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Convention Plans Completed

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Jim Baker

There is a time when all good things must come to an end. My term as President of one of the finest fire organizations is about to come to the end.

It has been a very enjoyable two years and I have met some of the most enjoyable people in the world. I do not believe there is a harder working bunch, for a common cause, anywhere in the country. Anyone working on a volunteer basis will put more time and more work into an effort to come to a common goal.

I have made many friends in the last two years whom I will cherish the rest of my life. Never did I go anywhere that I was not received with royalty. You are a great bunch of people.

The I.V.F.A. is a strong and growing organization and it should be kept that way. The officers that have served before me have done a great job and I hope that the people who follow me will do an equal job. I am more than proud to have a very small part in the betterment of such a dedicated group working for a common cause.

We, as a group, have come a long way in the last few years and I would like to see the I.V.F.A. keep growing in the future. I would not be one to single just a few people out because I think that every one involved has had a great input into the growth and well being of the I.V.F.A.

I would like to thank all of the

committees for their performance and their help in helping us to grow. All of the officers and all of the district chairmen, I would like to thank them also.

There are many people who have not had the opportunity to be State officers, but have worked locally, and should not be forgotten. By working together we can and are one of the greatest organizations in the country.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who has made my job a little easier. Thank you.

Secretary's Report



Jack Ford
I.V.F.A. Secretary

Members of IVFA:

The business of the office has already began to pick up with the new year approaching and the dues are coming in in a rather steady stream. This is good because it will take the pressure off during the summer months when everyone is sending them in and the back log just keeps building up. The magic number a few months ago was 15,000 and now it could easily reach the 16,000 mark. This, again, points out that everyone is doing something right and the IVFA has benefits which all volunteers can enjoy. The work of all members to reach this goal is to be commended, and I do mean all, because no one two or more persons could do that good on as big a job.

We are also getting ready for

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1977

- 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. — REGISTRATION (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)
- 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. — APPARATUS DISPLAY (Howard Johnson Motor Lodge)
- 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. — MISS FLAME JUDGING (Howard Johnson Motor Lodge)
- 3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. — STATE OFFICERS MEETING (Holiday Inn - Men and Women)
- 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. — BEER & WEINER PICNIC (Howard Johnson Motor Lodge)
- 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. — STATE OFFICERS BANQUET (Holiday Inn)
- 8:00 P.M. — JOINT CONVENTION OPENING (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977

- 7:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. — REGISTRATION (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)
- 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. — APPARATUS DISPLAY (Howard Johnson Motor Lodge)
- 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. — BUSINESS SESSIONS (Terre Haute South Vigo High School - Men & Women)
- 11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. — MEMORIAL SERVICE (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)
- 11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. — LUNCH (Place of Your Choice)
- 1:00 P.M. — BUSINESS SESSION RECONVENE (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)
- 7:00 P.M. — CONVENTION '77 BANQUET & DANCE (Hulman Civic University Center)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1977

- 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. — '77 PARADE (Downtown Terre Haute)
- 11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. — PARADE TROPHY PRESENTATION (Gilbert Park, 14th & Wabash Avenue)
- 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. — GAMES REGISTRATION (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)
- 12:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. — GAMES COMPETITION (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)
- 5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. — GAMES TROPHY PRESENTATION & DOE DOLL DRAWING (Terre Haute South Vigo High School)

Honey Creek's History of Dedication To Community Service



In 1973 fire service was being provided to this area by contract with the City of Terre Haute. The Township was growing with small clusters of homes dotted here and there all over the entire area. Additional service was needed for these people. The city would need more money to provide service. After receiving the citizens' vote, the question was not, should we start a volunteer fire department, but, where do we start?

Eight busy months began in April with solicited funds. Trucks and equipment were ordered and applications accepted for firemen.

The fire house was built on the sight of the former Honey Creek High School (The Home of the Honey Creek Bees). This name was adopted and they are known as the "Fire Fighting Bees."

The Auxiliary needs no separate history for they have been a part of this working team from the beginning. Detail work doesn't show on a statistic sheet but someone has to type, telephone, run errands and serve food, as well as check on unfinished home projects as the firemen hurry out the door.

Every project must have a few

obstacles. The main pumper and part of the equipment did not arrive on time. On January 1, 1974, the Honey Creek Township Volunteer Firefighters officially began service with a new tank truck, a borrowed pumper truck and a few borrowed fire coats. Fortunately, a portion of the hats, boots and gloves had arrived.

From these humble beginnings the Honey Creek Volunteers have grown. They now have five trucks (3 pumpers, a tank truck, and an equipment truck) manned by 30 trained, fully equipped firemen

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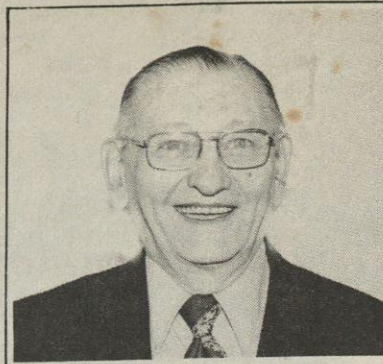
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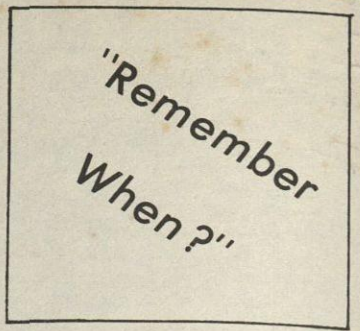
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Purpose — To present some interesting past events of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.



CHAPTER NO. 8 - SINCE 1971 - HISTORY BOOK

At this writing we have attempted to bring our recordings up to: "Warsaw will Jive in '75"; at which time John R. Ladd and the boys at Warsaw proceeded to entertain the delegates and visitors again. We say this in all sincerity because 14 years before 1975, namely on June 1, 2, and 3 in 1961, we were there and in line with our policy to present some interesting past events of the "IVFA" 16 years ago the following has been recorded Re - "Warsaw" 61.

RESUME IS GIVEN ON ACTIVITIES AT THE CONVENTION HELD AT WARSAW, JUNE 1 - 3, 1961

Warsaw, the city of lakes in Kosciusko county proved to be a most congenial host for our annual convention held in that gracious city from Thursday to Saturday, June 1st to 3rd, 1961.

John R. Ladd, Convention Chairman and all his committees consisting of volunteers from the Warsaw Dept., did a splendid job in their arrangements of the entire program which went off without a hitch. Our Ladies Auxiliary held their convention at the same time with their business meetings held in American Legion Home.

Registration of guests and delegates was held in the spacious fire station starting at 3:00 p.m. Thursday. In the evening a pre-convention meeting of state officers and district chairmen was held in the Warsaw Civic Center while the Ladies held their meeting in the fire station. Mayor Mike Hodges opened our meeting with a welcoming speech and presented the key to the city to President Ford. Following the meetings a luncheon was served where the Ladies joined in for a real get together.

On Friday morning the delegates, Ladies Auxiliary and guests attended the opening ceremonies at the Boice Theatre where they received a warm welcome by the various officials who were introduced by John R. Ladd. They included Mayor Hodges, Chief of Police, Eugene Brumfield, Sheriff of Kosciusko County, Sam Holbrook, State Fire Marshal Ira J. Anderson and others. Auxiliary President Ruth Ford spoke and introduced all her state officers.

Following the opening ceremonies, business meeting of the men was held in the theatre while the Ladies met in the Legion Home which was preceded by a Koffee Klutch with speeches of welcome by members of the local auxiliary.

Memorial services for deceased members of the volunteer fire departments who passed away since the 1960 convention, was held in the First Christian Church, combined with the Ladies Auxiliary. Our chaplain, Ivan LaFollette was in charge and assisted by local Pastors and Auxiliary Chaplain, Mrs. Thelma Lester. Senior Boy Scouts in uniform were escorts.

At the afternoon session, President Ford called on the Resolutions Committee, who gave a report on the 20 resolutions for the delegates to act on, which were adopted by the districts during the year. Eight Resolutions were adopted by the delegates with six of them being rejected, also six resolutions voted to be tabled until next convention at Greenfield. Election of State Officers was held with delegates electing the following slate for the ensuing year: President, Bernie Jostes; Vice

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**Blue Lights,
Red Lights, and
Sirens at Convention**

Convention '77 is almost upon us and everytime there is a gathering of as many people as we are expecting, a few warnings must be issued and this year is no exception.

The Indiana State Police, Terre Haute Police, and the Vigo County Sheriff have asked us to express to all convention goers their desire for everyone to have a most enjoyable time. However, they also say they will look dimly upon those who miss-use the blue lights, red lights, or sirens. Use of this emergency equipment is to be done on private property and not on the public highways and streets unless during the official line of duty or, of course, during the parade.

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If we but stop and think we can show our love for God by praise and prayers and by our love for other people. We can praise Him in the words we speak and the things we do. Even in our thought we can praise Him. We have the gift of prayer without limitation. If we have voice with which to speak to our friends and loved ones, then we can certainly talk to our heavenly Father through prayer. God hears our prayers and understands our thoughts even though sometimes we may express them feebly.

Prayer is so very important to each of us wherever we may be. I have had many requests for this poem I have read at Memorial services:

I got up early one morning
 And rushed right into the day.
 I had so much to accomplish
 That I didn't have time to pray.
 Problems came tumbling about me
 And faster, came each task.
 "Why doesn't God help me", I wondered:
 He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty
 But the day toiled on gray and bleak
 I wondered why God didn't show me:
 He did, "But you didn't seek."

I woke up early this morning
 And prayed before entering the day;
 I had so much to accomplish
 That I had to take time to pray.

We can show our love for Jesus in so many ways. Far better than material gifts that we accumulate are our gifts of loving service to those in need. God wants us to live simple, sincere lives, cultivating cheerfulness, carefulness in conversation, and a child-like trust in Him. To be sure, we cannot attain such a state in our own wisdom and power, but we can make a humble and firm resolve in that direction. We can seek all things from our Father above in the name of His Son, and through the mighty energy of His Holy Spirit.

Psalm 107

O Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way: they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses. And He lead them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

By Chaplain Lantz

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 Attending Convention

NORTHWEST I.V.F.A. FIRE SCHOOL

LaPorte County Fairgrounds
 State Highway 2 - West of LaPorte

Saturday and Sunday
 September 17 and 18, 1977

Tentative Program

7:30 A.M. — Registration
 8:30 A.M. — Announcements
 Saturday - State Fire Marshal,
 William C. Goodwin
 Sunday - Chaplain Duane Lantz
 9:00 to 12:00 — Classes
 12:00 to 1:00 — Lunch -
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 1:00 to 4:00 — Classes

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Auxiliary District 1 & 2

Full steam ahead. That's the motto for the ladies in these districts. All are busy in their local departments, but still have time for the district. At the regular March meeting we had over 100 ladies, plus 12 guests. Meeting was held at Ainsworth - Deep River fire station. Betsy Howe presided over the meeting. Events of the evening were the Miss Flame judging and auction.

Three departments were represented in District 1 Miss Flame Contest. From Liberty Township was 17 year old Mary Esserman, daughter of Bob and Bernice Esserman. A junior at Chesterton Senior High, Mary lists baby-sitting, all sports and music as some of her hobbies. Her dad is a Charter member of the Liberty department, serving now as a lieutenant.

From Munster we had 16 year old Wendy Zwolenski, she is the foster daughter of Ron and Sandy Milne. A junior at Munster High, Wendy is interested in gymnastics, scuba diving, and collects dolls.

Representing New Elliott was 16 year old Robin Howe, daughter of Bill and Betsy Howe. Robin is a Junior at Lake Central in St. John. She lists hobbies as square dancing, sewing and bike riding. Her father is fire chief in New Elliott.

Judging was by Roxie Herzog - firefighter, Ruth Boatner - scout leader, Art Wilkerson - Minister, Larry Fuglebright - FBI Agent, Michael Feryo - teacher.

Each girl told about themselves. Questions were asked by the panel of judges. After much deliberation the votes were in. Making the presentation of trophies and charms was 1976 District 1 Miss Flame, Donna Monaco from the Washington Township Fire Department. Runner ups were named, then 1977 Miss Flame District 1 was announced. Wendy Zwolenski - Munster.

Best of luck at Honey Creek, Wendy. We all will be cheering you on.

Pat and I would like to express our thanks to the girls, for caring that District 1 would be represented in the state contest.

REMEMBER WHEN (Continued from Page 2)

President, James Glaub; Secretary, Harry Fries; Treasurer, Verne D. Konopasek; Chaplain, Ivan W. LaFollette; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ray Lester. Due to a resolution adopted by the delegates, the title of State Organizer North and State Organizer, South have been changed to Public Relations Director, North and Public Relations Director, South with Robert B. Crocker elected from the North and Ralph Israel from the South. (Elsewhere in this issue is a complete list of state officers and all district chairmen for the year as well as a list of the Ladies Auxiliary officers.)

Convention committee arranged for other activities for the visitors other than delegates on Friday afternoon which included boat rides on Winona Lake, bowling at two alleys, and at the golf course. All lodges had "Open House" for the delegates and guests during entire convention which included American Legion, Loyal Order of Moose, Eagles, Elks and V.F.W.

On Friday evening a banquet was held in the spacious high school armory with over 700 present. Bert Moser, a volunteer fireman for many years on the Bluffton Dept. and serving as its chief for a decade and now educational officer out of State Fire Marshal's office, was presented the President's Trophy as "Mr. Fireman of 1961" at the banquet. His selection was made by a three member committee for his untiring efforts to help the volunteer firemen in every conceivable way to make him a better member of his department.

The entertainment at the banquet was the finest in many years, was furnished by Mizpa Temple Masquers of Fort Wayne. The several skits on their one hour show had everyone in a hilarious mood for the entire program. Following the banquet, an elaborate program of most every type of night fireworks was displayed at the Fair Grounds, given by the Star Fireworks Manufacturing Company of Danville, Illinois, the entertainment of several hundred visitors although a brief shower came near end of program. Dancing followed at the American Legion Home with the overflow crowd attending dances at several of the lodges.

Saturday brought another busy day of activities with 31 teams participating in the water ball tournament with two sets of equipment being used, which was set up on Buffalo Street between Center and Main Streets. There were 7 teams participating in hose replacement and for the first time, the Ladies were having their own water ball tournament with 7 teams entered, as follows: Columbia City, Laud, St. Joseph Twp., Union Twp., Washington Twp. (Allen County), Wayne Twp. No. 1 and Wayne Twp. No. 2 St. Joseph Twp. was the winner of this tournament. In the men's contests Centre Twp. of St. Joseph County defeated Laud in the finals with Gas City defeating St. Joseph Twp. for 3rd place. In the contests of hose replacement, Decatur finished first with LaCrosse second, Monroe 3rd and Laud 4th. Various equipment companies used their trucks for all our contests and we deeply appreciate this fine cooperation.

The day was climaxed with the largest parade ever held in our history. One of the feature attractions of most any parade are the bands and this year we were fortunate in having 17 high school bands augmented by the Indiana State Lions Club band and various uniformed units of the Mizpah Shrine Temple of St. Wayne. In addition there were many floats, fire engines of all makes and descriptions and many pieces of old equipment.

Local judges selected winners in the contest of bands, Huntertown, Class A; LaPaz, Class B; and Wanatah Class C. Classification of bands was based on number of student body in their school. In the contest of Floats, Burket Dept. with a scene of Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicking over the lantern to start that famous Chicago Fire of 1871, won 1st prize with Chamber of Commerce, Warsaw winning 1st prize as best decorated car. Considerable interest in the kids contest with New Haven V.F.A. Cadets winning 1st prize, ponies and wagon exhibit from Rochester winning 2nd prize and Boy Scouts the 3rd prize winner. For best dressed marching departments, Berne won 1st prize, Centre Twp. of St. Joseph County 2nd prize and LaPaz winner of 3rd prize, there was an abundance of old equipment in the parade making it difficult for the Judges to select the winner. However here are the five winners: Claypool, LaPaz, St. Joe, Wolf Lake and Warsaw.

Before concluding the convention story, sincere thanks are extended to the various organizations of Warsaw and a big thank you to the Warsaw Police Dept. who made everyone of us feel at home and many thanks for the Courtesy cards. And to the boys of the Warsaw Fire Dept. who did a splendid job of making our visit a most pleasant and memorable one. And the boys from nearby Winona Lake headed by Chief N. Bruce Howe, Jr. and his crew who also assisted in many activities of the convention program.

Last but not least the daily Warsaw Times-Union who gave us wonderful publicity before and during the convention.

NOTE: Your historian is not entirely up to par as yet, but seems to be regaining strength day by day; we hope to visit with you in June 1977 at our Honey Creek Convention. Thanks a million for everything.

Also to the judges for their time and effort. We're glad you had to make the decision and last but not least to the ladies of our districts for their support.

Lucky Doe Doll tickets for the state drawing at convention were given out to each department. Remember, let's sell all we can. If you need more tickets, let your chairman know.

To raise the money needed for Miss Flame expenses, we are holding auctions at district meetings. The ladies donate craft items, bake goods, house plants and such. Whatever district the meeting is in, the ladies of that district bring the items to be auctioned. This evening Pat Wisniewski, Chairman, District 2 was the auctioneer. She really does a great job. To date this was

the best ever money wise. Thanks.

Our traveling attendance trophy were given. District 1 - tie New

Chicago and New Elliott. District 2 - Lake Eliza.

We will be meeting on May 5 at Lake Eliza. This is their first time to host I.V.F.A. Auxiliary, so sure hope we have a good attendance, for I'm sure there will be a warm welcome.

Pat and I have been doing some traveling around the district, for the purpose of starting new auxiliaries. As of this printing, welcome to Morgan Township Auxiliary. The best in all your undertakings. Hope the other departments we recently visited are going by convention time.

In closing I would like to thank the ladies of my district for all their help this last year. It makes the job a lot more enjoyable when you work with friends. Be seeing you at convention, if not, then at Munster on August 4th.

Betsy Howe
 Chairman District 1

Auxiliary Officers Meeting

February 20, 1977

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary met at the Ramada Inn, Indianapolis, Indiana on Sunday, February 20, 1977. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by President Vica McGill. We were led in prayer by Chaplain Thelma Lester, followed with the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Jan Jones.

Roll call was answered by 26 officers and 5 guests.

Secretary's report was read and approved after two corrections -- one being the bee will be at the top of the convention charm -- the other being deadline for pre-registration being May 1, 1977 -- after that registration will be \$12.00 per person.

Treasurer Nickie Sunday reported:

Balance 11-21-76	\$4,931.26
Receipts	416.25
Balance	\$5,347.51
Disbursements	562.94
Balance 2-20-77	\$4,784.57

Chaplain Thelma Lester reported she had sent five get well cards, five birth congratulations, and 29 sympathy cards. We have had four deaths since November -- 11 deaths so far this year. Thelma also read correspondence she had received.

President Vica McGill read a letter from Joan Shanabarger who was vacationing in Florida. Joan had contacted our convention photographer, Mr. Riley, and he is interested in being the official convention photographer again this year -- and will take the usual convention film -- not like what was taken last year. The price will be the same as last year -- \$825.00. Approval was given for Mr. Riley to do the film.

Bills presented -- the insurance is due on the jewelry -- \$129.00. Motion by Miriam Schaeckel, seconded by Connie Pierce that this bill be paid. Motion passed.

No unfinished business.

Membership -- two new auxiliaries -- Adams No. 3 and Perrysville. Total membership to date 2686 -- 118 short of last year.

Miss Flame -- two entries submitted to date. Girls will be at the Howard Johnson Motel at Convention. Several extra activities are being planned for them.

Loretta Nulliner reported that Convention Hosts had decided on a charm of the State of Indiana with a bee at the top of the charm for the convention charm.

Doe Doll Committee -- still have plenty of tickets and everyone was reminded of the trophy that will be presented to the District selling the most tickets.

Ruth Ford reported on insurance -- a bill was presented on having municipalities pay insurance -- this bill has passed the House and is now going to the Senate -- authorizing municipalities to pay the insurance for auxiliaries aiding volunteer firemen.

There will be a table at the school and in the lobby at Howard Johnson's for selling I.V.F.A. jewelry and Doe Doll tickets.

Janet Yoder, Games Chairman, asked about individual charms again for winners this year -- along with the trophy. It was stated everyone seemed pleased with the individual charms and they will be given again this year.

No By-Law resolutions received to date -- deadline is April 1. These are to be submitted to Barbara Parker, Recording Secretary.

Carolyn McCarty, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, said she would have a meeting with her committee on May 14th in Terre Haute.

No report from Installation Committee.

No report from Auditing Committee.

New business -- Barbara Parker said she would like to do the roll call at Convention Meeting differently this year. Each District Chairman will be responsible for knowing and reporting the number of members present from each local in their District -- thus giving the report on her District. This will simplify roll call -- and will not take so long. Also to be reported will be individual members attending convention. Motion made by Mary Boyd, seconded by Inez Jeffries that roll call be handled this way. Motion passed.

Gloria Laney will be our reporter for a column in the I.V.F.A. paper entitled "Auxiliary Antics". Submit articles to Gloria things that are going on in your local auxiliaries for money making projects, various activities you are having, etc. Send these to Gloria Laney, Box 437, Crown Point, Indiana 46307.

Thelma Lester said she was interested in doing a history on the Auxiliary -- younger members don't know how the Auxiliary was started. She has an article to submit to the I.V.F.A. paper on the history of the Auxiliary. At a later date we may be able to put this in book form.

Pictures of the officers taken at the November meeting were distributed and returned. These are to be used in the Convention book.

Barbara Parker asked about making up a form to be sent to auxiliaries listing members who have been on the membership list in previous years but not on the current membership list. Motion by Connie Pierce, seconded by Thelma Lester that this be done. Motion passed.

The subject of lady firemen belonging to the men's organization and to the ladies organization at the same time was brought up. It was stated to check the By-Laws' book concerning members or associate members. "Membership" - Page 9 - Article 3.

No report on District 18 forming an auxiliary.

Joann Hays, Convention '77 Chairman for the ladies reported everything is moving along fine -- hoping to have a good, down to earth, old fashioned convention -- everything as close together as possible so you don't have to run your legs off. Loot bags will not be given out until after the close of the meeting and installation services on Friday afternoon of Convention.

Next Officers Meeting -- May 14-15 - Howard Johnson Motel - Route 41 and 70 - Terre Haute, Indiana.

Jim Bell, Convention '77 Chairman, spoke to the ladies regarding convention. The official souvenir will be a yellow and black Frisbee which will sell for \$1.00. He also stated we will be having a normal, average, everyday convention. The Officers Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn -- the Officers Banquet will be at the Holiday Inn. The Friday night banquet will be a sit down banquet at the Hulman Civic Center with a three hour dance afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams will be Parade Marshals - Mr. Williams will be the Friday night guest speaker. Everyone entering the parade on Saturday will be given some type of recognition.

District reports were read.

We were dismissed with a prayer by Chaplain, Thelma Lester.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Districts 1 & 2 -- Next meeting March 3 - Ainsworth-Deep River, District 1. Miss Flame Judging. Craft and baked goods auction planned.

District 3 -- January meeting held at Kingsbury Fire Station. 45 ladies from seven departments answered roll call. Memorial services held for Donna Brown - Springfield Township. Lincoln Township received the attendance award. Next meeting -- Kingsford Union Fire Station -- district judging of Miss Flame candidates.

District 4 -- January 27th meeting cancelled due to weather. Meeting reset for February 22nd.

District 6 -- January meeting held at Angola, Indiana with five departments present. February meeting held at Columbia City with six departments represented. Miss Flame contest to be March 17th at Grabill. White elephant sale to be held to help with Miss Flame expense.

District 7 -- January 17 meeting at Decatur -- discussion held on Miss Flame. Next meeting March 21 at which time Miss Flame for District 7 will be selected.

District 8B -- Meeting scheduled for 1-12 at Winchester cancelled. Next meeting March 9. This will be District 8B Miss Flame contest.

District 11 -- January meeting held at Perrysville. At this meeting the ladies at Perrysville formed an Auxiliary and then joined the state. March 20th meeting to be held at Pimento. Miss Flame contest will be held at this meeting. Mecca is forming a new auxiliary. Plans for convention progressing well.

District 12 -- Meeting cancelled due to weather -- reset for March 14 at Perry Township Station No. 1.

District 13 -- Meeting held 2-17 at McCordsville. Letters for Lois Boaz Memorial Award should be in by April 1st. Next meeting May 21st at Thelma Lester's in Richmond. This will be a pitch in dinner held at noon.

District 14 -- January 19th meeting -- 10 ladies representing three departments present. Trophy traveled to Jennings Township Auxiliary. Next meeting at Utica No. 1 on March 16th.

District 16 -- December 12th meeting afghan drawing. Won by Mrs. Graydon Greshan, R.R. No. 4 - Salem. January 27th meeting six members, three guests present. Miss Flame for District 16 is Nannette Loos of Hardinsburg. Next meeting March 10th at Georgetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brooks

Corresponding Secretary

Memorial Donations Aid In Purchase Of Smoke Masks



Donations and memorials in memory of Monte Robey and Larry Hooks have made possible the purchase of smoke masks for the Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department.

Velma Lancaster and Jeannie Hooks with sons Chip and Joey are being shown the masks by ZVFD Chief Gerald Higbee in the photo above.

Families and friends of the former Zionsville firemen donated the money to make the purchase possible. Both men were killed in an airplane crash about a year ago.

The MSA smoke masks are used by firemen to provide a supply of fresh air on entering smoke-filled buildings to rescue people or fight a fire.

"Due to present day materials being so toxic when burning, the Zionsville firemen appreciate receiving these life savings units," Higbee said, adding "we appreciate them all the more since Monte and Larry as firemen devoted much of their time to training and practicing first aid and rescue techniques." Both carrying cases for the masks have small metal plates attached noting, "Presented to ZVFD in memory of Hooks and Robey." (Jim Brokaw photo)

Clarksburg Tanker Has Mishap



Some bad news and some good news for Clarksburg tanker. As a result of the "Big Snow", the tanker had an accident. The good news: the tanker was not damaged heavily due to the cushion the deep snow provided.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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the hospitality of Honey Creek this coming June. The boys of Honey Creek and all the helpers have gone to great lengths to see that your stay will be most enjoyable. They, too, have set up some ground rules that we are expected to follow. These are listed in other places in the paper. It is only common sense and politeness to do as they wish, after all, we are the guests of Honey Creek.

When things get as large as the IVFA it is the certainty, as of past years, that ground rules have to be posted. It surely does not cut out the good times and the efforts they go to, to provide you with comfort and entertainment that will be more than rewarding.

Once more the activities of IVFA, through your directions and choosing of the Officers, have made great strides. All the committees have functioned very well and the efforts have been seen by all. I keep saying that it is a membership effort and that is just what I mean. How could anyone person, or even groups of people do all that is being done for the Volunteers of Indiana. Yes, it takes someone to do it but how many people are in the background to keep this person looking good. That's the Membership and they tell him when it's good and when it's bad. Any fool can stand up and do as he is told but the real brains is the backup people that do all the work and stay out of sight.

Well, that's enough of that for a while and now to the real honest truth -- Ruth and I surely thank each and everyone for your efforts in our behalf during the past year and even more than ever I am finding out just why anyone wants to be a volunteer. It's things that may not amount to much to the people who say or give them to us it means more than words can tell. This year with no exception, I have been given many times to be proud and thankful that I can class myself as a volunteer and to be more than thankful that I can associate myself with the best people on God's Green Earth, the Volunteer Firemen of Indiana.

Thanks for everything, again, and will be looking forward to seeing you at Honey Creek. Don't forget to come right up and say hello. I sure do like it even if you don't think too much of it.

See you in Honey Creek in June.

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and several associate firemen partially trained, and waiting for equipment. The Township is still growing so the fire department must continue to grow also.

This community is proud of the service their firemen are giving. There has been an average of three to four calls for help per week during this past three years. If you're counting the time these men have donated, don't forget the weekly training time. Through the able assistance of nearby volunteers in District 11, the firemen have added Convention '77 to their already busy schedule. It's hoped that those attending will find it a rewarding experience for both business and fun.

Finance is the art of passing money from hand to hand until it finally disappears.

Some people have complained that soon it will cost more to mail a letter than to make a phone call. Relax. Phone rates will go up too.

The overall economy is excellent, say the experts, but how about those of us who don't manufacture overalls?

"Did You Know?"

Silver Anniversary

1952 - 1977

Purpose — To inform new members how we humbly started and to reminisce with older members of our happy events.

Auxiliary History No. 2

Yes, here I am again. Just think as we buzz-in for 'our most fun and work combined' in June 1977 at Honey Creek, Terre Haute South, very few of us now made that great memorial day at Hartford City North in June 1952. Yes, twenty-five years ago; this is the Silver Anniversary for our Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary.

With attendance of forty-two women, who became state members from six auxiliaries and paid fifty cents each year for dues at our first convention, we grew to one hundred ninety-seven members and two guests in attendance last year at the convention at Warren Township, Indianapolis. That was only our convention attendances. The membership list has grown from forty-two members from six auxiliaries and yearly dues of fifty cents to two thousand six hundred and eighty-six memberships from one hundred and eighty auxiliaries with one dollar yearly dues, which was raised in 1975 at convention.

After 1952 convention, an officers' meeting was held at Bremen, August 10th, 1952 presided by President Mrs. Charles Ridgeway. It was voted for secretary to send cards when death occurs if and when the Secretary is notified of death. Also discussed to send charters to each new auxiliary that joined the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary.

The Constitution and By-Laws suggested were brought forth, read and discussed. Also a motion was made and passed to pay part of Officer's expenses for special meetings only (not conventions). A limit of five cents per mile and one meal when necessary was decided but officers were to share a car when possible to curb expenses. No more meetings were held until convention.

On Friday, June 19, 1953, convention was held in Rensselaer. Due to the absence of President Ridgeway and Vice-President, Mrs. Harold Moore, both from Hartford City, Mrs. Loretta Kustron, secretary, asked Mrs. Viola Rose of Cedar Lake to conduct the meeting. In old business it was decided to work hard during the year and close the charter June 30, 1954.

The charters that were planned to give each auxiliary were discussed and voted very expensive and unnecessary. Due to the small membership and lack of funds, a motion was made and carried that mileage should not be paid until they have sufficient funds for such purposes. As they stated, "After all, we are volunteers."

The next day of convention Saturday, June 20, 1953, the women met with Secretary Loretta Kustron presiding, due to absence of officers. Loretta appointed Mrs. Rose of Cedar Lake, Mrs. Willodine Pace and Mrs. Mary Foley, the two latter from Shelby to comprise as the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Said committee to make corrections and additions suggested today and present new by-laws at next convention.

Mrs. Glen (Vida) Bare from Center Township, South Bend; Mrs. Robert (Viola) Rose from Cedar Lake; and Mrs. Carl (Wanza) Harbit from Independence Hill were all nominated for President. Mrs. Bare was elected.

Mrs. Harbit of Independence Hill and Mrs. Roy Eck of Butler were nominated as 1st Vice-President with Mrs. Harbit elected. Mrs. Eck was automatically elected 2nd Vice-President.

Loretta Kustron was nominated and election immediately closed for office of secretary. Mrs. Rose likewise was elected treasurer. For office of chaplain Mrs. Robinson of Rensselaer and Mrs. Reid from Koontz Lake were nominated with majority count going to Mrs. Reid. The Board of Directors elected were Mrs. Eward from Centre Township, South Bend for one year term; Ruth Ford of Washington Township, Fort Wayne and Mrs. Glen Packard of Centre Township, South Bend held a tie vote for the two 2 year members on the Board.

Mrs. Bare, the newly elected president, asked to meet with the officers following convention meeting.

Subjects discussed and decided upon were to hold future officers' meetings same time and place as the men's organizational meetings to defray as much expense as possible for all concerned.

Officers' duties discussed; program for convention and a memorial page, honoring deceased members to be prepared by chaplain as notified — all to be added in the convention program books if men so approved. Mrs. Bare appointed Mrs. Verne Konopasek of Griffith as convention chairman for the women.

Officers met again in October and November of 1953 at the fire house at Centre Township, South Bend. Discussion was about membership drive and fund raising. The treasurer reported \$50.16— Boy! how rich. These meetings were at Mrs. Bare's local meeting place and at noon lovely family style dinners were served to all officers and guests.

Another officers meeting was held May 2, 1954 at the fire station in Clinton (Convention City) with five officers and five ladies from Clinton Auxiliary being present.

Much business was accomplished with program set-up for convention. It also was decided to raffle a doll with \$25.00 on her at the convention in order to help defray some of the expenses. So the women there made the raffle tickets to sell before and at convention. President Bare was given the idea for making money by the girls with whom she worked. It was a very short time to do the project but it certainly helped. The same project has continued each year but now - fifty dollars is given with the doll plus two more prizes of twenty-five dollars each.

Convention time arrived in Clinton, June 4th, 1954. The Clinton Auxiliary gave a very nice welcome by singing a "Welcome" song which was written and accompanied by their president Mrs. Mallie H. Marshall, as follows:

"Firemen's Auxiliary from Clinton, here we are
We want to welcome you from near and far.
We are no singers, as you may see by now
But for that, you don't give a rap
And we will get by somehow.

Gee, all you ladies, you really look so sweet,
Sure glad I came today,
And now if you will eat and drink,
And make yourself at home,
You will be so happy, we — will — say."

The Koffee Klutch was very much enjoyed for about an hour. Mrs. Marshall introduced our State President Bare and presented her with a corsage and then presented the remaining officers.

Meeting officially opened with prayer by Chaplain Reid and pledge to the flag. Mrs. Bess Wright, wife of the mayor and also a volunteer fireman, gave an interesting welcoming address by giving notations of interest about the city of Clinton after which all stood and sang "God Bless America."

Roll call was answered by 47 members. Treasurer's report gave a balance of one hundred twenty dollars. Chaplain Reid conducted an impressive memorial to honor our deceased members during the past year.

During the business the charter for the state auxiliary was to close June 30, 1954 as was previously decided. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee represented by Willodine Pace of Shelby were read and discussed each article separately. Wanza Harbit of Independence Hill moved to accept them and Ruth Ford, Washington Township, Fort Wayne, seconded it. It was carried.

Election of officers was held with Vida Bare unanimously elected to retain office as president for another year. Mrs. Pren (Ruby) Probst, now deceased, from Union Mills elected 1st Vice-President; Loretta Kustron for 2nd Vice-President; Viola Rose, secretary; Mrs. Strother Clayton, Centre Township, South Bend elected as treasurer; Mrs. Clarence Reid from Koontz Lake was retained as chaplain; and Mrs. Glen Packard from Centre Township, South Bend, Mrs. Guy Misner and Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Ford both from Washington Township, Fort Wayne were all elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Bare congratulated all the officers. Mrs. Earl Pace suggested that a formal installation of officers should take place at the close of the Convention meeting each year. It was voted on and carried. President Bare then appointed Mrs. Pace from Shelby as Installing Officer, who in turn asked Mrs. Hewitt of Koontz Lake and Mrs. Dayton Williams of Montpelier to assist her.

In other business it was decided for auxiliary to purchase a gavel and a Past-President pin for next year. Projects for raising funds were discussed and decided to again raffle a doll with twenty-five dollars on it since it was so successful with the short time in which it was done.

President Bare told about a lady in South Bend, who did lettering on shirts for bowling teams and sport activities, but had never done anything like making a large state auxiliary flag but said she would take the job. The girls were very glad to have her do it and have ready for next convention.

The chaplain then had her formal closing with the hymn "Till We Meet Again."

Officer's meeting was held in October 1954 and March 1955 both at Centre Township fire station, South Bend again with those good family style dinners.

In October 1954 Auxiliary president, Vida Bare, told the men's president, Leonard Kunzler, that the auxiliary would like to purchase a flag for the men's association and wished to know which they would prefer, American flag or a flag bearing their emblem. He promised to bring it up in the next meeting. President, Mrs. Kunzler, offered a page in their Volunteer Firemen's paper, which January 1953 was the first issue. Our thanks were extended by trying to fill the page. Mrs. Glen Packard of Centre Township, South Bend was appointed as the state auxiliary Publicity Chairman.

At the March 6, 1955 meeting, it was decided to order fifty chrome finish I.V.F.A. Auxiliary pins, which our state members could buy for two dollars.

At the May 1955 meeting a letter was read from Mrs. Reid that due to ill health she would not be able to attend the convention and fill her responsibilities as chaplain. Ruth Ford offered to substitute as chaplain for Mrs. Reid at the Rushville Convention.

Mrs. Earl Pace also notified our president that she would be unable to perform her duty as Installing officer. Catherine Fries was asked to act as installing officer, which she accepted.

This history article now has brought us up to the time when the next issue will take us chugging into the city of Rushville with a paid department, who graciously offered their city for the I.V.F.A. convention. There were only five (maybe six) Volunteer Fire Departments in the small county and only three departments (Manilla, Jackson Township and Raleigh) belonged to the state association.

One who likes to reminisce,
Thelma Lester

PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



Steve Ritter

The past few weeks have been an experience I will always remember. I attended the Fire Instructor's Conference in Memphis, Tennessee and I feel that I gained much knowledge that will be valuable to the department in the future. I listened to many National Fire Instructors and feel there are several that we should bring to our area to learn from them.

I have also taken my instructor's course and am now a member of the Indiana Instructor's Association. I am very proud of this achievement and enjoyed the two weekend classes very much.

The State Fire Marshal attended the Marion County Firemen's Association meeting and presented the Chiefs of the various departments with their people's state certifications. I am very proud of mine and wish to thank Fire Marshal William Goodwin for taking the time to give these certificates personally.

Bill, this really makes them more important. He told the people that he did not intend to just mail out something this important and that he was going to travel the state and give them out personally to every department that he could.

I also wish to share my experience at the Skill Center fire at 7601 West Washington Street with each and every one of you. I wish to thank the Good Lord for allowing myself and four others to still be here to share this ordeal. Myself, Don Yates, Mike Estridge and Jeff Wittman were caught on the canopy when we experienced either a flashover or a backdraft or something that caused a huge volume of fire in just a few seconds. The end result also caught Sharon Johns, who was on the ground fighting the fire. Unfortunately, Sharon was very severely injured from the smoke she had to eat. As of this writing, her condition is still serious.

Mike noticed some smoke in one of the windows on the second floor. There were only a few of us on the front side of the building as everyone was in the process of breaking down and putting their

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West Central Fire School Moves to New Date

West Central Fire School will move to a new month this year. It will be held at Putnam County Fairgrounds on September 24 and 25. The same school will be repeated both days so you will only need to attend one day, either Saturday or Sunday. The school is sponsored by the I.V.F.A. and the State Fire Marshal's Office. The host, once again, will be the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department. The Ladies Auxiliary will sell a noon meal at a nominal fee. The program will be printed and mailed at a later date, but please mark your calendar for either September 24 or 25.

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I.V.F.A. Officers Meeting

February 19, 1977

The regular officers meeting was called to order by President Baker at 1900 hours in the Pine room of the airport Ramada Inn at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The pledge to the flag was led by President Baker and was immediately followed by a period of silent prayer and an invocation by Chaplain Lantz.

Jim Baker asked all to get their pay vouchers completed and turned in.

Guests were introduced as follows: Wisneosky of Cedar Lake, Larry Bates and Bob Hayes from convention '77.

In the absence of the secretary the roll was taken by the recording secretary. The results are on file.

A motion was made by Wm. Howe to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Butch McGill, motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Ford read a letter he had received from the chamber of commerce of Madison, Indiana. The executive vice president of the Madison chamber of commerce put in his preliminary bid for convention '79. He stated of course this was only a feeler and that after a conference with the local fire chief and the volunteers there will probably be a formal bid sent for the IVFA to act on.

President Baker said he had plenty of correspondence to give to the group. The bulk was on happenings at the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting and related events.

Jim read excerpts from a letter asking for information about our organization. One of the questions was the name of the alternate delegate to the NVFC. Jim stated we had elected Jack Ford to this position last year and we were now in need to elect a person to fill this position.

Milan Pece nominated Jack Ford to be the alternate delegate. There being no other nominations, Jim closed the nominations and declared Jack the alternate delegate. Jim instructed Jack to fill in all the information on the questionnaire and give it back to him.

Jim gave a financial status report of the NVFC. There are 14 states to pay their dues in '76 and there was a balance of \$1,800.00 still in the treasury.

President Baker mentioned a letter from Jim Morgan, vice chairman of the NVFC, that was written to Howard McClennon, president of the International Association of Fire Fighters. In summary, Jim Morgan stated he felt that if the two organizations would pool their efforts and ideas and then present them to the National or Federal legislators, there would be more pressure exerted to get some of the bills passed needed by the fire service.

Jim then read the reply from the IAFF president in which, Mr. McClennon stated the executive board has decided that "there be no meeting between the two persons at this time."

The executive body of the NVFC then decided that in order to get what this body wanted, they would forge ahead on their own and they could get just as much accomplished acting in an unilateral direction.

Mr. Baker read a letter that tried to explain some of the complications and provisions of survivors benefits legislation that is now being discussed at the national legislative session.

Ralph Yergler asked that if this benefit were to be enacted would it replace the death benefit insurance now mandated by the state of Indiana. Jim said he couldn't give an answer at this time as the legislators were still making many changes and proposals to this bill.

Jim read a letter and questionnaire about the changes to the NVFC bylaws. The first change was to be the addition of associate membership to individual volunteer fire companies and area associations at \$25.00 per year and industrial and fire equipment manufacturers at \$100.00 per year. Associate members shall only have voting rights through their authorized state representative at the NVFC.

Mr. Baker asked if the IVFA would go along with this structure change providing that membership certificates be issued to department or area associations only and not to individual persons.

Marion Bush made a motion to have the IVFA delegate vote in favor of this proposed change with the aforementioned reservations. Seconded by Jim Parker, after some discussion the vote was in favor of the constitutional change.

Jim stated the next meeting of the NVFC would be on March 20, at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, just across the river from Cincinnati.

Vice president Jones had no report as did the secretary, Jack Ford.

Treasurer Gene Stofor gave the following report on statistics.

There are now 15,309 members on the books for the year and Jack Ford has turned in approximately 200 more to date. There have been 59 deaths since convention.

The finances for the association are as follows:

General Fund \$4,592.45; Reserve Fund \$11,235.22; Funeral Fund \$8,820.87 and Clothing Fund \$5,058.93. This leaves a capital balance of \$29,707.47 in the checking account. Adding \$86,000.00 for the certificates of deposit gives the association a net worth of \$115,707.47.

Gene said he had some outstanding checks yet and asked Paul Fairfield if he would check on the following checks: \$20.00 clothing check to Hudson written in August of '76; a \$22.00 clothing check written in November '76 to Mr. Bowlin and a \$200.00 funeral fund check written in January '76 to R. Corbett, Jr.

There is also an outstanding check to a Mr. Hoffman of District 7 written in early November '76. Ivan Nevil will check on this.

For further report on finances, Gene said the ads taker, Verne Konopasek had turned in \$3,339.50 in ads receipts since last May 31st. There has been \$59,170.10 in dues collected since last convention. The convention booklet receipts have been \$5,172.65 since last May 31st. Of this amount, \$1,318 was for last year's booklet. Also, Jack has turned in about \$3,000 more for this year's booklet. Gene also stated that the \$16,000 that was put into certificate of deposit notes last November has already drawn \$440 in interest. Chaplain Lantz again had a busy time this past quarter. Sergeant-at-Arms and recording secretary had no reports to give. The recording secretary will issue a new revised emergency call sheet with this set of minutes.

Ads taker Konopasek gave a breakdown in the amount of ads he has taken in the past couple of years: \$3,810.00 in '75 and \$3,833.00 in '76. For '77 the hope is to break all previous records.

Jack Ford stated he had failed to mention several departments who had not as yet paid their '76 - '77 dues. Bub said he had only one in his district and they said the town board couldn't legally pay it anymore and the men wouldn't pay so they are dropping out.

Charlie Jones stated the board could so pay the dues and he would send a copy of the law to the town board so they could pay and the department would again be among the association members.

Pleasant Township of 8A supposedly had sent in their dues and the district chairman is working on Richland.

Koalfax of 9A will again be contacted.

Arlington of District 10 supposedly had been paid. The district chairman has received his copy of the membership list.

East Columbus has sent in a check for \$100.00 but the membership list has been lost. It will be resubmitted.

St. Bernice said they were going to submit their membership.

Brooklyn no report.

Engles is having troubles and it is very doubtful they will return. There was no report on Hanover and Vernon. Skelton Township also had no report. There are two or three others being worked on.

Jack passed out a list of delinquent departments to those district chairmen affected.

Bob Laney expressed his thanks to those who remembered him in his recent illness. He also expressed his deep regret for not having enough material to put a paper together at this time.

Jim Baker expressed his feelings towards the paper and stated that our paper is the best in the nation and all others look up to it for leadership and showmanship. Please help Bob in getting the paper out.

Past President Ford had no report.

Public Relations N.W. Esserman stated there is a new numbering system being started by the post office and there will be some confusion for a while in getting mail delivered promptly and correctly.

He also told of the increasing number of arson fires that they suspect are connected with labor problems.

Bob stated he has had but one nomination for Mr. IVFA so far. The committee's job will be extremely easy if they don't receive any more.

Public relations N.W. Paul Fairfield stated the company that has been furnishing the grave markers had raised the price of the markers to \$14.00 each. Before he could even write back and tell them he was becoming disinterested the price had gone up another ten per cent. They also wanted \$2.00 per week to just store our dies.

However, he did have some good news. He had contacted several manufacturers and had come up with one who would make the markers for around \$8.00.

Jack stated he is nearly out of membership certificates and wanted to know if there are any changes that need to be made when the next printing is made. After many suggestions and much lengthy discussion Leon Lump made a motion that we leave the certificates as they are with no changes, seconded by Charlie Sutton, motion carried by voice vote.

Also needed soon would be some more membership forms. It was decided that any changes to be made could be discussed and made by Jack Ford and the printer, Bob Laney.

Public relations director Steve Ritter gave a short report on his business adventures.

Jim interrupted again by stating we were in need of some large decals. He asked what the pleasure of the body was. Marion Bush made a motion

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Indian Fighters Presented to Pine Twp. Fire Dept.

Meeting was held at Mrs. Gayland Richardson's on February 15, 1977. It was brought to the attention of the Auxiliary that the men could use some new Indian Fighters.

Mrs. Henry Schultz suggested that the Auxiliary should purchase these.

Mrs. Floyd O'Neil made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Vernon Jones.

A discussion followed and it was a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Schultz was appointed to buy the Indian Fighters for the men.

The fighters were officially presented to the men at the Annual Banquet held at Fassel's on Route 6 on March 26.

Submitted by, Mrs. Vernon Jones

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District Meetings

District 1 - 2

The February meeting of Districts 1 and 2 was held at Lake Hills with about 90 present from 20 departments. The program for the evening was a safety presentation by Dave Aydelotte, Chief of the Portage Fire Department.

When we convened for the March meeting at Schererville, there were 100 present from 23 departments. We were honored to have with us the Vice-President of the I.V.F.A., Mr. Charlie Jones. He made a talk on the Legislation Committee work of the Association and gave progress of work.

This meeting also had Mr. T. R. Downey giving an outline of the health and accident insurance that is presently being endorsed by the I.V.F.A., for its member departments. I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that if your department has insurance elsewhere that you look into this plan as an overall cost and what is offered. Also, if you have no health and accident insurance, that you give serious consideration to purchasing some because you are required by the state to be responsible for same. The program for the evening was presented by the Mt. Prospect Fire Department of Mr. Prospect, Illinois. This was slide presentation about fire prevention coupled with ideas on how to sell your department to the servicing community.

The April meeting was held at DeMotte with 75 present and the program was presented by the Training Center of Northern Indiana Public Service Company, with two men from the LaPorte Training Center.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18 at Wheeler and should be attended by every department. Tentatively one of the speakers for that meeting will be Mr. Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal, who will be handing out certifications to the firemen of District 1 and 2.

The Leadership and Command, and the Fire Investigation II held earlier this year, were well attended, with much knowledge to be gained by all.

The Fire Instructors course that started in District 1 and 2 in April will be continued for the next seven months. If anyone cares to go to the remainder of these courses, your only requirement is to appear.

The I.U.P.U. Fire School held in Indianapolis was well attended. There were about 75 people from 25 departments of District 1 and 2 present. I think the fire service and the I.V.F.A. owes a "Big Thanks" to the school, the Indiana Fire Instructors' Association and the Fire Marshal's Office for the time and effort put into this school.

The District 1 and 2 picnic is being planned for Lincoln Township - Thayer on the 14th of August. There will be more about this at the district meetings as the time approaches, but don't forget the date and remember this is relatively close to 'Bare County' and there possibly could be a hay-ride into same.

Since this is the last paper before the annual meeting, I would like to thank the departments of District 1 that I represented this past year and hope to see each department represented at Honey Creek on June 10th.

The annual meeting is a lot of fun for all who attend but remember this is where the basic structure of this organization is set, so long with all the fun, get to

the meetings and be a part of establishing the policy.

Wm. H. Howe

District 4

Cooney Tucker was at his best, when the 4th District had our three classes on fire investigation 2. Baugo Township Fire Auxiliary helped us hold our Miss Flame contest. We were honored to have at this meeting, President James Baker, Secretary John Ford and Public Relations directors, Paul Fairfield and Robert Esserman.

The 4th District meeting was held at German Township Fire Department, Station No. 1 on March 31, 1977. The district Ladies Auxiliary helped us hold our Miss Flame contest. We were honored to have at this meeting, President James Baker, Secretary John Ford and Public Relations directors, Paul Fairfield and Robert Esserman.

President Baker, Secretary Ford, Mrs. William Diedrich, County Councilman Phillip Barkley and (get this) a former Miss Texas, Dana Pletcher, acted as the judges. Miss Julie Campbell representing German Township, was picked as Miss Flame for the 4th District.

GOOD LUCK, Julie at State Convention.

Norman Crocker

District 6

On March 17th the Grabill Volunteer Fire Department was host for the 6th District meeting and "Miss Flame" contest.

The men's and women's meetings were held first and were honored with the presence of the President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Mr. Jim Baker, and his wife and mother from Greenfield, Indiana.

The "Miss Flame" contest was then held; consisting of three girls representing three departments.

They were Miss Kelly Sheelan from the Hometown Fire Department, Miss Mary Zuber from Adam's Township No. 2, and Miss Dorene Wagner from the Grabill Fire Department.

We were privileged to have as our judges: Dr. Daryl Yost, Pastor Doug Barcalow, and Mr. Herb Meyer.

The girls were judged on appearance, community involvement, and their thoughts about the involvement of their Volunteer Fire Department.

Miss Dorene Wagner was then named "Miss Flame" with Mary Zuber being her alternate.

Dorene and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wagner of Grabill, will attend the IVFA Convention which will be held at Terre Haute, Indiana on June 9, 10, and 11.

Dorene was awarded a beautiful corsage, tiara, ribbon, and plaque. Chief Wilmer Delagrange presented Dorene with money to help out with her expenses at the convention which was donated from the 6th District Auxiliaries.

The Grabill Auxiliary served rolls and cookies, along with punch and coffee.

The 6th District Volunteer Fire Departments and Grabill Volunteer Fire Department wish Dorene much success in June.

District 11

Goodness, it's Annual Meeting (Convention) time already. This is your chance to meet with the volunteer firemen from across this great state of ours and let

your voice be heard as to the business of your State Organization. A very educational experience awaits you if you haven't attended one in the past. You and your department are a part of our organization; please do what you can to get your department represented.

The members of the District have done themselves proud. We are filling three sessions each month with men learning the very basics of firefighting and how to instruct the other men on our departments. It sure helps to have an instructor as good as "Cooney". A special thank you goes to Mr. Tucker and the State Fire Marshal for recognizing our need and being able to provide us this training.

To our District 11 Miss Flame, Tammy Johnson, we say, Congratulations!! We are all rooting for you - the best of Luck.

Our next District Meeting will be hosted by the Indiana Air National Guard at Hulman Field. This meeting will be a carry-in dinner affair with everyone responsible for their own service and bringing a covered dish. (Just like the old family reunion). This meeting will be the 17th of July and will start at 1:00 P.M. (No saluting necessary) Arrangements are being handled through Sergeant Tony Morris and Captain Bob Hall.

This year's West Central Fire School is now being planned for the 24th and 25th of September. We are all hoping it will be several degrees cooler than the last couple of years when we've had it in July. We are asking you men to sound off on what types of classes and-or subjects you want covered. Consider your needs, let us know what they are and plan to attend with us.

We are looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying the Annual Meeting with you the 9th, 10th, and 11th of June.

District 12

Hazelwood, Indiana
March 21, 1977

Meeting called to order by Chairman Al Mendel at 7:45 P.M. with 47 members present, representing 15 departments.

Opening prayer by our Chaplain Jim Bruner. Pledge to flag led by our Vice-Chairman Darryl Jenkinson.

Introduction of guests - 12th District Miss Flame, Mindy Tharpe; Phil Waggener, Division of Forestry.

Minutes of previous meeting read, also the financial report given. Both were approved.

Communications - None.
Miss Flame Committee - Don Lippincott.

Chairman thanked everyone for their help and support in making this event another success.

Training Committee - Harry Fisher and Bob Sutton stated that there is nothing of importance and that the school is still open on Saturday, April 30th, at Perry Township No. 1; also on April 24th, at South Wayne Jr. High there will be a 12th District game time at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Mendel, stated that he is still looking for a department or group of departments to host our annual picnic.

Motion by Bill Full, and seconded by Walter Full to have the 12th district annual picnic on the 3rd Sunday of August. Motion carried. Danville Park is in question.

Old Business - Question regarding H.B. 1441 was brought. It was stated that this article is in our firemen's newspaper.

Mr. I.V.F.A. recommendations must be in by April 1st. Also the Editor is wanting more news and pictures for the paper. Our paper

has all of the convention notices for '77. It was also stated that elections will be as have been in the past.

New Business - Insurance program was discussed to members present regarding the new program and that Nationwide is no longer agent to the I.V.F.A. Mr. Timothy Downey of Kokomo will be our agent after April 1.

Harry Fish, our training instructor, made an announcement regarding an instructor's school at Franklin, Indiana April 14, 15 and April 21 and 22.

There will be an I.V.F.A. West Central Fire School July 9 and 10 at Greencastle. See page 5 in the paper.

Announcements of coming events were given. On June 23, 24 and 25, Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual fish fry with fireworks and horse pulling contest.

Bellville Volunteer Fire Department will be having their fish fry May 27, 28 and 29. Mickleysville Volunteer Fire Department, fish fry June 17 and 18. Carterburgh fish fry, June 17, 18 and 19. Ben Davis Co. No. 4 fish fry, July 7, 8 and 9.

Chairman Al Mendel, asked Chief Jim Bruner to come forward and then presented him with a certificate for the Hazelwood Department for being a great host.

Mr. Phil Waggoner was introduced and he then gave his presentation regarding the matching fund for the departments, who are in the towns of less than 10,000 population. Mr. Waggoner stated that they can qualify for the 50 percent share to update equipment (not for new equipment). Also he stated that this money could be used for training programs, but an itemized list is needed. All applications for funds must be returned to the State Fire Coordinator, Division of Forestry, 613 State Office Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Convention '76 film was shown, with food prepared by the Hazelwood Auxiliary, consisting of fish and onion rings.

Next 12th District meeting will be held at Oak Park Co. No. 14, 1402 South Tibbs Avenue (Wayne Township) May 16th at 7:30 P.M. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Charles Bogden
12th District Secretary.

District 16

The 16th District had its March meeting on the 10th. Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department was the host Department.

The meeting was well attended by both our members and those of the Auxiliary.

We were pleased to have in attendance our present Miss Flame, Nannette Loos, from Hardinsburg, and our Miss Flame of last year, Angela Cambron, from Fredericksburg.

Mr. Otto Mock, training officer of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department in Jefferson County, Kentucky, presented a training film on extinguishing vehicle fires which involve large quantities of flammable liquids.

A District training committee was appointed by the chairman. Members of this committee are Duane Loos, Hardinsburg, Woodie Smith, New Albany Township, and Bill Houghton, Georgetown Township. Mr. Loos is the chairman. This committee is to investigate the desire of the District Departments and to report at the next meeting with its recommendation on beginning a regular training program.

The meeting was closed by Chaplain Donald Dennis, Livonia

Volunteer Fire Department, giving the benediction.

We are in the process of setting up an Instructor's course for the 14th and 16th Districts. All details are not complete at this time. Please publish the following information which has been finalized:

There will be an Instructor's Course held by the 14th and 16th Districts with help from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The course will be held in the Clarksville area, the location at this time is not set. It will be on the weekends of June 18, 19 and June 25 and 26. These are Saturdays and Sundays following one another.

The course will be conducted by the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association. Cost of the course is \$40.00 per person, payable in advance, and will be filled on a first come first served basis. There will be 30 hours of class and the course will meet commission standards for instructor training.

This course is open to all firefighters who wish to attend and we would like to invite them all. The class will be limited to 24 persons.

A letter will be sent to the Departments in surrounding counties. If you do not receive one or you wish to enroll sooner, contact either:

Sam Bower, Chairman 14th District, R. 1, Nabb 47147, Phone 812-293-4194; or Dick Doan, Chairman 16th District, P.O. Box 13, Hardinsburg 47125, Home 812-472-3911; Business 812-723-2642

Dick Doan, Chairman

Public Relations East Central



David G. Nulliner

Fellow firemen, spring has sprung at last. The long, cold, snowy winter is over. Now we can turn our "idle" hands to getting new training or refreshing old techniques of fire fighting.

The District Chairmen in the East Central Area and myself have been busy setting up this year's fire school at Batesville. The dates are July 30 and July 31. The schedule is a combination of working and lecture classes both days. On Saturday, a truck rodeo will be held for anyone wanting to test their driving skills. A six hour CPR class will be conducted on Sunday with the Heart Association. CPR cards issued to those passing the course.

Information may be picked up from any East Central Area District Chairman or myself. Be sure to mark July 30 and July 31, on your calendar. Let's make this the best attended East Central Fire School.

"Honey Creek" time is very near. Time to look back on the past year. I have enjoyed traveling the area, talking with other firemen, and learning how their departments work. I wish to express my appreciation for all the cooperation and help that I have received.

Hope to see all of you at Honey Creek in June.

National Volunteer Fire Council

1. WHAT IS THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL?

An organization of various State Firemen's Associations which represent and pursue the interests of the volunteer firemen and volunteer fire departments in their states. Joining together in council, they formulate unified positions in the interest of all. The National Volunteer Fire Council does not supercede the state organizations, it is the state associations meeting together.

2. WHY WAS THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL FORMED?

While other national special interest groups and segments of the fire service constituted a voice at Washington and the national level for their interests, there was no such voice for the volunteer fire service, until the National Volunteer Fire Council came upon the scene.

3. HOW DOES THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL FILL THE NEEDS?

The Volunteer Fire Service needs to be informed of pending legislation and other developments which will effect it, with the opportunity to have input into the positions to be taken in its behalf. The National Volunteer Fire Council fills this need.

4. WHAT FUNCTION DOES THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL SERVE?

The viewpoints, concerns, needs of the Volunteer Fireman and the Volunteer Fire Departments across the nation need a forum for the formulation of unified positions concerning developments at Washington and nationally. We provide that forum.

5. WHO MAY BECOME A DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL?

Any volunteer that is selected by the state organization which most represents the interests of the volunteers in that state, or a combination of state organizations may select a single delegate to the council as that state representative.

6. IS THERE A MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR A STATE DELEGATE TO THE COUNCIL?

Yes. The 50 voting delegates from the state organizations will be charged a \$300.00 membership fee each year, as that states delegate to the National Volunteer Fire Council.

7. CAN MY FIRE DEPARTMENT BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL?

Yes. Any fire department may become an associate member. The fee for associate membership is \$25.00 per year. Each department will receive a certificate, indicating they are in good standing for the year and also individual cards for their members to the National Volunteer Fire Council. They will also receive periodical news letters and questionnaires to keep them informed on national matters of interest.

8. HOW CAN MY FIRE DEPARTMENT VOTE ON ISSUES OF INTEREST?

Fire departments will have voting rights only through the state organization delegate on any issue of interest to the fire service, thus providing a unified voice for the Council.

9. SHOULD MY FIRE DEPARTMENT BELONG TO THE STATE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS THE VOLUNTEERS?

Yes, the state organization has constant contact with the fire departments in their states and can provide a flow of information to the fire departments and the National Volunteer Fire Council, thus we will have an effective voice.

10. WHY SHOULD MY FIRE DEPARTMENT BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL?

In order to provide a strong voice for the volunteers, the National Volunteer Fire Council will require a great deal of time, effort, and communications with the administration in Washington. Providing lobbyists, newsletters, questionnaires, attending meetings, contacting legislators in areas of interest to the fire service, also providing a watchdog for legislation undesirable to the fire service. This will be quite costly, therefore, since we are representing the Volunteer Fire Service, the Volunteer Fire Service should support us.

11. IS THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL PROVIDING ANY VOICE IN WASHINGTON NOW?

Yes, we have been and are involved in the following.

- We were asked to approve the site selection for the National Fire Academy.
- Had a 35 minute meeting with President Ford last October, to discuss the problems of the volunteers. (This was a first, for the volunteers.)
- Constant communication with National Fire Prevention & Control Administration.
- Appointments to the training committee of the Fire Academy and the user requirements committee, studying protective clothing.
- Provided input into the congressional enactment which provides for a \$50,000.00 death benefit to volunteer firemen killed in the line of duty.
- Monitor all legislation which effects the fire service.
- Constant communication with legislators.

12. HOW MANY FIREMEN ARE THERE IN THE UNITED STATES?

The exact count is not known. It is estimated that there are approximately 250,000 paid full time firemen and 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 volunteer and paid on call firemen. 15 percent paid and 85 percent volunteers.

13. HOW LONG HAS THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL BEEN IN EXISTENCE?

The Council was organized and formed in March of 1976. It has already become the largest fire organization in the United States. Since the Volunteer Fire Service provides fire protection to the vast majority of land area and population of the country, and its personnel constitute the vast majority of the firemen of the country, we look forward to greater participation in matters nationally which effect the fire service.

14. ARE THERE ANY OTHER TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS OPEN TO THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL?

Yes, manufacturers of commercial fire equipment, distributors, fire associated companies and suppliers who wish to support the National Volunteer Fire Council, may become sustaining members, for a cost of \$100.00 per year. They will receive a certificate to indicate that they are in good standing for each year.

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Pike Volunteer Fire Department Fund Raiser



Some of the Pike firemen recruited for waitresses and bus boys at the fund raising benefit at Perkin's Pancake House were (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Bill Madary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Smith, Byron Young, Bill Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stein, and Dave Cunningham.



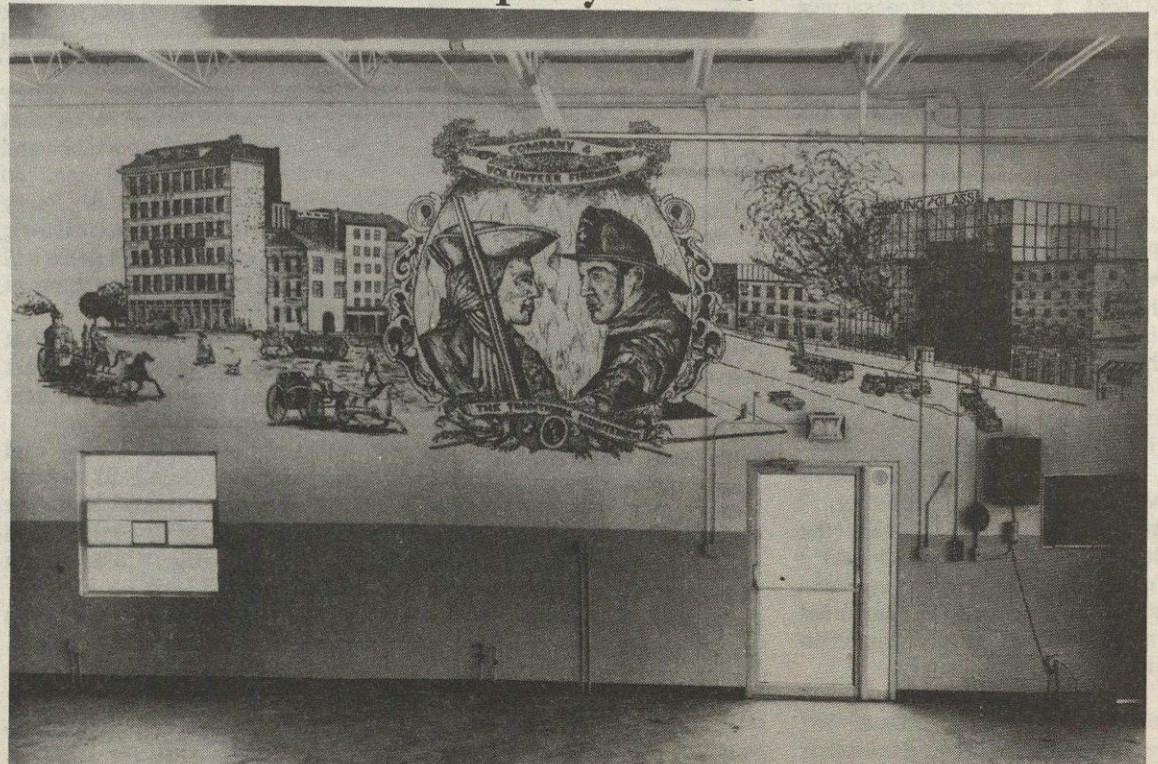
Charlie Jones offers a refill on coffee at the fireman's fund raiser



Pike fireman Bill Madary is busy waiting on tables at Perkin's Pancake House. Firemen and their wives took over the pancake house for the day and raised \$2,400 to help purchase a much needed ambulance.

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Mural In Remodeled Wayne Township Company No. 4.



This is a view of the Mural inside the remodeled Wayne Township Company No. 4. The Scene was all hand painted and is very impressive to any visitors.

Members of the Pike Volunteer Fire Department, in cooperation with Perkins Pancake House, 5501 West 86th Street, raised a total of \$2,340 Saturday, April 23, for the department's "Life Support" project.

The day-long community project was a joint effort of the firemen and their families, with the cooperation of Perkins' manager, Mrs. Ginny Yount and her staff.

Fund Over \$10,000

Funds raised will go toward the purchase of an ambulance and special equipment. The day's receipts raised the ambulance fund past the \$10,000 mark. Ambulance service is provided to residents of Pike Township at no cost.

Volunteers and their families who devoted time and effort to the pancake day sale include Dave Cunningham, Bill Dixon, Neil Dorbecker, Rich Pohlman, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Weis, and Byron Young from Station One.

From Station Two were Bill Ballard, Jim Cleek, Don Clouse, Jack Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mason and son, Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meadors, Joe Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parks and son Bret.

Representing Station Four were Mr. and Mrs. Reg Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Brock Emery, Ken Hansen, Greg King, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Madary, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stien, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tyler, and Bill Woodford.

From the fire board were Garnett Bannister, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gaston, Bill Smith, and Butch Wuensch. Floyd Bass represented the advisory board.

New Officers

New officers of the Pike Township Volunteer Department for 1977 were elected recently. They are: Bill Meadors, chief; Bill Parks, first assistant chief; Tim Faulk, second assistant chief; Charlie Jones, treasurer; Byron Young, recorder; and Ken Hansen, assistant recorder.

Company One

Dave Cunningham, captain; Mel Scott, first lieutenant; John King, second lieutenant.

Company Two

Jim Lavender, captain; Charlie Jones, first lieutenant; and Ray Bennett, second lieutenant.

Company Four

Mike Tyler, captain; Garry Dowden, first lieutenant; and Bill Madary, second lieutenant.

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From The Desk of Your President



Vica McGill

It's that time again girls, when you will soon be "Buzzin with 11" at the annual meeting held at Honey Creek (Terre Haute).

At the close of my first year as your president, I want to say it has been an interesting and enjoyable year. I want to thank the Officers, District Chairladies, and Committeewomen who made this year a success.

Thelma Lester, Butch and I enjoyed a pancake and sausage breakfast with Mecca firemen and auxiliary. They have just reorganized and joined the I.V.F.A. and are working very hard to raise money to remodel their firehouse.

I know you have all been busy with your Miss Flame contestants and from what I hear, they are all going to be winners.

I want to urge all of you to attend the convention and by all means attend our meetings on Friday. Also, let's all take the time on Friday to attend the Memorial Services. This is only one hour out of the year when we stop to remember our firemen and auxiliary members who have passed away during the year. We can all spare an hour, can't we?

Hope to see you in Honey Creek June 9, 10, and 11 and hope you have a very memorable time.

Dana Firemen's Auxiliary Honors Vica McGill

On April 12, 1977, the Dana Firemen's Auxiliary honored their own Vica McGill with a surprise dinner at a local restaurant to show her how proud they are of her. A lovely spring bouquet was given to her by the Auxiliary and a small gavel pin was presented to her by her daughter, Eula Bush. A special tribute was written by the Auxiliary Chaplain, Lois Wimsett and was read by Vica's daughter, it read as follows:

"Plaines, Georgia, boasts that the President of the United States is their own home town boy and they have every right to boast and be proud. The Dana Firemen's Auxiliary is also justly proud and boastful that the founder of our Auxiliary is now the president of the State Auxiliary".

We had to sneak in our chance to honor her because she is so modest, she would never have let us have a party just for her.

So, tonight we salute her and let her know how dear she is to us, although we don't have the words to let her know the depth of our true feelings. From her we have learned the value and the need to stand behind our Firemen. She is deeply dedicated to both the Fire Department and the Auxiliary. We marvel at her patience. The frustrations that tend to drive us up the wall never visibly bother her. She is always busy with activities but never bogged down with them for she always has time for her husband, her children, her

In Memoriam

- Selma Moon—Springfield Twp., LaPorte, Dist. 3
Hortense N. Moerman—Koontz Lake, Walkerton, Dist. 3
Myrtle McConnell—Oaklandon, Dist. 12
Angelina Bower—New Washington, Dist. 14



Thelma Lester, Chaplain



Psalm 34:4-9

"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him."

To trust is to prove God's goodness.

For years I thought I always had faith and trust, but after I have been left alone, I knew I had to make decisions alone and must value the real significance of the word trust.

Of course, all has not gone smooth but with the trust in God, love of my son and family, and all my good friends, my troubles are smaller. My trust has grown much stronger.

I wish and pray for folks who are discouraged and frustrated, perplexed and worried, to trust the Lord with their lives and problems. It has been said experience is the best teacher. Having been taught by that Great Teacher with the loss of a loved one, I know what the psalmist is saying is nothing but the truth. The Lord is a good God and I love Him from the very depths of my heart.

Dear God, help those who doubt Thy love to put their full trust in Thee. I thank Thee that Thou art a God who has never failed those whose faith rests in Thee. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

At this convention, more deceased members will be remembered in our Memorial services. I hope someone from each family of a deceased member, will be able to attend this memorial service. A rose and candle will be placed at the honored name, which can be taken by the survivor or auxiliary and given to the survivor if so desired.

Hope to see you at convention. Make yourself known to me. I do remember a lot of you but I hope we have many more new members to attend this wonderful convention, which is yours as much as ours to make the best decisions for the good of the state organization.

Your Auxiliary Chaplain,
Thelma Lester

AUXILIARY ANTICS

by Gloria Laney
Auxiliary Reporter

- GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP** — Fish Fry 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.
- WAYNE TOWNSHIP NO. 2 - Allen County** — Family picnic held at fire station Sunday, June 6.
- BAUGO TOWNSHIP, Elkhart** — Fish Fry June 18.
- HONEY CREEK** — BBQ Chicken July 9, Vigo County Fairgrounds.
- HOPE** — Bingo 2nd and 4th Friday of each month 7:30 at Fire House.
- Fish Fry and Fireman Festival July 8-9.
- DISTRICT 16** — Annual Picnic July 10 "All Day Affair" Games, Men against Women in Waterball, Greenville Park.
- NEW WASHINGTON** — Annual picnic July 15 and 16.
- DISTRICTS 1 and 2** — Picnic hosted by Lincoln Township, Thayer, August 14.
- DANA** — Firemen's Fall Festival August 25, 26 and 27. Fish fry on Friday. Homemade baked goods, snow cones, and lots of fun.
- WARD TOWNSHIP** — Dist. 8-B - Old Time Fiddlers Contest June 23, 24 & 25. Breakfast served all three mornings at Portland Fairgrounds from 5:30 to 10:00.

grandchildren, her neighbors or send a cheery card, visit the sick or lonely, swap recipes or chat over a cup of coffee. All those things tell us that a job lovingly done is a job well done.

Haven't you noticed that the folks who are nearest and dearest

to us and do the most for us, that we just take for granted and never really tell them how we appreciate them or how we feel toward them?

Well Madam President Vica, tonight we are telling you we are happy you belong to us first.

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EAST CENTRAL I.V.F.A. FIRE SCHOOL

Batesville Liberty Park — Batesville
July 30th & 31st

Registration \$2.00 (covers all activities or any part)

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1977

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. — Registration
9:00 - 10:45 A.M. — Class 1 — Drafting and Hose Layout
Cooney Tucker, I.S.F.M.T.I.
Class 2 — Long Life or Short Life - Air Mask
Wayne Twp. Fire Instructor
11:00 - 12:45 P.M. — Class 1 — Long Life or Short Life - Air Mask
Wayne Twp. Fire Instructor
Class 2 — Drafting and Hose Layout
Cooney Tucker, I.S.F.M.T.I.

12:45 P.M. — LUNCH — PLACE OF YOUR CHOICE

2:00 - 4:00 P.M. — Class 3 — Fire Investigation - Arson
Paul Bailey, Warren Twp. Fire Dept.
Arson Division

Also Available Saturday A.M. — Truck Rodeo

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1977

8:00 - 8:45 A.M. — Registration
8:45 - 9:00 A.M. — Sunday Morning Invocation
9:00 - 10:45 A.M. — Class 1 — Rescue on Ladders
Cooney Tucker, I.S.F.M.T.I.
Class 2 — Equipment & Small Tools
Carl Lucas, Training Instructor
Muncie Fire Dept.
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Carl Lucas, Training Instructor
Muncie Fire Dept.
Class 2 — Rescue on Ladders
Cooney Tucker, I.S.F.M.T.I.
12:45 P.M. — Lunch — Place of your choice
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. — Class 3 — Farm Chemicals - Pesticides
Dr. Ed McCroy,
Indiana State Chemist Office

CLOSING REMARKS CERTIFICATES

Also Available Sunday (6 hours) — C.P.R. Class Heart Association
Instructors - CPR cards will be awarded to those passing course.

1977 Held Rash of Multiple Fire Deaths

The year 1976 ended with a rash of multiple-death fires unprecedented in recent years. The worst fire of 1976 claimed 34 lives. The most costly was a \$30 million fire at a grain elevator facility.

These are among the findings in the preliminary study of the nation's fires and fire losses for 1976, reported today by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The Boston-based nonprofit organization is the center of information on fire prevention, fire protection and fire fighting, and is the source of some 230 standards and codes designed to increase fire safety in all walks of American life.

During the final two weeks of 1976, 11 multiple-death fires — those killing at least 3 persons each — claimed a total of 66 lives. The worst of these year-end fires, each with a dozen victims, occurred in a store in New York City on Dec. 22 and in a Chicago apartment house on Dec. 24. Except for a Christmas tree fire at a San Francisco Yacht club that caused 3 deaths, the remaining late-December tragedies all took place in homes and apartment buildings.

In last year's worst fire tragedy, 33 of the 88 persons aboard a 727 jet airliner, plus one person on the ground, died when the plane crashed on April 29 in Charlotte Amalie in the Virgin Islands. The aircraft overshot an airport runway, smashed into three buildings, then exploded in flames.

An arsonist who set fire to a social club in New York City's

Borough of The Bronx on Oct. 24 caused the death of 25 young adults, making this the year's worst building fire in terms of lives lost. The victims were trapped inside the second-floor dance hall when flames cut off the lone exit stairway. Only survivors were those who jumped from windows to the sidewalk below.

In another incendiary fire, on Jan. 30, victims were 24 residents of a nursing home in Chicago. All but one of those who died — mostly elderly women — were seated on wooden pews and in wheelchairs in the home's chapel when fire broke out just as a religious service ended. Toxic smoke originating in a patient's room quickly spread into the corridor and the chapel, killing many already weakened by respiratory and heart ailments.

Fire's highest price tag — \$30 million — is associated with a large terminal grain elevator and storage tank facility at Galena Park, Texas, near Houston. On Feb. 22, fire in a section of one elevator and storage building generated two grain dust explosions that killed 9 persons and almost totally destroyed major buildings at the plant including grain drying, fertilizer packing and warehouse areas.

Second most costly fire of 1976 took place April 16 when flames at an industrial center in Delaware County, Pa., destroyed space occupied by 20 business firms. Losses reached \$22 million.

Detailed studies of last year's multiple-death and large-loss fires, as well as analyses of deaths, injuries, dollar losses,

Participants in Martins Ferry Parade



(Left to right) Chief Maguire and Mayor Laslo of Martins Ferry, Captain Tom Burns, Assistant Chief Roger Johnson, Captain Mark Robertson and Fireman Matt Ahlbrand; also participating in the parade but not pictured was fireman Robert Button of the East Columbus Department.



IVFA pictured members of the East Columbus Volunteer Fire Department following the Martins, Ferry Ohio Christmas parade the East Columbus Department won the highest award in the parade, the "Mayor's Trophy" for the most outstanding unit. The entry was an 1878 hand pulled pumper that was used by the Bartholomew County Community of Jonesville during that period. The pump actually works and was pumped during the parade by the East Volunteers.

causes and occupancies of known fires of all sizes, will be completed and published by NFPA later this year. The nation averages about 12,000 lives lost annually in some 3 million fires costing an estimated \$4 billion.

Convention Committees

Credentials and Mileage

District Chairmen
5-9B-13B-17A

Nominating
District Chairmen
8B-11-16-19

Election
District Chairmen
1-7-9A-14-17B

Roll Call
District Chairmen
2-8A-13A-10-15

Resolution Committee
Paul Fairfield, Chairman
All Public Relations Men

Auditing
Crocker, Chairman
12-3-6-18

Parliamentarian
Bill Engle

Size Up — Volunteers Must Speak Out

(Reprinted from Fire Chief Magazine - Nov. Issue)

The public is aware of some of the problems of big-city paid fire departments. They learn about the financial woes of the big cities, cut-backs, strikes, and layoffs by watching TV, reading the newspapers or national news magazines.

But the largest segment of the fire service is seldom found in the headlines — the volunteers. There are many reasons for this. One has been the lack of a strong and organized voice from the volunteers of the nation.

The fire department is a local entity and should remain so. But running a fire department today requires the chief to keep in contact with events and developments on the state and national level. He needs to be aware of the federal and state programs that are available, and pending fire service legislation. But even more important right now is the influence of the volunteers on the powers that be.

Legislators and the two-year-old National Fire Prevention and Control Administration (NFPCA) will make their decisions on the feedback they get from the fire service. To develop programs for the volunteers they must know

your needs. This is especially true right now of the NFPCA. This agency is now making plans and developing programs that may help you in the future.

It is extremely difficult for a fire chief who is employed at another job to find the time to participate in activities outside the local fire department. And there is the question of travel expenses. It is rarely a question of interest or dedication, but time and money. Some chiefs manage, somehow, to participate in national conferences and meetings. I am still somewhat in awe of the volunteer chief who attends a week-long meeting, on vacation from his regular job, and often at his own expense. So it is not a question of whether or not volunteers are active, but how many.

Every volunteer chief has his own unique problems when it comes to time management and travel expenses. But there are ways to become more active that require little time and expense. Here are some suggestions:

1. Your federal and state legislators need your expertise and know-how to make legislative decisions. A letter or phone call from you may have a strong

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15. CAN I AS AN INDIVIDUAL FIREMAN JOIN THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL?

No. Due to the tremendous amount of paper work involved with individual memberships, it was decided that you may join through your local fire department only. They in turn will issue you an individual membership card. That will be provided to them by the National Volunteer Fire Council. Any individual wishing to donate to the cause of volunteers may do so.

16. HOW SOON WILL MY FIRE DEPARTMENT BE ABLE TO JOIN THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL?

Right now. Applications are being taken, certificates and cards are now being printed for distribution.

17. HOW DO I JOIN?

Send check or money order for application to the Secretary of the National Volunteer Fire Council, along with organization name and address, state organizations should name the delegate to council. Fire departments should send name of fire chief and secretary, also number of individual cards required. Manufacturers and distributors should provide name of company, address, and who to contact in the company, for mailings. Certificates will be mailed promptly.

18. IS THERE ANY ADVANTAGE TO JOINING RIGHT NOW?

In order for the National Volunteer Fire Council to provide an effective voice for the volunteers, it is to your advantage to join right now. The more organizations represented, the louder the voice of the Volunteer Fire Service will be. Remember that the wheel that squeaks the loudest gets the grease first. So let's all join now and really let the silent majority be heard. We no longer need to apologize for being volunteer firemen.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL**

Mail to — Robert Turner, Sec.
National Volunteer Fire Council
142 West River Street
Rockton, Illinois 61072

Name of Fire Department or Organization

Address

City State Zip

Name of Secretary Number of Membership Cards required

Address

City State Zip

Enclosed is our check for for
membership. amount type

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SUSTAINING MEMBER — COMMERCIAL &
MANUFACTURING — \$100.00 per year

Publication of Automatic Sprinkler Manuals Announced

The National Automatic Sprinkler and Fire Control Association has announced the publication of two new manuals: "The Guide For Sprinkler Plan Review", which sells for \$5.00, and "Architects' and Engineers' Guide To Automatic Sprinklers In Building Codes", which sells for \$20.00. "The Guide For Plan Review" is concerned with how sprinklers are to be installed and not where they are to be installed. The publication is designed to aid the "Authorities having Jurisdiction", with a step by step procedure for the review of sprinkler plans and calculations. It will serve as a text book for sprinkler seminars the NAS & FCA hope to be able to offer the fire service in Indiana during 1977-78. "The Architects' and Engineers' Guide To Automatic Sprinklers In Building Codes", is a reference manual to be used with the model codes. It spells out when, and under what conditions automatic sprinklers are required. This is especially important for the State of Indiana as they are using the Uniform Building Code. Both publications may be ordered from the NAS & FCA, P.O. Box 719, 45 Kensico Drive, Mt. Kisco, New York 10549.

WAYNE FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORS TWO MEMBERS

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Wayne Township Fire Department has honored two of their members with a new, annual award of the Woman of the Year. This year's award went to two of their members who have spent over 25 years in the department, Mary Brooks of Company No. 7 and Libby Hornocker of Wayne Company No. 5. Both ladies have held many offices in their departments over the years. They have served on several committees and both are considered everyone's "Mom".

Libby has a son, Denny, on the Indianapolis Fire Department and Mary's son, Richard Lamb, is the Chief of the Wayne Township Fire Department.

Cedar Lake Auxiliary Buys New Equipment



Cedar Lake Fire Department Auxiliary have fund raising projects such as a pancake breakfast and corn game. Their money is spent on articles for the men such as a generator. Pictured presenting one of the auxiliary's gifts to Chief Bob Eberle are Joan Tuttle and Sue Casten.

Cedar Lake Auxiliary Holds Installation



Cedar Lake Fire Department Auxiliary held their installation in April with a potluck supper. New Officers for the 1977-78 year are: Pat Wisniewski, Secretary; Darlene Sund, Vice-President; Sue Casten, President; Cindy Burke, Treasurer.

BULK PLANT HAS GASOLINE FIRE



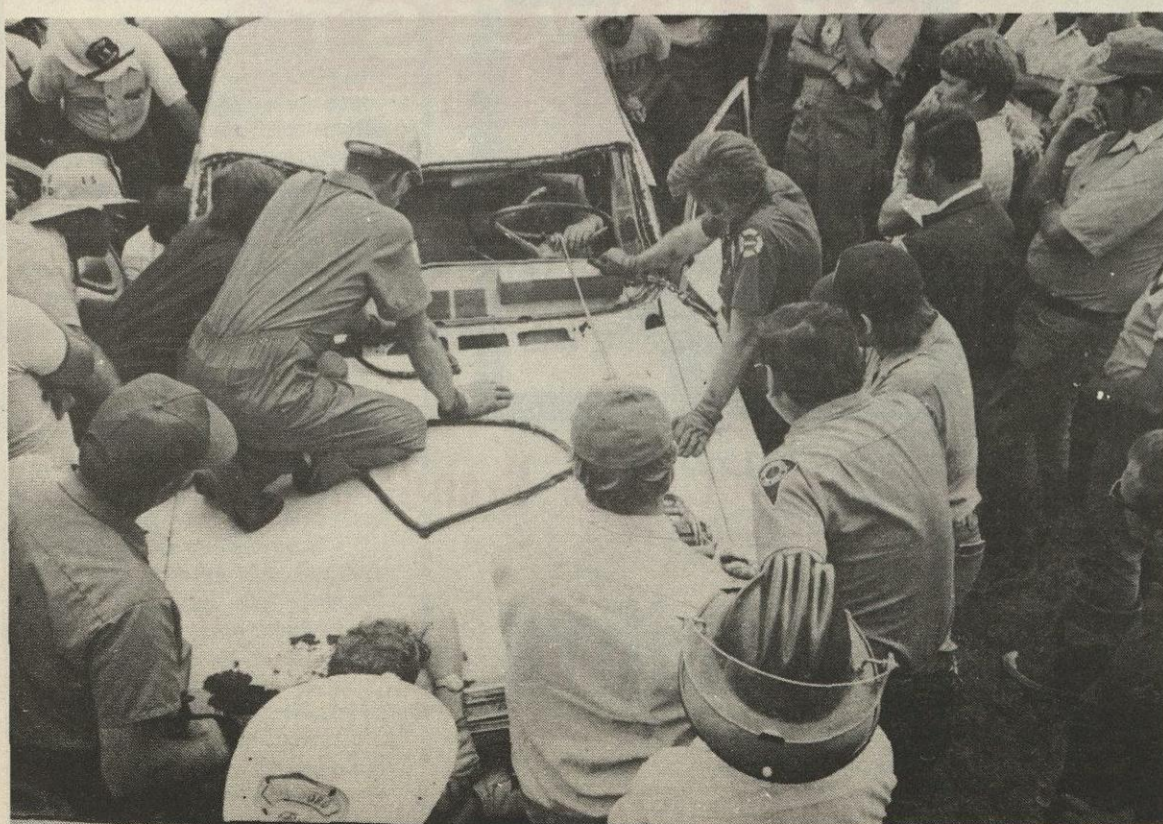
On the morning of Wednesday, April 13th, 1977 our bulk plant experienced what every petroleum dealer fears most - a gasoline fire.

Due to the prompt response and the fearless and professional action taken by the members of the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department, not only was our place of business saved from complete ruin of more than a million dollars, but also the established and thriving businesses of a nearby furniture factory and large lumber yard.

We shall always remember and honor the brave men of your outstanding Volunteer Fire Department. With much pride we feel no professional or other volunteer fire department could have responded more quickly or professionally to our need.

With deep appreciation and sincere admiration we remain,
Gratefully yours,
Uebelhor Oil Inc.

O.B. Streeper Auto Extraction Class Held at Wayne Township Fire Tower



Scene from the O. B. Streeper Auto Extraction Class that was held at the Wayne Township Fire Tower this past fall. O. B. Streeper will return to Wayne Township in June of this year for a Heavy Rescue Class. (Photo by Clyde Bristow)

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to print some more large decals, seconded by Red Morris and carried by voice vote.

Motion by Marion Bush to leave the quantity to Bob Laney to get the proper price break in the 1 to 2 thousand piece area, seconded and carried by voice vote.

Public relations director Dave Nulliner said he had been approached by a department who wanted to bring their cadets into the organization. He wanted to know the age limit for joining.

It was quickly pointed out that our bylaws make only one restriction to membership. The applicant must be a member of a volunteer fire department.

Carl Davis, public relations director S.W. said they were working on the southwest fire school and that he is calling a meeting of all southwest district chairmen right after the officers meeting this evening.

Paul Kraft was absent.

District Chairmen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8A, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17B and 19 had no reports.

District Chairman 6, Bob Shanabarger, was absent.

District Chairman 8B, Billy Sunday, invited all to come to their Miss Flame contest on March 9.

District Chairman 9B, Ed Weaver, congratulated Jim Baker for appearing in the Fire Engineering magazine.

District Chairman 17A, Bub Holscher, thanked everyone who attended the sausage feed and said they didn't feel badly about those who didn't appear because of the weather.

Marion Bush told of several schools being planned and all will be notified in time to attend.

Norm Crocker said the dues notification cards are now printed up and will be included in the convention mailing.

Marion Bush asked for the insurance committee to meet in the lobby immediately after the officers meeting is recessed.

Jim Baker announced that the meeting tomorrow will be in the Oak-Spruce room at 0930. The women will meet in the Pine room. Lunch will be served in the Maple-Elm room. The women will meet at 0900 hours tomorrow.

The balance of the business will be handled very quickly and the meeting will be turned over to the board of directors.

The meeting was recessed at 2115 hours by President Baker.

FEBRUARY 20, 1977

President Baker called the meeting to order at 0930 with Charles Jones leading the group in the pledge to the flag. Chaplain Lantz gave a stirring invocation for the day.

Jim called for any outstanding vouchers to be turned in at this time.

Jim announced the following agenda for the day: he would immediately recess the officers meeting in favor of the board meeting. This would be done so the committee on insurance which is a board committee, could present to the board its findings and recommendations to the board. Following the board meeting the officers meeting would again reconvene to finish all other business. If it should be necessary for the board to meet again they would meet immediately after the officers meeting adjourns.

Jim Baker then turned the group over to the chairman of the board, Norm Crocker, who asked that the insurance committee please advance to the head table. The committee consisted of Chairman, Marion Bush, Jr., Red Morris, Jack Ford, Charlie Jones and Norm Crocker.

Mr. Bush set the preliminaries for the insurance presentations. The committee had eliminated all other companies except the current endorsed carrier, Nationwide Insurance Company and Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services of Pennsylvania. During the presentation of their proposals, Bob McKean of Nationwide and Tim Downey of T.R.D., Inc. of Kokomo will answer any and all questions that should arise except specific prices for individual departments.

Following the dual presentation and when all questions to the two representatives have been answered, both men will be asked to leave the room and any further discussion about either proposal will be handled by the investigative board without anything further being added by either representative.

Mr. McKean was asked to present his proposal first and started by passing out printed proposals to each officer so all could follow. (A full copy of this proposal is affixed to the minutes, but not mailed to each officer).

Bob stated he is not an agent nor does he receive any commission for his services to Nationwide. He then went ahead and read the full memo from his office to the members of the board of trustees of the IVFA (again this memo is affixed).

While reading through the memo Bob came to the proposals on page 2 of his memo in paragraph 2 (b) and stated this is not quite as he would make the proposal. He stated the departments would be billed quarterly in arrears after a preliminary maintenance charge. Following the quarter the department would be asked to figure its total number of emergency calls, multiply this number by a per run rate and remit this plus the service charge for the next quarter.

Bob stated that the major change to his proposal would be the increase in age from 60 to 65 for circulatory malfunction and would be at no increase in premium cost. There were other increased in benefits, but the premium would also increase if the benefit options are taken.

As a summary of his presentation, Bob stated "We have a master policy issued to your association. Your association is our policy holder. We cannot do anything to or with that without your approval. I would think that you would want to think seriously before you would consider anything other than that.

Our competition has recommended that they issue individual policies to each participating fire department which, in my opinion, will lose you a substantial amount of control.

I would like to point one more thing and this is in the experience exhibit (this is exhibit A). You can see on that incurred claim loss ratio that because of the nature of your business, the claims experience is going to gyrate from year to year. We had one year where we had three death claims and that was a tough one. We had some years, like the current one, where we had no death claims and that really makes the difference in the thing. We can probably stand at our participation rate level, maybe about one death claim per year, but when you get two or three and hopefully get one then you can put that money aside and hold it for the time when you get two. That's what we've done.

Now if your -- Mr. Downey's last presentation to the insurance review

committee indicated that his firm and the one he's associated with gets an incentive commission, that is if the experience is below what is anticipated, an additional commission is paid to him.

Mr. McKean was cautioned by chairman Bush that the committee would handle the comparison and discussion of the other policy and that he, Mr. McKean, should hold his comments to Nationwide Insurance proposals only.

Mr. McKean asked if there were any questions. A question from the floor was "If we do use your new proposal and the new rating system is used, won't in fact the departments whose premium increases dramatically be inclined to drop out of the Nationwide plan and then the premium to the smaller departments would then increase measurably to take up the lost revenue."

Bob said he didn't think so. If the premium were to be lessened for the smaller departments and with the quarterly billing method, he felt that the smaller departments who couldn't pay the lump sum for yearly premiums would then be able to have the insurance coverage they now don't have. And yes there would be the loss of the larger departments, but this loss he felt would be offset by the increase of the number of smaller departments.

Carl Davis asked if the payments couldn't be made in advance based on the previous quarter's number of runs. Bob said he could have the billings made any way the people wanted it.

Carl also asked if it wouldn't be obvious that some departments would only list the actual service runs and not those listed or called false alarms.

Bob stated he felt they would have to depend on the IVFA to aid in keeping the departments honest in making the count of numbers and that the Insurance company would surely have to put out a list of events to be classified as runs.

In summary Bob stated he could set up the rate schedule and payment schedule to just about suit anyone who wanted the Nationwide insurance.

Next Marion Bush introduced Timothy R. Downey of T.R.D., Inc. of Kokomo, who represented "Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. of York, Pennsylvania". Tim also passed out copies of proposals to each member so all could follow his proposal presentation.

Tim stated as far as he could find out his company is in complete compliance with the laws of the state of Indiana and if it is proven differently it will be done in a court of law and not between companies. Also he stated he is paid for the work he does and does get a commission on what he sells so he must perform in order to stay in business.

Mr. Downey gave a very comprehensive report on just what he intends to accomplish as the representative of the insurance services for those who choose to use his coverage. He feels the only way to service his policy holders is to be available 24 hours a day seven days a week. This he is doing through the proposed installation of a WATTS line to his office in Kokomo.

He went on to briefly explain the differences in the three different plans as listed on the proposal sheet. Plan 1, being the bare minimum coverage as mandated by the state laws; Plan 2, being the plan for full

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SAFETY IN FIRE FIGHTING

The fire service will always have a certain amount of hazard and exposure to contend with that no other service group will experience. This does not mean that we accept this as fact and do nothing to better our position. A little instruction and a lot of practice with our equipment will eliminate a lot of the hazard we create on the fire scene. Sure, it takes a few hours of your time each month, but how much time does it take a broken bone to heal?

Last issue this article expounded the use of protective clothing. Some of us would not consider working an emergency without this gear, but what about some of the rural departments that can't afford turn-out gear? Again training and instruction. A hat and coat of any kind is better than shirtsleeves and a bare head.

How about the guy in your department that gets over excited when the alarm sounds? Is he a safe driver? Do you trust him to back you in a tight spot? If he has enough training and instructions he will overcome most of these problems.

How about the equipment on the truck? Does everyone know how to use an ax? Can everyone take an attic ladder in and set up, then fold it back without a pinched finger? Every tool or piece of equipment has the potential of an accident or injury if improperly used. Think about it. A little practice before an emergency run may mean the difference between a job well done or another casualty.

Sam Bower
Member Safety Committee

Best Wishes To
Indiana Volunteer Firemen Association
and
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coverage as provided by normal living conditions, and Plan 3, is issued for those departments who have executive people on the department who just can't live "on \$100 a week". Tim also mentioned the coverage plans for the auxiliary and stated any plan could be used regardless of which plan the men had.

Bill Goodwin asked if his plan provided full coverage to age 65. Answer: Yes on heart and circulatory malfunction only. All other health and accident coverage would be good regardless of age.

Bill also asked if the chief should "pick up some civilians off the street" would they be covered under this plan. Yes, if they were asked to perform duties as volunteers they would be covered until they were once again released by the chief. They would be covered as a member of that department.

Steve Ritter asked what the minimum age of coverage is. Tim said the youthful age enters only if the person is a member of the department and the carrier of the insurance would depend on the department to say which of the youths are actually members of the department.

A question was asked if the coverage were only valid when the person was on an emergency run. Tim said the only stipulation required was that the chief state that the person filing the claim actually was on official business for the fire department.

Norm Crocker asked both agents or representatives to make themselves available outside the room so that should any questions arise that couldn't be answered by the insurance committee, the agent would be called to provide the proper data or explanation.

Norm Crocker asked the insurance committee chairman to address the group and give his opinion and recommendations.

Marion stated that only this morning had he first heard of Nationwide's proposal to handle the billing or the fact that they had increased the heart coverage to the age of 65 years. He continued by reading and explaining the comparison sheet as listed on the reports that had been handed out to all members. (A copy of this report is attached to the permanent record minutes).

Steve Ritter told of the experiences his department has had with V.F.I.S. during the more than one year his department has been insured with this company. As far as he is concerned his vote will be with VFIS if he has a vote.

A question arose about the extra premiums necessary if more than one department is covered under a policy. Marion stated that there would be an extra maintenance charge for each location after the initial policy.

Jack Ford asked for time and continued by explaining some of the differences that were previously explained either erroneously or not completely.

Marion Bush said that this new proposal is just that, a fairly new concept in coverage benefits. It provides greater and more benefits.

A question arose as to what will be the amount that IVFA will realize from endorsing this policy. Marion said the association receipt would be ten per cent, the same as was received from Nationwide.

Wm. Engle asked for a clarification of the multiple station charge and was told there would be one master policy written for each fire department with a 25 per cent added service charge for each additional station belonging to that department.

Bill also asked for the added cost to those departments that do not belong to the IVFA. Marion explained he had no definite prices, but did see one policy that had been figured out and the non-members' premiums were more than 50 per cent higher than the members' premiums.

To answer some more questions, Marion explained the calls on the WATTS line would go directly to TRD and that office would then send out an adjuster or agent from one of the four local offices. Also, each department whose policy comes due will be contacted at least 90 days prior to expiration of their policy and will have the opportunity to switch to TRD, Inc. or go with some other carrier. If the policy is now due that will be an executive problem to be handled between TRD, Inc., Jack Ford and the affected policy holder.

Marion stated, also, that this would very much lighten the load of Jack's office as he would no longer be obligated to handle billing and

claims and each department would negotiate directly with the insurance carrier.

Norm Crocker told how the change from Nationwide to VFIS thru TRD, Inc. would affect the insurance coverage and premiums on his department. The coverage would substantially increase and the premiums would be approximately 30 per cent less. Charlie Jones also told how the premiums vs coverage would be approximately 50 per cent less for VFIS policy as compared to the proposed new policy through Nationwide.

Since it is nearly time for dinner, Norm Crocker asked for the committee report to be held till after dinner and cautioned every one not to approach either gentleman of the insurance companies with questions. We are still in executive session and he doesn't want any misconception floating around needlessly. Any questions will be directed to the insurance committee.

The session was recessed at 1144 hours with reconvening time set at 1330 so the convention committee can give its report during lunch break.

Following dinner and the convention report, Norm Crocker reconvened the board executive session at 1330 hours. He turned the meeting over to President Baker who introduced the Miss Flame '76-'77. She spoke very briefly to the group. She was very sincere in her thanks for being allowed to represent the whole state as the IVFA Miss Flame and to the 11th district who sponsored her and pushed for her being chosen as the representative of the state.

Norm Crocker again took charge of the meeting and asked the insurance committee chairman to complete the committee's work.

Marion Bush, Jr. at the request of the balance of the committee read into the records the following final report of the committee and the committee's recommendation:

"The membership of this committee is as follows: Marion Bush, Jr., chairman of district 8A; Norman Crocker, chairman of District 4; Charles "Red" Morris, chairman of District 11; Charles Jones, vice president; John Ford, secretary."

The committee has attached for your information a copy of the comparison between the existing Nationwide policy and the proposed Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services policy.

The committee met for the last time on the 19th of February, 1977 to approve this report. The following recommendations were unanimously adopted by the committee at their meeting on the 12th of February, 1977.

1. That the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association enter into an Agent of Record Agreement with Timothy R. Downey, Inc. to represent this Association's Insurance program per the attached proposal. Such agreement to become effective with the signing by the President and Secretary of this Association. It is the feeling of this committee that this will result in a far more favorable program than the current one where the District Chairman solicit fire companies to participate as TRD, Inc. will have four full time agents actively calling on fire companies. In addition TRD, Inc. intends to have a WATTS line installed with stickers for each member company's telephone. With the active full time salesmen the IVFA will realize a greater earning potential from the administrative fees charged as well as less dissatisfaction from member fire companies.

2. That a full time insurance committee be formed to oversee and supervise the insurance program, as well as work with the agents involved, for a smoother operation. Such committee to consist of three members of the Board of Directors, the Vice President and the Secretary of the IVFA.

This committee respectfully submits this report and prays that it is accepted and passed by the members of the Board of Directors for the continuing growth and progress of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association."

Marion asked president Baker to address the body concerning this proposal.

Jim expressed his deepest appreciation for the job well done by this committee and said he hoped that every committee that was appointed would attack the problem as diligently and with as much enthusiasm as these members did.

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BUZZ FOR 11 ON CHANNEL 11

The Convention '77 security team is adding a new twist to this year's convention activities. The security headquarters will be equipped with a CB base that will be manned twenty-four hours a day. Anytime while you are visiting us, if you need assistance, Buzz for the "Buzzin' Bee" base on Channel 11.

We certainly hope to use the citizens band radio to assist our visitors. However, we do request you use proper radio procedure and be courteous to others on the Channel. Basically, we will be providing directions and getting help for those who have mechanical failures or some other unexpected experience.

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT

Hi Brother Firemen and Auxiliary!

The annual meeting is nearly upon us. Are you all ready? The Convention Committee feels they are ready to give us all a good meeting and an enjoyable time. As you know, we all make mistakes and if this happens, please go to the Committee and ask for it to be corrected. It is better to join together to help correct a problem or mistake than to go away mad. Then, we can all enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends and get the most out of the business meetings.

Fire schools are starting for 1977 and I would like to encourage you to try to attend one of them. You can always learn many things. Bring your wives so they can attend the classes also.

I want to take this time to thank all the Officers and District Chairmen for their support in helping me set up a complete inventory of all the I.V.F.A. supplies. We still have a few more problems to work out.

Again, I want to invite you all to the Annual Convention at Honey Creek. See you all there. Drive careful.

Charles "Butch" McGill
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McGill Party (Continued from Page 9)



Vica with her lovely spring bouquet. Also Thelma Lester and other Auxiliary ladies.

We are so very proud you are President of the State Auxiliary and we thank you for all you have done in our behalf. We love you very much.

We are even going to be better Auxiliary members because of your faithfulness and good example. We are even looking forward to the time you will be our National President.

Above all, she's the greatest, she's my Mom!"

Those attending were: Thelma Lester, IVFA Auxiliary Chaplain; Marsha Nickels, President; Madge Thorne, Vice-president; Shiela Adams, Secretary-Treasurer; Lois Wimsett, Chaplain; Gwen Nickel; Betty Newton; Garnet Southard; Marilyn Patyon; Pat Brown; Joanne Haines; and Eula Bush. Also Butch McGill, whose duty it was to get her there, was allowed to stay and enjoy the party.

**Public Relations
Northeast**



Paul W. Fairfield

It has been a long hard winter, but now with our April showers and warming temperatures, I believe that spring has finally arrived. It's a relief not to have to fight the elements, shovel snow, and get out in the frigid weather. Like spring, our certification program took a long time to get here, but patience and perseverance finally won out, and our volunteers have gained the status of "first class firemen." I would like to congratulate all those firemen in the State for getting their certification certificates and the patches. This is a fine step ahead to a better trained fire service in Indiana.

Special "thanks" to Fire Marshal Goodwin, Charlie Jones and all the rest of the officers in the I.V.F.A. for making this possible. It is my sincere hope that all future volunteers will follow this example and carry on with a bigger and better effort to make our volunteer group even more noteworthy.

I am certainly glad to hear our former State Treasurer for many years, Verne Konopasek is recovering nicely from his recent illness. Also, our old friend, Jim Mason, has just returned home after undergoing surgery in the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Good luck to the both of you. We all miss you.

Coming up very soon will be our State Convention at Honey Creek at Terre Haute. The firemen and their auxiliaries are working very hard to make this convention a fine one at a minimum of cost to the Association. I certainly hope you all plan to be there, and I especially ask that you attend all the business sessions in addition to the fun side of the convention - after all - that's what it's all about.

Our fire school for the Northeast part of the State will be held Saturday, September 24, at New Paris, Indiana, just a short distance north of Warsaw. I would

like to invite all the firemen in the area to attend this fire school. We hope to have some interesting and informative classes - something that should interest every one.

May I give a little reminder to all firemen. Please remove association emblems from windshield and rear windows when trading autos. We have found that firemen even leave old blue lights on cars when making a trade. It came to our attention some time ago, that one particular vehicle, whose owner was not a fireman, carried the old blue light for over a year. Let's be more careful about checking these items on our cars.

Well, enjoy the spring, take care, and I'll look forward to seeing all of you at our convention in June.

**1977 CONVENTION
SET TO GO!**

Jim Bell, Chairman of Convention '77, says all signs are go for June 9th! The steering committee and many others have been working diligently to insure your stay in Honey Creek Township will be most beneficial and enjoyable.

The only major change thus far has been the switch of the parade and games competition. The Terre Haute Downtown Business Association and the Terre Haute Police Department requested that the '77 Parade be moved from the afternoon to the morning of Saturday, June 11. After gathering all the facts, the steering committee decided that that would be the best move and have scheduled the parade for nine o'clock in the morning. This means the games competition was moved to begin promptly at 12:30 in the afternoon. The parade trophy presentation and the doe doll drawing will be held immediately following completion of the games competition.

The reservation committee is awaiting the arrival of the final reservations. There are still some accommodations available, however, convention center is full to the brim at this time.

Remember, registration is now \$12.00 per person and everyone must be registered to receive banquet and dance tickets. These tickets will not be available for sale.

The steering committee reminds everyone to drive carefully while coming to Convention '77. When you arrive, if you need directions, Buzz for the "Buzzin' Bee" base on Channel 11 and some helpful soul will try to get you headed in the right direction.

See you all June 9th.

Ridgeville's Pride



Purchased by the town of Ridgeville in 1926, this 1925 fire truck was restored by the Volunteer Fire Department. It is an American LaFrance soda-acid unit on a Brockway Torpedo chassis and was used until the late 1940's. It was restored as closely to original condition as possible, including kerosene lanterns, brass bell and nozzles and 30-foot extension ladder. The truck was completely dismantled, sanded, primed and reassembled with loving care.

All this was accomplished by members of the Department, using donations of money and material from business men, individuals, civic groups, the Firemen's Auxiliary, and from their own treasury. Members estimate they have approximately \$1,391.00 and about 400 hours of labor in this project. The truck was driven in several parades last year, and members have recently purchased a trailer in hopes of showing it more this year.

The members are also proud of several recent purchases made by the Department. They have obtained a base and three mobile fire radios which they find very valuable in their service. Just purchased are a 1,100 gallon dump tank, target saw, and a foam nozzle. All of these items were purchased with federal revenue funds donated by the townships under their fire protection service.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank all my friends in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for their prayers, cards, flowers, and thoughtfulness.

Your visits with me while in the hospital and at home were very welcome and helped in my recovery.

Thank you again and I hope to see you soon at Convention.
Verne Konopasek

**Pierce Pumper in Service at Farmland
Volunteer Fire Department**



The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department recently placed into service a new Pierce-Pumper with a C-900 Ford Cab-Over Chassis. It has a 1000 G.P.M. pump.

Farmland also operates another pumper, 1000 gallon tanker and a 3/4 ton 4-Wheel Drive Rescue Truck.



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Public Relations WC

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 equipment up. We thought we were done and had won the battle. The Chief asked for a pike pole and water extinguisher as he thought we had a small hot spot upstairs. Mike said he needed a 1½ inch line. I was standing close to Engine 5 on Washington Street and pulled the 1½ inch line off the side of the engine and took it up the ladder to the west end of the building; the hose wasn't long enough and we had to add a section to it. In this short time, the four of us were surrounded by flame and dark, black, choking smoke. I told the men to get down or we were going to get burned. We crawled toward the east end of the canopy to get away from the flame, but it had already beat us there. The smoke was so thick that I could not see the ground. The Chief was doing the best he could in trying to get a ladder to us for we were cut off from the one we came up on. He was also trying to cool us with a second 1½ inch line from Engine 5.

Somehow, Wittman had managed to get to the west end of the canopy and had jumped off. In doing so, he broke his left arm. Mike somehow managed to crawl along the ledge and find the ladder we had come up on and went down it. In the meantime, Yates and myself were using the 1½ inch hose I had taken up originally to try and keep the fire off of us and were also breathing what oxygen was around the edge of the hose stream. The smoke was getting worse and we were both just about ready to bail off into the black smoke, not knowing what was down there. About this time, I heard a ladder hit the side of the canopy, but I could not see it. I reached out and felt it. Then I sent Yates down and I went down right behind him. When we got to the ground, the smoke was as bad as it was on the second level.

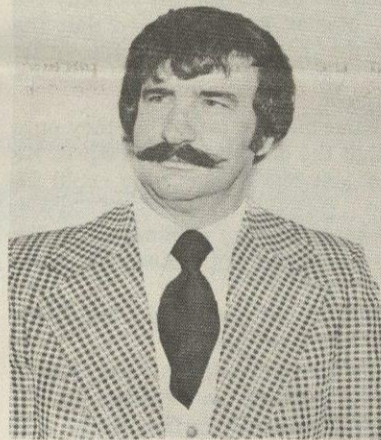
This is where Sharon Johns received her injury. I lost Yates at this time for he went to the east and I went straight ahead and collapsed in the field behind Engine 5. I lay there gasping for breath for a few minutes, but the air wasn't much better where I was, which was at least 200 feet from the fire. I finally regained some of my strength and tried two times to tell someone by the portable radio where I was, but each time I was over ridden by the apparatus on the scene, for these few minutes were quite "hairy", to say the least.

I heard the Chief say, send two ambulances as there were four injured firefighters. About this time, Morris Shoaf found me and I remember him asking if I was OK. I don't remember what I said. I do remember someone giving me some oxygen. I then regained some of my senses. I remember the Chief saying "go to the hospital". I remember my arms feeling like my blood was crawling in my veins and my head felt like it was going to explode from a severe headache. We all four got into Ambulance 8 and went to I.U. After a thorough examination, Yates and myself were released and Jeff was put in a cast. Sharon was kept, for her condition was not good. Mike Estridge didn't go to the hospital, he felt he was OK.

In listening to the tapes after the fire was finally out, it looks like the four of us were on that canopy for about three to four minutes after the second fire engulfed us. I think I can speak for the other three, in that this was the longest three minutes ever spent anywhere. As for Sharon, I am sure she will never forget 7601 West Washington.

In closing, I wish to thank Mike Estridge, Dick Lamb and anyone else who I missed who helped us to survive this experience. For without all of you sticking to your job in a very scary situation, we either would have been hurt more seriously or worse yet, burned to death. I know this sounds very grim, but I honestly feel this way.

Public Relations Southeast



Paul Kraft
 Hello, fellow firefighters, from the Southeastern part of the state! Since all the bad weather has left us, I have been able to get

around to the various firefighter meetings and District Meetings, to get caught up on all the latest.

On March 10, I attended the 16th District Meeting at Edwardsville, hosted by the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Dick Doan held a very informative business meeting, with the high point being the appointment of a committee to look into the possibility of setting up a district wide fire training school, on a permanent basis. Chairman Doan also has contacted the State Fire Marshal's Office about having an Instructor's School in his district. Chairman Doan then asked me to introduce the new IVFA Insurance Program to the body. After a question and answer session, the new program seemed well accepted by those present. As always the Georgetown Departments were the best of hosts, with a fine meal, served by the Auxiliary, following the meeting.

Also, on March 10th, Fire Marshal Goodwin attended the Clark County Fire Chief's Association meeting. During this meeting Mr. Goodwin presented Certification Certificates and arm patches to the various fire chiefs present, for their departments. The response to the Certification Program has been tremendous, and Mr. Goodwin's office has been working overtime to get these to you. I was sorry I could not attend this meeting due to my commitment in the 16th District, but we are always happy to have Bill down in our area.

On March 16th, I attended the 14th District Meeting which was held at Utica. Chairman Sam Bower held a brief business meeting, then introduced the new IVFA Insurance Program to the body. A question and answer session followed to make sure everyone knew the details of the new program. Again, the new program appeared to be well accepted by those departments present. Next a film "THE INTRUDER" was shown. This film dealt with home security and safety. It sure made one think more about security in the home. The Utica Auxiliary then served one of the finest meals I have eaten at a District Meeting in a long time. No wonder all those Utica firefighters look well fed. Thanks for being host to the meeting.

At my home department, McCulloch, ground has been broken for our new station on

Allison Lane in the eastern portion of our township. We have taken delivery of two new 1250 GPM pumpers. These new trucks are Pierce-Fords with Cat diesels. After testing and accepting the new apparatus, one will go to the new area, and one will stay at our original site. When the new station is completed and occupied, we will then have the distinction of being the largest fire department in Clark County. Not bad for a 15 year old, huh?

I plan to attend the 16th District Meeting on May 12, and the 14th District Meeting on May 21st. I plan to go to Honey Creek for the quarterly IVFA Officers Meeting. I hope to see a lot of you at Convention '77 in June.

Auxiliary District 11

"Buzz with 11 in '77" is finally here at long last. Hopefully you'll all come to enjoy what so many have worked so long and hard on for your benefit and entertainment.

Our District can be very proud of the eight girls who represented the departments in the Miss Flame Contest at the District Meeting in Pimento on March 20th. Representing Sandford was LeAnn King; Prairieton, Cheryl Lynn Maurer; West Terre Haute, Diana Lynn Rader; Cloverdale, Jill Ann Henson; Dana, Lori Ann Smith; Lewis Township, Carol Janine Nuckolls; Honey Creek, Tammy Johnson; and from Otter Creek I, Cynthia Lou Gorby.

The judges were hard pressed to pick a winner from one of these eight lovelies. We're very proud to have Tammy Johnson from Honey Creek represent the district at convention as our Miss Flame.

The best wishes of the district go with you, Tammy.

Red and I wish to thank our committee: Judy and Kenny Eads, West Terre Haute; Judy and Phil Langendon, Otter Creek I; Alfred Nikles and Rosie Ray, Piminto, and Miss Jill Hannum, Prairieton, our last year's Miss Flame from District 11. It's really a pleasure to work with the help we have in the district. Mary Brooks deserves a special thanks for MCing it for us. Then there's "Mrs. Super Bee" Joann Hays, who arranged the flowers.

Then there's the Pimento Department and Auxiliary who hosted the contest. Red and I are so proud to be a part of this department and thankful for the support they give us. My list could go on and on.

We'd like to welcome our newest Auxiliary in the District J.U.G.A. at Bellmore. They were presented their charter in the district meeting held at Honey Creek, May 1. Glad to have you, girls!

Not only have the Honey Creek Department and Auxiliary been buzz for convention, but hosted a delicious dinner and meeting on May 1.

Let's see if we can't fill Gloria Laney's "Auxiliary Antics" with news from District 11.

We still have a few Doe Doll tickets left in the district, so keep selling them. If you need or want more, contact me.

The next District Meeting will be July 17, and give us an opportunity to visit the Air National Guard at Hulman Field. Come, bring a covered dish, your own service, and enjoy the day with us.

See you all at Annual Meeting (Convention)!

CONTESTANT ENTRY BLANK

Hose Replacing Contest Water Ball Contest
 Bucket Brigade

Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests: Water Ball, Hose Replacement, Bucket Brigade, at Terre Haute, Indiana on Saturday, June 11, 1977. An entry fee of \$8.00 for entry in each contest. The \$8.00 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

NOTICE

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1977 to be eligible. All Departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks and accompany same with \$8.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to Robert Surber, 11053 McGregor Rd., Acton, Indiana - (317) 862-6527. Please bring your own rain gear. Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement, and Bucket Brigade. Safety measures to be enforced at contest. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 9 at Officers' meeting.

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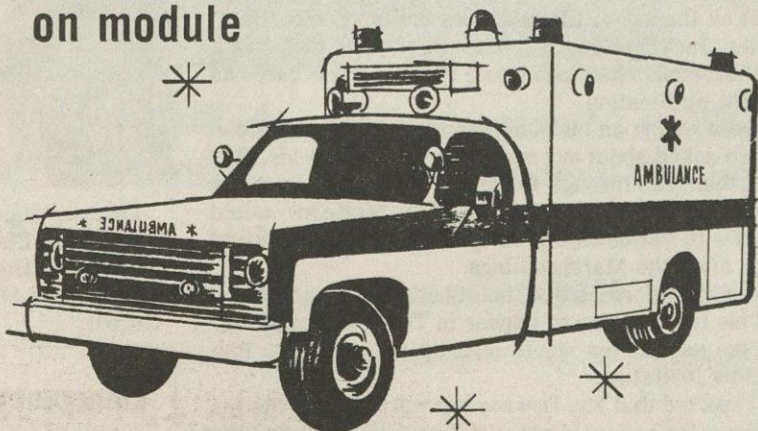
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Officers Meeting

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Norm Crocker stated he felt that the proposal of TRD, Inc. was far more superior to any other they had looked at. He felt too, that service would be better in that there would be four full time insurance men to handle all problems that should arise.

Norm also admitted they know that the A & H proposal is only "a foot in the door" for TRD, Inc. and that it is fully expected that TRD, Inc. will try to sell the individual departments a full coverage policy. However, it will be up to the buyer and the seller to make any further business deals.

Charlie Jones stated it was extremely difficult to accept the fact that we should change since the Nationwide Insurance Company literally grew up while being the carrier of IVFA insurance. However, we were looking for better coverage at an economical price and TRD, Inc. is the best as far as he is concerned. Charlie recommended we do accept TRD, Inc. as the insurance carrier.

Red Morris stated he personally knew something had to be done about the endorsed program of insurance since it was evident most small departments could not afford insurance or could no longer pay for the increasing cost of the policies they now had. He expressed his skepticism when he first started out with this committee but after much digging and studying and with the help of the other members of this committee he felt he had finally arrived at a proper decision. He knew we needed a change and as far as he was concerned the change should be to TRD, Inc. and as he and the rest of the committee felt to the best insurance proposal now available.

Jack Ford presented the following views and his recommendations. He started by giving a short synopsis of the origin of IVFA's participation in the insurance field.

It was through the efforts of McBain, Moser and Ford that anything concrete was accomplished and that effort took nearly 10 years. The only insurance company that would talk about the coverage that IVFA wanted, including heart and circulatory malfunction, was Nationwide Insurance Company, Inc. The time involved to get the final proposal consummated was some six to eight months.

That brings us down to the problem of loyalty. Loyalty to the insurance company and loyalty to the more than 15,000 members of the association. We must make up our mind which loyalty carries the most weight.

Under the Nationwide policy it is the obligation of the IVFA to handle all the administration work and this was left up to or delegated to the association secretary who under no circumstances can do all the secretary work and still handle the administrative load for the insurance company.

Jack stated that the new Nationwide proposal was in essence saying that they didn't want to assure the old and exposed people. This being the same as another policy that was submitted but rejected as being unsatisfactory.

In summation Jack stated that 15 years ago things were not going good and it was time for a change. Today things are again not going good and it is again time for a change. Nationwide has again come up with a policy that was basically the same as the old policy. Reliance has come up with a policy that is somewhat revolutionary and conceivably new. The benefits are greater and more in line with what the association wants.

Jack made the comment that everyone heard the chairman state that the committee's recommendation was unanimous.

He went on to say that he strongly hoped that the board would appoint and keep active an insurance committee for some time to come so that the association would be kept abreast of the changes in insurance coverage available. He hoped that the board would endorse the TRD, Inc. proposal but would still remain loyal to Mr. McKean as a very friendly supporter of the IVFA.

Marion Bush opened the session for any questions from the floor. He answered one query by stating that those departments who do provide ambulance service would be charged an additional 25 per cent basic service charge. When asked if Indiana's premiums would be comparable to other states, he said that proposed premiums for Indiana had been compared with the premium for a county in an eastern state and were nearly identical.

Having no further questions to come before the committee, Marion Bush, as chairman of the committee made a motion that the report and recommendation of the insurance committee be adopted. Ralph Yergler said that in light of the excellent job done and facts brought out by this committee, he would second the motion for concurrence. Norm Crocker asked for questions.

Jim Parker asked if this proposal would be implemented immediately or if there would be a time of transition. Norm stated the endorsement would be effective immediately upon the signing of the agreement between IVFA and TRD, Inc. However, no department would be expected to change carriers immediately. Changes would only be made on the anniversary of the policy then only if it was their desire to change. It would be up to each department to decide only after being contacted by a representative of the carrier.

Jack Ford corrected Norm in the statement of time. We have a contract with Nationwide and this would have to be fulfilled first. He would check with Mr. McKean to see just how long this obligation would last.

Bill Engle asked who would be on the standing committee and who would appoint them. Norm said that since the committee is a board appointment it would be up to the board chairman to appoint the committee with the approval of the board. And as he recalled, the committee recommended that the committee consist of three members of the board, the secretary, and the vice president. Also in answer to another question from Bill, it was determined that a permanent standing committee could be appointed.

Bill asked just what the ten per cent commission would consist of. Norm stated that the payment to the association for its endorsement would be ten per cent of the accident and health policies only as this was the only part of the insurance that the association was endorsing.

In answer to a question from Ralph Yergler, Norm stated the WATTS line would be used for all contacts and the home office in Kokomo would then call the area representative to make the personal contact with the insured. This line would be answered either in person or by electronic secretary 24 hours a day every day.

Norm Crocker also stated that there were still several administrative details to be worked out and that the details would be handled by the insurance committee.

A voice from the floor called for a vote on the question.

Norm stated we could use a voice vote and if it were still too close we could then go to a secret ballot. This seemed agreeable to all and Norm called for a vote. By unanimous voice vote the board of directors voted to

accept the recommendations of the insurance committee and to endorse the A & H proposal of TRD, Inc.

At this time Norm Crocker, in view of the fact that the body accepted and concurred with the insurance committee's findings and recommendations, released all members from their appointment to this committee. Also, he stated that with the board's approval he would like to appoint this same five men to be on the standing insurance committee. In answer to a question concerning the five men, Jack Ford stated that the secretary seems to be always available to help with problems and, therefore, would be a natural for this committee. The vice president should also be on this committee as he would learn the ins and outs of the insurance business so he would be better qualified to discuss and help solve problems when he should be elected as our president. The three men from the board of directors would be permanent members as long as they desire to remain members of the board.

Bill Goodwin stated at length that the only way we are going to make this new policy work is if all the district chairmen and public relations men really get out and do their job.

Jack Ford asked to be excused so he could talk to Mr. McKean and get the necessary information to aid in the transition from Nationwide to TRD, Inc. He was excused by Chairman Crocker.

A motion was made from the floor that the committee not send an individual report to each board member but that the report be put into the paper along with the minutes, seconded by Ivan Nevil and carried by a voice vote.

Wm. Howe asked if there had been a committee appointed yet. Norm stated that he had reappointed the same five persons and that since there was no "stink" raised he had assumed that the board had given its approval. There were no objections voiced at this time so the appointments stand as previously made.

Norm recessed the board meeting at 1458 to return to the regular meeting and reserved the right to reconvene the board meeting if necessary to accomplish any further board business.

President Baker reconvened the officer's meeting and asked for a report from the committee on fire prevention and safety. Norm Crocker stated the committee decided the best way to spread the news was to put an article in the paper each time on some phase of prevention and-or safety.

Charlie Jones of the legislative committee gave a short report on the accomplishments to this legislative session. They did pass a resolution to provide for the education of the children of the lower grades.

The legislators are working on a bill to make it legal for the different governments to pay the auxiliary insurance premiums.

The bill to make all firemen eligible for certification was passed by the House and is an almost certainty to pass all the way into law.

There is also a "catch all bill" one phase of which makes it unnecessary for the operator of an ambulance to have a public passenger chauffeur's license. This bill is still being worked on by the Senate.

All the results of the legislative session will be printed in the paper as it becomes available.

President Baker asked for a report from the committee to study the terms of office of the state officers. Marion Bush reported that the general consensus of the membership that replied was that the terms should remain as is. Marion also asked that the committee be released and President Baker granted this request.

For the Mr. IVFA committee, Bob Esserman restated that they only had one name submitted so far and that the deadline was in April. He was sure that there was more than just one person who could be nominated.

Bob Surber of the sports committee said the entry applications would be in the paper and that the entry fee was raised from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per team per event entered.

Mr. Baker stated that Paul Fairfield would chair the resolution's committee that consists of all six public relations men.

Vice president Jones asked that editor Laney would mail one copy of this issue of the IVFA paper to each state legislator so we would get the association name and activities in front of them. He further stated this was probably board business but he wanted to get it out for everyone to think about it.

When asked if anything had been done to appoint a committee to help handle fire training and safety programs through the Fire Marshal's office, Jim said he had asked for a meeting with the Fire Marshal's office but as yet there has not been a meeting. He felt that there probably is no one more qualified than "Cooney" Tucker to help name the people to be appointed to this committee.

Paul Fairfield asked for a report on the certification of firefighters. Charlie Jones said that as yet there hasn't been anything sent out because of lack of legislation legalizing the certification of all firefighters. However, the revised law has been submitted and been through committee. It is before the full legislature. It was reported also that Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin's office has now processed more than 5000 applications for certification and these will be mailed out just as soon as the laws are promulgated.

Jack gave his views on the use of the new dues notification cards. It was agreed that after Jack notifies all departments in the spring convention mailing, the district chairmen would use these new cards as follow-up or subsequent notification.

Secretary Ford gave a report on his conversation with Mr. McKean and Mr. Downey. When asked about our contract with Nationwide, Bob said our contract with them ran through December. However, since the billings for March were already sent out, he (Mr. McKean) would terminate our contract with Nationwide as of April 1st, 1977. There would be no further billings after the March billings.

Jack also reported he had informed Bob that it had been mandated by the body that he and his family were to appear in Terra Haute for our convention and that the association would pick up his expenses. Bob graciously accepted this invitation.

Further, Mr. Ford reported that Mr. Downey has agreed to forego his full page ad in this issue of the paper. In place of the ad Jack felt that the association should inject a full page explanation of the action taken at this meeting so the membership would know just exactly what is to come about by our change of endorsement of a different insurance carrier.

Mr. Downey agreed to run a full page ad in the convention issue of the paper. Mr. Downey also has asked Jack to furnish him with a list of all departments whose insurance is to mature so he can contact them and try to sell them on the coverage of VFIS.

In order to have the proper ad placed in this issue of the paper, Marion

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Southwest



Carl O. Davis

Just a few lines to let everyone know that we are still down in this corner of the state. Have been making as many meetings as time will permit.

Here it is time for our annual meeting and we are looking for a good turn out of delegates from all departments. This is the place that all departments can have their say as to the running of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. If your delegates are not there to vote for the wishes of your department don't fuss at the way the voting goes.

Our Southwest Fire School for 1977 is history and would like to thank each and everyone who helped in the school. We had a very good school and was well attended.

Thanks to all instructors, district chairmen, and departments of the Suburban Firemen's Association for a job well done.

The State Fire Marshal is getting the certification program off to a good start. He has delivered several of the certificates and hopes to complete the job in the near future.

As we bring to a close another year, Genevieve and I wish to thank all who have helped to make our travels over the state enjoyable to us.

Thanks to all district chairmen for the help in the past and any way that I can help you in the future just let me know. Will see you all in Terre Haute at the annual meeting in June.

6th District Miss Flame



Dorene Wagner has been chosen as the Miss Flame representative for the 6th District. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wagner of Grabill.

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(OFFICERS MEETING CONT.) (Continued from Page 16)

Bush said his insurance committee would meet after adjournment and take care of this matter.

Gene Stofer made a motion that we adopt Jack's suggestion and place this full page explanation into the paper, seconded by Sam Bower, motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Gene Stofer to adjourn and seconded by Ed Weaver. Meeting was adjourned by the president at 1528.

The regular board meeting was immediately called to order by Chairman Crocker.

Wm. Howe made a motion to dispense with all preliminaries of the meeting and get right down to business, seconded by Marion Bush, motion carried by voice vote.

In his report on the officers expenses, Ivan Nevil stated there would be a letter forthcoming to each officer, asking each to list just what expenses should be allowed for his office and any office he ever held. Also, if he had any suggestions regarding other officers expenses. The committee would try to compile a full report of the findings by the Honey Creek meeting so everyone would know just what expenses the different offices should expect the association to pay.

Billy Sunday made a motion that we pay for the purchase and mailing of the extra copies of the February issue of the association paper and send one to each legislator in the current session, seconded by Charlie Sutton, motion carried by voice vote.

Norm Crocker announced that since he will be out of the country for the May meeting, he would like to have the board's approval to appoint Leon Lump as chairman pro tem for this meeting only. Marion Bush made a motion to approve this appointment, seconded by Ed Weaver, motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Al Mendel, motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1544 by Chairman Crocker.

Respectfully submitted,
Max L. Poling
Recording Secretary

4th District Miss Flame



Miss Julie Campbell representing German Township was picked at the Miss Flame contestant for the 4th District.

Public Relations Northwest



Bob Esserman

The Fire Schools are now in progress throughout the state. I attended the State Fire School at Indianapolis, April 23rd and 24th and was happy to see the good turnout from this area of the state. There were around 100 from the NW Public Relations area. I was at the IVFA SW School at Evansville May 1st and the Noble County School May 7th for the LP Gas program and over 100 attended classes at each one.

When these schools come to your area be sure and attend. The IVFA NW School is to be at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds on September 17th and 18th. A tentative program appears elsewhere in this issue.

The quality and availability of fire training has greatly improved the last few years and I am sure a lot of the credit can go to the present State Fire Marshal for his dedication to the Fire Service in Indiana.

The recent grass fire season

took a heavy toll on manpower and equipment with some departments responding to dozens of calls a day. Lake Station (East Gary) answered nearly 100 calls during a two-day period. Porter Fire Department had three firefighters burned and a Jeep grass rig destroyed when trapped in a grass and brush fire. A Portage firefighter was overcome and seriously injured during a grass fire. Washington Township, Porter County had one of their men overcome by the heat and exhaustion of a grass and brush fire.

I was talking to Indiana State Police Detective Sgt. Tim McCarthy who, along with the other detectives of the ISP, recently attended a three-day arson seminar. If you suspect arson, don't hesitate to call the State Police for help.

I have been attending the district meetings whenever possible and the attendance has been improving at most of them but could be a lot better. Has your

department been represented at these district meetings?

Convention time is nearing and has your department picked their delegates to attend the business meetings?

See you at the convention.

Auxiliary Presented Cake in Celebration of Silver Anniversary

On Sunday, May 15, at the State Officers meeting in Terre Haute, District 11, our Convention Hosts, presented the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary with a three tiered Birthday Cake.

The cake was baked and decorated by Jo Ann Hays, Co-Chairman of the Convention. The cake was decorated with white frosting, I.V.F.A. Emblems, red roses and a redfire truck with a silver 25th anniversary on the top tier. Cake, sherbet and coffee were served after the meal.

A big THANKS to District 11 from the I.V.F.A.A.

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if death occurs within	26 weeks	26 weeks	26 weeks
WEEKLY INCOME INDEMNITY	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
payable up to	26 weeks	26 weeks	26 weeks
MEDICAL EXPENSE, maximum	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

Official Health and Accident Program



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Shonske Named Top Instructor By Fire Group

George Shonske of Hobart, supervisor of the applied fire science technology program at Indiana Vocational Technical College Northwest (Ivy Tech), Gary, has been named "Instructor of the Year" by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors.

He was presented a plaque by John J. Birdcell, Ivy Tech Northwest dean.

Shonske also coordinates Ivy Tech's statewide fire science curriculum. He served 15 years with the Gary Fire Department, retiring as a captain.

Firemen Attend Session

About 55 firemen from South Lake County volunteer fire departments attended a special two-day fire school sponsored by the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association.

Firefighters from Munster, Black Oak, Dyer, Schererville, New Elliot, Lowell, Lake Station, Merrillville, Independence Hill, Lakes of the Four Seasons and Lincoln Township-Thayer in Newton County, attended the special workshops at the Indiana University-Purdue University held in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal's Office.

THE SLEEPING GIANT

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I wear valves, gages and hoses when at work.

I wear many colors and bands to tell what tasks I perform.

I am ruthless and deadly in the hands of the careless or uninformed.

I am too frequently left standing alone on my small base - my cap removed and lost by an unthinking workman.

I am ready to be toppled over - where my naked valve can be snapped off and all my power released through an opening no larger than the diameter of a pencil.

I have been known to jet away - faster than a dragster.

I smash my way through brick walls with the greatest of ease.

I fly through the air and reach distances of half a mile or more.

I spin, ricochet, crash and slam through anything in my path.

I scoff at the puny efforts of human flesh, bone and muscle to alter my erratic course.

I can, under certain conditions, rupture or explode; you read of these exploits in the newspapers.

Indiana Instructors' Association Hold Meeting



Pictured are the Members of the Indiana Instructors' Association at their recent meeting held at the Wayne Township Training Academy.

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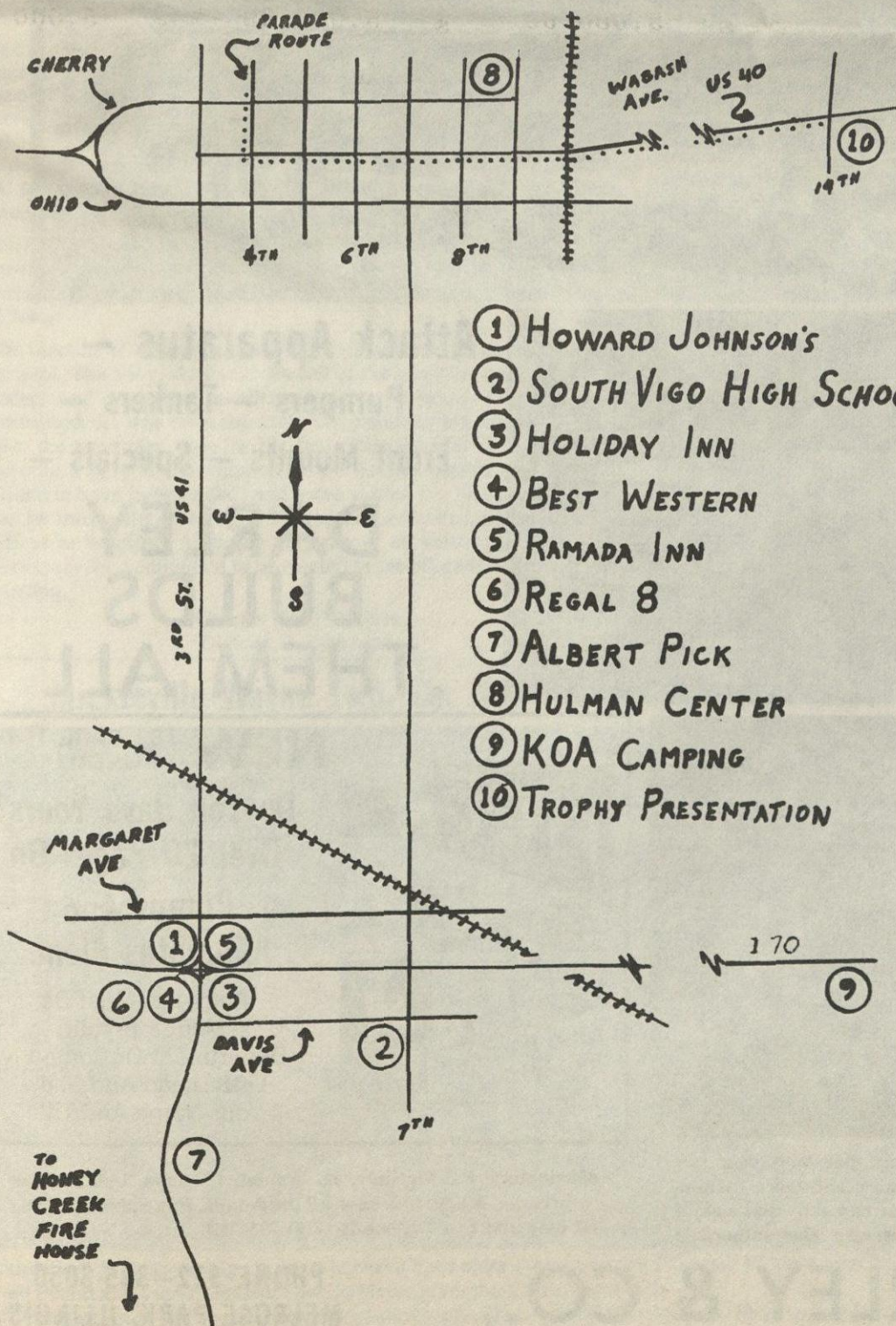
+ TREAT ME WITH RESPECT: I AM A SLEEPING GIANT.

Winner of the 12th District Miss Flame



Pictured is the Queen and runner-up for the 12th District Miss Flame Contest. Left - Sherry Jenkinson, Runner-up, from Wayne Township Company No. 4; Middle - Fire Marshal Goodwin; Right - Queen, Mindy Tharp, from Cartersburg Fire Department.

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NEW MEMBER INITIATED

Leonard Grizzle Elected to Indiana Fire Instructors' Association Board of Directors

The Indiana Fire Instructors' Association held their annual meeting on March 12th at the Wayne Township (Marion County) Fire Academy. At that meeting Leonard Grizzle, Zionsville Fire Department (former IVFA District 12

Chairman) was elected to the Association's Board of Directors as one of the two directors representing volunteer fire departments. This organization includes instructors from paid, volunteer and industrial fire departments.

The Association annually sponsors, in cooperation with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, the Indiana State Fire School. This year's fire school will be held April 23rd and 24th at Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis 38th Street campus.



Zionsville Fire Department's ERNIE ESSEX (honorary retired member) alters the tie of JOHN TRIMPE (new member) as part of new member initiation. (Photo by Jim Brokaw, Zionsville Fire Department)



(Left to right) Larry Bosell, I.F.I.A. President; Leonard Grizzle, New Board Member Rep. Volunteer Fire Department; Bill Wheat, Re-elected to Board Rep. Industrial Fire Departments; and Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal, discuss Association business after election. Photo By: Jim Brokaw, Zionsville Fire Department

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2 Indianapolis Children

Two young Westside children are alive today because a smoke alarm in their parent's house sounded the moment it detected a fire in the room where the children were, then kept sounding until firemen arrived and extinguished the blaze.

No one was injured in the blaze and fire officials say the persistent little smoke alarm in the house was the lifesaver.

Two children, six-year-old Tracy and three-year-old Jennifer, were watching television in their bedroom about 6 p.m., while their mother fixed dinner in the kitchen.

The television apparently developed an electrical short, spewing sparks all over the bedroom. The two children responded to the sparks by getting down off their bed and continued watching what was left of the TV from the floor.

Meanwhile, the smoke alarm detected the beginnings of a fire and sounded its alarm.

The bedroom in which the two girls were watching the television was the most damaged room in the house, according to the Wayne Township Fire Department, although other parts of the house also incurred severe smoke damage.

Twenty-four men and three fire engines responded to the fire alarm. Wayne Township Assistant Fire Chief Steve Ritter confirmed the fire was caused by "an electrical problem."

"That smoke alarm was practically disintegrated by the time the fire units got there, but it kept on sounding the whole time the guys worked to put the fire out," Ritter said.

"If that fire had occurred at night, the efficiency of that smoke alarm might have saved the entire family's lives," Ritter added.

The fire did \$10,000 damage to the house and \$5,000 damage to contents of the house. The frame house was valued at \$42,000.



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Pictured are two Wayne Township, Marion County, fire investigators prowling through the ruins of a garage fire to determine the origin of the fire. Left - Louie Wine Man; Right - James Foxworthy.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT CONVENTION

RESOLUTION

We the members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, of District No. 12, being duly assembled at Ben Davis Volunteer Fire Department, Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana, on July 19, 1976, there being in attendance more than five separate fire departments in good standing, present, do pass, adopt and present the following resolution for consideration of the annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to be held in June 1977 at Honey Creek, Terre Haute - To wit:

Whereas: - The Volunteer Fire Departments in the State of Indiana express concern for the safety and protection of all children throughout the State, now

BE IT RESOLVED: - That all schools be mandated to maintain close and direct communication by radio, direct telephone, or other non-interfering means, with their respective volunteer fire departments, and that such methods of communication chosen shall be approved by the Local Fire Department authority, and the State Fire Marshal.

This resolution passed and adopted by District No. 12 in Regular Meeting assembled at Ben Davis, Wayne Township, Indiana, July 19, 1976.

SIGNED:

Leonard Grizzle
District Chairman

Charles Bogden
District Secretary

RESOLUTION

We the members of Volunteer Fire Dept. in District 11 of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Assn., Inc. in a meeting duly assembled at Coalmont, Indiana on September 19, 1976.

There being a quorum of the members and departments in good standing present, do pass, adopt, and present the following resolution for consideration of the annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Assn. to be held June 1977 at Honey Creek Township, Terre Haute, Indiana. To-wit:

WHEREAS - Article II Sect. 2 under Election of Officers seems incomplete and vague; Therefore be it resolved that Sect. 2 under Article II, be stricken from the by-laws and be made to read as follows:

The election of officers shall be by roll call vote of each District present. The Secy. shall call the roll of the Districts in numerical order, and give the number of delegate votes the Dist. is permitted. At this time the Dist. Chairman or his assistant will give the summary vote for his Dist. This vote be recorded and become a part of the minutes of the Annual meeting. After all Districts have been called, and votes tallied the Chairman shall ask for the results of the vote. This procedure to be followed for all offices to be filled. A simple majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a candidate to be elected to the office for which he is running.

Charles "Red" Morris
District 11 Chairman

**Burlington Fire Chief Harold Morrison Honored
With Retirement Party in Kokomo**

Fire Chief Harold Morrison and his wife were honored at a surprise retirement party held at the Ramada Inn, Kokomo.

Chief Morrison retired in January after completing 31 years of service to the Burlington Fire Department and the Burlington Community.

Harold had served as an officer on the department 25 of the 31 years - 16 of these as Chief.

Chief Morrison was instrumental in the department growing from two used pieces of fire equipment to today, with four pieces of modern fire equipment and a new ambulance manned completely by the Volunteer Fire Department, with 22 trained E.M.T.'s. All this equipment is housed in an all electric, modern fire station with separate meeting and radio room built by the department under Chief Morrison's leadership.

Those attending the banquet were State Fire Marshal Goodwin and Mrs. Goodwin; the following I.V.F.A State Officers: Secretary Jack Ford and Mrs. Ford; Treasurer Gene Stoffer and Mrs. Stoffer; Chaplain Duane Lantz and guest; Northwest Public Relations Bob Esserman and Mrs. Esserman; District 9A Chairman Charles Sutton and Mrs. Sutton.

Also attending were Chief Morrison's son, Bill Morrison, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armstrong; his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rodkey; also 18 members of the Burlington Fire Department and their guests.

Mrs. Morrison was presented an artificial floral center piece from the department and Chief Morrison was presented a 20 channel Scanner, a plaque with his badge mounted on it, Badge No. 1. His number has been retired from the roster. Also a gold plaque showing his I.V.F.A. number and inscribed as an I.V.F.A. card.

Chief Morrison will be missed by the Burlington department as an active member, but has agreed to serve as an advisor or any other way the department needs.

We, the members of the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department, wish Chief Morrison many years of uninterrupted nights of sleep and all the happiness he so richly deserves. Max T. Ehrman, Chief Burlington Volunteer Fire Department Burlington, Indiana



Chief Morrison and Mrs. Morrison



Retiring Chief Morrison, New Chief Ehrman



Chief Morrison and Officers

Mickleville Wayne Twp. Co. No. 5 Honors Older Members



Mickleville Wayne Township Co. No. 5 honored their older members with Plaques. Pictures are President Lowell Pruett and Vice-President Sherrie Moore presenting these awards to: (Left to right) Andy Hornocker, Lowell Pruett, Sherrie Moore, Cecil Van Arsdale, Charles Bogden, Harold Stofer and Roscoe McNeely. (Photo by Clyde Bristow)

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Charles "Butch" McGill Honored

The Dana Firemen held their annual dinner at the firehouse recently. A lovely pitch-in dinner was enjoyed by several firemen and their families.

After the dinner a 25-year plaque was presented to Charles "Butch" McGill who is a charter member of the department and was very instrumental in its successful development. His family gave him a fire truck desk set to also show their appreciation. Butch named the others who helped form the department and no longer belong for various reasons. He also explained how the money was made for their first fire truck. He and another one of the earlier members, Max Bishop, told some very interesting stories of the infant years of the department.

Twenty-five year plaques were also made for Max Randall, Joe Francis, and Laurence Lessing but they did not attend the dinner.



Jack Rumble, vice president and Butch McGill telling stories after receiving his 25-year plaque.



Shown above: Four of Dana's Firemen with their Miss Flame contestant from left to right: Mike Smith (Contestant's Father) Ernie Payton President, Lorrie Ann Smith (Contestant) Bill Bush Asst. Fire Chief, and Charles (Butch) McGill IVFA Sgt-at-Arms.

Gives Emergency Medical Services Opinion

February 18, 1977
Mr. Philip K. Martin
Executive Director
Emergency Medical Services Commission
315 State Office Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is in response to your request for an official opinion as to whether, after January 1, 1978, fire department units or rescue squads which respond to emergency trauma situations, administer emergency care procedures to emergency patients, but do not transport those patients, are required to have a certified emergency medical technician either on the responding vehicle or at the trauma scene.

ANALYSIS

The 1974 General Assembly, indicating its intent to establish and maintain an effective system of emergency medical services in Indiana, enacted those provisions now found at Indiana Code, Sections 16-1-39-1 through 16-1-39-18, which, among other things, establish the Indiana Emergency Medical Commission and require, after January 1, 1978, that persons who regularly provide certain emergency medical services be licensed by the Commission; that

ambulances and equipment meet Commission standards, and that certain medical communications systems be provided. Pursuant to those provisions, the Commission has promulgated Rules I through V governing, respectively, certification of ambulance service providers; standards and certification requirements for ambulances; communications systems requirements; certification of emergency medical technicians, and requirements and standards for emergency medical technician training.

You question whether this regulatory scheme extends to fire department units or rescue squads which, unlike ambulance services, do not transport emergency patients.

Code Section 16-1-39-9 provides, in part, the following:

"On and after January 1, 1978, no person, except one licensed by another state agency or employed by a hospital licensed by a state agency, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise be engaged in providing emergency medical services as a part of the regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary, unless such person holds a currently valid certificate issued by the commission to provide emergency medical services."

Although this section, in general terms, purports to regulate

certain persons "engaged in providing emergency medical services," it goes on to provide for the establishment of standards, in specific terms, only for emergency medical personnel, ambulances and their equipment, emergency ambulance service, and emergency medical communications. The Commission's own rules noted above follow, and are limited to, these specific categories set out in the statute.

The definitions included in Code Section 16-1-39-2 further support the construction of the 1974 emergency medical act that fire department units and rescue squads are not within the scope of the act. Subsection (c) defines "ambulance" to mean "any conveyance on land, sea, or air that is used or is intended to be used, for the purpose of responding to emergency life-threatening situations and providing emergency transportation service." Subsection (f) defines "emergency medical technician" to mean "an individual who is responsible for the administration of emergency care procedures to emergency patients and for the handling and transportation of such patients." Both definitions, then, couple emergency situations or care to transporting the emergency patient.

Neither fire department equipment nor fire department personnel fall within the specific categories or the definitions established by the statute. If the General Assembly wishes the Commission to regulate persons who respond to emergency situations and render care but do not also transport emergency patients, it should provide that authority plainly.

CONCLUSION

It is, therefore, my official opinion that the Indiana General Assembly has provided that fire department units or rescue squads which respond to emergency trauma situations and administer emergency care procedures to emergency patients, but which do not transport those patients, are not required to have a certified emergency medical technician either on the responding vehicle or at the trauma scene. Organizations, however, which do transport patients are required to have a certified emergency medical technician on the responding vehicle or at the trauma scene.

Yours truly,
Theodore L. Sendak
Attorney General of Indiana

James Foxworthy Selected Fireman Of The Year

James Foxworthy of Wayne Township Fire Department Company No. 3 was selected Fireman of the Year at the WTFD Spring Dance at the K of C Hall on March 26.

He received the award for his work during the past three years in the Arson Investigation Division of the Fire Prevention Bureau. He has been a member of the fire department for six years, is married and has one child.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the WTFD also honored two of their members with a new, annual award of the Woman of the Year at the dance. The awards went to Mary Brooks of Wayne Company No. 7 and Libby Hornocker of Wayne Company No. 5. They both have been with the fire department over 25 years.

Mrs. Brooks is the mother of Richard Lamb, the Chief of the Wayne Township Fire Department, and Mrs. Hornocker has a son, Denny, on the Indianapolis Fire Department.

INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Insurance Review Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the May, 1976 Officers Meeting. The purpose for which this committee was formed was to study the current insurance program with Nationwide Insurance and to study various other insurance proposals. The committee was to report back as soon as possible to the Board of Directors recommending: 1) that we retain the present company and insurance program, 2) that we retain the present company with a different insurance program, and 3) that we obtain insurance from another company.

Your committee has worked very hard and spent long hours deliberating various insurance proposals in an attempt to find the best insurance for the membership at the best price. We feel like we have accomplished what we were instructed to do when the committee was formed.

The membership of this committee is as follows: Marion Bush, Jr., Chairman of District 8A; Norman Crocker, Chairman of District 4; Charles "Red" Morris, Chairman of District 11; Charles Jones, Vice-President; and John Ford, Secretary.

The committee has attached for your information a copy of the comparison between the existing Nationwide policy and the proposed Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services policy.

The committee met for the last time on the 19th of February, 1977 to approve this report. The following recommendations were unanimously adopted by the committee at their meeting on the 12th of February, 1977.

1. That the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association enter into an Agent of Record Agreement with Timothy R. Downey, Inc., to represent this Association's Insurance Program per the attached proposal. Such Agreement to become effective with the signing by the President and Secretary of this Association. It is the feeling of this committee that this will result in a far more favorable program than the current one where the District Chairmen solicit fire companies to participate as TRD, Inc. will have four full time agents actively calling on fire companies. In addition TRD, Inc. intends to have a WATTS line installed with stickers for each member company's telephone. With the active full time salesmen the IVFA will realize a greater earning potential from the administrative fees charged as well as less dissatisfaction from member fire companies.

2. That a full time insurance committee be formed to oversee and supervise the insurance program as well as work with the agents involved for a smoother operation. Such committee to consist of three members of the Board of Directors, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the IVFA.

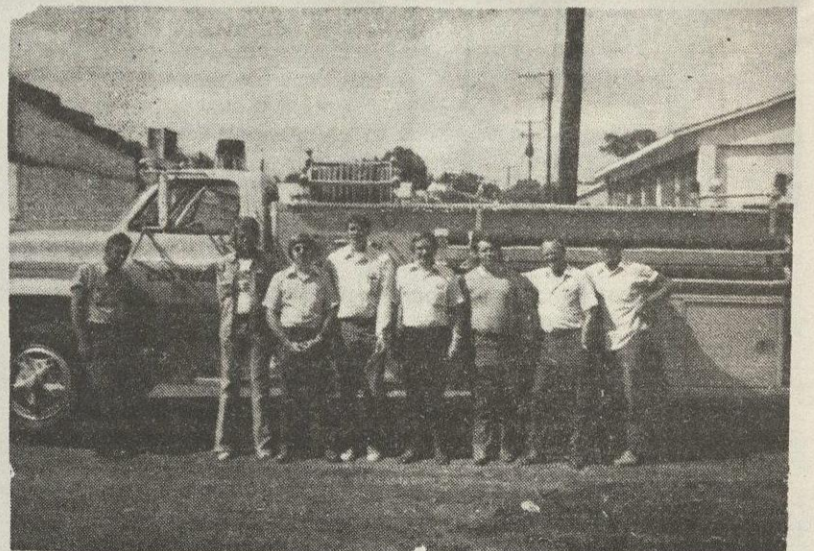
This committee respectfully submits this report and prays that it is accepted and passed by the members of the Board of Directors for the continuing growth and progress of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Marion Bush, Jr., Chairman
Norman Crocker

Charles Jones

Charles "Red" Morris
John Ford

Cayuga Volunteer Firemen



Cayuga Volunteer Firemen are Joe Wilson, Fire Chief, Jeff Warnick, Jack Earley, Michael Conger, Ron Abernathy, Mike Morgan, Carroll Donald, Louis Mourfield.

Fire Safety is no accident. Your fire department takes the job of prevention and fire fighting seriously. The men on the department work on a volunteer basis but have as their goal being as professional as possible.

Many steps are being taken to upgrade the fire department. Training is done on a regular basis. All the equipment for fire-fighting is studied and used in practice to sharpen skills. Many of the firemen take personal time and expense to attend fire training schools.

Pre-planning for fires saves time and lives. Recently men from the department toured the Thompson Grain Elevator. Pre-planning helps to determine for the owners possible hazards and provides a non-emergency setting for the most efficient fighting of fire, should one occur.

The department now has two projects, a water supply truck is

being constructed for use in rural fires, new radio equipment and a fire alert system are needed to improve response time. All of these projects are to protect you, the citizen and potential fire victim.

Push Your Doe Doll Tickets

Come on Girls, let's beat last year's Sales.

Remember, it is all for the good of the State Auxiliary.

To the District who sells the most tickets there will be a plaque and a \$25.00 cash prize.

So get out and push the tickets and help your District win the prize.

Remember, the Money We Collect Helps To Support The Auxiliary.

Lucy Stofer

Tammy Johnson Dist. 11 Miss Flame



Front & Center, Left to right - District 11 Miss Flame Tammy Johnson and MC for District 11 Miss Flame Contest Mary Brooks; Back row, Left to right - 1976 District 11 Miss Flame Jill Hannum, Cynthia Gorby, Jill Hensen, Diana Radar, Carol Nuckols (almost hidden), LeAnn Kinz, and Cheryl Mauer.

Joint NASA—NFPCA Project

"Fires" Contract

Awarded Grumman

A major contract to improve the protective clothing and equipment used by the nation's firefighters when they fight building fires has been awarded jointly by the U. S. Department of Commerce's National Fire Prevention and Control Administration and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center to Grumman Aerospace Corporation, Long Island, N.Y. "Firefighting is still the most hazardous occupation in the United States. In 1976, 90 out of every 100,000 firefighters died in the line of duty. Improving the protective clothing and equipment firefighters wear when fighting fires will improve their chances for life," said Howard D. Tipton, NFPCA Administrator.

The Grumman contract is for the first phase of a joint NASA-NFPCA interagency program. That program, called Project FIRES (Firefighters Integrated Response Equipment System), is a cooperative development effort on the part of both agencies to improve the firefighter's "envelope", the protective covering that surrounds him when he fights fires.

The goal of Project FIRES is to design, develop, and fabricate a protective ensemble which provides the maximum protection to the firefighter in fighting structural fires and incorporates the latest available technology in materials and manufacturing. In its design stages, Project FIRES will look at reducing equipment weight, increasing protection, and maintaining competitive costs. Reducing physical and physiological strain that the fireman must undergo should reduce the risk of firefighter death or injury. Laboratory investigation, development of improved equipment prototypes, new equipment, systems engineering, definition of fireground hazards, quantification of firefighters' risks, and field test engineering will be done by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Under the Grumman contract,

three steps will be taken. The first task will be to develop a standard for the equipment, based on fireground hazards (smoke, heat, cold, toxic fumes, and water), firefighter physiological response (heart rate, metabolic cost), duties performed, and risks involved. Following the development of this standard, the contractor will test current firefighter equipment - both used and new - to see if any meets the new criteria. The last task under the contract will be to initiate the design and development of the new protective garment assembly, incorporating new technology and materials as necessary, to ensure that the new ensemble will meet the new standard.

These appropriate design features, after careful evaluation, will then be incorporated into a prototype protective garment. That garment must provide increased protection, but at the same time not significantly depart from existing firefighters' equipment configuration.

Further improvements in the prototype will incorporate suggestions from the firefighting community and users.

Another priority is making the equipment available once it has been developed into a prototype system, tested, and evaluated. The interagency program will identify existing commercial markets accepted by the firefighting community to insure the most rapid and economical transfer of the results of the program to the people who need it - the firefighters.

The program was kicked off in February 1976. A committee was established to look into the user requirements for Project FIRES. That committee is comprised of fire chiefs, firefighters, city management and safety personnel, and other experts in the fire service field. The User Requirements Committee has already identified detailed lists of system requirements and protective garment assembly

DeKalb County Firefighters Association Holds Training School

In the fall of 1976, the DeKalb County Firefighters Association decided to begin a training school, whereby more of our members could attend without the need of travel to far off schools. Chief Bill Walters and Chief Maynard Sanders agreed to work out the details and obtain Instructors for a spring class to be held in Auburn.

April 9, 1977 was a day they will long remember, as all their long hours of preparation, the nights of Instructor meetings and research for material and information, finally spelled success. Approximately one-third of the total firefighting force of our County was present. In addition, we had six persons from neighboring counties. Their planning and scheduling were perfect as it began and ended on the scheduled time.

Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin and "Cooney" Tucker were on hand to get things underway and we appreciate them taking time from their busy schedules.

All Instructors were persons from our own departments who attended schools during the past year, which were conducted by Mr. Tucker. This was a real experience for most of these people, their first time in front of a group, and many of the faces they were seeing, were persons who had more years in firefighting than some of the Instructors had in age. Nevertheless, they faced the challenge, and after a few seconds of stage fright, they proceeded like old pros. As I spoke with some of them later, "scared" was an understatement, as they gave a sigh of relief. Thanks, Gentlemen for a job well done.

Was the school a success or failure? What determines success or failure of such a venture? I believe that if each person who attended, remembered just one thing and they applied it as such, then it was a success. We are already working on next year's school.

The topics for training were broken down into six categories: Air-Pak use and maintenance; ladder testing and records; public relations and fire prevention; fire extinguishers, use and maintenance; use and care of protective clothing; communications.

Each person received a certificate listing the above categories.

No matter how many years we have spent in fire service, we can always learn new and easier methods of performing our duties or better equipment for our safety. We must be familiar with them before we can face an emergency. Persons will tell you they have been on a department for twenty-five years and can do as good a job without schooling and practice. This may or may not be true. Ask yourself "who do I want for a backup man going into a burning structure? Do I want a person who has attended schools and practiced or one who gets to a fire two or three times a year and no training?"

Guy Mausteller, Pres.
DeKalb County Firefighters Assoc.
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needs. The Committee also will assist in establishing additional needs and priorities and will review the technical aspects of the program periodically.

Project FIRES is being performed and managed through the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. The total cost of the Grumman contract is \$478,375, jointly funded by NFPCA and NASA.



Chief Gillett and Members of Fire Department Honored by City

The City of Portland honored Fire Chief Norman Gillett, and members of the Portland Fire Department for their contribution to the Bi-Centennial projects throughout the community. At the same ceremony the department was also commended for their

dedicated service to the community. The entire department was cited for their fire prevention efforts by the Mayor and Board of Works. One member, J. Lawrence Williams, was presented a Plaque for his 35 years of service (1941 to 1976).



Pictured above beside their new 1000 GPM Tele-Squirt are the following members: (Front row, left to right) Jim Stipp, Lester Eads, Mike Aker, Richard Aker, Jerry Adams, Omer Davis, Ernest Gierhart, Jay King. (Second row, left to right) Morris Gagle, Virgil Brackman, Bill Davis, Francis Harris, Art Hall, Larry Petro, Leslie McKinley, Chief Norman Gillett.

(Back row, left to right) William Williamson, John Deaton, Gary Runyon, Irvin Black, Joe Wallischek, John Barrett, Allen Haines, Lawrence Williams. Not present when picture was taken, Ray D. Williams and Roland Farris.

Twenty-Eight Departments of 10th District Presented Certification Awards



Shown above are members of twenty-eight departments of the 10th District who recently were presented the Certification Awards by Bill Goodwin, Indiana State Fire Marshal.

10th District Miss Flame



(Left to right) William Goodwin, Indiana State Fire Marshal; Miss Cynthia Summers of Hope Indiana, Miss Flame 10th District; Jim Parker, Chairman 10th District, and Jim Baker, President of the IVFA.

All-Volunteer Fire Department Protects Chile

Santiago, Chile (AP) — Chief Jorge Salas offers this recommendation to big-city citizens who want the best fire protection with the smallest tax bite: do it yourself.

Salas is a 56-year old advertising executive. He is also a 35-year veteran of Santiago's volunteer firefighting corps, and its current commander.

The chief is proud to say that Santiago is the only major city in the world that meets the universal need for fire protection with an all-volunteer force.

"A volunteer fire corps functions better than a paid corps," he said. "It's the spirit that you can't buy for money. The volunteer is not a man who is doing a job because he has to — he is doing it because he likes to."

That cost-free spirit obviously is easy on the taxpayer. The Santiago fire department covers an area with a population of more than 1 million on an annual budget of just over \$500,000 — roughly 50 cents a head.

A government study several years ago indicated that the cost would multiply if paid firemen were doing the same job.

Chile has 250 fire departments with a total of 30,000 volunteers. There isn't a paid fireman anywhere in the nation of 10 million.

In metropolitan Santiago, with a total population of 3 million, there are 12 different departments.

The central Santiago department has 1,800 volunteers and 60 paid employees. Those who draw salaries have such jobs as driving the trucks, operating the modern communications center, compiling statistics and typing the chief's letters.

The department was born in the ashes of one of the worst fires in history. The disaster struck a big Santiago church on the Day of the Immaculate Conception in 1863, killing an estimated 2,000 persons who were attending mass.

Santiago's first fire company, which still exists, was founded by volunteers 12 days after the church fire.

Through the years, 21,000 volunteers have served in the corps, including two national presidents and many other prominent Chileans.

The firemen are students, laborers, doctors, lawyers, office workers, businessmen. They elect their own officers and vote in new volunteers.

Fireman Patricio Castro, 20, is a student who joined the 1st Company a year and a half ago, acting out a childhood daydream.

"I have always liked firetrucks, firemen, fires ever since I was little," Castro says. After he joined the company, he found out that his greatgrandfather was one of its founders.

The 1st Company still has the first steam fire pump used in South America. The brass and copper contraption made in 1860 by the Portland Co. of Portland, Maine, sits next to a modern firetruck in the company headquarters on downtown Moneda Street.

The Santiago department has a full range of sophisticated firefighting equipment, including 350 shortwave radio receivers and three trucks with telescopic ladders that reach 14 stories.

Ivan Guerrero, head of the fire section of the Re-insurance Bank of Chile, confirms that the firefighters have "very efficient equipment."

And Guerrero said Chile's ratio of fire damage costs to insurance premiums paid was among the lowest in the world.

Part of the reason for that is the fire-resistant construction of Chilean buildings. Most structures over three stories high are made of thick concrete with steel reinforcement, as a precaution against the constant threat of earthquakes.

Guerrero said another reason for low fire damage is Chile is inflation, with its percentage rates in the hundreds for the past five years.

"They say the greater part of fires in the world are intentional," Guerrero told a reporter. "With the inflation, it isn't to anyone's advantage to have a fire." The cash payoff from an insurance company isn't usually enough to replace the lost property at inflated prices.

But Guerrero said volunteer fire departments deserve the main credit for Chile's high fire safety marks.

SIZE UP

(Continued from Page 10) influence on a legislator's vote. Ask citizens or your firefighters to write letters on important legislation. You can keep an eye on pending legislation by reading columns such as our Washington Report.

2. Watch NFPCA activities. Find out what this agency is doing for volunteers and let them know your problems and needs. Get on their mailing list, it's free. NFPCA Administrator Howard Tipton and Academy Superintendent David McCormack in their speeches to the fire service always mention the need for feedback from the volunteers. To get on mailing list, write: Peg Maloy, NFPCA, P.O. Box 19518, Washington, DC 20036.

3. Join the International Association of Fire Chiefs, if you are not already a member. Volunteer chiefs have always been a force in this organization. More volunteers would make the influence even stronger. The dues are \$50 per year. For information, write: IAFC, 1329 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

4. Check into the new volunteer organization that has just been started — the National Volunteer Fire Council. This group expects to have two representatives from each state. Join the state organization that sends (or will send) representatives to this group. For information, contact: Chief Robert Turner, 142 West River Road, Rockton, IL 61072.

5. Improve your local publicity

program. Try to inform your citizens and city fathers of the changing fire service and the need for broadening your activity.

These are only a few suggestions. The volunteers have a reputation for developing new ideas for firefighting equipment and apparatus. How about some new ideas on how to become a stronger force in determining the direction of the nation's fire service? It's a tough challenge, but if the volunteer fire service wants the benefits it deserves it will have to make its voice heard.

by
Bill Randleman

10 Ways To Kill A Volunteer Fire Department

1. Don't go to meetings or drills.
2. If you do go, go late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't go.
4. If you attend a meeting or drill, find fault with the rest of the members.
5. Never accept office, it's easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by an officer to give your opinion on some matter tell him you have nothing to say, after drill is over tell everyone how things should have been done.
8. If you have a suggestion to offer go straight to the chief. Do your best to mess up the chain of command.
9. Be sure to complain if you don't get paid for being a volunteer.
10. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, and if someone else does, be sure to razz him about brown nosing.

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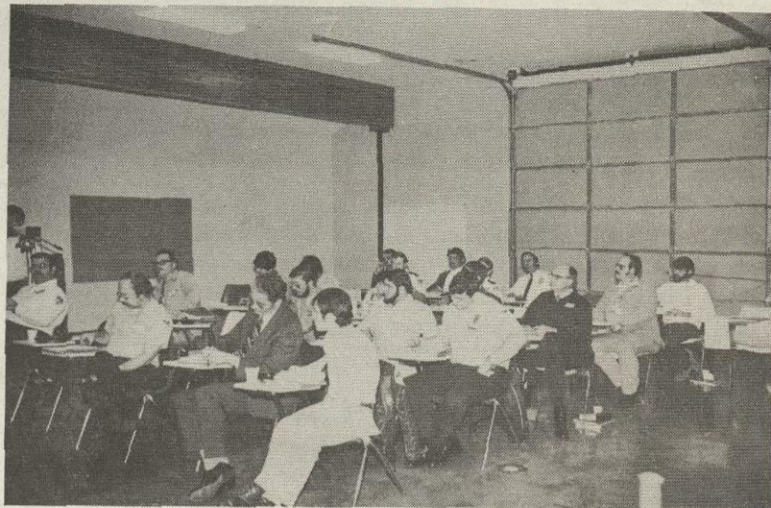
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House Fire In Marion County



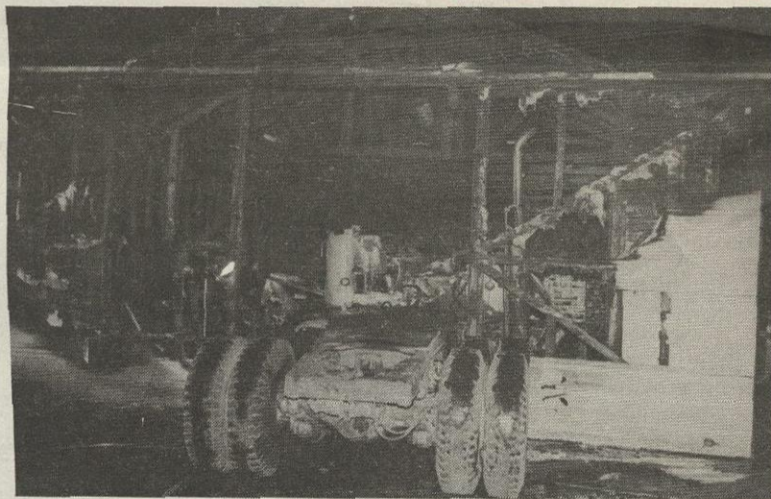
Marion County, Wayne Township Cos. 9 - 4, responded to this house fire in sub-zero weather. The flames were fed by a natural gas line that had ruptured and the local Gas Company could not find the shut-off valve in the yard for a considerable length of time. (Photo by C. Bristow)

Instructor's Course Held



Pictured are the men who attended a 30-hour Instructor's Course that was held in Wayne Township, Marion County. The course graduated 21 men who are now certified to teach in their own departments.

Truck burns in Wayne Township



Wayne Township Fire Department, Marion County, responded to a truck fire. The caller failed to say the truck was inside a garage near a residence.

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