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Harold Stofer

At our last officers' meeting, the clothing claim program was discussed with several recommendations. It was left up to this office for approval. Therefore from the printing of this paper the proper procedure will be as follows:

1. Fill out the claim form.
2. Turn your claim and damaged article over to the district Chairman at the district meeting.
3. District chairman will check article for salvage or disposal and forward for payment.

Please help us by following this procedure.

The Indiana Fire Instructor's School was a smashing success and I think they are to be commended for the great school they sponsored.

We sure can use more training like this all over the state.

My time is about over as your President and I want to thank each and everyone for giving me the chance to hold this office. Sometimes the road was stormy and rough, but we came through. I feel we have an association we

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Fire Destroys New Paris Firm

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Parasian Industries at New Paris on March 9th with an expected loss of nearly \$100,000.00.

Units from eight departments were on the scene, including New Paris, Foraker, Nappanee, Millersburg, Elkhart Twp., Concord, Milford and Leesburg, to fight the blaze that was discovered shortly before noon.

The company is owned by William Graff. It employed eight persons in the manufacture of laminated desks, cabinets and other equipment, primarily for the mobile home industry.

The fire possibly was caused by a faulty heating unit.

Governor Bowen Signing House Bill 1320



Left to right: Jim Baker, vice president of IVFA; Charlie Jones, Chairman of IVFA Legislative Committee and Director Public Relations, West Central; Governor Bowen.

State Convention June 12-13-14

"Warsaw will jive in '75" has been the theme of the 1975 State Convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, scheduled for June 12 - 13 - 14. And "jive" it will be with all of the various activities set up for the three days in Warsaw.

Warsaw is the county seat of Kosciusko County and is in easy reach of most any community in the state. U. S. 30, which runs east and west and State Road 15, running north and south, make traveling to the Convention a well-marked travel event.

To get in the mood for every activity, registration will begin for delegates and visitors at 8:00 A.M. at the Elks Lodge, 1 block directly north of fire station. It will continue until 5:00 P.M. of both Thursday and Friday.

One of the first important events of the Convention will be the final judging of the "Miss Flame" contest, scheduled for 1:00 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. There will be contestants from most every district that has held their own contest so that the winners there can compete in the state contest. This Thursday afternoon program has always been of great interest, and this year should be no exception.

The first business of Thursday will be the Officers' meeting at

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Legislative Summary

BY CHARLIE JONES
Legislative Committee Chairman

Another legislative session is now over and the I.V.F.A. was one of the few groups who obtained anything from the legislature.

We started out again on the defensive by having to protect ourselves against two bills. One bill was dropped by the sponsor in committee and the second one only passed one half of the legislature and it had been amended so as not to effect us.

The bill that was dropped by the sponsor was one that would have allowed all volunteer firemen to use sirens on their private vehicles. This bill might have helped one or two departments but after polling the state it was decided this bill would hurt the volunteer fire service.

The second bill was one that each year we would be faced with. This was the blue light law and this year it was the Emergency Medical Services Commission that wanted the blue light for Emergency Medical. The E.M.S. Commission wanted all E.M.T.'s to use the blue light but they did not want to police the

use of it in any way. We have had enough problems in keeping the blue light for our use and we have policed our own organization and controled the use of the blue light. The sponsor of the bill amended the bill to change the color of the light to orange and then the bill did not pass.

There was some misunderstanding from some of our members. They thought because they were E.M.T.'s and also firemen they would need both color lights. This was wrong because if your fire department operates ambulance service then you can use your blue light on fire or ambulance runs.

The main thrust of our legislation this year was House Bill 1320. This bill allows the municipality to pay the membership of the firemen in their fire department, and to a volunteer firemen's association.

The second item covered was to provide that either the volunteer fire department or the municipality may carry the required insurance coverage but the cost of such coverage shall be borne by the municipality. When a contract exists between the

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Get Your Kicks and Your Wooden Nickels

The 1976 convention committee team will be in full swing at Warsaw Convention "75" to tell you all about the "76" Bicentennial Convention in Indianapolis. In addition to free balloons for all at the registration site and parade, all convention goers are urged to get their "76" wooden nickels. They are valuable!!!

The free "76" wooden nickels are stamped with a serial number that could provide you with all expenses paid at the Bicentennial convention next year. Here's how it works:

Obtain your "76" wooden nickel with serial number at the registration site or from any "76" committee member from Warren Township. Hang on to it, bring it with you to "Get Your Kicks In '76", June 10th, 11th, 12th, 1976 in Indianapolis and turn it in when you register next year.

Following the two days of registration in Indianapolis, all of the "76" wooden nickels will be placed in a hopper and the winning number will be drawn and ALL of your "76" convention expenses will be paid.

Secretary's Report



John T. Ford

Another June, another convention, and another host with a lot of planning for your good time. We all look forward to convention for the good times but never let it be said that we do not take care of the business at hand when the times comes.

Warsaw has gone all out to make your stay a very pleasant one and one that you will

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Warsaw Will Jive In "75"

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can be proud of. I want to take this time to thank all the Fireman and wives that shared their hospitality with Lucy and I all over the great state of Indiana. We have met many new firemen and wives, renewed old friendships during the last 4 years. As I have always stated, firemen and their wives are the greatest.

I ask you to please give your next President the support you have given me the last two years. Hope we will see all of you at the Warsaw Convention to say hello.

**Pay Your Dues
Before
Convention!**

Treasurer's Report



Verne Konopasek

As your newspaper goes to press for the WARSAW convention issue May, 1975 it will be the last time that my remarks can be captioned "From Your State Treasurer." In July of 1975 I shall have completed 28 years as your Treasurer. There are many memories bound up with this office and the Association, it is impossible to relate my feelings. I have loved every minute of this service but you and I know that it must come to an end. I am very happy and thankful to still be here with you and to know who my successor will be. I wish him well and offer him my help if needed.

If your President elect desires, I can still serve as your Historian and "Ad" Solicitor and that will keep me in touch with all of you. I wish to thank all officers and members for the many kindnesses extended to me, please feel free to visit Julia and myself at anytime. You shall always be welcome.

Former Dugger Fire Chief Passed Away

Raymond F. Tison, former chief of the Dugger Volunteer Fire Department, passed away recently at a Nursing Home in Linton. He was 78 years of age. His wife preceded him in death in 1970.

He is survived by two sisters, several nieces and nephews. Mr. Tison was chief of the Dugger Fire Department for several years and owned and operated a welding and machine shop. He was a veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Dugger American Legion and of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

District 1 and 2 Miss Flame Winners and Chairman



Pictured are the chairmen of District 1 and 2 and the winners of the Miss Flame contest. They are, left to right: Bob Esserman, chairman of District 1; Debbie Fonner, Liberty Township, District 1 Miss Flame; Debbie Thomas, Merrillville, District 1 Miss Flame runner-up; Debbie Greer, Lincoln Township, District 2 Miss Flame; and Leon Lump, chairman of District 2.

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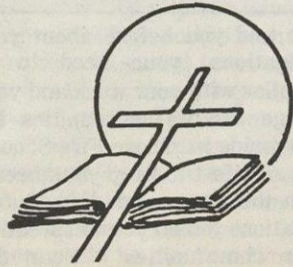
This 1500 gallon Tanker is mounted on a Chevrolet chassis, equipped with a 427 Cu. In. engine. It features Hales CBP—Single stage pump with electric prime, both designed for ease in operation and simplicity of maintenance. Universal's styling allows compartments on each side and full width and height compartments at rear. The Booster Tank has 4" dump valve at rear, hose bed holds 700' of hose.

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- Mike Dennison — Elizabeth
- Bob Hoover — Spencerville
- Pren Probst — Union Mills
- Fred Maul — Kouts
- C. Albert Henderson — Clinton
- Roe McConocha — Ridgeville
- Ray Tison — Dugger
- Paul Neurohr — Greendale
- Ned Trout — Columbia City
- William Cooper — Hymera
- Larue Utter — Hope
- Charles Bryan — Camden
- Albert Breidenbach — Charlestown
- David Harper — New Haven
- Marvin Campbell — East Gary
- Bernard Chapman — Kendallville
- Charles Blodget — Moorefield
- Sidney Stoner — Pendleton
- Joseph Kralek — Cedar Lake
- Howard Stoner — Columbia City
- Ray Lester — Raleigh
- Lucius Somers — Poe
- Theodore Baker — Decatur
- Larry Lewis — LaGrange



Again convention time is near, and the placing of a rose for each of the Volunteer firemen and Ladies Auxiliary which passed away this past year is near at hand. Death has come to many of the Volunteer Firemen. The most tragic, those who gave of their life in accidents.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth He spoke in these solemn words:

"I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" Matthew 12:36-37.

Yet there is a word that will justify him, and the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if those shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:8-9.

Christ plainly declared that He came into this world to do a specific work that His Father had given Him to do As the Lamb of God, the innocent, the spotless One suffering for the guilty. He was to bear away the sin of the world, thereby revealing to mankind God's infinite love in His matchless plan to provide salvation for His sinful creature, man. Having accomplished that work on Calvary's Cross, He cried in a loud voice, "It is finished!" and dismissed His spirit.

"Come unto Me," It is the Saviour's voice;
 O, doubting spirit, bid thy heart rejoice.
 All doubts shall vanish and thy sorrow ceased.
 Come unto me, and I will give you peace."
 "There is yet one thing left to do with the Bible; simply read it."
 And I may add — live it.
 Go to the church of your own choice, you'll like it.
 See you at Memorial Service.
 Your Chaplain
 Duane D. Lantz

Board of Directors' Meeting

FEBRUARY 8, 1975

Chairman Lump opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Norm Crocker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Leonard Grizzle. Motion carried by voice vote.

A letter was received from a Congressman requesting a list of the membership of our organization.

Norm Crocker made a motion that we do not provide this list, seconded by Billy Sunday. Motion carried by voice vote.

No bills were presented to the board.

There are no outstanding committee reports at this time.

Chairman Lump asked for a report on the CPA audit. Verne gave a very short report on the work and also presented a bill to the group for \$1200.00 from the CPA. The report will be duplicated by the state secretary and a copy will be given to each officer at the next meeting.

Roll was called with all district chairmen present and ten of the state officers in attendance.

John Hahn, secretary to district 15, was introduced.

Robert Laney said the by-laws committee had finished its work and had some copies ready but not enough for everyone. He suggested we should go through them for clarification. He reported on the major changes that

were put into the proposed by-laws.

Secretary Ford asked for some input into the problem of membership cards. Billy Sunday made a motion to have the board appoint a committee of five to study the membership card situation and report their findings to the board at the May meeting. Seconded by Marion Bush, carried by voice vote. The committee is as follows: Jack Ford, Verne Konopasek, Robert Laney, Harold Stofer and Norm Crocker. Chairman Lump as member ex-officio.

Ralph Yergler asked for a ruling from the board on payment of death benefits and the problem of a member passing away without having his dues paid.

Marion Bush made a motion that if the deceased dues are paid in the fiscal year, his death benefits will be paid. Seconded from the floor. After much discussion, motion defeated.

Butch McGill made a motion that we dispense with having a film made of the convention this year and all subsequent years. Seconded by Bub Holscher. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Sutton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by McGill. Meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

OFFICERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 1975

The meeting was called to order by President Stofer at 935 hours at the Ramada Inn in Indianapolis.

Following the invocation by Father Lantz the group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Vice President Baker.

Roll was called with the results in the secretary's records.

Carl Davis gave a report on the condition of Ray Lester and his wife Thelma who are both convalescing at a son's home.

Norm Crocker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Robert Shanabarger. Motion carried.

Having no new communications, the President turned the floor over to Vice President Baker to give his report.

Mr. Baker has been quite active during the past quarter. He asked for any further names as nominees for the midwest award. Jim also has the film from the past convention.

The treasurer's report was given and a report of 14501 members paid up.

Secretary Ford has more to make the total read 14715. Verne showed the following financial status in his report:

Emergency Fund	\$15,922.62
Funeral Fund	49,331.43
Clothing Fund	17,573.88
General Fund	4,847.88
Total	\$87,675.81

Verne also has some history books remaining and is in the process of making up a new history record.

Secretary Ford said he still has some departments that have not paid this year's dues. Jack has a letter from Bryan, Ohio stating that they will host International Water Ball again this year.

The Chaplain and President each gave lengthy reports on their many travels throughout the state.

Past Presidents Engle and Goodwin gave their reports and the Fire Marshall also gave his.

Past President Ford had no report.

All the public relations men gave their reports on activities of their areas and their travels. Charlie Jones reported on the legislative happening. General bills have been introduced and as a rule the legislators passed or defeated bills as was desired of the volunteer firemen.

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Public Relations South West



Carl O. Davis

Here it is time for the 1975 Convention and all looks good. The state officers held their regular quarterly meeting in Warsaw and all looks ready for a fine convention.

Fellows there is a lot of work to be completed at this year's meeting so be sure that you have all of the delegates instructed on the wishes of your departments. The revised constitution and by-laws, and the resolutions are to be voted on. This and election of officers makes a full program.

At the last officers' meeting there was a review of several clothing claims. Looks as if there will be some hard and fast rules on future clothing claims. This has been brought on by a few fellows taking advantage of the clothing insurance. Let's all see that each claim is a just loss. Have attended several district meetings and was glad to see good attendance at all.

The southwest Fire School will be May 17 and 18th at the I.U. football stadium VIP Lounge, 17th and Dunn St., Bloomington.

As this is the last writing in 74-75, I wish to thank all departments in Districts 11, 15, 17A, 17B, and 18 for all of the help and support that has been given to me as your public relations officer. Any help that I can be in the future just call and I will do what ever I can. That's it for this time.

Rescue Entry Suit Is Valuable



A new rescue entry suit was recently purchased by Warren Township. Lt. Steven Miller of Co. No. 3 of the Warren Township Fire Department of Indianapolis was put to the test at training exercises.

The suit, made of aluminized, BETA-Glass from the Fire-Repel Corporation, cost an estimated \$420.00. It consisted of coveralls, hood, gloves, boots and inner helmet.

The suit is designed to withstand temperatures of up to 2000 degrees for up to 10 minutes or so, reports Lt. Miller. It is comfortable and applicable to performing normal work duties during search and

rescue within a building. Miller said, "The inner lining of the suit provides for a uniform, desirable temperature of the body while working either in, below or above actual flames."

The hood of the suit is constructed so that a 30 minute air breathing apparatus may be utilized with no loss in effectiveness to the unit. Miller reported that during recent training drills on the fire ground that he was able to maneuver with no difficulties through even the hottest parts of a working residence fire.

(Photo by Lt. F. Schoppenhorst)

**State Convention
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the Holiday Inn. The Auxiliary will be meeting also at the same location. Both sessions start at 4:00 o'clock. This will be followed by the Officers' fish fry at the Kosciusko County Fair Grounds at 5:30. The opening joint meeting at 8:00 at the Warsaw High School will conclude the Thursday's sessions.

The Lake theater is the location for the general business meeting for the men at 8:30 on Friday morning. At the same time the ladies will have their business meeting and koffee-klutch at the American Legion building. Both groups will adjourn for the joint Memorial Service at 11:00 A.M. in the First Christian Church at the corner of Lake and Main.

At 1:00 P.M. both firemen and the auxiliary will have their final business meeting at the American Legion building to be followed with the annual banquet at 6:00 in the high school gym. Various organizations will host an open house after the banquet.

Saturday is fun day! Starting at 8:00 A.M. all the waterball games will take place on the north side of the court house and the day will be concluded with the annual parade at 3 o'clock.

A full roster of committees has been appointed by President Harold Stofer that should keep the Convention running along on an even keel. With the help of the many committees that will be helping from the Warsaw Fire Department and civic officials, all delegates and visiting firemen and their ladies should have a wonderful time at Warsaw.

Committees appointed by President Stofer are as follows:

- Legislative**
- Charles Jones, Chairman
- Charles Bogden
- Norm Crocker
- Leonard Grizzle
- Stewart Boaz
- Billy Sunday
- James Baker
- John Ford
- Verne Konopasak
- Resolutions**
- Carl Davis Chairman
- Charles Jones

- Gene Battaly
- Paul Fairfield
- Harold King
- Paul Kraft

- By-Laws Revision**
- Robert Laney, Chairman
- Carl Davis
- Leon Lump
- Billy Sunday
- Bill Engle
- Verne Konopasek
- John Ford

- Convention Format**
- Bill Engle, Chairman
- Bill Goodwin
- Verne Konopasek
- John Ford

- Mr. IVFA**
- Charles McGill, Chairman
- Charles Bogden
- Gil Boaz

- Sports**
- Robert Surber, Co-Chairman
- Gene Yoder, Co-Chairman
- Norman Crocker
- Ralph Yergler
- Al Mendel

- Parliamentarian**
- Bob Laney
- Credentials & Milage**

- Don Konopasek, Chairman (1)
- Martin Saberniak (2)
- Russell Miller (5)
- Gil Schmitt (15)
- David Nulliner (13)

- Nominating**
- Charles Sutton, Chairman
- Robert Esserman
- Charles Weisling

- Election**
- Ivan Neville, Chairman (7)
- Marion Bush Jr. (8A)
- Gerald Baker (10)
- Sam Bower (14)
- Milan Pece (17 B)

- Roll Call**
- Leonard Grizzle, Chairman (12)

- Robert Shanabarger (6)
- Calvin Schaeckel (13A)
- John Paul (13 B)
- Russell Rinehart (18)

- Auditing**
- Leon Lump, Chairman (2)
- R. Yergler (3)
- Ed Weaver (9A)

- Drawing for Games**
- Sports Committee
- If any member of the Credentials and Mileage Committee cannot attend, the District Chairman is authorized to appoint another Volunteer from his district.

Members of two other committees, the Election and the Roll

Call who may not be able to attend, may also be replaced by the District Chairman, but must notify State Secretary Jack Ford by June 1st.

Legislation

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department and the municipality, the contract or agreement shall provide for the coverage.

The legislature took it upon themselves to raise the total and permanent disability benefits and the death benefits from \$20,000 to \$40,000. This coverage is the one that can be carried either by the department or the municipality but must be paid for by the municipality.

The last part of the legislation was one that was mandated by last year's convention. This was a liability insurance for volunteer firemen. The law states, each municipality may purchase a minimum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of insurance, covering the liability of each of its volunteer firemen for bodily injury or property damage caused by each such firemen acting in the scope of his duties while on the scene of a fire or other emergency. The municipality may purchase a group insurance policy, or a separate policy for each fireman, whichever is of lesser cost.

I wish to thank everyone for the help given me with the legislation, either coming down to the hearings or contacting your legislators. This was a joint effort of all of us and it was very successful.

There were four of the Legislators who were very helpful to us and any help that any of us can be to them I think we would do it. The four are: Representative Gary Butler, Lawrenceburg; Representative Cliff Arnold, Michigan City; Senator Herman Fanning, Terre Haute; and Senator John Shawley, Michigan City.

Secretary's Report

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remember and want to come back. I have been going to conventions for quite a few years and there always seems to be something that happens that the convention hosts did not exactly plan that was pretty much of an embarrassment. I don't think that this year will be much different in that respect. Host departments put a lot of work and detail in making you happy for three days and in my case kinda miserable the fourth, but that's my fault. Enjoy the efforts in my behalf just a little too much. So let's one and all tell them what a good time we have and think positive and let them know it.

I have a very difficult job in trying to think of new ways to say IVFA is going for another banner year. The same old truth and have run out of ways to say it. Banner year, most certainly. Some 20 new departments joining and once again with the effort of the legislative committee, headed by Charles Jones we have made a good sweep at the Indiana General Assembly. Everything that we wanted was granted. This comes from not asking for the world with a string around it and the good work of Charles Jones and his committee. We might also have a good word for them when we see them this coming June.

IVFA Fire Schools are in the works under the capable hands of the Officers and they are for your convenience and not for the purpose of taking up the time of those that work to put them on.

**Basic Life Support Training Completed
By Cedar Lake Firemen**



21 men of the Cedar Lake Fire Department furthered their First Aid Training by completing a course in Basic Life Support CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation).

The course is sponsored by the American Heart Association and instructors of the course were Thomas Ashcraft and Gordon Kazen of the Cedar Lake Ambulance Service.

Each year more than 650,000 Americans die suddenly of heart failure; their are many causes: poisoning, drowning, suffocation, choking, electrocution and smoke inhalation. In some cases many of the victims of a heart attack might have been saved if he had gotten to a hospital quickly or someone near him could have performed CPR.

By completing the course, the men of the Fire Department were fully trained by the instructors of what to do in case of heart failure.

Pictured left to right: Norbert Shroka, Assistant Chief; Thomas Ashcraft, Instructor and Robert Eberle, Chief of the Department, receiving instructions on the proper method to use in heart massage.

I've told you before about your obligations, your need to be familiar with your work and your image with the communities that you reside in. These Fire Schools are an effort to keep you abreast with the times and do a Public Relations job on you to spread to your communities. Your different fire departments just keep up the good work and you shall make all the volunteers look good. You know as well as I that there are some departments that just don't quite live up to this level but they are not yours. However we can get these guys back in line by trying to get them to participate in the good things that IVFA offers and make these training sessions. Same old saw - 'I've been thru this once' don't apply. Things have changed since you last looked out the window.

To the many that have given Ruth and myself some very good help and most happy and pleasant invitations, evenings and meetings, we wish to say thanks. Now that might be kinda simple but it is most sincere and the only thing that I can say. It has been a pleasure meeting and serving the IVFA membership and hope that it has been done with satisfaction and dedication that you deserve. Again, we thank you and will be looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones at Warsaw come this June.

Another unsolved mystery is why people who never have anything to say keep on talking all the time.

**Antique Fire Apparatus
Show In Laporte**

The LaPorte-Hesston Fire Department and the new Fire Buff's club in the mid-west, (MAFFEA) are sponsoring the first annual Antique Fire Apparatus Show, Muster and Flea Market. It will be held on the grounds of the LaPorte County Historical Steam Society on Saturday, July 12th. So, dust off and polish up all those antique engines and join in the fun.

A fun-filled day is planned from start to finish, beginning at 9:00 A.M. The activities are numerous, according to the planning committee. There will be contests galore, trophies and awards. If this sounds like fun, which it will be, contact the Chief of the LaPorte-Hesston Fire Department.

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Coolspring Twp. Volunteers Enjoy Annual Game Supper



On February 15, 1975 the Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department held its annual game supper. Many of the state's Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association officers were in attendance at this wild game feast.

Those in attendance were: left to right, IVFA Officer Vice-President, James Baker; District 8A Chairman, Bill Sunday; State Fire Marshal William Goodwin; President Harold Stofer, and Past President Bill Engle.

In the next row, from left to right, are Chaplain Duane Lantz; Public Relations North West Harold King; Coolspring Chief Dave Grott; District Chairman 3 Ralph Yergler and kneeling in front, District 3 Secretary Ray Nowatzke.

The photo was taken by Coolspring department photographer Dave Funkhouser.

Hunting and fishing films were shown after dinner and was enjoyable evening was had by all.

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District Meetings

District 1 and 2

District 1 and 2 held its February meeting at South Haven-Portage Township with 118 men answering roll call.

A report was given by Leon Lump of the February state officers meeting and the by-laws committee appointed by the I.V.F.A. president. He urged the adoption of their suggested changes at the Warsaw convention.

The boys from Lincoln Township-Thayer gave a progress report on the plans for District 1 and 2 picnic, to be held July 20. Fellows, it sure sounds like a lively time and hope you can attend.

On April 16, District 1 and 2 met at New Chicago with another good turnout. This meeting contained a very interesting program put on by the Lake County Coroner's office.

We were also pleased to have Mr. Bill Willsey of the Federal Department of Natural Resources to explain a little on the Rural Development Act of 1972, recently funded for Volunteer Fire Departments to buy equipment on a 50-50 plan.

On April 23, 1975 the men and women of District 1 and 2 gathered in the Rees Funeral Home in Hobart, to pay their last respects to a fellow fireman Marvin L. Campbell Jr. of the East Gary Volunteer Fire Department. Duane Lantz, state chaplain of the I.V.F.A., presented the condolences to the bereaved family on behalf of the association. Mr. Campbell was a young fireman of 31 years of age. He was fatally injured while riding the back of a fire truck, which was out on a false alarm, that became involved in a truck-auto accident. Fireman Campbell's home department, as well as other local departments, and the state organization shares this bereavement with his young wife and child.

Districts I and II of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held their meeting recently with one hundred-ten men in attendance and started the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Guest speakers for the evening were State Fire Marshall, William Goodwin; President of the IVFA Harold Stofer; Vice-President Jim Baker; Treasurer, Vern Konopasek; State Chaplain, Duane Lantz; Past-President, Bernie Jostes; District 3 Chairman, Ralph Yegler; District 9 Chairman, Bill Sunday; District I Chairman, Robert Esserman and District II Chairman, Leon Lump.

District I, Liberty Township, Miss Flame contest winner was announced as Miss Debra Fanner. District II, Lincoln Township, Miss Flame was announced as being Miss Debbie Greer, Thayer. These girls will go down state to Warsaw in June for the State competition.

Chaplain Lantz gave memorial services for two Fire Fighters who have passed away.

A 20 year plaque was presented to Robert Esserman for his years of service as a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

State Fire Marshall William Goodwin extended greeting from Governor Otis Bowen to the men. He also gave the grim statistics for the year of 1974. There were 12,000 fire deaths with 300,000 injuries. So far in 1975 there have been 60 deaths. He stated that most fires broke out between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m., with more fatalities being from

smoke inhalation than from actual burns. He also stated that arson is a growing problem in the state of Indiana as well as across the country.

The IVFA Prevention Committee is making progress on adopting one uniform code for the fire fighters to use instead of the three different ones they are using now. Shortly the new code will go into effect and the men will have an instructor to come in to brief them on the new code.

District 8A

The last few months have been very productive ones in District 8A. We've completed the schooling with Cooney Tucker of the State Fire Marshall's office and must congratulate him on an outstanding job of presenting his information on Leadership and Command and the Ventilation. We had them in three consecutive Thursday night sessions and averaged an attendance of 76. The committee in charge of the chemical school, Chief Joe Major of Van Buren, Gene Johnson of Mill Township and Bud Griffith of Washington Township report that we'll probably have this class in September. Final plans have yet to be worked out and as soon as a firm date is set I'll let everyone know. We'd like to welcome Upland to the IVFA. I'm sure they will reap many valuable benefits from the Association.

I would like input from the various fire departments as to when would be the best time for the 8A picnic and Waterball contest. We plan on having this in late summer and it should prove to be an excellent way for everyone to get together and meet the families of firemen from various areas. If there is

enough interest in the waterball we'll give away trophies to the winners.

Our last meeting was held in Gaston and we were very pleased to have Jim Baker, our esteemed Vice President, present to speak. He gave a very informative talk and after the meeting he was surrounded by firemen with questions concerning the EMS program. Come back more often Jim, you did an outstanding job. Thanks to Gaston for the excellent feed. You've got a building we all would like to have.

I'm happy to report that we now have four arsonists in prison serving at least five years and another one going to prison as soon as he's caught. Their next fires will have to be at Michigan City inside high concrete walls. They were instrumental in starting several fires in this area and we'd been waiting for a long time to get them. This time they started the fire in the wrong place. (Assistant Chief of the Marion Police Department's home) Just prior to their being sentenced things were really hairy as they threatened to kill several police officers and burn down several houses.

We completed a school on April 17th with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company on Electrical Fires and Emergencies. This was very well received by the members of the District as 85 people attended.

This was held at the Matthews School and was coordinated by the Matthews Fire Dept. They had more food for our enjoyment than most bake sales and every bit of it was very delicious. I know I tried to sample all of it and couldn't eat that much. Congratulations and thanks to their auxiliary for a fine meal.

A reminder to all of the Chiefs in District 8A. Keep your ideas coming in and we'll try and have all of the schools we can work in

for this year. I'm trying to see that we get as good an educational program as can be gotten and still make it convenient for your members to get there.

I just want to say thanks to all of the departments and members of District 8A. There's not a finer bunch of guys anywhere in the State.

District 8B

On January 6th District 8B met at the Montpelier Fire Dept.

Chairman Bill Sunday called the meeting to order, followed by pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Secretary's report was read and approved. Roll call was answered by nine departments and two guests.

Sunday told about a training program to be held at Farmland on January 13th and 20th. All departments should have a Miss Flame entry at the March 12th meeting at Parker or Howe Fire Apparatic at Anderson.

All suggestions for fire schooling are welcome. Bill told about reservations for State Convention at Warsaw on June 12, 13, 14th.

Charlie Ridgeway of Hartford City thanked all departments for help on their city fire. Bill thanked Montpelier for having the meeting. Bill then introduced Larry Bosell of Richmond and turned the program over to him for a training program.

Hal Banner of Hartford City Fire Dept. won the 50-50 money.

The March 12th meeting was held at the Parker Indiana Lions

Club Building. Chairman Bill Sunday called the meeting to order, followed by pledge to the flag.

Along with a film, the guest speaker for the evening's training program was Carl Lucas, Training Officer of Muncie Fire Department.

Secretary's report was read, corrected then approved. Roll call was answered by fifteen departments.

Chairman Sunday introduced IVFA Vice-President Jim Baker from Greenfield. Bill then read the following letters:

IVFA accountant's report. Carl Bruns has refused Public Relation job for East Central. A note from Jack Ford on reservations for State Convention at Warsaw on June 12, 13, 14. Jay County R E M C. Reminder on State Dues.

Bill read a schedule for District meetings for the rest of the year. The next meeting will be at Pennville on May 14, at 7:30.

Meeting was adjourned to enjoy refreshments.

Nicky Sunday, District Chairman of the women, then conducted the Miss Flame contest. Seven departments were well represented. The district 8B Miss Flame winner was Vali Wolfe from Whiteriver Twp. Runner up was Debbie Howell of Farmland. The 50-50 drawing of \$23.00 was won by Ed Huddleson of Farmland.

Politicians who try to please everybody remind us of a puppy trying to follow five boys home at the same time.

Hartford City Company Has Fire Damage



The Hartford City Fire Department answered an alarm at the overhead Door Company recently in which a fire was contained in a blower unit of a dust blower. Fire Chief Richard Ford said workmen were cutting a hole in the side of the duct that was full of sawdust and sparks from their torches started the fire. Two trucks answered the call and washed out the bin. No damage estimate was available. (Photo courtesy Marion Chronicle).

Fire Razes Gas City Home



Fire destroyed a rural Gas City home after a coal stove exploded and ignited the home's insulation.

"Everything I own was in there; everything except my underwear; Bill Hupp Jr., owner of the partially-completed home at 6714 E. 500 E. Marion, said as he watched some 30 firemen battle the blaze.

Mill Township fire trucks responded to a call at about 9 a.m., but the fire wasn't brought under control until 10 a.m.

Firemen had trouble getting one of the township department's pumpers working because the home was on the side of a hill, Mill Township Fire Chief Ted Flannigan said.

He added that fire departments from Fairmount and Matthews assisted his department in fighting the fire. About 5,000 gallons of water was pumped onto the fire before the trucks ran out of water and had to go for more.

Flannigan said two propane tanks that caught fire caused his men trouble.

Hupp said the fire started when his wife attempted to start a fire in a coal stove in the building.



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The low-bid for construction was \$175,342.00.

The building, consisting of 5280 square feet, will feature a two, double-bay facility capable of housing 4 pieces of apparatus, bedroom facilities for 6 firemen, kitchen and galley, bath-shower and locker facilities, work shop, radio room, living room and a community meeting room with private entrance for use by neighborhood civic groups and organizations. The landscaped and paved parking area will accommodate 30 cars.

The new structure will set back off 30th street in a heavily wooded area and the exterior appearance is designed to conform to area residences and generally enhance the overall neighborhood.

Expected completion date is early July with Grand Opening Ceremonies and an Open House.

Other Warren Township Fire Stations are located at 10750 E. 10th street, 1302 So. Franklin Road and 7604 E. 10th Street.

Jasper Fire Chief Heart Seizure Victim



Edwin "Butch" Hochgesang

Edwin "Butch" Hochgesang, 72, of 1517 Newton St., who had served as a member of the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department for almost 30 years and served as chief for the past seven years, suffered a fatal heart attack while directing the activities of the firemen at a blaze on Jasper's northeast side.

Hochgesang and other firemen were fighting a residence fire on east 15th Street when he was stricken around 12:30. He had just ended a conversation with one of the firemen, Dennis Hasenour, when he collapsed and was taken to Memorial Hospital in the fire department's emergency unit. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

About a year and a half ago he was hospitalized as the result of a heart attack and was advised by doctors to give up the risk and responsibility connected with his position as fire chief, but he refused to do so. Assistant Fire Chief Ed Eckert commented, "He loved the department, and

we loved him as much as he loved the department."

Mr. Hochgesang served as assistant chief during the terms of three chiefs, Roman Fuhs, Clarence P. Berger and Leo "Pete" Hopf before he was appointed chief of the department in February of 1968 by Mayor Jack Newton.

He was the first fireman in the history of the department to die at the scene of a fire since the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department came into existence in 1913, and he was the 57th man to join the department.

"Butch" Hochgesang was a retired employe of the Jasper Desk Company. Starting there in November of 1920 as a cabinet maker's apprentice, he was made supervisor of the cabinet department in 1936 and held that position until 1964 when he was named safety director for the entire plant.

Upon the completion of 50 years of service a party was held in his honor at which he was given a diamond stickpin as a gesture of appreciation from the management. He retired on April 19, 1974.

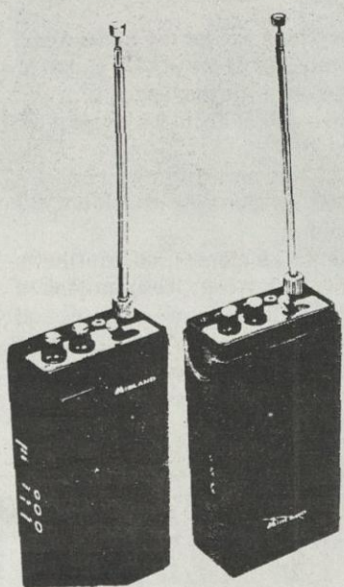
On May 24, 1925, he was married to Irma Huebner, who survives. The couple were planning to celebrate their golden wedding jubilee in May.

Also surviving are two sons, two brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hochgesang was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Haysville, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Jasper Safety Board and the Izaak Walton League.

Eighty-six per cent of Indiana's 1974 corn crop, much of it immature when hit by an early frost, was dried on the farm, according to state-federal agricultural statisticians at Purdue University. About three-fourths of the 1973 crop was dried.

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Rushville Steamer Makes Last Run

By RODGER BIRCHFIELD
Staff Reporter

RUSHVILLE, Ind. — James E. Brown, 79, Rushville's oldest former fire chief, stood by as the city's oldest fire engine, a horse-drawn steamer, made its last run.

The 1893 Ahrens pumper, built by American Fire Apparatus Co., Cincinnati, was loaded on a trailer Saturday for a run to its

new station house in the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Brown, who became a fireman in 1922, said he fought several fires with the old pumper before it was retired from service in 1925.

"The last time it was used was when the Rush County National Bank and Odd Fellows Hall burned in January 1924.

"We had a motorized engine pumping three hose lines to the fire, and the steamer was drafting and pumping two streams of water from the mill stream to the burning buildings."

John N. Hughes, president of the Rush County Historical Society, said the steam pumper was retired from the fire department when a new motorized Ahrens-Fox pumper was put in service.

The fire department kept the old engine in storage until 1948 before donating it to the historical society. It was displayed in the society's museum carriage house.

Hughes said members of the city council purchased the steam pumper after a fire destroyed seven stables and outhouses in downtown Rushville in 1893.

Members of the Indianapolis Fire Buffs and representatives from the Children's Museum moved the steamer from the carriage house with a truck and trailer furnished by John Trimble, director of Marion County Civil Defense.

In August, the steam fire engine will be placed in a turn of the century fire station to be constructed in the museum's Indiana Firefighting Gallery. It will be placed by a circa 1850 Rumsey hand pumper used in both Lawrenceburg and Metamora.

Chief Brown was one of several retired firemen and former fire chiefs who stopped by to watch the loading of the steamer.

Brown was chief of the department from 1943 to 1955.

Other fire chiefs who joined Brown were his brother Joseph A. Brown, 1934 to 1942; Victor Pope, 1956 to 1960; Roy Stewart, 1960 to 1963, and Dayton Springman, Rushville's present fire chief.

Bert Ratekin, a retired fireman, and Mel Walter, a current city fireman, also came by to help load the old steamer.

Brown said as he stood on the back step of the engine before it was loaded, "A lot more people will see it up there (at Indianapolis)."

WANTED: Dietz lanterns, underwriter nozzles and foot bell for the steamer. The pumper had four lanterns and four nozzles. All are missing.



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Swayzee Home Badly Damaged By Fire



Green Township and Swayzee Fire Departments were called to a home in Swayzee recently when the East home was badly damaged by fire.

The couple managed to get their two daughters out and to throw out some of their clothes along with the silverware and some toys. The cause of the fire was not determined, but officials suspected a wood-burning stove or electrical wiring.

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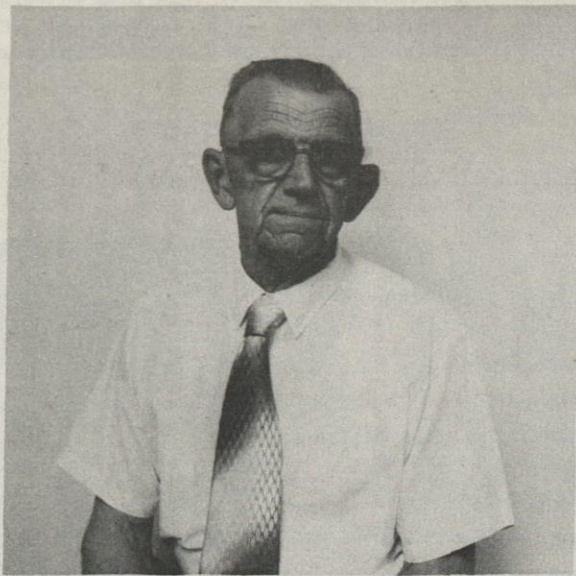
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Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Ray Lester, a dear friend and beloved fireman, was taken from our midst on May 2, 1975, and met his Creator face to face. Ray had completed his guard duty for the IVFA to watch over us from above.

He served as Sgt.-of-Arms for 14 years. His face was familiar to all as he presented the colors at convention time and at the officers' meetings during the year. Ray loved his office in the association and served it faithfully to the end.

Ray was the kind shepherd of the IVFA keeping diligent watch over his men and greeting new members and departments, helping to make them feel welcome and a part of our great association.

He also was a great help to our treasurer and helped in attending to the vouchers presented by the fireman, both at officers' meetings and at convention.

Along with his devotion to his duty as sergeant-at-arms, Ray had a great love for fun. He enjoyed fellowship with the many friends he made and the stories he had to tell. He was never critical of another man. His presence with Thelma shall be sorely missed.

Our deepest sympathy to Thelma and son Donald and family.
Duane and Jo Lantz

Water Pump Could Have Caused Fire



On February 15, Washington Township, Marion County, No. 2, and 4 were summoned to 1903 W. 63rd on a resident fire. When they arrived on scene, they found that it was a working fire. Possible cause was determined that it might have started from the water pump.

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Pike Township Volunteers Entertained

Charlie and Jan Jones recently invited all the Pike Township, Marion county, firemen and their wives to their home near Zionsville. Charlie is a member of the Pike Township department. Food, fun and fellowship were the order of the evening. Guests also viewed last year's convention film. A few of the state officers attended to encourage participation in the up-coming state convention in Warsaw.



Enjoying a lively card game are Jim Bailey, Mike LaPaugh, Barbara Bailey, Roberta Allen, Jim Allen and Harold Bannister.



Observers are Anne Baker, Ruth Ford and Janet Goodwin.



Debating the fine points of fire fighting are Mike Tyler, Harold Bannister and Bill Meadows.



Teller of tall tales, Bill Goodwin, captures the attention of Jim and Alice Craig.



Mark Wiley appears to hypnotize hostess Jan Jones.

Rush County Fireman Of The Year Award

The second annual Fireman of the Year award for Rush County was given to Stanley Ripberger of Bentonville at the banquet held February 20th. Nominees were from Rushville Fire Department, Anderson Township, Posey Township, Carthage Community and Bentonville.

Mr. Ripberger returned to a burning house and alone brought out a woman that had been overcome by smoke. He also gave artificial respiration until an ambulance arrived to take the victim to the hospital. The lady survived and Stan was credited with saving her life.

The award was presented by Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal. Bill also told the 14 member departments that fire services are more important than ever. Also the runners up in the awards were presented tie clasps with fire service emblems by Phil Cronk of Cronk Fire and Safety of Richmond.

In the four years of the Rush County Association many strides have been made in giving those we serve better fire protection. The Association has recently gained a grant from the County for the purchase of Auto Extracation Equipment for all county departments that will use it and have the vehicles to carry it. It is hoped to have federal or state funds available for a countywide alert system in the coming year.

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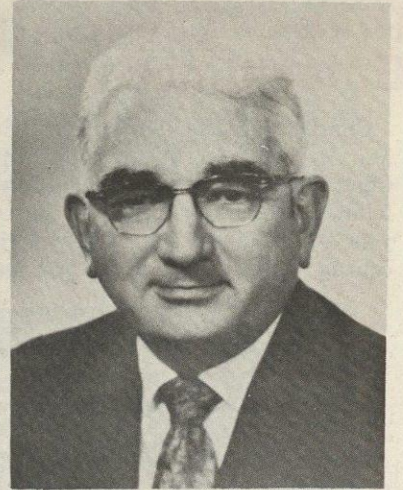
The twelfth Indiana Fire Conference, held annually at the National Guard Armory in Richmond will present as one of the speakers, John C. Zercher, Manager, Chemical Transportation Emergency Center (CHEMTRAC), Washington, D.C. CHEMTRAC is sponsored by the Manufacturing Chemist Association. It is a 24 hour a day operation to provide emergency guidance and assistance to fire and police services in incidents involving chemical in transportation.

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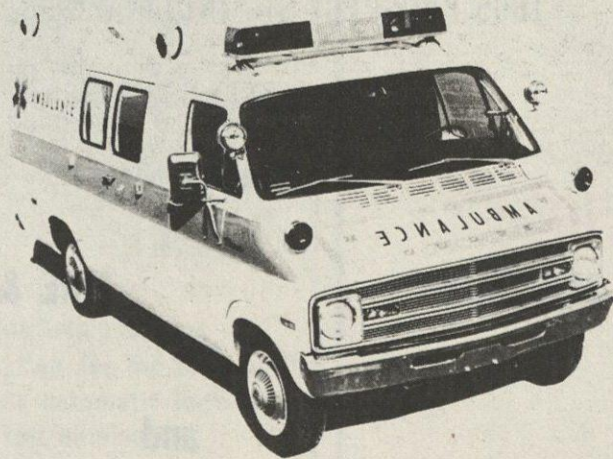
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District 3 Auxiliary

The March 19th District 3 I.V.F.A. Auxiliary meeting was held at the Springfield Township Fire Department with the Springfield Township Auxiliary as host.

Leona opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

A Prayer was said by Annabell Koniczny, District 3 Chaplain.

Roll call was answered by 51 members, representing 7 departments. Michiana won the traveling doll with 7 members

present.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Guests were Lucy Stofer, State Sergeant at Arms, Janet Goodwin, State By-Laws Committee, and Bernice Esserman, District 1 & 2 Chairman.

Jo Lantz read the amendment. Discussion followed. Nobel Township and Pleasant Township are not in favor of the amendment because it takes the word volunteer out when you pay someone.

Jo Lantz made a motion to vote

From The Auxiliary President

It will soon be convention time again! I want to take this opportunity to invite and urge all you ladies to attend convention. By all means attend the meetings on Friday and the Memorial Service. The reason we have convention is to take care of the business of the association. Of course after the business we can all let our hair down and enjoy!

I really don't know where the last two years have gone. They have passed so quickly. It has been a great two years. I feel the association has accomplished a great deal. We have completely re-vamped our By-laws; we have taken on the task of "Miss Flame"; and have taken on the responsibility of the convention film. Of course mistakes have been made but we all learn from our mistakes.

All of this was possible because of the hard work of my officers and you ladies of the association. I want to thank all of my officers and committee members. It has been great. It makes me a little sad to think I will soon be a has been.

Again I want to urge all of you to attend the convention. Come and enjoy the friendship of women all over this great State. See you at Convention.

From
Your President
Jo Shanabarger

on whether to accept or refuse the amendment.

Seconded by Diana Euler. The amendment was voted down.

Maggie Gaw made a motion to buy two Past Chairman pins. Seconded by Sharla Blum. Carolyn McCarty will order the pins.

Leona passed out tickets for the Dow Doll. The Auxiliary in District 3 that sell the most tickets will receive a plaque or trophy from Leona.

Leona read State Officers' meeting reports.

District 3 Auxiliary will be in charge of Miss Flame Contest next year.

Jo Lantz announced that if you want anyone for State Office please submit her name to the Nominating Committee.

Coming Events:
Koontz Lake, March 29, 9:30 A.M. Bake Sale

Springfield Township, April 26, 8:30 P.M., Square Dance at the Fire Station.

Michiana Shores, April 20, 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.

Everyone is invited to attend the First Aid Classes at Springfield Fire Department on Wednesday from 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. for the next 6 weeks.

The next I.V.F.A. Auxiliary meeting will be at Nobel Township, May 21, 1975. Koontz Lake would like for the meeting to start on time because they have a long way to travel.

Honorary Life time members of Springfield Township Auxiliary, Ruth Waldo, Ruby Hurst, Maude Malott, Bea Heiden, Hulda Arndt and Selma Moon were honored by their members with a very nice poem and a corsage.

Meeting adjourned.
Jack Moon gave a demonstration on E.S.P.

Salad and coffee were served. Winners of 50-50 were Ann Jackson and Lucille Lewis with \$3.75 each.

Doris Smith, Sec.

The average girl prefers beauty to brains because the average man can see so much better than he can think.

In Memoriam

Diane Alberta Norton, Montpelier, District 8B
Reba Hoffman, Bridgeport, Co. No. 7, Indianapolis, District 12

A most commemorative day of Easter has now passed us for this year; the day we observe for Christ arose from the grave. The records of history support the Bible in maintaining that Christ had died on the cross, and was buried in the tomb. The Jews who engineered it, the Romans who carried it out, the disciples who watched from a distance, all knew it was so.

But death could not hold Jesus in its grip. He conquered death by His resurrection: "He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words." Luke 24: 6-8

Come, ye saints, look here and wonder,
See the place where Jesus lay;
He has burst His bonds asunder;
He has borne our sins away;
Joyful tidings,
Yes, the Lord has risen today.

— Thomas Kelly —

Persecution for our faith in Christ is unknown in American life today. Yet we know that fellow Christians in other parts of the world are resisting unto blood. Wherever atheistic powers rule, there is persecution. Satan would have men forget God, and his servants teach that God is dead or that there is no God.

As we keep our faith and read our Bibles, we find and see more true comparisons that there is a God. Faith and unity comes when we build on Christ as our foundation and not on our prejudices and personal desires.

It is time we wipe the frowns away and let the sunshine of God's love shine through. What is this love? Paul says love is longsuffering and kind, it has no envy, is not selfish, does not enjoy or pass on evil. It is the more excellent way!

Each day we are coming nearer to another convention. Each one gets bigger and better. As we travel toward Warsaw this year, may we count our blessings how we have progressed, attend our meetings with attentiveness, malice toward none, open and clear minds for the good of our Organization, and with love for all.

At this writing the auxiliary has had a loss of fourteen members since last convention. Our sympathy is extended to all their loved ones.

We extend an invitation that someone from each family who have lost their loved one to attend the Memorial Service on Friday morning of the Convention.

Sincerely Yours,
Thelma Lester
I.V.F.A. Auxiliary Chaplain

Auxiliary Officers' Meeting

APRIL 5, 1975
HOLIDAY INN, WARSAW, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Shanabarger. Jo Lantz led us in prayer. Lucy Stofer, Sgt-at-arms, led the pledge.

Roll call was answered by 21 officers and 18 guests. Barbara Surber, Recording Secretary, read the minutes. They were approved with the correction of the spelling of Margaret Perry's name.

A balance of \$3,887.35 was reported by Barbara Parker, Treasurer. In the absence of Thelma Lester, Chaplain, Mary Stafford, Chairman District 10, reported there had been 2 get well and 7 sympathy cards had been sent. There had been one death — Donna Alberta District 8-B. Thelma requested that each district chairman who had sent cards in her absence, send her a list of them. There are to be more Catholic Bibles ordered by Thelma.

All pictures and/or recipes for the convention book are to be sent to either Bob Laney or Jack Ford by May 1 or 2.

The lucky doe doll was given to Diana Watkins of Warsaw to display until convention. A list of items needed for the ladies meeting at convention was given to the Warsaw Auxiliary.

Jo Lantz, Chairman Nominating Committee, requested that the names for state officer nominations be sent to her by June 1, 1975.

Mary Stafford announced that the Lois Boaz Award nominations are to be sent to Linda Boaz by the second Thursday in May.

Joan Shanabarger read a letter from Inez Jeffries concerning the open house at the Fountaintown Fire Station on April 20. The station was destroyed in the April 3, 1974, tornado. Joan also read a letter from Thelma Lester.

Due to Spicer-Geiger going out of business, a new die is needed for the past president's pin. Jo Lantz made the motion for Barbara Surber to get a new die made for the pin. Ruth Ford seconded. Carried.

The price of the jewelry sold by the Auxiliary is costing more. The Board of Directors are to meet and decide on new prices of the jewelry.

Barbara Surber reported a membership of 2,685, with one new Auxiliary — North Vernon D-14.

Each District Chairman is to make a sign for her district to be used at convention. Each member is to sit with her district.

Janet Goodwin, Chairman By-Laws, reported the gummed additions to the by-laws have been received. They are being placed in the books.

Mary Boyd, 1st Vice President, reported she had passed out the tickets for the lucky doe doll and that some money had been turned in.

Janet Yoder, Games Chairman, reported the trophies have been ordered. The deadline for entry of the games is June 1, 1975. However, due to the entry blank not in the last paper, entries will be accepted Saturday morning of convention.

Mary Brooks, Chairman Miss Flame, reported there had been entries received for nine contestants. The winner will be announced Thursday night at the joint meeting. Jo Lantz made the motion that

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Reference & Historical Data During Past Fifteen Years At The Close Of Each Fiscal Year

Year	Attained Paid members	President Elected	Annual meeting City	Banquet Plates served	Mr. I.V.F.A. Award	President Award	\$ From Registration	\$ From Program Comm.	\$ Conv. Cost	\$ Ret'd To Members	No. Deaths
1960	6140	John T. Ford	Clinton	650	Robert Hutson	* *	1716	510	8003	3886	25
1961	6867	Bernie Jostes	Warsaw	703	Bert Moser	* *	2226	981	7917	3553	32
1962	7594	Bernie Jostes	Greenfield	675	Ralph Israel	* *	2124	1834	8836	5235	46
1963	8009	Jim Glaub	Angola	737	C.A. "Red" Henderson	* *	3661	1957	7903	6050	43
1964	8393	Jim Glaub	New Albany	680	Garland Kiefer	* *	3480	1135	8902	6380	42
1965	8719	Walt Steiger	Rensselaer	638	Andy VanWinkle	* *	3065	2030	8522	7900	53
1966	8928	Walt Steiger	Vincennes	704	Ralph Hertle	* *	3078	1832	8393	6949	52
1967	9128	Carlos Jeffries	New Haven	620	Duane Lantz	* *	3115	1113	9064	7432	59
1968	9704	Carlos Jeffries	Jeffersonville	731	Edmund Weaver	Allen Blades	3755	1087	9054	8517	75
1969	10394	William Goodwin	Warsaw	775	Verne Konopasek	Sam Bower	3517	3245	8096	9254	54
1970	10865	William Goodwin	Shelbyville	860	Edgar Nigg	John T. Ford	4045	2887	9857	7961	53
1971	11745	Bill Engle	Crown Point	938	Paul Fairfield	Robert Laney	4537	9915	15038	13188	80
1972	12506	Bill Engle	Bridgeport	1027	C "Butch" McGill	Carl Davis	5135	13264	18185	11406	75
1973	13213	Harold Stofer	Jeffersonville	879	Charles Bogden	Paul Kraft	4965	5661	14698	14133	83
1974	13902	Harold Stofer	New Haven	950	Gilbert Boaz	Robert Surber	9000	5121	18636	11496	77

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Auxiliary Officers' Meeting

(Continued from Page 11)

each District take care of the registration fee for convention of their Miss Flame. Bernice Esserman, Chairman 1 & 2 District, seconded. Motion carried.

Joan Shanabarger stated that her name and address will be in each issue of the I.V.F.A. paper, so she may be contacted for the convention film.

Mary Boyd made the motion district reports not be read. Seconded by Mary Brooks. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1 & 2 Bernice Esserman — Met March 6 at Kouts, Roll call answered by 88 members from 13 depts and 3 guests. After our district prayer, a minute of silent prayer for our 3 members — Bernice King, Sally Gibson, and Geraldine Muffitt who have passed away. New members from Lake Eliza were introduced. All Auxiliaries present were given lucky doe doll tickets. Miss Flame district judging will be at the men's meeting March 19 at Boone Grove.

Next meeting will be May 1st at New Chicago.

District 3 Leona Uryga — Met March 19 at Springfield Twp. Roll call was answered by 51 members representing 7 depts. Lucky doe doll tickets passed out. State Officers meeting minutes were read. Next meeting at Nobel Town May 21.

District 4 Bonnie Crocker — March 27 meeting held at Warren Twp. Present were 21 members from 6 departments and 8 guests. Lucky doe doll tickets were passed out. Next meeting will be a campout at Mini Mountain May 3 & 4. The meeting was closed and we joined the men for the Miss Flame Contest.

District 6 Mary Mackin — Feb. meeting held at Butler with 21 members and 13 departments present. Jack Ford served as auctioneer for a white elephant sale. March meeting was held at St. Joe Township Allen Co. with 23 members and 12 departments present. Miss Rhoda Payton was chosen our representative in the Miss Flame contest.

District 7 Joyce Nevil — Met at Markel March 17. Had a roll call of 12 ladies from 5 departments. The state officers minutes were read and discussed. Our Miss Flame is from Poe Dept. Next meeting at Monroe May 12 at 8:00 p.m.

District 8B Nickie Sunday — Met March 12 Parker City. Roll call answered by 28 members, 14 guests (including 7 Miss Flame Candidates) from 12 departments. Had one death in the district — Diane Norton, Montpelier. After business meeting, we joined the men for our first Miss Flame Contest. Miss Flame for Dist 8 Vali Wolfe, Whiteriver Township.

District 9 A Betty Bunch — no report

District 10 Mary Stafford — Met February 17 at St. Paul. Roll call answered by 64 members and 3 guests. There was a memorial service for two members of the district who recently passed away, Edna Smock of Acton and Esther Strayer of Warren Township. Burney Auxiliary (Clay Township) was presented a certificate from the state. Next meeting in May at Amity.

District 11 Vica McGill — Held their March meeting at Honey Creek Township. Roll call answered by 10 departments and 3 guests. Doll tickets were passed out. After appointing some committees, turned the meeting over to Kathy Porter who conducted "The price is right game". Next meeting May 4 at Burnett.

District 12 Mary Books — Met February 10 at Bridgeport. 29 members and 2 guests answered roll call. One new Auxiliary was announced — Washington Township, Henricks Co. — Avon. Deaths reported — Marguerite Hurst, Perry Township-Marion County. 12th District Miss Flame judging Feb. 15. Next meeting May 12 at Fleming Garden Vo No.3.

District 13 Miriam Schaeckel — Met at New Palestine with 8 members and 2 guests. The chairman reported on the officers meeting. She asked every department to see if they could get a Miss Flame from their department. Next meeting will be held at McCordsville, May 15.

District 14 Mildred Masters — March meeting was held at Finley Township. Attending were 31 members and 9 guests from 7 departments. We have another new department — North Vernon. Minutes of officers meeting were read. Miss Flame contest was discussed. Lucky Doe Doll tickets are available. Next meeting May 21 at Blocher.

District 16 Linda Boaz — no report

Attention Gals!

All Ladies' Waterball and Bucket Brigade Teams please read these New State Auxiliary Rules very carefully:

Entry fees must be sent in by June 1st, they are \$5.00 for Waterball and \$5.00 for Bucket Brigade. These entry fees will not be sent back to each department.

International Rules will prevail for both events.

One member from each team must attend the all-day meeting on Friday.

One girl cannot be entered on two teams in the same event.

Each team member must register at Headquarters.

Each team member must belong to the State Auxiliary.

It's not too early to start getting your teams organized and send in your entry fees.

Thank you each and every team. Let's make this the biggest and best convention of all.

Janet Yoder

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10th District

The regular meeting of the 10th District I.V.F.A. Auxiliary was held February 17th at the St. Paul Fire Station. Prudy Lewis of the St. Paul Auxiliary said grace before supper was served. There were 64 members and 3 guests present.

The Dixon Dance Studio from Greensburg entertained with several dance routines.

Centerpieces of flower arrangements were given away. A door prize was given to the oldest sweetheart present, Katie McClain, Marietta, 81 years young.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Thanked St. Paul auxiliary for hosting the meeting and the pretty decorations.

Meeting was held up at this time so chairman Mary Stafford could get her glasses!

There was a memorial service for two members of the 10th district who recently passed away, Edna Smock, Acton, and Esther Strayer, Warren Township.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

OLD BUSINESS: The by-laws that were to be sent to each auxiliary are being corrected and will be sent later.

The nominating committee was appointed, consisting of the

secretary from each auxiliary in the 10th district.

COMING EVENTS: Acton — 1st and 3rd Saturday — March — Bingo, Also selling chances on Home-made rug

Adams — 3rd Saturday every month — Card Party

Taylorville — Fish Fry — April

Flat Rock — Making things for booth at Festival — July

Janet Neville of Marietta auxiliary volunteered to be the new 10th District Chaplain. Her address is R 4 Shelbyville, Phone 729-5316.

Report on State Officers' meeting was given. The Lucky Doe Doll tickets will be sent to each auxiliary. Also the convention film will be paid for by the State auxiliary members rather than by the men as it has been in the past. The "Miss Flame" contest held at the convention was discussed. Mary Stafford reported on the State Chaplain Thelma Lester and her husband Ray's health; both have been on the sick list for quite sometime.

Burney Auxiliary (Clay Township) was presented a certificate from the state.

Having an attendance award to help increase the 10th District's

attendance was discussed and voted down.

Meeting was closed by repeating Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be in May at Amity!

10th District Secretary
Lois Schneider
St. Paul

Lake Hills Auxiliary

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department in District 1 and 2 needs your help.

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Name Miss Flame For Fourth District



Jaime Antonucci

Miss Jaime Antonucci of New Carlisle, St. Joseph County, was chosen Miss Flame for the Fourth District at the March 27 meeting of the district at Warren Township Fire Department in St. Joseph County.

She was chosen from a field of four girls who participated in the contest. They are Miss Christina Haley, Baugo Township, Elkhart, the runner-up; Miss Linda Judd, Concord Township, Elkhart County; and Miss Debbie Badur, German Township, St. Joseph county.

Judges were Jack Ford, Fort Wayne, secretary of the IVFA; William Malec, Warren Township Trustee; and Joyce Jozwiak, Harris Township Trustee.

Miss Antonucci was awarded the Fourth District's Miss Flame ribbon by Norm Crocker, chairman of the District.

District 1 and 2

Auxiliary

The March 6th District 1 and 2 IVFA Auxiliary meeting was held in Kouts at the high school. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Chairman Bernice Esserman.

Pledge to the flag was led by Karen Oswald. Our district prayer was offered by Barb Clapp. The membership then had a minute of silent prayer for the three members of our district, Bernice King of Munster, Sally Gibson of New Chicago, and Geraldine Muffett of Lake Eliza, whom have passed away since our last meeting.

Those attending for the first time from Kouts, Lake Eliza, and New Elliott were introduced.

Roll call was answered by 88 members and 3 guests from 13 departments.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

All Auxiliaries in the district will be given 3 books of Lucky Doe Doll tickets. Either your Auxiliary is to buy them or sell them. Send all money and ticket stubs to district secretary, Betsy Howe. District information sheets were given out.

The Miss Flame district judging will be at the men's meeting on March 19, at Boone Grove.

Being no further business a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Program for the evening was a travelog by Mary Jane Eilysworth of Australia. The slides were beautiful.

A lovely luncheon was then served by our hostess.

WHAT GOES IN RED COMES OUT YELLOW

Washington No. 5, Marion county, has come out of the body shop yellow instead of red. This is to update the department as much as possible with the Federal standards.

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Assn., 35 602 6503 - By the Treasurer - Griffith Ind. - April 30, 1975

The following is a report to the membership of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., showing a comparison expense of our Annual meetings since our last annual meeting at New Haven in 1967 up to and including the 1974 meeting at New Haven - covering the expense of our last Eight annual meetings - together with reference and Historical information which could be used by future annual meeting committee's in preparation for their promotion of such meetings:

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Officers Mileage & Exp.	859.55	982.50	581.59	541.35	835.25	1002.05	1126.35	1613.40
Banquet	2470.95	1491.24	1743.49	3440.00	1580.69	3640.00	2513.94	3750.00
Entertainment	375.00	707.50	325.00	275.00	395.00	1540.50	1030.66	410.00
Print minutes	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	888.00	575.00	635.00	1089.00
Print Annual Book	836.75	818.50	715.00	987.50	244.39	2552.00	956.60	1754.70
Print Signs, etc.	255.97	95.73	426.57	255.66	378.50	227.80	129.69	169.35
Print Conv. Tickets, etc.	none	none	none	50.70	244.39	112.00	258.61	150.00
Sound, Cleanup, Misc. - etc.	270.82	346.85	756.09	269.94	600.00	204.00	280.00	536.91
Postage & Telephone exp.	146.67	108.15	229.35	185.86	291.15	599.86	337.95	308.00
Badges, - Delegates & Visitors	112.20	46.68	123.35	84.10	74.81	198.00	167.09	116.32
Convention Prizes - Tickets	none	98.50	none	none	1100.00	1200.00	1100.00	500.00
Trophies - Contests & Parade	312.26	258.65	201.48	391.00	652.00	605.10	434.14	666.40
Trophies & Plaques - other	30.36	29.69	25.50	24.05	58.55	50.35	39.61	200.45
Parade	none	38.70	100.00	25.83	1476.49	none	525.00	150.00
Decorations	none	128.89	54.24	127.48	658.00	298.50	123.98	161.27
Registration	154.00	26.65	100.00	70.00	128.71	7.70	100.00	150.00
Miss Flame	none	none	none	none	none	none	107.10	100.00
Movies - Film - Camera	365.00	485.00	485.00	515.00	640.00	750.00	775.00	775.00
Memorial Service - Church	103.33	61.07	40.80	68.19	223.90	30.05	179.63	118.43
Insurance Prem - Liability	none	none	none	161.00	226.00	299.00	281.00	569.00
Rentals & Janitor service	910.75	247.63	95.00	190.00	1413.73	76.00	419.08	1415.50
Court Reporter	137.00	74.50	175.00	100.00	175.00	175.00	235.00	517.29
Advertising & Photos	none	none	none	none	194.10	244.92	none	121.00
Courtesy Cars - Camper Exp.	none	none	none	none	133.96	266.67	none	900.00
Sports & Contests —	none	none	none	none	none	552.71	none	449.36
Officers Banquet * By Howe	none	none	none	none	*572.00	*1125.00	*	*
TOTALS	\$9063.76	\$9053.73	\$8096.26	\$9856.71	\$15037.67	\$18184.91	\$14698.10	\$18635.71

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Washington Township's Two New Emergency Trucks



In February the Washington Township Fire Department put into service their new squad truck to be used for personal injury accidents and multiple fire runs and first aid. It is on a one-ton Ford chassis and included among the equipment is a Hurst Rescue Tool, portable generator for lights and exhaust fans, and an extraction kit. The men assigned to this equipment will also be used for manpower on fires. Pictured on the left is the new shop truck. It will be designated as Car 3 and is equipped with a compressor. It has red lights and siren so it can make emergency repairs at the scene of a fire or any other emergency.

State Fire Schools

June 16, 17, 18 & 19 — Ranger L.P. Gas Schools — Locations to be announced
 July 12 & 13 — West Central IVFA Fire School, Greencastle
 August 1, 2 & 3 — I.F.A. Convention, Lafayette
 August 16 & 17 — East Central IVFA Fire School — Location to be announced
 August 20, 21, 22 & 23 — Fire Chief's Convention, Evansville
 September 6 & 7 — National Waterball, Bryan, Ohio
 September 13 & 14 — Southeast IVFA Fire School — Location to be announced
 September 20 & 21 — Northwest IVFA Fire School — Location to be announced
 October 18 & 19 (?) — Richmond Fire Conference

ANOTHER FIREMAN OF THE YEAR HONORED

Paid Members Of Pike Township Fire Department

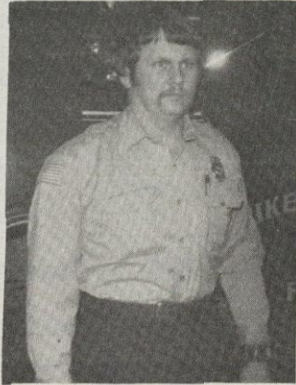
Paul Strickland was named "Fireman of the Year" during a meeting of the Washington volunteer fire department of Grant County. Paul was honored with the presentation of a plaque for his home and with his name being added to the Fireman of the Year Award located in the fire station.

He was chosen for this award by the membership of the Fire Department for his outstanding devotion to duty and his willingness to serve no matter what the conditions.

Paul has been a member of the department for over ten years and has remained one of the backbones of the department.



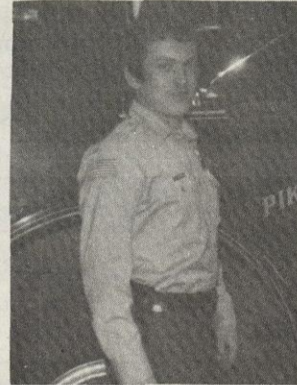
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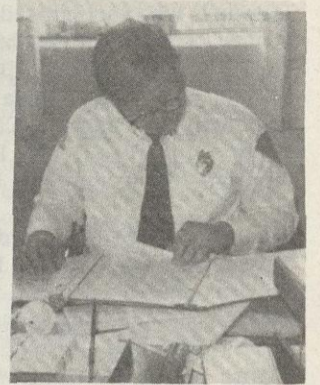
Tim Faulk



James Cleek



Gary Dowden



Harold Bannister

There are now five paid firemen on the Pike Township Fire Department, with four of them being hired last January. These four men work from 7:00 to 4:30 as they are on during the day for manpower and to help get equipment dispatched to the scene of a fire or

accident. Pike Township also has a full time arson investigator. He is Captain Harold Bannister, and is head of the Fire Prevention Bureau. At the present time, Pike Township has 50 active volunteer Firemen.



Our Order for 17 units at Daviess County, Kentucky Fire Department, Owensboro, Kentucky.

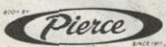
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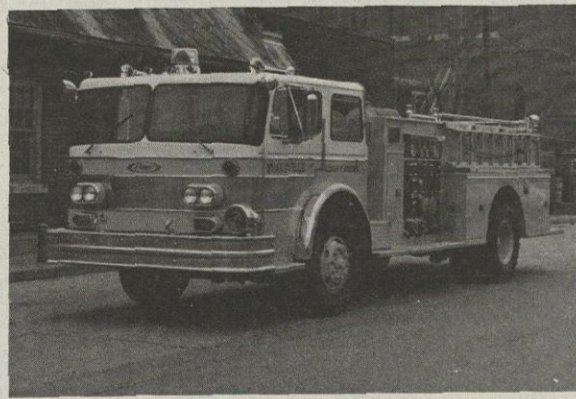


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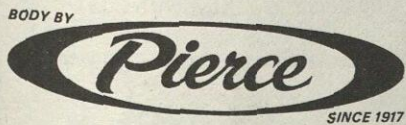
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Couple Dies When Plane Crashes Near Grandview



This is all that remained of a twin-engine, four-seater Piper-Aztec which crashed on the Albert Ward farm just off Sr 66 between Grandview and Newtonville. Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Saunders of Fort Wayne died in the accident. (Photo by Yearby)

A Fort Wayne couple was killed recently when their twin-engine airplane crashed into a wooded area about two and a half miles east of Grandview. Dead at the scene were Paul R. Saunders, 32, and his wife, Minnie Louise, 34.

The couple died of massive internal injuries suffered when their plane went out of control and crashed. The plane was completely demolished after hitting a tree and burning.

The pilot had been in radio contact with Owensboro airport when he reported that he was having trouble with an engine. Saunders reported that he was "in bad trouble." The plane later crashed.

The call for help was answered by the Grandview fire department and the Spencer County REACT which assisted State Police and the county sheriff's department in controlling traffic at the scene.

Members of REACT stayed on the job to help patrol the area and were commended for the efficiency in which they operated.

The plane was headed to Owensboro to pick up the wife of the general manager of the riverport, Mid American Terminal. The plane was owned by Meek Mac, Inc. riverport facility near Owensboro.

Fred Lloyd, Chief of the Grandview Volunteer Fire Department, requested that we print the following:

"I would like to have special recognition made of the following four firemen from our department: Johnny Nelson, Kenny

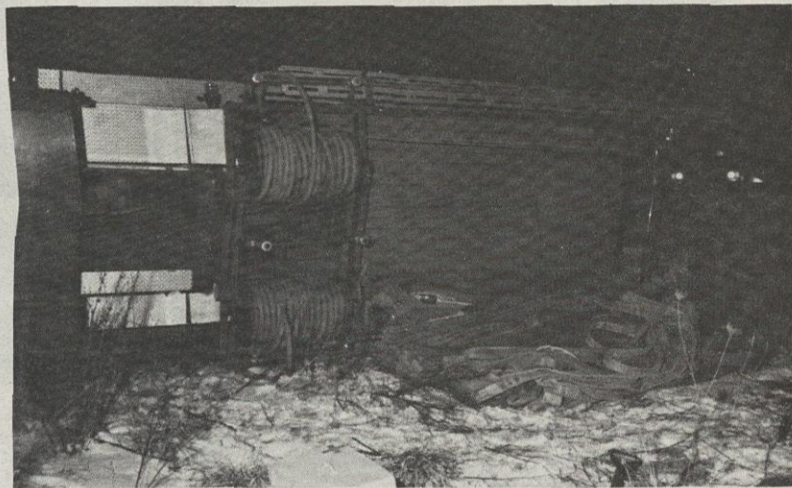
Meyer, Bill Bunner, Leslie Banks.

"These four boys are the youngest on our department. They are all in high school and got excused from school due to the emergency. They stayed overnight at the site and saw to it that our department's portable electric generating system kept the area lighted for State and Federal Officials. They also

helped recover the bodies the next day and didn't get released until late that afternoon. This was truly an experience they will never forget."

"Also a special thanks to the Luce Township Volunteer Fire Department for letting our department borrow their generating system to use along with ours that night."

Driver Loses Control On Ice



On Monday, February 12th, Washington Township of Marion County, engine No. 5, sustained extensive damage when it slid and overturned at 86th and Keystone Ave. The driver-chauffeur, Stan Wisheart, escaped injury. Stan was turning onto Keystone Ave. off 86th Street when the pumper went out of control on the icy pavement, and slid sideways down an embankment. It was enroute to a house fire on Evanston Ave, from Station No. 3 in Nora. The truck has temporarily been replaced by the department's reserve engine.

Ainsworth - Deep River Auxiliary Installs Officers

The Ainsworth-Deep River Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary held its installation of officers April 10, at the fire station.

In an impressive ceremony, Barbara Meyers, as parliamentarian, lit a candle signifying the starting of the Auxiliary's 22nd year and installed the following officers: Georgia Herzog, President; Sandra Glagola, Vice President; Sharon Cochran, Secretary; and Clara Shonk, Treasurer.

After a short business meeting, the newly-installed president thanked the out-going president for the fine job she did during the year and presented her with a past president's pin.

The 30 members and guests enjoyed a delicious salad bar after which Bunco was played with each table winning a prize.

Convention Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1975

Men's Program

8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. — Registration at the Elks Lodge, 1 block directly north of fire station
 1:00 P.M. — Miss Flame Contest (Final Judging): At The Holiday Inn
 4:00 P.M. — State Officers Meeting: At The Holiday Inn
 5:00 P.M. Officers Fish Fry: At The Fair Grounds
 8:00 P.M. Opening Meeting Joint Session: At The Warsaw High School

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. — Registration at the Elks Lodge, 1 block directly north of fire station
 8:30 A.M. General Business Meeting: At The Lake Theater
 11:00 A.M. — Joint Memorial Services: At The First Christian Church Corner of Lake & Main
 11:45 A.M. Lunch (Place of your Choice)
 1:00 P.M. General Business Meeting: At The American Legion
 6:00 P.M. Banquet: At The High School Gym
 9:00 P.M. — Open House: At The Eagles, American Legion, Moose Lodge, The Elks, The Clipper, The Holiday Inn & Petro's

SATURDAY JUNE 14

8:00 A.M. — ALL Games — Men's Waterball, Ladies Bucket Brigade, Ladies Waterball, Men's Bucket Brigade and Hose Replacement Contest for Men. (to take place on the North side of the Courthouse)
 3:00 P.M. — Parade

Women's Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. — Registration at the Elks Lodge, one block directly north of fire station
 1:00 P.M. — Miss Flame Contest (Final Judging): At The Holiday Inn
 4:00 P.M. — State Officers Meeting: At The Holiday Inn
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FRIDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. — Registration at the Elks Lodge, one block directly north of fire station
 8:30 A.M. — General Business Meeting-Koffee Klutch: At The American Legion
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CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

Hose Replacing Contest Bucket Brigade Water Ball Contest

..... Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests: Water Ball, Hose Replacement, Bucket Brigade, at Warsaw, Indiana on Saturday, June 14, 1975. An entry fee of \$5.00 for entry in each contest not to exceed two (2) teams from one department. The \$5.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

Signed
 Chief or Secretary

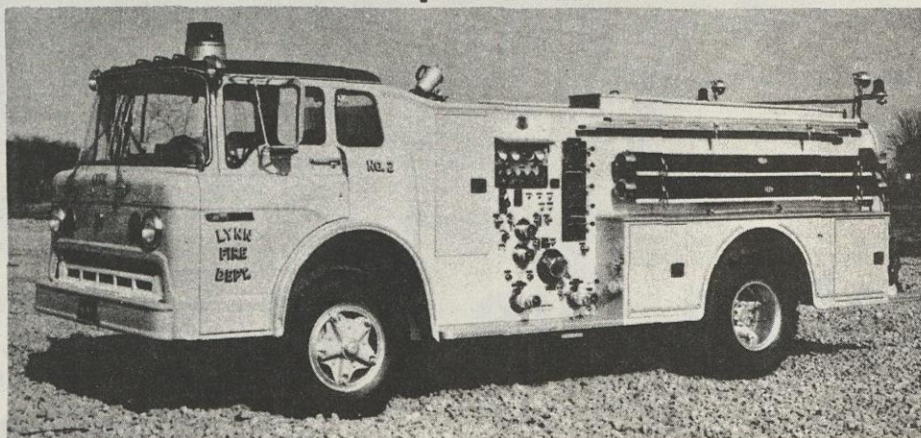


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