ogden Dunes, Dune Acres, Bethlehem Steel, Michigan City, Gary Fire Task Force, and Portage Twp.-South Haven which sent a unit and men to standby at the Liberty Station. Thirteen departments with 36 pieces of equipment and 165 firemen were at the scene plus many bystanders who pitched in to help. Valparaiso and Bethlehem Steel each sent a Snorkel, Michigan City their new Squirt, Fire Task Force 2 Aerial Ladder trucks, and Tankers from Chesterton, Liberty, Pine, Beverly Shores, and Valpo to help supply water to the many pumpers that were unable to draw enough water from the hydrants. 218,000 gallons of water was pumped from the hydrants.

The fire was fed by thousands of containers of paint and painting supplies and several thousand dollars worth of ammunition and hunting supplies. Exploded rounds of ammunition were found over a half a block away.

Lost along with all the supplies were many antique player pianos and other musical instruments and scores of Mr. Lowry's hunting trophies.

Carl Edmonds provided ambulance service with two ambulances on standby at the scene.

Several fire fighters required oxygen but returned to duty, except an auxiliary policeman, Richard Coslet who was taken to the hospital, treated and released. A store employee Mrs.

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Faye Maney was taken to Porter Memorial Hospital after fainting while watching the fire.

Firemen were able to save a warehouse next door, garages and homes to the rear of the store even with a brisk Southerly wind fanning the flames over these buildings.

The building that was destroyed was opened in 1946 and added to in 1959. Porter Hardware as a business began in 1936.

Several businesses contributed food and refreshments which was prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliaries and distributed to the fire fighters by several young people from the area.

This was probably the most departments, equipment and firemen assembled for a Porter County fire.

McCULLOCH BUILDS GRASS FIRE RIG

Back in October, 1969, The McCulloch Volunteer Fire De-



partment of Jeffersonville Township, purchased for \$500 a beat-up dirty, but mechanically sound 4 wheel drive 1964 Ford pick-up truck. This pick-up truck had been used by Nat Harrison and Associates, a construction firm, to pull high lines through the Southern Indiana hills. As sad dirty and forlorn as the truck may have looked to the layman, it was a dream come true for the McCulloch firefighters, who every spring are plagued by numerous grass, weed and field fires.

We set the deadline for equipping, painting and readying the truck for April 1, 1970. One thousand dollars was appropriated from the general fund for this purpose.

First was purchased 4 over-size studded mud and snow tires. Then the truck was tuned-up, an alternator system was added, universal joints installed and in general put in good road condition.

Next the body work was contracted to a body shop. The truck came back primed and ready to paint. A chrome grill was installed along with a large chrome front bumper. One firefighter's father who by trade is a sign painter, sprayed the color coat, inside, outside and underneath. Then he lettered and pin-striped the shiny red truck.

A siren was donated by the Clarksville Police Department, as were side mirrors by a local auto supply firm. A 360 degree 4 sealed beam red light was purchased from a neighboring department flanked by two red spot lights donated by a member of the department. A two-way radio with inside and out-

side speakers was installed on the department frequency.

Then came the 200 gallon tank with 2 top mounted 100 ft. garden hose reels. This tank was coupled to a 250 GPM Wisconsin portable pump. This truck is capable of drafting from a free source or a hydrant and supplying two 1½" lines or one 2½" line with good pressure. Next came a rack for 4 grass beaters, an extinguisher, first aid kit and battle lanterns. To top off our job we added indoor-outdoor carpeting to the truck bed and cab.

This very versatile vehicle is used on grass and weed fires, auto fires and on every alarm as a hose truck or a back up truck for our pumpers or to haul additional personnel to the scene.

This was a large undertaking for our department since our only source of revenue is from dues collection. It was handled very capably by Capt. James Snook with credit due to each firefighter on a job well done.

Paul Kraft

Best wishes to the host city, Shelbyville, Ind. and Indiana Volunteer Firemen for a successful 1970 Convention, June 11 thru June 13. See us at our hospitality room No. 112, Holiday Inn.



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