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NO. 2

## Wayne Twp. Readies Convention

### Capitol Report

From State Representative  
Nelson J. Becker



Nelson J. Becker

In the last issue, I was able to highlight some of the bills that were progressing through the legislature, and with the 100th Indiana General Assembly now history, I would like to share with you some of the accomplishments and shortcomings of this year's session.

Overall, I feel this was a most productive session and many important issues were dealt with in light of the time constraints and the exceptional financial conditions of the state. Upon adjournment March 4, 164 measures had been sent to the Governor. Of those, 160 were signed into law. Of primary importance to Hoosiers is the additional highway funding, the new school aid distribution formula, and the relief extended to taxpayers.

On the other hand, we failed to enact the proposed 5 percent permanent decrease in individual income tax. Although the measure passed the House, it failed to emerge from the Senate. In addition, after nearly a year of study, we were not able to devise a satisfactory solution to the township poor relief problem. Although the measure was considered intently by a conference committee, the

conflicts were not able to be resolved before adjournment.

Especially significant to each of us is the additional \$78 million appropriated for road maintenance and repair. Of the allocation, \$44 million will go directly to local governments, where many of the road problems exist. In addition, a bill was passed removing the restrictions on spending monies available in the local road and street accounts as of April 1, 1978. Under the usual LR & S guidelines local governments have to receive approval of a project and provide a 10 percent match before they can receive the funds. This measure allows the monies in the account on April 1 to be distributed without meeting those guidelines. These extra monies will help pay for our badly-needed road repairs without raising taxes.

The new school aid distribution formula we enacted is an important accomplishment of the session. Its outstanding features, I believe, is the optional 1 percent break in the property tax freeze. By giving local school boards the option to generate additional local funding, we will halt the trend of more and more state dollars for school funding without a corresponding increase in local money. We have seen too often the loss of local control resulting from federal money coming with strings attached.

The formula also sets funding for special and vocational education outside the regular grant. In addition, it will allow us to recognize expanding school districts by letting money go back to the schools where the students are.

Tax relief was extended to Hoosiers with the repealing of the "tax on tax" on gasoline, as well as with expanded tax breaks for senior citizens. Removal of the "tax on tax" means we will no longer pay the four percent Indiana sales tax on an amount that includes a 12c per gallon

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### President's Part



Charles Jones

As stated in the last issue we are including the letter we sent to Redding Township Volunteer Fire Department relative to their not responding to a fire at a "non-member" household. A life was lost in this fire. We hasten to say we place no blame one way or the other in this matter, however, we felt some inquiry should be made. Upon being presented this letter, their response was very uncooperative toward the IVFA. There was no action taken.

Redding Township Fire Department  
Seymour, Indiana 47274  
Gentlemen:

The officers of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met yesterday and after thorough discussion, we agreed that the action taken by the Redding Township Fire Department did not meet the standards of the Association.

Be assured, the IVFA understands your position and the organization of your department. Most volunteer fire departments in Indiana were supported by the same method as your department when they were organized years ago. But, the IVFA cannot condone the action your department took January 18, 1978. The action of your department and its leadership casts a bad light on the fire service state wide.

The IVFA does not feel Redding Township should be drummed out of the Association, however, we believe some improvements are in order. For instance, your type of service is obsolete. The service

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### I.V.F.A. Convention Schedule

Wayne Township,

Marion County, Indiana

Men's Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1978

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration - Lobby - Sheraton
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Apparatus Display - Front Parking Area, Sheraton
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Officer's Meeting - Sheraton (See Directory)
- 1:00 p.m. Miss Flame Contest - Sheraton (See Directory)
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Human Relationship and the Fire Service  
Husbands and Wives are invited. - Sheraton (See Directory)
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Beer Bust (Compliments of Midwest Fire and Safety)
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Directors' Row II - Sheraton
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Officer's Banquet - Sheraton (See Directory)  
Confined to Officers and District Chairmen of the IVFA, Ladies Aux.  
Officers and District Chairmen must have Green Ticket.
- 8:00 p.m. - ? Joint Convention Opening (Ladies & Men) Sheraton (See Directory)

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1978

- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration - Lobby - Sheraton
- 8:30 a.m. General Business Meeting for Ladies and Men (See Directory)
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Memorial Service - Lynhurst Baptist Church - 1250 S. Lynhurst Drive (See Map)
- 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch - Eating place of your choice. (See Map).
- 1:15 p.m. - close Continuation of General Business Meeting for Men & Ladies.
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Banquet - Indiana National Guard Armory. (See Map)  
Dance - Sheraton (See Directory)

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1978

- 7:00 a.m. Registration, Ladies & Men - Under Rear Entrance under Canopy.
- 8:00 a.m. Games start promptly at Sheraton Parking Lot in REAR.

### LUNCH

- 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parade (NOTE: Parade will start at 1:30 p.m. SHARP.)  
(See Map.) 5700 W. Morris Street.

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Wayne Township, Indianapolis - June 15, 16, 17

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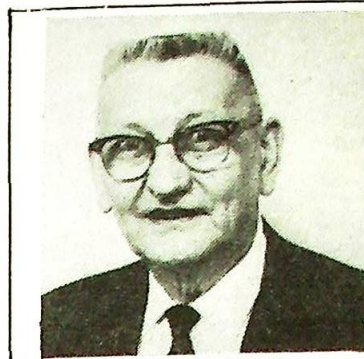
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**VERNE KONOPASEK**  
GRIFFITH, INDIANA  
PAST TREASURER - HISTORIAN

*"Remember  
When?"*

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

While sitting in my living room listening to TV broadcasting the news immediately after the March 30th, 1978 disastrous fire which occurred at Kingsford Heights and during this broadcast seeing and hearing our own William (Bill) Goodwin as State Fire Marshal give his accounting of this disaster made this writer feel very good - knowing of course that Bill came up thru the ranks of our great Association and was one of our Past Presidents - IVFA, 1970 - 1971.

Because of this bad chemical fire this year which caused the thousands of residents around the area of Kingsbury to leave their homes because of the gases created in the atmosphere as far out as Union Mills, Wellsboro, South LaPorte and Stillwell reminded your Historian and we wish to recall here of the Kingsford Heights volunteer fire department who were our IVFA host of the third IVFA annual meeting which was held on Sunday, June 25, 1950. Among the communications read at that 1950 convention was a letter from Henry F. Schricker, Governor, extending his best wishes at that time for a successful meeting. (Henry had been a long time member of Knox volunteer fire Department before becoming Governor) There was also at this 1950 convention a letter of good wishes read from Alex Hougland - State Fire Marshal - formerly of Evansville - who had been named by Gov. Schricker and who had named Miss Josephine Hurley as his Secretary. Miss Hurley who is still serving in Bill Goodwin's office has always been very co-operative down thru the years of the existence of THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOCIATION. We all appreciated her counsel.

As a comparison, we thought that you might be interested to know how much money there was in the General fund as per the Treasurer's report to the 1950 Convention held at Kingsford Heights for the period from July 1, 1949 thru June 30, 1950:

Amt. brought forward, previous Convention, Crown Point	369.95
Total receipts 7-1-49 thru 6-30-50	769.50
Total disbursements 7-1-49 thru 6-30-50	904.47
Balance on Hand June 30, 1950	234.98

These were the years when a buck was much harder to come by. As you read these lines - most of us will be preparing to return to Wayne Township, INDPLS - convention of June 15, 16 & 17 of 1978 these dates are coincidental because the last dates at Wayne were June 15, 16, & 17 in 1972 exactly six years ago. Most of us will remember what a fine convention Wayne had in 1972 - this was Safe so let us go thru these same dates in June 1978 in the same safe manner - in this connection the same letter we all received in May of 1972 still applies in May of 1978 - a reproduction of the May 1972 letter follows: (Continued on Page 18)

**Francesville Volunteer Fire Department Has New Officers**

Francesville — The Francesville Town Board has appointed G. Kenneth Haring as the new fire chief of the Francesville-Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Haring has been a member of the fire department for 33 years, serving as assistant chief under Edmund H. Weaver, whose recent death left the vacancy.

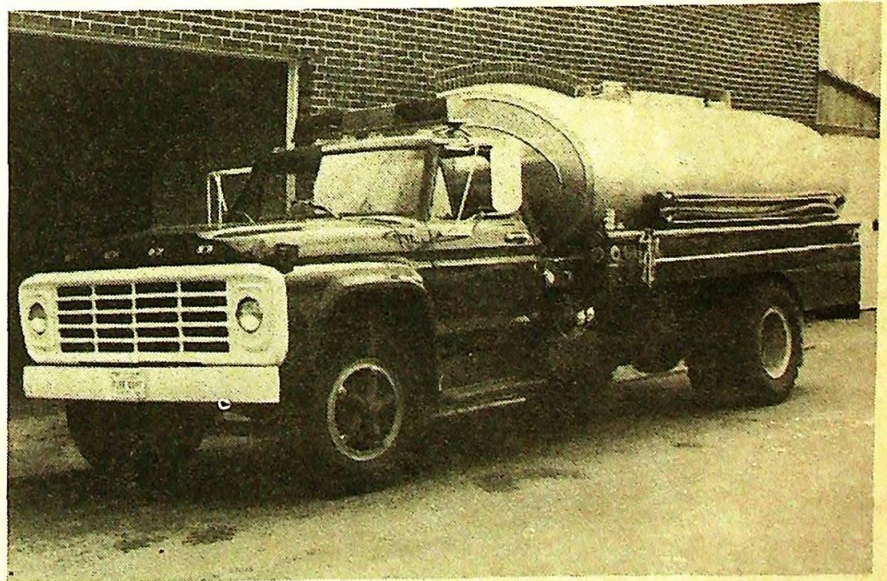
He has been certified as an Emergency Medical Technician and holds certificates as first class fireman and one in tactics.

Haring has appointed two assistant chiefs, Keith Getz and Joe Tiede. Mitch Parish was selected as secretary. Other appointments will be made soon.

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- Robert Wheeler — Noble Township
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- Lorn Mitchell — Lake Eliz

## Dedicated Men Respond To Early Morning Call For Help

In the early morning hours recently our department was called to help with an accident on U.S. 30, a mile east of Valparaiso. Awakened from sound sleep by the tone alert on my home monitor, my thoughts were tumbling over one another.

As I hurriedly jumped into my clothes, I heard the dispatcher clearly say, "equipment needed to wash diesel fuel from the highway." I remember thinking: It must be a bad accident. Are there any survivors? How did it happen? How many vehicles involved? Are there hazardous chemicals, high tension lines, flammable cargo, extrication needed? And finally wondering: Was anyone I know involved?

When I reached the scene of the accident, the following thoughts continued:

It is very dark as I turn the lights off on my van and put on my gear. The lights from the Valparaiso Fire Department's rescue truck don't reach my side of the highway. Walking up the bank I stop short at a covered body. On the highway the remains of an auto — badly smashed, the windows all broken out — stands as mute evidence of what happens when a car is hit by a big truck.

On the south side of the highway men are busy working on a pile of wreckage. I recognize names on the backs of bunker coats: McLees, Brewer, Perkins, men from the Valparaiso Fire Department — its extrication crew.

Some of our own men are in there too: Monaco, Stevens, Bierma, Cummings, Barney, Martin, doing what they can.

Is the person trapped inside still alive? Praying that he is my fire chief tells me no, he is past help. Once again I have a feeling of utter helplessness and a feeling of the tragic suddenness of accidents like this. Two huge tractors torn and smashed beyond recognition, cargo strewn along the highway and berm; a trailer with its front and side ripped open by a load of bolts that exploded through on impact.

Picking up letters and bills of lading, a torn satchel of the deceased man's personal belongings, these are the impressions on my mind that will not leave quickly.

The extrication crew is finished now. Faces are drawn and tense. I wonder: Are they thinking the same things I am & There is not much talking as the wreckers start clearing the roadway. As traffic starts moving I watch the drivers of the big trucks as they go by. Some look away, some straight ahead, some stare intently at the wreckage, each with his own thoughts.

There are some things to be thankful for. There was no fire, in itself a small miracle. No hazardous chemicals or explosives. No high tension wires down. Any of these could have posed dangers for the firefighters and the surrounding area.

In retrospect, everyone involved did what they were supposed to do: extrication crew, sheriff's deputies and firemen all worked together. It certainly was not a pleasant task, but a necessary one. As I left the scene I asked myself why I responded, and there came to mind a phrase from our bylaws: Dedicated to the preservation of life and property. One man involved in this accident was alive because people responded quickly. That makes it worth it all.

This account was written by Dennis Wallace, president of and instructor for the Washington

Township Volunteer Fire Department, members of which were called to the scene of a fatal accident on U.S. 30. Killed in the crash were Anita M. Howard of Williamsburg Manor, and Palmer Heare, a truck driver from Ohio. Hospitalized is another truck driver, Ronald Pockat of Wisconsin.

## Benefits From Your IVFA Membership

Subscription to The Indiana Volunteer Fireman, published in February, May, August, and November, clothing insurance, for your personal clothing damaged while on fire department business — up to \$100.00 for clothing, \$30.00 for eyeglasses, and \$50.00 for hearing aid-eyeglasses. Also the Funeral Benefit Fund, \$70.00 for the 1st and 2nd year of continuous membership, \$130.00 for the 3rd and 4th year, and \$200.00 for 5 years and over of continuous IVFA membership. Also the fellowship and training at your district meetings, the regional annual fire schools sponsored by the IVFA, the annual convention. Availability of sickness and accident insurance by Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services which is endorsed by the IVFA.

Something new for members is a Fraternal Life Insurance policy. The information for these insurance plans appears elsewhere in this issue.

With these benefits and more can your department afford not to belong to the IVFA.

Memorial Services from State Chaplain.

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN DEATH STRIKES A MEMBER OF YOUR DEPARTMENT AND IVFA?

Call District Chairman. Give him name of member, date of birth, death, beneficiary and address, religion, if Memorial Bible is desired; if Memorial is desired, where, when (Call Chaplain for arrangements) District Chairman to contact Secretary Ford.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

To all IVFA Members:

We are pleased and happy you are attending the IVFA Convention, and our Department wants to make your stay very enjoyable.

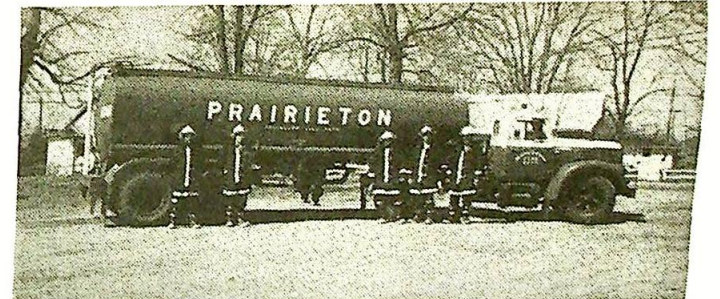
Wayne Township is a very active department with a tremendous amount of alarms. We welcome your response to alarms during your stay. However, please let us use good judgment. Don't use personal vehicles to block entrances and exits to alarms. If you so choose to help on alarms, it is mandatory to report to the Command Officer and only with full turnout gear: helmet, coat, boots, and gloves. (No exceptions)

Please stay off I-465 with BLUE LIGHTS for your own safety. This is a killer hi-way. Please do not use your two (2) way radios, if so, request. There are several frequencies in Marion County.

Please understand our position, we still must carry on with normal everyday business, and with your help and cooperation, our services can be maintained.

Sincerely  
Richard C. Lamb, Chief

## Prairieton Portable Hydrant Goes Into Service



The Prairieton Volunteer Fire Department recently placed their portable hydrant into service. The 1964 International Tractor with a 5600 gal. tank trailer. The tanker has been a great benefit to the Township and for the surrounding townships. This piece of

equipment has earned the name of "Portable Hydrant". It is equipped with 3-2½" draft connections, and a 250 GPM Pump which is used for a 2½" hose with nozzle. This tanker is also on call 24 hours for the surrounding departments.



Your Chaplain  
Duane D. Lantz

### Matthew 5, Verses 6 through 16

Happy are those who long to be just and good, for they shall be completely satisfied. Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. Happy are those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God. Happy are those who strive for peace — they shall be called the sons of God.

Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are my followers — wonderful! Be happy about it! Be very glad! for a tremendous reward awaits you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too.

You are the world's seasoning, to make it tolerable. If you lose flavor, what will happen to the world? And you, yourselves, will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the world's light — a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.

The convention is almost at hand. Don't forget, each of our loved ones who passed away this year will be remembered with a rose and candle at our Memorial Service. A white candle of peace with burning light represents the man or woman's life. A red rose is placed by the candle in memory and respect.

The convention sight is a brand new Sheraton Motel. On Saturday night before the state officers meeting, looking out the window on the fourth floor towards the air port, you could see all the bright lights. The electric lights twinkling on this clear night. I realize they are only street lights and traffic signals, but I like to think of each as a person's life. Some appropriate words of Christ, "Let your light so shine before Men".

There are times when deep fog appears, and the lights hidden from sight. The brightness is gone, the light gives neither beauty or direction. Our lives do resemble the street light. When our thoughts are considerate and our actions kind and understanding, our hearts glow and shine fourth to guide others. Let not your hearts be filled with hatred, jealousy and resentment, your lines of thought become misty and the light from within fails to shine. Why not let God remove the fog cloud, let the street lights glitter again. Let God permeate our hearts, the true light once again glows like a beacon to others.

### "Tis Life Beyond"

I watched a sail until it dropped from sight  
Over the rounding sea — a gleam of light,  
A last, far-flashed farewell, and, like a thought  
Slipt out of mind, it vanished and was not.

Yet, to the helmsman standing at the wheel,  
Broad seas still swept beneath the gliding keel;  
Disaster? Change? He left no slightest sign,  
Nor dreamed he of that dim horizon line.

So may it be, perchance, when down the tide  
Our dear ones vanish. Peacefully the glide  
On level seas, now mark the unknown bound.  
We call it death — to them 'tis life beyond.

— Author unknown

Our heavenly Father bless each of us. A special blessing for those who have lost their loved ones this past year most of all. May our lives reflect a light that will kindle the flame of love, peace, and understanding for each of us to see. — Amen.

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## "Did You Know?"

# Silver Anniversary

## 1952 - 1977 By Thelma Lester

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

### Auxiliary History — Issue No. 6

Many firemen and wives were geared for June 13, 14, and 15, 1963 Convention at Angola. Officers' meetings and reception for both Auxiliary and I.V.F.A. on Thursday afternoon and evening closed the business year for 1962-'63 to climax the 1963 Convention the next morning.

Friday morning combined ceremonies opened with an address by Mayor Wendell Jacob and other dignitaries for a gracious welcome. The auxiliary at this time presented the Men's Association with a check to cover the purchase of a film for their camera. The auxiliary was then dismissed for a get acquainted "Koffee Klutch" and a short opening of business in the Masonic Temple. 120 women registered at our meeting with 15 auxiliaries reported to be 100 percent membership. Treasurer reported a balance of \$582.59.

How many remember the beautiful picturesque display in our meeting room of a patio with flower garden and running water in a pool? A lot of work, girls, but beautiful. They even displayed water lilies in bloom in the pool.

The 11:00 a.m. meeting adjourned for Memorial Services at the Methodist Church. The auxiliary deaths during 1962-'63 year so remembered were Lela Erton from Mars Hill, Indianapolis; Stella Ballard from Mickleyville, Indianapolis; and Lena Stouse from Flora.

Lapel pins for the men were being sold at the registration desk by Joyce Hutson.

Many ladies commented on the I.V.F.A. newspaper and how they enjoyed getting it mailed to their home.

Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Ruth Ford, read the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. They were to read as same with addition as

### Article I. Officers and Duties.

Sec. 1. All Past Presidents of the IVFA Auxiliary, Inc. shall be considered permanent officers and treated as such at Officers, Districts, and Convention meetings and to work as a liaison with the I.V.F.A. without remuneration.

### Article III. Membership.

Sec. 2. A requirement of at least five IVFA Auxiliary, Inc. members are necessary for a department or auxiliary to participate in any activities outside of meetings, sponsored by I.V.F.A., Auxiliary, Inc.

### Article VIII. Districts.

#### Sec. 2. to read

The district meetings shall be conducted by a chairman and secretary, elected from such district and by a majority vote of all district IVFA Auxiliary, Inc. members in attendance. The election of whom shall be reported to the State Recording Secretary within sixty days after the annual convention of the Auxiliary. The chairman so elected shall be a State Director and entitled to voting privileges at all officers meetings, district meetings, special meetings, and at the annual convention of the Auxiliary, Inc. Dues requirements shall also apply to district meetings.

All Articles passed by majority and were printed in book form 1963.

Also on convention floor JoAnn Crocker made the motion to give Past Presidents lifetime membership in the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary, Inc., Seconded by Jo Lantz. Carried.

At the Kokomo officers' meeting August, 1963 treasurer reported a balance of \$1,092.21. It was proclaimed "Harry Fries Day" at the luncheon hour because Harry has resigned as secretary at the Angola Convention. He and Catherine had done much hard work in their many years in the Association. In appreciation for this service, he was presented a beautiful set of matched luggage. Oh, Yes! a big dish of his favorite desert — "Sherbet".

Several auxiliaries sponsored blood typing done in their local community which was called "Live Blood Bank". The Red Cross and Heart Association came and took person's blood types, which a record was kept for donors when needed.

In district reports Isabelle Thomas reported of forming a District 8 at Frankton. District 10 reported of welcoming a new Auxiliary, Acton.

Several committees gave reports of their advancements at New Albany in November, 1963 Officers' meeting. Catherine Mason and Ruth Ford were appointed to come up with an idea of smaller flags to be used for the State Officers' meetings.

In reading the old minutes, I saw where District 10 had their meeting at Waldron in November. It said "Santa Claus came early to Waldron and caught the girls in their mau-maus". That was 'Christmas in Hawaii' for their district meeting. Yes, that really brought back the memories and the fun Ray and I had as we went through the towns going there. The kids really stared and hollered 'There's Santa Claus'. Yes! I, your chaplain, dressed and went as Santa Claus. Also, Inez Jeffries was honored from District 10 on her new office as President of the State Auxiliary.

In Officers' meeting at New Albany, April '64, we welcomed a new reorganized District 8 with Rosella Bousman as chairman. Also had new auxiliaries from Vincennes and Spiceland.

Catherine Mason reported she would make a set of small American and State Auxiliary flags with gold fringe around them and would be placed in a small block of wood. She would sell them for \$5.00 a set. They were very pretty and districts, locals, and the state bought a set which proved very handy and are still being used.

Time passed quickly to go to New Albany Convention held June 11 and 12, 1964. Thursday evening before convention proper, officers' meetings were held in Congress Inn to wrap-up the detailed business of the past year.

President Inez Jeffries presented the gold badges and life membership cards to the Past Presidents. Ruby Probst's, a past president who passed away the month before, May, 1964, badge and card was given to her husband, Pren. Our great loss for such a dedicated officer. Her appreciation check from the state auxiliary was made out to her church in her memory.

A reception for officers of both men and women organizations were

held at the Congress Inn.

Friday morning all gathered at Congress Inn for our joint meeting for the opening of Convention proper. Welcoming talks were given and President Inez Jeffries presented our customary present to the men which was a check for their film. Our ladies then left for the social rooms of St. Mark's United Church of Christ for a Koffee Klutch. Each lady was presented a lovely corsage. The host auxiliaries extended us a very warm welcome in an environment of roses a-bloom in a summer garden setting.

Mrs. Sawyer, Past President of our host auxiliary, McCulloch, introduced Mrs. Malcolm Myers, the incoming president of the same. Short business was called to adjourn for Memorial Services held at St. Mark's United Church of Christ. The auxiliary commemorated three deaths. They were: Verna Swingle from Amboy; Ruby Probst, Union Mills; and Iva McVey from Waldron.

Remember the expression on the face of Ray Lester as he saw a new yellow hat his wife, Chaplain Thelma, was wearing at Memorial Services. He thought I had bought a new one. Thanks Libby Leist for the loan.

After lunch, the afternoon session was called to order. 41 auxiliaries were represented with 140 members registered.

Conventions cause happiness and we really knew of new happiness when Lucille Cohen, District 3 Chairman, announced wedding bells rang out for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolfe from District 3 as they were married at the Methodist Church in New Albany immediately following Memorial Services.

Election of officers for the coming year were President, Inez Jeffries; Vice-President, Ruth Fairfield; Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Thompson; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Stafford; Treasurer, Carolyn McCarty; Chaplain, Thelma Lester; Sergeant-at-Arms, Catherine Van Arsdale.

Lucille Cohen of Springfield Township Auxiliary, near LaPorte, compiled a new installation ceremony, which she used as she installed the officers. It was a beautiful and impressive ceremony and has since been used each year.

The annual convention banquet was held at the Congress Inn with 680 plates being served. With air-conditioning breaking down it was really hot and crowded.

Guess What! Part of the program following was a magician, who realized he was so effective that would cause our precise President, Inez Jeffries, and her devoted husband, Jeff, to go falling backwards off the speaker's and officers' raised platform in front of all our refined members and guests. No hurts. That is time they became "Holy Rollers" as we found out later they advertised with a sign in their yard. Yes, with the crowd the platform was too narrow.

Fireworks display and dancing were enjoyed by all. Even one fellow became so tired, he tried to retire in the middle of the street. No one could get him to move; so the Sergeant-at-arms was told that was his job. He neither could coax him up until the officer told him that he was going to lie down beside him unless he got up. Guess the tired guy didn't care for a bed partner because he immediately got up.

Saturday morning waterball teams were really busy. The Acton Auxiliary were the first place winners of the ladies waterball contest. In the afternoon a long parade depicted great splendor. The Lucky Doe Doll winner was Rolland Masterson from LaPorte. \$417.21 was the profit made from the doll project.

### President's Corner

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you give your members is excellent, but in this era, refusing to respond to any fire is unheard of. Your department, its members and the township officials could be subject to lawsuits.

The IVFA officers agree the Redding Township Department should be tax supported, and we will assist you in any way to achieve this goal. If the membership of your organization

believes it necessary, the IVFA will assist your department with training. This is only one of the services provided by the IVFA to its members. We would like for your department and its members to become more active in the IVFA. We would further encourage you to work out a mutual aid pact with the other departments in your area as there may be an occasion when your department will need assistance. Our 1978 state convention will be

June 15-16-17 in Wayne Township, Marion County, at the Sheraton Inn. The officers want to take this opportunity to personally invite any of you to participate in the Friday business sessions, particularly, as this is when in-depth discussion is held and decisions are made affecting volunteer fire service in the State of Indiana.

If I can be of service in any way, please call me at home, (317) 873-4848.

Sincerely,  
Charles S. Jones

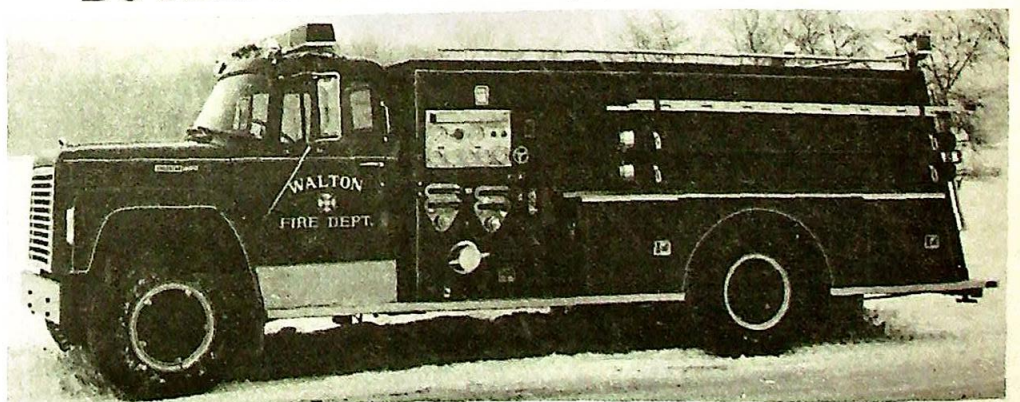
The State Fair Committee, with Bud Sears, District 8B, as chairman, has been busy preparing the trailer for use at the fair. This will be a time of trial and error since we are not exactly certain how to make the best of the opportunity. If you attend the State Fair, please take the time to look up the IVFA display. The trailer will also be on display for your inspection at Convention.

This trailer is to be available for use at IVFA Fire Schools throughout the state. Also, we're hoping it can be used at local and county fairs by IVFA member departments. We are asking Doug Bechtel, Chairman, District 4, to be totally responsible for the trailer. This will include knowing exactly where the trailer is at all times, who is going to use it next, at what function, the purpose it is to serve and length of time of event. We will try to have a definite set of rules established in the next issue. One rule is definite right now. At no time, under no circumstance, is there to be any alcoholic beverages served, stored or consumed in the trailer or on the lot or the area assigned for the trailer. There will be no deviation from this rule.

My own department was recently called on for mutual aid. Fortunately, working together, we were able to make a save. Contrary to being a sign of weakness, calling for mutual aid shows a sign of maturity and responsibility. Some departments wait too late to seek mutual aid and forget the response time of a neighbor department is greater than their own. It is better to call and ask for help and then not need it than to not call and lose the property or life.

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# Chemical Plant Blast Shakes Kingsbury Area

The fire at the Fisher-Calo Chemical Plant erupted about 1 p.m. Friday, March 31. Within two hours, authorities had ordered the evacuation of residents from nearby towns because of the possible danger of poisonous gases escaping into the atmosphere.

The fire burned out of control for several hours Friday afternoon and evening, fed by gusting west winds that carried thick black smoke and toxic fumes east and northeast to as far away as New Carlisle in St. Joseph County.

Concern was greatest for residents who lived east and northeast of the fire.

Fire fighters and chemical experts were called to the scene.

Hundreds of Indiana State Police, county police and all other available law enforcement officers were used to conduct the evacuation. After determining which residents would be evacuated, police drove through those areas using squad car loudspeakers ordering residents to flee from the path of the smoke and fumes. Under the circumstances, authorities said the evacuation was orderly and carried out successfully within the first few hours of the fire.

Towns in LaPorte County that were evacuated were nearby Kingsbury, located west of the fire scene, as well as Mill Creek, Stillwell, Fish Lake and Hudson Lake. Also evacuated were all rural residents and schools within that area. Many of those who could not go to relatives' homes were sent to various schools and armories with the LaPorte-Michigan City areas.

Only two minor injuries were reported from the blaze. Two firemen reportedly suffered scratches while fighting the fire. One of those firemen also may have been overcome by smoke.

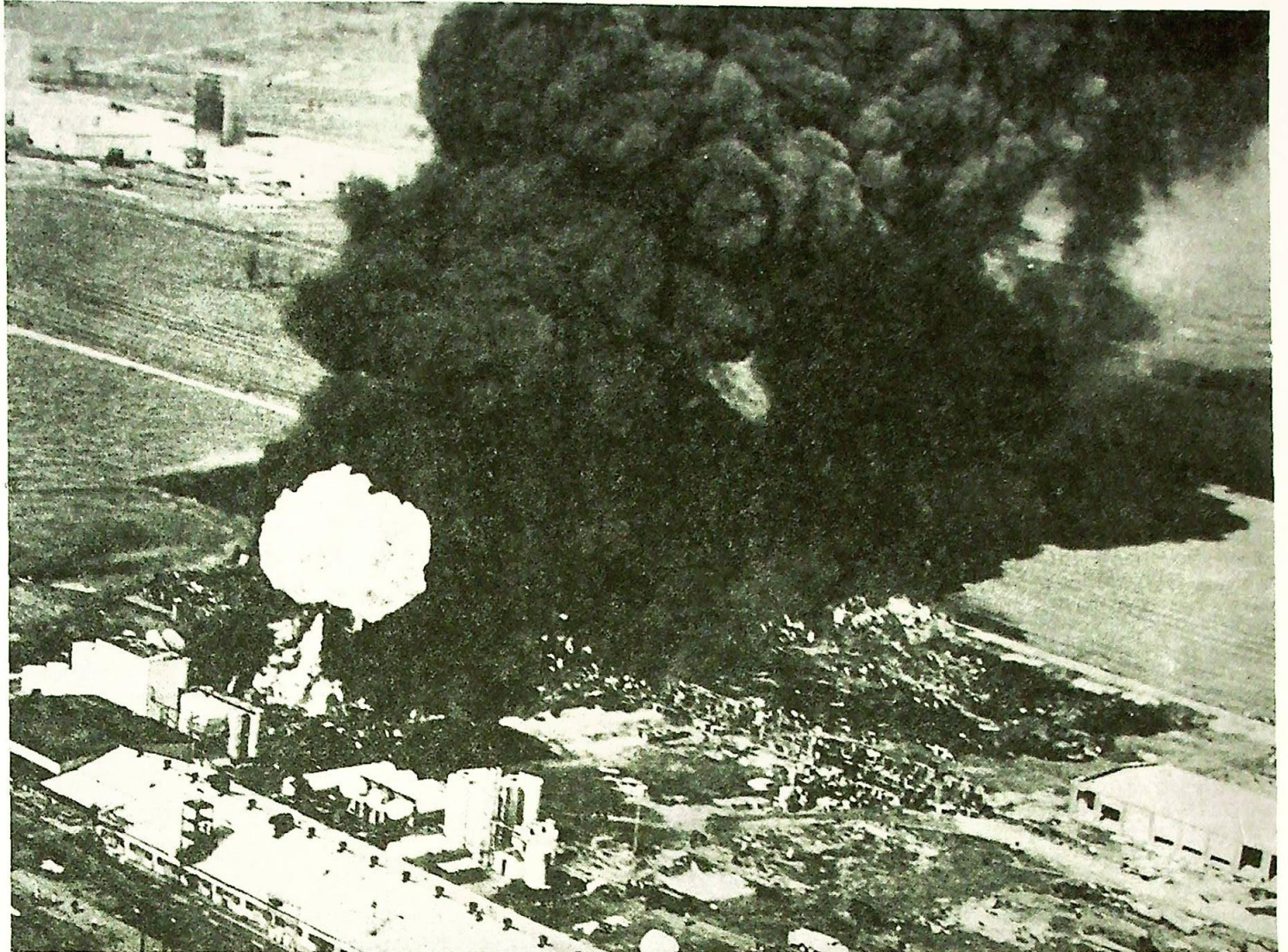
Hundreds of explosions accompanied the fire that continued to burn. Officials of the chemical firm reported that some of the chemicals present which would endanger lives if their fumes were inhaled included, chlorine, ammonia, sulfur dioxide, flouride and various paint solvents and thinners.

The chemical firm includes the subsidiary corporations of Midwest Ammonia Corporation and Midwest Chlorine Corporation. The fire started in the vicinity of several thousand 55-gallon barrels which were stacked several high, covering thousands of square feet at the rear of the plant.

Although a damage estimate has not been made, authorities expect it will run into the millions of dollars. Several nearby buildings in the industrial park also were damaged from burning debris that was thrown for miles from exploding tanks.

After the fire had been burning about two hours and firemen realized that, despite their efforts it was spreading and threatening railroad tanker cars filled with chlorine as well as other ground tanks filled with various chemicals, the evacuation was ordered.

From the beginning of the fire, the best weapon and most effective was the high gusting winds that prevented faster spreading of the fire. The fire spread from the burning drums to nearby huge storage tanks of sulfur dioxide and other chemicals which exploded like bombs. One of the tanks, measuring about 30 feet tall and 15 feet in diameter, exploded,



sending the top of the tank hurling like a giant frisbee through the air for several hundred feet landing in a wooded area west of the fire.

Another large piece of 4-inch diameter steel pipe narrowly missed hitting three LaPorte County Police who were standing near their parked car several hundred yards from the fire.

Every available fire fighter and fire unit in LaPorte County was at the fire scene. Hundreds of firemen, including many from nearby counties, and scores of pieces of fire fighting equipment were used

to battle the blaze.

Smoke and billowing balls of bright fire could be seen for miles. Some huge fire balls exploded thousands of feet in the air. Throughout the fire the greatest concern was the possibility of toxic fumes. Although there was much uncertainty about the presence of such fumes, the possibility existed and authorities said the risk of not evacuating was too great.

Despite all the water that firemen were using — dozens of fire hoses poured water onto the

flames — it really did little good against the chemicals that were burning. Pieces of metal from the exploding barrels in larger tanks were being hurled through the air after each explosion like shrapnel.

The heat from the fire was so intense that several nearby grass fires were started. Several of the grass fires, although extinguished by fire fighters, had threatened other buildings in the fire.

The evacuation, which began about 3 p.m., was called off about 9 p.m. Friday.

Firemen were able to return to the scene of the fire about that same time and take up the fight again. They remained at the scene overnight as paint barrels continued to explode.

Only a portion of the far south end of the building remains. The rest of the plant was destroyed as well as most chemicals stored there. Tractors were used to pull two railroad tanker cars filled with chlorine safely away from the fire.

## District 8-B News

The Union City Firefighters Association held its annual April Fool Goat drawing on April 1 at the Union City Fire Department. Winner of this year's drawing was Larenda Benson. Ted Snyder was the seller of the winning ticket. All proceeds from the drawing go toward the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

Red Key Fire Department sponsored a delicious ham and bean supper April 14 at the Fire Station. Also on June 6th, a parade, chicken and noodle supper and a waterball contest will be at the Fire Station.

On June 8, the Montpelier Auxiliary bought cooking utensils, dishes, silverware, glasses and cups for their new fire station which is in the process of being built.

Mrs. Almeda Brown, District 8B Chairman, Mrs. Wilda Brown of Montpelier, Mrs. Alice Weaver of Redkey and Mrs. Rosemary Sears of White River Department, all attended the Ridgeville's local meeting on April 11 at the home of Mrs. Stewart.

The Ward Township Firemen and Auxiliary sponsored a Ham and Bean supper on April 22 at the Fire Station. Proceeds go for their new recreation park being built.

On April 29th a chili and oyster supper was served for the Modern Woodman's Insurance Association.

## Fire Prevention Section Established In Clinton

Last May Chief Roy E. Divan established a Fire Prevention Section in the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department.

Leroy Gibson was named Fire Prevention Co-ordinator. Mr. Gibson is a past Assistant Chief and Chief of the Department and has 14 years in the fire service.

Chief Divan and Gibson decided one of the most pressing needs of the community was that of fire prevention education on all levels.

Clinton is a community of approximately 5500 with two nursing homes, four grade schools, a middle school and a hospital. The department also provides fire protection for the new South Vermillion High School just north of the city.

Mr. Gibson first contacted the two nursing homes and the hospital and informed them that our department was available to help them in their fire prevention programs. The response was positive and programs and training sessions were set up, with several members of the department offering to help with the program.

As of this date the Fire Prevention Section has trained more than 80 employees of the nursing homes and is setting up a program with the hospital.

The training consisted of the proper use of A-B-C extinguishers, and every employee used the extinguishers on a controlled fire situation.

They were also shown how to spot possible fire hazards at home as well as at work.

Then at a regular meeting of the

department, several members suggested that we do something to bring fire prevention into the

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## District Meetings

### District 4

The 4th District held their February 23rd meeting at Harris Fire Department, the home department of Norm Crocker, the Vice-President of the Association. The IVFA Secretary, Jack Ford, and our P.R. Man, Paul Fairfield were also present.

The 4th District held their March 23rd meeting at Elkhart Township Fire Department. This was the night we crowned Miss Flame from the District. Miss Marilyn Kowalski is from Portage Township in St. Joe County.

The 4th District held its May meeting in April, on Sunday the 30th, due to the busy schedules of the members. We had about 15 campers and about 65 people for the fine meal on Sunday in the warm sun.

To all the people in the 4th District — I hope to see a lot of you at Convention '78. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the help and time you spent this past year. I have really enjoyed being your District Chairman and hope to have the opportunity to serve you in the future. I also owe a big thanks to all the state elected officers for their help. I am looking forward to working even closer with all of you.

To all members of the 4th District, be sure and know how your department wants you to vote on the resolutions at Convention '78. You will be able to serve as an informed representative if you do.

Thanks,

Douglas Bechtel  
4th District Chairman

### District 10

AMITY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
February 15, 1978

The February meeting of the 10th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association was called to order by Chairman Jim Parker with 59 firemen representing 17 departments reporting 79 fires, first aid or emergency runs.

Guests for the evening were State Senator Bob Garton and John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety of Indianapolis. The meal was served first, followed by an interesting talk by Senator Garton.

The Miss Flame Contest was to be held March 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Waldron High School.

Chairman Parker announced the membership of our organization was now 15,922. This was the official count at the February State officers' meeting at Anderson. Parker also announced that the East Central I.V.F.A. Fire School will be held at New Castle August 19th and 20th. The popular silo and elevator fire class will be offered at this school.

Members of the 10th District were pleased to present the Midwest award to Jeff Granger of Clarksburg. Jeff is a big supporter of the I.V.F.A. and he regularly attends all district meetings.

The Waldron fire department was named as the winner of the yearly attendance award. The members of the Waldron department were busy with mutual aid this evening and were unable to attend.

There was \$42.00 in the 50-50 drawing and Chief Gerald Smiley of Clay Township won the split.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Parker.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Neal, 10th District Secretary

### BARGERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

March 15, 1978

The March meeting of the 10th District I.V.F.A. was called to order by Chairman Jim Parker at the Bargersville Fire Station. There were 70 firefighters from 19 departments reporting a total of 357 fires, first aid or emergency runs for the previous month.

The meal was served first and Pattie Meyers of Meyers Ambulance Service of Franklin and John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety were guests for the evening.

Chairman Parker reminded everyone of the State Fire Marshal's fire school April 22 and 23rd at IUPUI and announced Jack Knoll of Waldron would be an instructor.

Chairman Parker announced the District Miss Flame Contest was held March 11th at Waldron with over 100 people attending. The 1978 10th District Miss Flame will be Lesa Sproessig, daughter of "Waterball" Bill Sproessig of Hope.

There was much more discussion of the Redding Township Fire Department.

Warren Township Fire Department local firefighter union local 1644 and the Indianapolis Fire Department will sponsor a smoke detector seminar April 9th. The Warren Township firefighters also presented the Membership their 1977 Annual report. The report stated the busy Warren Township department responded to 3,403 alarms during 1977 and many other interesting facts.

There was a brief history of the Bargersville department given by their chief and there was \$61.00 to be divided in the 50-50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Neal, 10th District Secretary

### HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT

April 20, 1978

The 10th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met April 20th at the Hope Fire Department with 68 firefighters from 18 departments reporting 183 fires, first aid or emergency runs for the previous month.

Guests for the evening were John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety of Indianapolis and two former 10th District chairmen, Carl Bruns, now the chairman of District 19, and Gerald Baker of the Hartsville Fire Department. They were all welcome guests.

Chairman Parker advised the East Central Fire School scheduled for August 19-20 at New Castle, will be held at the Bundy Auditorium. The Saturday classes were taken care of but Parker asked for suggestions for classes on Sunday. Some of the suggestions were a propane gas school, ladders and rescue and Farm chemicals.

The membership was advised of a possible EMT course to be sponsored by the Shelbyville Fire Department and Trans-med Ambulance Service. Anyone interested in this school should contact any of these organizations.

Chairman Parker asked for a department to take the 1978 10th District picnic and Roger Johnson of Columbus Township volunteered if the other departments in Barth County would help. The picnic will be held at Mill Race Park on August 13th in Columbus.

There were many complaints on the location of our East Central Fire School for this year. One of

the best attended fire schools was the one at Rushville and the membership can't see why the 10th District can't have the school back again.

Former 10th District Chairman Carl Bruns, gave a report on his new district. Bruns started with 11 departments in his District and now the departments on his roster number 26.

In the second roll call, Southwest department advised of two fires in the same house just days apart. The fire is under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office. Waldron department told of a Train-Van accident they assisted in Shelbyville with and also of an elevator fire with \$80,000 damage.

Chairman Parker reminded everyone to advise the State Fire Marshal's office of any fires having to do with insulation.

Roger Johnson of Columbus Township advised of an antique fire apparatus muster May 20th at the Greensburg city park. The event will be sponsored by the Greensburg Fire Department and the Indiana Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America.

The next meeting of the 10th District will be at the Clay Township Fire Department in Burney on May 17th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Neal, 10th District Secretary

### District 11A

Our last District 11A Meeting was held on March 19th at Farmersburg. We all had a great time. We were served a fine lunch of Farmersburg's famous fried fish. Then we had our third Miss Flame Contest with seven contestants. The winner and District 11A Miss Flame is Peggy Coopridier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Coopridier of the Curry Township Fire Department of Farmersburg.

Butch McGill, State Sergeant-at-Arms, presented the district with a new American Flag that had been given by U. S. Representative, John Meyers. Sue Biggs, District 11A Auxiliary Chairman, spent her winter hand-making a new district flag and it was presented to the district at the same time by Sue Biggs and Bonnie Crocker, State Auxiliary Sergeant-at-Arms.

Butch McGill was then presented with our retired flags. We felt this was fitting because Butch served nine years as our District chairman.

I want to thank all the IVFA officers for attending. We were very pleased to see them there.

Now that the winter is only a bad memory, I hope to be visiting more departments and meeting more people.

We have had hard times in the last three months. Four of our firemen have passed away. We will miss them as will their home departments and community.

Convention is right around the corner and it sounds to me like it will be another good one. If you have never been, you are really missing something.

We have been trying to go to as many functions as possible. It is hard to keep from getting fat when you attend as many as three eating functions in one day.

It has been a pretty good year since last Convention and I want to thank everybody for all the help and kindness that has been extended to my family and I.

District 11A Chairman  
Larry Biggs

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### District 11B

The District 11-B meeting was held at Dana with a great turnout. The meal was real good, thanks to the Dana Auxiliary. They did a fine job.

With representation from 18 departments, had we had more, we would have had to hang them from the ceiling. We held our first district Queen contest and as chairman am very proud of the girls from Cayuga, Dana, Ripley Townships, Reelsville, J.U.G.A. (Bellmore), Roachdale, Fillmore and Montezuma.

Lois Wilbur of Ripley Township (Alamo) is our Miss Flame and I feel she will represent us and do a super job. Our next meeting is May 21, 1978 at Fillmore, a small town but a great bunch of firemen.

I have tried to visit every department in District 11-B but I still have a few to go. I have also been trying to sign up new departments into the I.V.F.A. Bloomington has joined and I have talked with Kingman, Wallace, Waynetown and Hillsboro. I still need to talk to Ladoga. Sure hope all of them will join our team. They are interested in our West Central fire school. Any department (old or new) needing assistance, please feel free to contact me.

As our election is approaching, I would like to thank Cecil Barnett for his fine job as Assistant Chairman and for handling the fire school at Cloverdale, John Davies at Fillmore for doing a fine job as Secretary, Chaplain Jack Wilburn of Montezuma for his job well done on Memorial Services, and Dwayne Osborne for protecting me as he has done a fine job as Sergeant-at-Arms. Thanks to the state officers for participating in the District meeting and answering the questions that I can't.

It won't be long until Convention and as Chairman I am looking forward to it. I know Wayne Township has worked real hard to make it a huge success.

Best of luck to you, Wayne Township.  
Bill Bush  
Chairman, District 11-B

### Cedar Lake V.F.D.

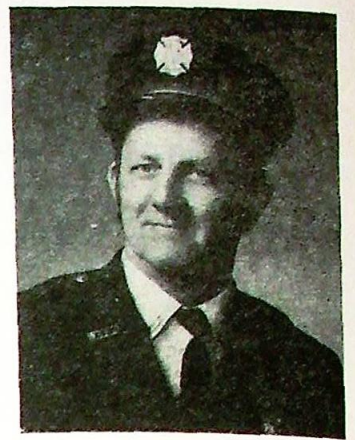
#### Elects New Officers

Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department has selected the following men as officers for 1978. They include: president Joseph Schutz, vice-president Martin Saberniak, secretary Thomas Anderson, treasurer Roger Patz, chief Robert Eberle, asst. chief Norbert Shroka, captain Roger Patz, and lieutenants James Caston, Vernon Sergeant, Jay Sheehy and Russell Tuttle.

The Board of Directors for 1978 are: Joseph Schutz, Dennis Wilkening, Roger Patz, Bernard Wornhoff, Robert Eberle, Norbert Shroka and Martin Saberniak.

During 1977 the Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department answered a total of 220 alarms.

### Public Relations Northeast



Paul Fairfield

A big "Hello" from the Northeast part of the State. Time once more to send my greetings and message to all the firemen throughout the State. First and foremost on my mind at this time, is our coming convention in Indianapolis June 15, 16, and 17. There will be some serious times for settling of business, plus some excellent programs and displays, and, of course, fun. I want to especially call your attention to the fire training programs that are set for Thursday afternoon at I.V.F.A. Convention. There has been much thought, planning and expense involved to bring a very professional program to you. It has been recommended that the wives attend these programs also, as they will be of great interest to them, too. I certainly hope to see each and everyone of you there.

I have recently read an article by Thomas C. Jorling, Asst. Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. In his article he predicts that within the next two years, major spills of hazardous materials will almost double along the nation's waterways, highways and railroads. I wonder... will your fire company be ready to cope with this situation if that tank car or truck spills hazardous materials along your highway or railroad? Mr. Jorling also notes that along with these spills there could be a similar increase in loss of life. The amounts of chlorine, vinyl chloride, and other hazardous materials being transported through towns and country sides are being doubled and tripled each year. Possibility of such a spill in a major population center should be cause for great alarm for our firemen. Are you really ready to handle a situation like this if it happens in your area? Do give this some very serious thought.

Now that we have put our long, cold winter behind us, I hope you are all thinking about vacations and the more relaxed pace of life that should come with the summer months. I know that I am looking forward to this.

See you all at convention.

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# I.V.F.A. Officers Meeting

## OFFICERS MEETING

February 4, 1978

The meeting was called to order by president Jones at 2005 hours in the ballroom at the Sheraton Inn in Anderson.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz, followed by the pledge to the flag given by vice president Crocker.

Roll call was taken by secretary Ford, four officers were absent, the total attendance record is on file. President Jones called for the reading of the minutes, motion was made by Bill Howe to dispense the reading of the minutes, seconded by Ed Weaver, motion carried by a voice vote.

There were seven guests present. They were Jack Wolfe, Bruce Neal, Duane Osborne, Mort Sorg, Ivan Bosserman, Les Bannin and Charlie Bogden.

President Jones started out the officers reports by stating that despite the bad weather, he had been doing as much traveling as possible. He visited several meetings and participated in events relating to state fire business.

Vice President Crocker stated he had been traveling quite a bit, despite some personal problems, that prevented his traveling as much as he liked to. Norm cautioned all about insurance coverage, referring to the current practice of many insurance companies, that no longer cover personal cars when making a blue light or emergency runs. The endorsement to be covered while on these runs must be signed in order for the car to be covered.

Secretary Ford had received no communications. He stated that at this time we have 15,922 members paid, however, we also have 26 departments that have not paid this year that did pay last year. A copy of Jack's report for this quarter and a copy of the unpaid departments was passed out to each officer and a true copy will be attached to the permanent records.

Treasurer Stofer gave the following report: General Fund \$14,453.44; Funeral Fund \$8,965.61; Clothing Fund \$7,914.69; Reserve Fund \$4,587.69; Total \$35,921.69; CD Notes \$86,000.00; Total \$121,921.69. This is based on a membership of 15,542 members. Gene received a check from the paper advertisement of \$1,687.75 and a check from the insurance companies for \$2,562.91. This is the first time the association has operated with a surplus of funds. Gene has traveled quite a bit throughout the state, attended meetings and visited several departments. He is generally satisfied with the growth of the association and the work that is being done by the state officers.

Recording Secretary Poling had no report.

Chaplain Lantz reported he had conducted 11 memorials from November through January. He had been quite busy and had done a lot of traveling. Duane stated that he was elected chaplain in 1963, and if the Lord willing and the members see fit, he would like to serve one more year to make it 15 years of service as the Chaplain of the IVFA. He was very thankful and appreciative for the general help and support from the association in making his service as Chaplain a pleasant time of his life. Duane stated he is getting short of Bibles and would like more.

Sergeant-at-Arms had no report.

Jim Baker spoke as Chairman of the Legislative Committee and gave the following report of activities in the state legislature:

There were 28 bills submitted, most of them won't reach the committee for consideration. One bill, Number 1428, the bill for cigarette and liquor tax, he and the committee felt is certain to be dead for the year.

Jim stated he was well pleased with the members of the committee. Even though not all of the committee were there each time they were requested to be, there were always some to cover each situation. A bill that was passed was Bill 1247. This passed without opposition. Part A clarifies the fact that volunteer firemen are not covered by Workman's Compensation. Part B provides that a volunteer fireman receive at least \$100 per week compensation for disability for a maximum of 260 weeks, they shall also receive medical benefits of at least \$25,000, these figures are the minimum. If a department wished to, they can carry insurance coverage to provide for greater benefits. Item 3 of this bill requires that municipalities purchase insurance of at least \$300,000 to cover actions by volunteer firemen while on emergency calls. Item 4 makes these changes effective upon promulgation of this bill. Jim stated he felt this bill was very necessary, because at this time there are 1500 suits in the courts against both volunteer and paid departments. Jim feels that as soon as this session of legislation is over that the president should appoint another legislative committee immediately that would operate the year round. This committee should get together as soon as appointed and determine legislation that the IVFA would like to see passed pertaining to fire fighting and fire fighters. This would make our wishes known during the off term when most bills are drawn up.

The bill that is still alive in the legislature is Bill No. 1031, which has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This bill provides that local governments may have accumulative funds for the purpose of remodeling or building fire departments and equipment. At the present time this is not possible. Jim concluded his report by stating that they, as members of the committee, can only do the ground work. They requested that should they call on any members for help in calling legislatures and letting them know what we desire that he would like this request complied with promptly, because it is possible that the bill in question could come up the next day on the floor and if not acted upon promptly could be forgotten.

Milan Pece of the training committee stated they had gotten reproductions made of the red book with no cost to the association. These books will be passed out tomorrow at the regular officers' meeting. The slide training pictures from Cooney Tucker's office have gone from 15c to 50c per slide, because of the extreme increase in cost further negotiations by Cooney and a reproduction firm are in progress. No further action will be taken until a better price is bid.

The IFSTA Manuals, which are for sale, will be passed to the different people and state officers to sell at district meetings and fire schools. On another proposal on training activities, Milan introduced Mr. Jack Wolfe of Wolfe Technical Enterprises. He presented a video tape pertaining to different segments of fire business. These tapes will be made available as training aids towards the certification of Master firefighter. They can be rented for \$50 and they are one hour long. Wolfe Enterprises would handle all marketing and all clerical work pertaining to the distribution and returning of these films. The association will receive 10 per cent of the rental price for endorsing and aiding in advertising. The only equipment needed is a TV set. The video tape machine and/or information where to get one will be furnished by Wolfe

Enterprises. He further added that these tapes in no way would be used towards the actual certification of Master firefighter. He did feel, however, that these tapes would be beneficial as a training aid in the full service of firefighting. Mr. Wolfe stated he was aiming the presentation towards a district and region level as opposed to a department level, and he offered several ways to raise money to defray the cost of these tapes.

Due to the noise of the band next door, Ed Weaver made a motion to recess for the evening, seconded by Jim Baker, motion carried by voice vote. President Jones said the meeting will reconvene at 0900 hours on Sunday morning and recessed the meeting at 2130 hours.

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President Jones reconvened the meeting at 0900 hours. He called on Chaplain Lantz for the invocation for the day. Vice president Crocker led the group in the pledge to the flag.

To continue the officers report, Bud Sears of the state fair committee reported that they have tentatively set up a mobile home to be used as an exhibit at the fair. There will be a meeting on February 26, to finalize all plans for the display.

Bob Esserman of the Editor's assistance committee reported that he, himself, had nothing to report, but that Editor Laney may, if he so desires.

Norm Crocker of the redistricting committee had no report at this time, but that the problems of redistricting and realigning was one tremendous job and they are working on it and will have a report in the future.

As Chairman of the fire school committee, Norm Crocker stated three dates have already been given the association for fire schools. The first one will be in Bob Esserman's territory, the N.W. part of the state, on May 13, in Liberty Township. Norm added that they will use all certified instructors so that everyone could use this time toward certification as firefighters.

Marion Bush of the insurance committee had no report.

Norm Crocker of the safety committee said there will be an article in the next issue of the paper.

Bob Surber of the games committee stated that they had a meeting and decided that any entry sent in to play at convention should be sent by registered or certified mail and be postmarked no later than June 1, otherwise they will not be accepted. Each person wishing to play at convention must be registered at convention. Bob requested that the committee be allowed to purchase an extra waterball in case of damage to the one they have.

Marion Bush presented a front license plate. This plate can be used as advertisement for the association. The design depicting the IVFA. Marion reported that the auxiliary would sell these plates if there were no objections as a money making project. Very little discussion and not any action taken at this time either way.

Bob Esserman, Public Relations Director NorthWest, reported that in the northwest there will be two fire schools, one in the northern section and one in the southern. The second school is not fully set up but will be held sometime in September. One county has formed a county dispatch and hopes to start the 911 system.

Paul Fairfield, Public Relations Director NorthEast, no report.

Steve Ritter, Public Relations Director West Central, had just gotten back from a seminar and would give a report at the next meeting.

Billy Sunday, Public Relations Director East Central, has set up different kinds of fire training schools and seminars. These will be used towards certification. The East Central fire school will be held August 19 and 20 at New Castle.

Carl Davis, Public Relations Director SouthWest, said they are having conflicts with the dates for their fire school. However, it is tentatively scheduled for May 20 and 21.

Paul Kraft, Public Relations Director SouthEast, was absent.

Editor Laney reported that things are in good shape for the paper. Most of the written materials will be ads. He hoped that there will be enough straight articles to print on time.

No report from the ads taker.

Norm Crocker passed out letters to each district chairman and would like the nominations for the Midwest Awards to be given to him as soon as possible.

Tim Downey of the insurance committee said he was pleased with the sales of accident and health insurance throughout the state. In one year they have written over \$140,000 worth of premiums. He is anticipating that by the end of next year they will be writing premiums and policies for 400 departments.

The EMS committee had a meeting this weekend, but had nothing to report. They expressed their desires that they would like to know the gripes and desires of anybody and would try to correct any problems that might arise.

Jack Ford reported that the application to copyright our state logo had been sent in to Washington, D.C. However, it has not been registered due to some kind of tieup in the copyright office.

The meeting continued with district chairmen reports. District Chairmen 1, 2, 7, 10, 18 and 19 had no reports.

Ralph Yergler of District 3 stated he felt that the state troopers and other law enforcement people who patrol the Interstates and Tollways should have more knowledge on whom to call in the event of an emergency on these roads.

Doug Bechtel of District 4 thanked Chaplain Lantz for the Memorial

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## Monroe County Firefighters

### Field Day To Be Held

The Monroe County Firefighters' Association will hold their second annual Firefighters' Field Day, Sunday, September 3, 1978, at the Monroe County Air Port, Bloomington, Indiana. Refreshments will be available.

There will be five events: Waterball, Hose Replacement, Church Ladder Raise, Obstacle Course, and Bucket Brigade.

The Entry fee will be \$10.00 per department. Advance registration may be sent to: Monroe County Firefighters' Association, c/o Milan Pece, 513 San Juan Drive, Bloomington, Indiana 47401

## "Cap" Wann Gives

### Speech At Style Show

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 7th Annual Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Style Show and Salad Bar.

The makeup of a Volunteer Fire Department can be looked at in the same way as the makeup of the human body. Let us look at the officers as the eyes of the body, the men as the blood of the body, the trucks as the muscle of the body, and the Fire Station as the skin of the body. The extra equipment, such as the smoke masks, axes, smoke ejectors, Indian fighters as the arms and legs of the body and last but not least; the Ladies Auxiliary as the Heart of the Fire Department. As you can see, take away any part of this body and the body can't function.

Through fund raising events of this type the women have purchased equipment for our department, such as the new smoke ejector that they purchased this winter. In the past they have purchased boots, coats, jackets, and many other items for the department. Items the men cannot purchase themselves.

At the men's fund raising events it's our lovely ladies that are fixing the food, working in the kitchen and aiding the department in every possible way. When we have a big fire or disaster, it is the ladies who make us hot coffee or cold lemonade and also see we get it, even in the field. And this is what everyone sees, there is much more to being a fireman's wife, setting home alone on Saturday nite, watching the grass grow a full six inches because the husband is down at the station working on a truck, putting down a well or taking training on one of the various faces of fire fighting. It means getting shook out of their beds at 3:00 A.M. in the morning when the phone rings for a fire. It's the worry if everyone will come home safe after a fire. This is what being a fireman's wife is all about.

They're our hearts, we love 'em. We want to say Thanks, gals. We need you, We love you.

## Two Retired Fire Chiefs Receive Awards

At the March meeting of the 19th District, retired Fire Chief Herman Artmire of the Batesville department and Carroll Miller of the Greendale Fire Department were honored as recipients of the Dual Midwest award.

New Fire Chiefs Don Weigel presented Mr. Artmire his award and new Fire Chief Ed Noel presented Carroll Miller with his award.

Fire Marshal William Goodwin also presented recognition awards to both retiring Chiefs from Governor Otis Bowen.



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| Miriam Schaeckel            | Joyce Nevil                   |
| Barbara Ritter              | Betsy Howe                    |
| Eula Bush                   | Nancy Neal                    |
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| Mary Stafford               | Lillian Bower                 |

## From The Desk Of Your President



Vica McGill

It's that time Gals, to start thinking about traveling to Wayne Township June 15, 16, and 17 to the 32nd Annual I.V.F.A. Convention. They have been working extra hard to give you Gals a fun and exciting time. Try to attend our meetings all day on Friday. Besides being informative, there may be some surprises too. Let's take time to attend the Memorial Service on Friday. This is one time a year when we stop to honor our firemen and auxiliary members who have passed away during the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all who have helped make my two years as your President so enjoyable. I have met so many nice people. Everywhere Butch and I have been over the state, we have been received with open arms. You are all great. Special thanks to my officers, district chairladies, and committee-women, you are the ones who made my two years so enjoyable.

Butch and I have attended several District Miss Flame Contests and I would say the judges will have a hard time selecting the 1978 I.V.F.A. Miss Flame. We will have 13 lovely girls competing again this year.

A special welcome aboard to the new auxiliaries that have joined the I.V.F.A.A.

See you at the Convention!  
Vica McGill, President

### District 11A Auxiliary

Time really flies by. We have been very busy since the last paper. So much has happened and we have met so many nice people.

We held our district meeting at Farmersburg. They really went all out for this meeting. Thanks a lot for hosting the meeting. At this meeting we held our Miss Flame Contest. We had seven contestants and all were very attractive and had great personalities. Peggy Coopridier of Farmersburg was crowned District 11A Miss Flame and Kimberly Bidwell was runner-up.

We then had our regular meeting with 41 members and 11 guests present. I would like to thank all of the state officers that attended this meeting. Discussions on many subjects were held. It was great to see so much participation. Reports were given by different members. I reported that patches are going very well. If you need patches, contact me, Sue Biggs, District 11A Chairman, or Eula Bush, District 11B Chairman. We try to always have them on hand.

Next meeting will be held at West Terre Haute, on May 21, with election of officers.

Well a year has passed. We have met so many nice people in the past year, we have driven a lot of miles and attended a lot of different functions and enjoyed every minute of it. Even though it

## In Memoriam

Dorothy Russell, Manilla  
Mae Overton, Greenville, District 16



Thelma Lester, Chaplain



Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. Psalm 103:13

I'm reminded of a story told of an outstanding preacher of a previous generation who, while walking home one bitterly cold evening, spotted a shivering, poorly-clad newsboy hawking his wares. Taking pity on him, the preacher bought all of his papers, and in the process said to him, "Son, you must surely be cold out here on an evening like this." To this the boy responded, "I was, sir, till you passed by."

What a wonderful thing is mercy. How sorely it is needed in all of our dealings! How much better the world because of it! If it is true that man's inhumanity to man has caused millions to mourn, it is equally true that his mercy has caused millions to rejoice.

We learn our mercy from our God with whom the term is synonymous. Hosea must have rejoiced to be able to speak the comforting words of God, "I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people." (Hosea 2:23)

Never deserved, never earned, but sorely needed, is the pity of the heavenly Father for His children. Simply, our pity for others is needed. This very day numerous opportunities to display mercy will present themselves.

We hope we will never need our fire department but when we do, we are glad they are close by and they will come. We feel they cannot get there quick enough; although they are only minutes. They are willing, hastily but sure, sacrificial, sympathetic and more educational each day in fire training and physical all because of their devoted love for others. May we avail ourselves of those opportunities.

Father, remove not your mercy from our wretched lives. Help us, the recipients of Your grace, to practice grace upon others. Through Christ we pray. A-men.

Thelma Lester, Chaplain

does get a little hectic at times, especially when you attend three eating functions in one day.

It is also time for the Convention again. Go to Wayne Township and enjoy it. It is a lot of fun. It sounds like it is going to be a good one again this year.

I would like to Welcome Seelyville Fire Department Auxiliary to the state. We are glad to have you. If we can help you with anything, let us know.

Thanks, again, for a great year. See you at the Convention.

District 11A Chairman  
Sue Biggs

### District 11B Auxiliary

Spring finally arrived. As I write this, the trees are beginning to look green, the Redbud trees are beautiful as usual, and the farmers are starting to plant their crops. Other sure signs of spring are the activities of fire departments and auxiliaries. They are beginning to get real busy with fund raising and social events. We will be attending as many as we can, so let us know what is happening.

Our March District 11-B meeting was held at the Dana firehouse. Seven lovely girls participated in our first Miss Flame Contest. Lois Wilbur, representing Ripley Township Fire Department, is our winner, and Denise Gentry of Roachdale is runner-up. (We think we have selected Miss Flame 1978 for the I.V.F.A.)

We have 12 Auxiliaries in our

District and nine of them were represented at the meeting. Also, we had guests from five departments not in our District. A really nice turn out. Thanks to the Dana Auxiliary for the very nice meal.

I attended a meeting at Rosedale and I'm proud to report that they formed an auxiliary. They also joined the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary 100 per cent for the year 1978-79. Welcome to a great organization, Rosedale!

As mentioned earlier, we have 12 auxiliaries in the District this year. I hope we can reach a goal of 20 next year. Any auxiliary interested, please let me know, and I will meet with you.

I would like to thank the District officers and everyone for their support during the past year. I think our District has gotten off to a fine start!

This year's Convention promises to be a really big event. Hope we can have a large delegation from District 11-B. I'm sure it will be an enjoyable three days. If you don't have your I.V.F.A. Auxiliary patches before going to Convention, bring your needle and thread because they will be available there. I will sell you all you want at \$1.50 each.

See you in Wayne Township June 15, 16, and 17.

Eula Bush  
Chairman, District 11-B

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight-forward and unafraid.

## AUXILIARY ANTICS

by Gloria Laney  
Auxiliary Reporter

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP — Fish Fry 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

HOPE — Bingo 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at Fire House

HARRIS TOWNSHIP GRANGER — Fish Fry, May 13.

WARREN TOWNSHIP, SOUTH BEND — Dance, July 15.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP, DUNLAP (Elkhart) — Fish Fry, September 9.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, SOUTH BEND — Fish Fry, September 22.

## More Auxiliary News

### OFFICERS' MEETING

February 5, 1978

Sheraton Inn - Anderson, Indiana

The Officers' Meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary was called to order by President Vica McGill at 9:25 A.M. We were led in prayer by Chaplain Thelma Lester, followed with the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Bonnie Crocker.

Roll call was answered by 21 officers. There were 17 guests present.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Motion by Miriam Schaeckel, seconded by Betsy Howe that the district reports in the minutes not be read. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary, Barbara Parker, reported we have a membership of 2,796 (this time last year we had 2776), and we have 184 auxiliaries - same total as this time last year. One new auxiliary since our last meeting - 11 new auxiliaries for the year.

Treasurer Nickie Sunday reported as follows:

Balance forwarded \$4,964.38; Receipts \$605.20; Total \$5,569.58; Disbursements \$441.32; Balance 2-5-78 \$5,128.26.

Chaplain Thelma Lester reported she had sent one birth congratulation card, 10 get well cards and 33 sympathy cards. We have had two deaths since Officers' Meeting in November. Thelma read the correspondence she had received since last meeting. She also sent several cards around to be signed to be sent to various people.

\$50.00 was given to Mary Brooks and Barbara Ritter for the Koffee Klutch at Convention.

A motion to give Mary Brooks \$150.00 for the Miss Flame Contest expenses was made by Thelma Lester, seconded by Eula Bush. Motion carried.

Vica reported she had been in contact with Betty Bunch, former District Chairman of District 9A. Betty had been ill — has all her supplies in tact — and is very much interested in getting the district going again. Asked to be put back on the mailing list. If she can't attend the May Officers' Meeting, she will let Vica know.

Loretta Nulliner reported the Officer's pins had not been ordered yet, but would be as soon as she had a meeting with the committee.

The Convention Film Committee reported on their findings — after much discussion and voting as follows — 14 for, six against, and one abstain, it was decided to do away with the 16m. convention film — go to slides and to accept the offer made by Bob Cadle - UP International representative of Terre Haute who submitted figures of \$150.00 per day plus cost of film and processing — he stated at a figure of less than \$500.00. Eula Bush said she would get a written contract from Mr. Cadle.

Nickie Sunday stated she had received a bill for our insurance for the next year in the amount of \$129.00. Motion by Joyce Nevil, seconded by Barbara Ritter that this bill be paid. Motion carried.

Mary Brooks asked if Miss Flame registration was to be paid by the Auxiliary again this year. Motion by Betsy Howe, seconded by Barbara Ritter that the auxiliary again pay the registration fee for all girls entered in the Miss Flame Contest. Motion carried.

Janet Yoder asked about trophies and pins for the ladies entered in the water games. Motion by Barbara Ritter, seconded by Joyce Nevil that Janet go ahead with trophies and pins as in the past. Motion carried.

Lucy Stofer and Barbara Surber, Doe-doll ticket chairmen, reported tickets are still available — no money turned in as yet.

No By-Law amendments submitted as yet.

Everyone was reminded of the Lois Boaz Memorial Award — letters must be in to Mary Boyd, Mary Stafford or Vica McGill by April 1.

Loretta Nulliner, jewelry chairman, reported new auxiliary pins had been ordered — she also reported on the convention charm which will be a replica of the Wayne Township Training Tower. Motion by Thelma Lester, seconded by Lucy Stofer that we purchase 300 charms to be sold for \$1.75 each. Motion carried.

Barbara Ritter and Mary Brooks reported on progress being made for Convention. Barb reminded everyone to get reservation forms in for motel and camping reservations and Mary stated she was taking advance registration. After April 30th registration will be \$12.00.

Nickie Sunday asked that when selling our jewelry to people from Canada — do not take Canadian money. We lose money when exchanging it.

NEW BUSINESS — an IVFA license plate was shown — possibility of being used as a money making project. After much discussion a motion was made by Barbara Ritter, seconded by Eula Bush that we not sell this license plate.

Barbara Parker stated that we have over \$5,000.00 in the treasury and need to get rid of some of this money before filing yearly forms with the state. Various ways of using this excess money were suggested:

1. Give a scholarship on a one (1) year basis to some deserving student.
2. Use money to emphasize our purpose for being an auxiliary — need a program to cause auxiliaries to want to join — possibly set up a death fund.
3. Help defray expenses of officers who do not have husbands that are officers.
4. Give the Miss Flame winner a scholarship.
5. Business cards for the officers.
6. Give Miss Flame winner a bond each year.

Vica asked that all these ideas be taken back to the districts — be discussed — possibly some other ideas will be suggested. Bring a report back to the May Officers' Meeting.

Motion by Lucy Stofer, seconded by Eula Bush that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Closing prayer given by Thelma Lester. Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brooks, Corresponding Secretary

### DISTRICT REPORTS

District 3 — January meeting held at Scipio Township fire station. Roll call answered by 20 members. Michiana Shores won the traveling attendance plaque. Miss Flame contest to be held at March 15th meeting. Union Mills will have 25th Anniversary Open House on April 10th at Conservation Club. White Elephant sale held.

District 4 — January meeting cancelled because of bad weather. Next meeting will be March 23rd at Elkhart Township near New Goshen. This will be the Miss Flame Contest.

District 6 — January meeting held at Albion Volunteer Fire Department — held bake sale. Auctioned off the goodies to the men. The money will go to Miss Flame contestant for her expenses. Next meeting at Butler.

District 7 — Meeting held at Preble on January 16th — roll call answered by five ladies. Next meeting at Poe on March 20th — this will be the Miss Flame Contest.

District 8B — Meeting held January 11 at Hamilton Township. Roll call answered by 12 members from six departments. A district water ball team has been formed and plan to go to convention. Next meeting March 8 at Montpelier. This will be our district Miss Flame Contest.

District 10 — November meeting held at Waldron with the theme "Vacation in Hawaii". 86 members attended representing 14 auxiliaries. Bright Auxiliary welcomed as a new member. Waldron will be hostess for the 10th District Miss Flame Contest in March. Project for February will be each auxiliary donating \$5.00 to help with expense of our Miss Flame Contest.

District 11A — Meeting on November 20th held at Sandford Fire Department — January meeting held at Prairieton Fire Department with 31 members and five guests representing 10 departments. Next meeting will be March 19th at Farmersburg. This will be the district Miss Flame contest.

District 11B — Meeting held at Waveland in November and Reelsville in January. The attendance is improving at each meeting of our newly organized district. Next meeting at Dana on March 12th at 1:00 P.M. Miss Flame candidate will be selected at that meeting.

District 12 — Meeting held at Bridgeport Fire Station — 16 members, five guests present. Marsha Wood of the Sheraton Inn was present and told about the facilities we would have at convention. State I.V.F.A. Auxiliary patches were shown and sold. Convention film was shown.

District 13 — Meeting held at home of Barbara Surber. Convention cup shown as well as State Auxiliary patch. Discussion held on convention film vs. slides. Meetings set up for 1978.

Voting record for slides vs. film:

For: Vica McGill, Barbara Parker, Mary Brooks, Nickie Sunday, Bonnie Crocker, Kris Bechtol, Almeda Brown, Nancy Neal, Sue Biggs, Eula Bush, Barbara Ritter, Miriam Schaeckel, Rosella Bousman and Ruth Ford.

Against: Lucy Stofer, Barbara Surber, Betsy Howe, Janet Yoder, Joyce Nevil and Ruth Fairfield.

Abstain: Thelma Lester.

### Public Relations Southwest



Carl O. Davis

Sorry to hear of the death of fellow fireman and District Chairman Edmund Weaver. To Mrs. Weaver and family you have our sympathy.

Have been visiting in several departments in the South West and find they are getting ready for the 1978 Convention at Indianapolis. Fellows, let's show that the South is still here. As has been said before, each department can send three delegates and three alternates to the Convention. Mileage will be paid for one car from each department. The Convention runs for three days. All business and resolutions will be on the floor at Friday's business session. There is plenty of motel rooms and camp sites still available.

The Southwest Fire School was held on April 8 and 9th. Would say from the comments that it was a very successful school. I am sorry to say that we only had 100 attend the school. Would like to say thanks to all of the instructors and the Vincennes Township

Department for hosting the school. From all reports at this time the school was paid for by the Registration fee. As in any program something can always go amiss. One of our instructors didn't show. So asked our State Fire Marshal to have a "rap" session with all instructors taking part. Think this was one of the better sessions of the school. Many questions were asked on the benefits of the IVFA and many other subjects that information was wanted on.

Was invited to the annual Turtle Soup supper. As always, there was plenty of good soup and fellowship. Thanks for the invitation and hope your department will continue with their good work.

In looking through some old books and magazines I found a souvenir program of the Sixteenth Annual State Convention of the Indiana Firemen's Association held on August 3rd and 4th, 1932, at

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Columbus, Indiana. Sure is interesting to compare this program book with the book of IVFA for 1977.

Would like to thank all district chairmen in the Southwest for their fine cooperation and help in the past year. You have made our districts grow by your hard work. This being the last letter before convention and elections, hope to see all of you back next year.

Genevieve and I would like to thank all for making this a year to remember as one of our best in the IVFA. Will see everyone at the Convention '78.

That's it for this time. C U later  
Carl O.

The Modoc Fire Department has set Saturday, July 1, for their third annual all-day Fourth of July Celebration. As in the past, there will be the noon Chicken Barbecue, parade, talent contest and booth display.

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## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL MEETS

The National Volunteer Fire Council met at the Holiday Inn in Hempstead, New York, March 11th at 1:00 and the 12th at 9:00. The following were present at the meeting:

Bob Turner of Ill.	Eugene M. Braun of N.Y.
James Guthrie of Conn.	John S. Olivari of N.Y.
Peter Ackerman of N.J.	Paul E. Radenheimer of Ky.
Gus Welter of Minn.	Tom Schweers of Calif.
William Loomis of Ohio	Fred Williams of N.Y.
Doug Forsman of MA.	James H. Baker of Ind.
Maurie Wilson of CT.	Edwin Preston of MD.
Ed Brett of CT.	E. James Monihan of Del.
Martin J. Hynn of N.Y.	John Keenan of CT.
Wm. Bemstern of N.Y.	Maurice McCarthy of CT.
Carl A. Veltin of N.Y.	Robert McKeon of CT.
William J. Hopmeier of N.Y.	Jim Morgan of WI.
George Gengarely of N.Y.	John Petersen of Ill.

The minutes were approved from the previous meeting. Various guests were introduced.

Jim Baker gave Treasurer's report. So far this year we have 18 states that have joined, 106 individual departments; Maryland 22 departments; New York 18, Ill. 16, Conn. 13, Ind. 11, Ky. 6, Calif 3; N.J. 2; Ohio 2; Alabama, Florida, Wisc., Virginia, Neb., New Hampshire, Iowa, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Wyoming, has 1

Four sustaining memberships: International Association of Fire Chiefs; F. C. Publishing Co.; N.F.P.A. and W. S. Darling & Co. This year we have \$3,300 from member states, \$2,875.00 from sustaining members and departments that have joined. Total in account \$11,896.09. Expenses this year are \$268.00 printing & supplies, \$196.20 postage, \$46.10 telephone, \$97.50 Buears of Nat. Fires, \$101.50 Sec. work.

Motion by Preston that Treasurer be authorized to open passbook account. Seconded by Guthrie. Motion Carried.

Bob Turner gave report on the mailing list of States. We have 29 states who have sent all the departments of their states. A total of 24,000 departments already. It was decided to send application forms to all departments in Texas and Penn. and see what response we get. Jim Guthrie made the motion. Seconded by Gus Welter. Motion carried.

Bob Turner made a suggestion to have business cards made for the delegates. Paul Radenheimer made motion to accept. Ed Preston seconded it. Motion carried.

Gus Welter had nothing more to add on Multi-Jurisdictional Districts. He has written to the contractor, Ryland & Ryland Research and Charlotte Langley, but has not heard from them. A final report on the committee findings has not been given to us as yet, but should be along shortly and will be mailed to all delegates.

Ed Preston made motion that all our meetings be open to the Members of the Fire Service and we welcome them to participate. Gus Welter Seconded it. Motion carried. Preston suggested that the Secretary send a cover letter to Association Delegates on matters that they are not aware of and that all inter-organizational matters do not need to be sent to Associate Members. Also, that an application blank be mailed with Association Memberships mailings asking them to give it to their neighboring departments so that they may join our organization.

Preston made motion that the mailing list of all the Fire Departments in the U.S. not be distributed to anyone, except by executive board order, and that they remain in custody of the Secretary for his use only. Seconded by Pete Ackerman. Motion carried.

### Legislation

Gus Welter reported that there is not a great deal of Fire Legislation being considered right now, as the legislators are all involved in energy bills. Doug Forsman of the N.F.P.A. reported that there is a move afoot to take the N.F.P.C.A. out of the Department of Comm. and transfer it into and under the Office of Civil Defense. The Decision will be presented to the President next Wednesday and can be shifted without the Congress acting on it.

Pete Ackerman made motion that we send telegram to President Carter asking him to hold any action on this until more time has been made available for study of the transfer. Also, to notify the White House Project Director, Gregory Schneider, George Jell, Director Civil Defense White House Projects, and L. Amabilli, Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations of our actions. Seconded by James Baker. As far as the Academy funds were concerned, the Office of the Bureau of the budget has been contacted to have the funds re-instated.

Ed Preston made the suggestion that the Chairman of the N.V.F.C. seek an audience with President Carter to explain the make-up of the Fire Service and express the concerns of the Volunteer. Paul Radenheimer so moved. Seconded by James Guthrie.

Preston and Welter expressed concern that the N.F.P.C.A. is not seeking advice of N.V.F.C. on many matters including the formal training, but are still asking us to support their programs and academy funding. The academy funding is still in limbo and the Bureau of the budgets has been contacted. Paul Radenheimer made motion that the N.V.F.C. Chairman write to all committee chairmen involved with the funding for the academy expressing concern in the fund cuts and also to have all members write to their own Senate and House representatives. Seconded by E. James Monihan. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Brechenridge Bill and Evans Bill. It would authorize N.F.P.C.A. to investigate any fire upon request and any fire involving a death and investigate state and local codes, inspections, and enforcement activities. Any agent of the office would have the right to enter any fire scene sight and could subpoena any witnesses from any place in the country and could inquire into fire safety matters of any state and local authority and request written reports as they needed them of any incident.

After much discussion a motion was made by James Guthrie and Ed Preston that we go on record as being opposed to the bill. Our position is that what is really needed in this area is support of local authority rather than taking over for them, not a duplication of state and local authority. It is contrary to the intent of the Act of 1974, that the Federal government should give assistance and aid to local governments as much as it could; rather than taking over. Legislators should be made aware of our position on these types of bills. Chairman to summarize opposition to this bill and forward copies to state delegates. Motion was made by Paul Radenheimer that the Chairman be directed to notify legislative committees of the views expressed and that a copy be sent to all states. Seconded by James Guthrie. Motion carried.

The Chairman suggested that we go on record in support of bills, which would amend the 50,000 Death Benefit Act to include rescue and

ambulance personnel. So moved by Paul Radenheimer. Seconded by Jim Morgan. Motion carried.

Survey Committee: Chairman James Guthrie gave report of Survey, a copy of which is enclosed.

Jim Morgan gave a report on the Training Committee. Morgan expressed to the committee that the Volunteer will not be able to attend the Academy. Training of the trainers is necessary to reach the individual fire departments. Academy should pay all expenses plus the man's time off work to attend the Academy. Therefore, making it possible for the Volunteer training officers to be included in the program.

After much discussion, Jim Morgan was directed to relay the feelings of the Volunteer Fire Service to the training committee and the N.F.P.C.A. The chairman stated that we are involved in many areas of the fire service and have a good working relationship with the N.F.P.C.A. and N.F.P.A. We have people appointed by the N.F.P.C.A., to the committee looking into new protective gear for the firefighters and also to the Training Committee of the N.F.P.C.A.

Doug Forsman of the N.F.P.A. stated that they are interested in the Volunteers and the National Volunteer Fire Council and would like to work with us to better the cause of the Volunteers in the country.

Jim Morgan reported that the grant application for \$18,000.00, to study the fire service in the nation by the N.V.F.C., has been approved and should go to the printers to be conducted by the Union of Wisc. This will be mailed to each individual fire department in the United States.

John Peterson gave report on the User requirements Committee. He stated that the N.V.F.C. has had a great impact in this project. One of the things that we were instrumental in was the design of the firemen's protective gear. It was being designed for the paid departments where they wore a particular type of in-house clothing. Due to the N.V.F.C. the protective gear is now being designed to be worn over any type of clothing, as most volunteers respond to a fire in the clothing they have on. This is one of the areas that we were able to help the volunteers. The chairman asked John Peterson to make a committee report, that can be distributed to our members as soon as possible. John reported that the committee report would be mailed out as soon as he receives it. Those seeking information on smoke masks may contact Charles Harder, Morex Livermore Lab., P.O. Box 808, Livermore, Calif. 94550. Area code 415-422-5200.

Jim Morgan reported that the Hartford Group was working on a project of school education for fire prevention taught in the schools. California has a program already being used in that state. The chairman suggested that we look at the programs already in use to see if we can utilize their programs. Copies of various programs should be sent to William Loomis, 1911 Dadeville Rd., Austinburg, Ohio 44010.

A proposed change in the by-laws was discussed and changed. James Guthrie made motion that the by-laws be approved and adopted as amended. Seconded by Jim Morgan. Motion carried. (Copy of by-laws changes are included under separate cover.)

Election of Officers: James Morgan was elected chairman, Paul Radenheimer was elected Vice-Chairman, James Baker was elected Treasurer and Bob Turner was appointed Secretary.

The Next Meeting will be held at Wayne Township, Indiana, in October, date and time to be specified later.

Gus Welter was named Liaison Officer to the N.F.P.C.A.

The secretary reported that he would like to buy a new typewriter for his secretary. Ed Preston made motion that he be authorized to purchase a new typewriter. Seconded by James Guthrie. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Robert Turner, Secretary

## Public Relations East Central



Bill Sunday

Gentlemen, time is flying by and again Convention is just around the corner. Anyone who will be attending the Convention should have their reservation already made but if not you should do so right away.

We are looking for a good time and a very good Convention, and from what we have seen so far, it looks like it will be great. Get your parade entries in and also your game entries, gentlemen, is growing short.

Again we are traveling as much as possible and have attended several Fire Schools. We are gathering a lot of information on programs and instructors for the East Central Fire School. We feel we have a fine school for East Central Districts and anyone else who wishes to attend. If anyone has any suggestion for the Fire School, contact me or any of the District Chairmen, Marion Bush, Jr., District 8A, Bud Sears, 8B, Cal Shackel, 13A, John Paul, 13B, Jim Parker, District 10, Carl Bruns, District 19.

Be looking forward to seeing all of you at Convention and at the East Central School in New Castle.

## FIREMEN CELEBRATE NEW CARLISLE HISTORICAL DAYS

Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan Volunteer Firefighters will be the feature attraction of New Carlisle Historical Days during the last weekend of July in New Carlisle, Indiana.

The annual festival in the Northern Indiana Community is expanding to include a Volunteer Fireman's Competition on Saturday, July 29. Area Volunteer Fire Departments are invited to join in the competition and the fun.

During the course of the competition the Volunteer Firemen will have the opportunity to utilize their firefighting skills and equipment as they transport water, rescue "victims" and eat smoke in a timed obstacle course.

The competition will begin following the parade which is set to start at noon. The always popular fire truck will also be the feature of the parade as all area Fire Departments are invited to display their trucks — especially their antique fire trucks. Appropriate awards will be given in both the parade and the competition.

The three day festival has always attracted several thousand visitors. This year the Volunteer Fireman will be in the spotlight (and will probably steal the show) as the First Annual Volunteer Fireman's Competition gets under way.

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OFFICERS MEETING (Cont.) (Continued from Page 7)

Service he conducted in his area. The family was very pleased. Bud Grogg of District 6 reported that three of the counties in his area have formed an association where they pool their knowledge and have different instructors to teach different subjects. These instructors will rotate to the three areas to teach these different subjects.

Marion Bush of District 8A thanked Billy Sunday for getting the facilities for this meeting.

Ed Weaver of District 9B mentioned that there were three deaths in his area. There have been more deaths in this quarter, than in the last three years. Ed also stated they are in the process of setting up a fire instructor's school sometime in March.

Larry Biggs of District 11A stated they have finished Phase 2 of Cooney Tucker's Fire Investigation School and are in the process of setting up Phase 3.

Bill Bush of District 11B said they, too, had three deaths in the last three months. There is a tri-county meeting coming up and there are usually 15 departments in attendance, however, not all belong to the IVFA. He is hoping to get some new members. Bill stated that he would like to have the Board of Directors discuss the possibility of giving a discount rate to new departments coming in in the middle of the year.

Calvin Schaeckel of District 13A reported that their January meeting had been postponed twice because of the weather. Therefore, it was cancelled altogether. They are starting a fire investigation school the first Wednesday in March.

John Paul of District 13B said that he felt the coming thing for the fire service is snowmobiles with blue lights as these were used quite extensively in the Blizzard of '78.

Sam Bower of District 14 said their meeting in January was cancelled because of bad weather and rescheduled for February 15.

Nick Gossman of District 15 reported they had several training sessions and fire schools in that area, but nothing else because of the weather.

Richard Doan of District 16 said their Miss Flame dance will be held February 17 at the VFW.

Bub Holscher of District 17A stated they had their annual sausage supper, but the attendance was down, due to the weather.

Charlie Jones reported on the resolution passed by the state convention two years ago, requesting action taken to instruct k-6 grade children on fire hazards and proper procedures of fires and fire evacuation. He stated he has been in contact with people pertaining to this. He has received a sample pamphlet that are passed to schools throughout the state. These training aids and materials have been sent to the Fire Marshal's office and were okayed to be used by the schools. Fire Marshal Goodwin stated this packet of materials is being used as a training aid by schools in showing the younger children the proper method of evacuation or exiting from the school. There also are posters to be hung from the ceiling or affixed to the wall of the halls showing the children the proper method to use should they encounter smoke or fumes while exiting the school. Bill said he wasn't thoroughly satisfied with the full training procedure, however, this is a step in the right direction, as it is the first change made in methods of fire drills.

Jim Baker of the legislative committee reported they had been mandated through a resolution at convention last year to see what could be done about a direct radio hookup between the schools and their fire coverage department. He reported they had talked to different people at the legislation and they were advised, due to the heavy load and

shortness of this session, they should not try to get anything passed, but present it the next assembly

There were no past presidents' reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Billy Sunday brought up the age old problem of the legibility of the membership forms. We should either change the forms to make them easier to read or quit wasting the postage sending them out to the different district chairmen and PR men. Jack Ford stated they are talking to Ben Hur about computerizing the information of the association. This would include the membership list and related information about each individual. He felt there should be some safe guard if computerized so no one else can get that information from the computer. He also said that the problem with the NCR forms is that people don't press hard enough to make them legible through seven copies.

There was a lot of discussion on how much information should be included. Should these lists be put on the computer through the Ben Hur association?

The final financial report from Convention '77 was read. It will be published in the paper. However, a copy will be attached to the minutes.

A downstate fire was discussed by the officers. This discussion will be deleted from the minutes. Fire Marshal Goodwin gave a statement of his feelings and read the charter for this department. This is on file in the Fire Marshal's office. A member of an adjoining fire department gave his opinion and first hand knowledge of the situation pertaining to this department as it has transpired in the years past.

Jim Parker was called upon as District Chairman to give a report as he knows on different aspects of the situation. Again, no publication will be made at this time. There were other questions, suggestions, and ideas presented. After much discussion, Steve Ritter made a motion that the president appoint a committee that will go to this department, will interview, investigate and check into the allegations of this department, and will investigate into the trustees, support his views, will check with the county association and the state police that were involved and will get a full report back to the board of officers of this association by the next officers' meeting. Seconded by Bill Howe. More serious discussion on the motion. The question was called; the motion was carried by voice vote.

President Jones immediately appointed himself, Jim Parker as district chairman, Billy Sunday as the PR director of that area and Carl Bruns as the fourth man of this committee. Charlie stated that an investigation will be held and contact made immediately with this department. They will have a full report made at the May meeting or, if possible, a special meeting earlier.

Milan Pece of the training committee gave a report on the proposal of the Wolfe Technical Enterprises in reference to the proposal that they provide video tapes of different aspects of fire business. After a lengthy presentation of this proposal and the results of the investigation of the committee, Bob Esserman made a motion that the association accept the proposal; seconded by Steve Ritter. Motion carried by a voice vote.

For the good of the order a letter was presented to the assembly written to the chief of the fire department under investigation. It was requested by the composer of this letter that it be printed in our paper for each fireman in the state to be able to read it. After some discussion on the merits of printing the letter, Billy Sunday made a motion that we table all further action on this entire situation until the committee of Jones, Parker, Sunday and Bruns has a chance to investigate; seconded by Sam Bower. Motion carried by voice vote.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Butch McGill to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Doug Bechtel. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 1110 hours.

Immediately following a sit down dinner, a joint session was held. A complete rundown of Convention '78 was given by the host department. The complete list of activities will be in the next issue of the paper.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Following the dinner and the joint session, the Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Parker. Motion was made by Bill Howe to dispense with the preliminaries; seconded by Ed Weaver. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Poling and the results are on file with the secretary. Jim said, due to the bad weather outside, that he would like for everyone to keep to the point in question so we can get done as quickly as possible.

The floor was turned over to President Jones for a couple of quick announcements; first of all the chairman of the resolution's committee will be Billy Sunday. Charlie also announced that the previous committee appointed to handle the awards, namely, Miss Flame and Mr. IVFA, to set up the regulations involving the awarding of these awards, had not functioned. Therefore, he appointed Larry Biggs, Jack Ford, Bob Esserman and Carlos Jeffries on this committee. Larry Biggs accepted the position of chairman so that it could function and have things completed for convention.

There were no communications. Max Poling, Chairman of the committee to investigate the house rules and practices, reported there would be a meeting on February 26 at the Sheraton Inn in Anderson. This will be a preliminary report and consolidation of ideas and findings.

The intent of this committee is to put the do's and don'ts for operating procedures into one of three different categories. One being the operations of officers' meeting, another being the operations of the board of directors and the third being the general do's and don'ts for the full state officers. They will try to have the report ready for the May meeting. Chairman Poling made a request of the chairman of the board that after this committee makes its completion that the chairman of the board appoint at least one person to keep the house rules and practices current, should there be any changes or additions. Jim thought this a good suggestion and will take it under advisement.

Marion Bush brought up the age old problem of damage done to pavement during a fire school over a year ago. He asked if anything had been done to make payment for the damages. Jim Parker stated he had been empowered to investigate this situation and had found out that upon asking Leon Lump, our insurance taken through Mr. Lump did not cover such a liability. Therefore, he instructed Treasurer Stofer to write a check covering the amount of the damages.

Carl Davis stated that the claimant involved in this loss has had repairs made and are satisfied with the results. They are not asking for damages. He, therefore, instructed Gene not to write the check.

Jim Parker instructed Marion Bush to investigate immediately into insurance companies to come up with a policy that covers all the areas

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SERGEANT-at-ARMS REPORT



Charles "Butch" McGill

Hi Brother Firemen and Auxiliary The annual Convention is just around the corner and Wayne Township has been working real hard to make it a great Convention for everyone. Try to come and enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends and get the most possible out of the business meetings. Also, don't forget to attend the Memorial Service. It is only one hour a year that we stop to remember and honor our firemen and auxiliary members who have passed away during the year. We can all spare an hour, can't we?

I would like to encourage you to try to attend one of the many fire schools scheduled for this year. You can always learn many things.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support and help you have given me the past year.

See you all at Wayne Township. Drive carefully.

Charles "Butch" McGill Sergeant-at-Arms

District 4 Auxiliary

The 4th District meeting of the IVFAA was hosted by Elkhart Township Fire Department. There were nine ladies from four departments, one individual and one associate member present. Fifteen guests were in attendance.

A discussion was held on use of money by the I.V.F.A.A. It was the consensus of the ladies present the state officers should be better reimbursed for their expenses and a bond for Miss Flame.

We adjourned for the Miss Flame Contest. Marilyn Kowalski of Portage won and the first runner-up was Diane Price of Osceola. Terry Rapp of Concord, Mary Dudeck of Warren and Mary Ann Shosker of German also participated.

The 4th District meeting of the I.V.F.A.A. was held at Eby Pines Campgrounds. Thirteen ladies from five departments attended with one individual member present.

Election of officers was held. The officers for 1978-79 will be Kris Bechtel, Chairman; Ella Mae Bechtel, Secretary-Treasurer, and Tina Nusbaum, Chaplain.

The next meeting will be a campout in September, 1978.

Kris Bechtel, Chairman

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Today we boast 29 active members, 8 of whom are registered EMT's. We serve an area of 30 square miles that houses steadily growing sub-divisions, two industrial parks as well as many large commercial as well private farms. An industrial park

located on U.S. 30, East of Valparaiso houses medium industry and another park on County Road 200 East caters to light industrial facilities, as well as being involved in a standard "mutual aid" agreement with surrounding departments.

Communications between residents and the department are maintained by the use of two fire phones located in the station and in the offices of the Porter County Sheriff. We man the station daily between 7:30 and 8:30 evenings. If any emergency calls "come in" outside normal "duty hours" they are dispatched to us by home operated monitors located in the homes of all firemen. In 1976 we responded to 57 calls averaging 12 men per call, in 1977 fire calls rose to 73 with an average fireman response of 17.

A rundown of equipment is as follows:

ENGINE No. 1, 1977 Bean Pumper - 750 gal. per min. (gpm) volume pump with 750 water storage; pressed into active service December 24, 1977 "owned by department".

ENGINE No. 2, 1955 Darley pumper 500 gpm volume-pressure pump with 500 gallon storage, leased by neighboring department.

TANKER No. 1, 1968 Chevrolet chassis with 2000 gallon converted fuel tank attached, owned by Township.

TANKER No. 2, 1953 GMC military chassis with 2000 gallon converted fuel tank attached, currently owned by Porter County Civil Defense with transfer of ownership eminent.

BRUSH TRUCK No. 4 - 1972 3/4

ton Chevrolet chassis with 4-wheel drive; this truck was designed and built by the membership. It features an extended frame with a front platform that has a 1-inch line piped to it. Underneath in front of the front tires is a 3/4 inch line equipped with sprayer heads, one per side. A 180 gallon storage tank is mounted in the front of the bed and a hose reel mounted on top of that with approximately 75 feet of 3/4 inch hose. All systems work independently or together, powered by a "porta pump" that is normally operated at between 60 and 85 pounds of pressure.

Our Tanker No. 2 has been fitted with a 6-inch dump line to be used with a "portable pond" that we hope to get some day. As soon as weather permits and other things are done Tanker No. 1 will be similarly fitted.

We have an extremely active ladies' auxiliary that has 20 active members. In 1976 they presented us with \$3,400 and this past year purchased a complete set of both 3/4 inch and 1-inch hose. The hose was in addition to about \$2,500 that was then handed to us to help meet expenses and purchase equipment; without their help there is no way we could have grown as fast as we have.

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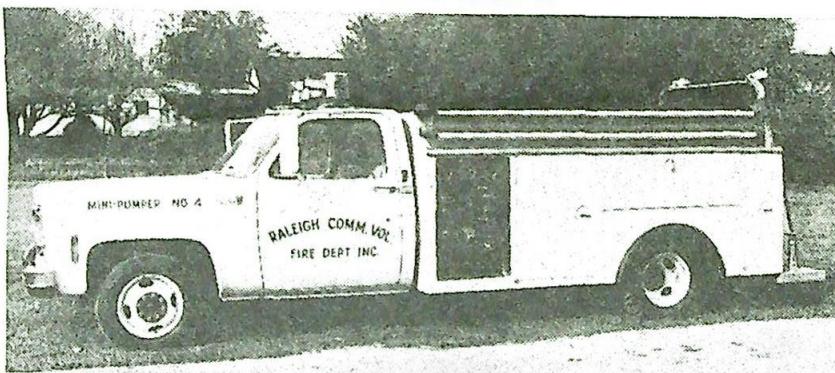
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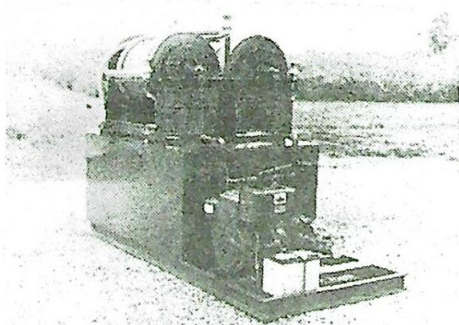
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### Fire Prevention Section (Continued from Page 5)



Part of the members that distributed Fire Prevention Booklets to every home in the city.

(Kneeling, left to right) Dick Lowry, Bill Dreher, Chief Gene Divan, Quinten Ave, and Jim Muciarelli.

(Standing, left to right) Marion Pastore, Chris Scaggiari, Asst. Chief John Lowry, Leroy Gibson, Bob Slover, Dick Myers, Larry Hutchings, Brad MacLaren. Not shown, Tony Avenatti, Jim Spence, Jim Lawson and John Moulton.

homes in the city.

To this end the department decided to fund a program to distribute a home fire prevention booklet to every home in the city. After hearing of this program several local businesses helped with the financing. It was also decided to distribute red ball rescue decals at the same time, and a local insurance firm picked up the tab for all the decals.

The members covered the city in three evenings and every home had a copy of the booklet, and those homes with children or invalids were supplied with rescue decals.

Next the fire prevention section contacted the schools about presenting a program on fire prevention. The response was more than we had expected, and plans have been made to visit every school.

"We knew we had to have something special to hold the interest of the youngsters in the lower grades," Gibson said. Again the department came through with funds enough to supply every child in the lower grade with a coloring book on fire prevention. About this time Jim Lawon

suggested a puppet skit built around Sesame Street characters, Cookie Monster and Ernie, with a question and answer session inside a fire house.

It all sounded good, but where do we get a portable fire house. "No trouble, we'll just build one" said Jim. And that they did!

And within a few weeks they had their fire house, had puppets, script and after several rehearsals were ready to go to school.

It was decided that Glendale Elementary School, grades 1 through 4, would be presented the program first. Teacher and pupil reactions were noted and discussed, so the program could be changed if needed.

But as one of the teachers later said "It was one of the best programs ever presented at the school."

As I look back on the first year of our fire prevention program, I see that the Department accomplished more than I had thought possible.

This is an example of what a Volunteer Fire Department can accomplish when there is enthusiasm and dedication of the entire department.

### Capitol Report

(Continued from Page 1) excise tax. In addition, the sales tax will be figured so the amount that appears on the pump will be the total amount paid.

Senior citizens will receive tax relief through the doubling of the \$500 income tax exemption for those over age 65, as well as from a new \$25 tax credit designed to provide relief from sales tax paid on utility bills. These two tax relief measures are expected to save our senior citizens an estimated \$12.5 million a year. In addition, the \$1000 property tax deduction for those over age 65 and the \$3000 property tax deduction for WWI veterans and their spouses will be available to more senior citizens with the raising of the maximum allowable income and assessed valuation levels to qualify for the exemptions.

The session also saw the passage of child abuse legislation. According to our new law, a child protection service will be established in each county with populations of more than 100,000 to receive reports of suspected cases of child abuse, to investigate complaints, and to arrange for services to safeguard children and to counsel parents.

We were successful in enacting "sunset" legislation as well this session. Beginning in June, all state agencies will be terminated according to an eight-year timetable, subject to in-depth review by the General Assembly. As chairman of the Sunset Evaluation Committee, which will conduct the legislative evaluation phase of the sunset process, I am hopeful the intensive review of state agencies and programs will result in increased effectiveness in delivering services to Indiana citizens.

We also enacted several crime

and court-related laws during the 30-day session. The supplementary budget included an appropriation for 76 additional state police officers for expanded crime prevention and protection. Indiana's cities and towns will be able to retain their courts through 1983 by enacting an ordinance, according to other successful legislation. These courts were scheduled to expire December 31, 1979, according to the 1975 County Court Act.

Of particular interest to volunteer firemen is a law authorized by Indianapolis State Representative Gordon Harper and myself allowing township governments to use monies from their cumulative equipment funds to purchase, construct, or renovate fire stations. This enabling legislation is essential to rapidly-growing townships who could better serve their citizens with improved fire facilities, but have no building fund in which to accumulate property tax revenues to finance construction.

Unfortunately, some of the issues concerning volunteer firemen did not pass this session, such as the bill clarifying that volunteer firemen are not covered under workmen's compensation law and increasing disability insurance payments. The bill passed the House, but did not receive a hearing in the Senate. The other bill I introduced exempting gasoline used by volunteer fire departments when fighting a fire from state gasoline tax also failed to receive consideration this session.

Although these measures did not become law this year, I would remind you that frequently legislation must be introduced several times before achieving passage. Basically, it is a matter of educating the legislators about problem issues and the possible

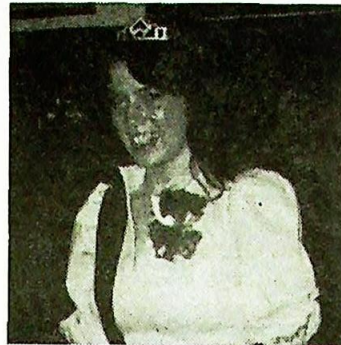
solutions available through legislation. Thus, I expect to re-introduce the above measures again, and I would urge you to contact your state legislators with your opinions regarding the matters.

At this time, the General Assembly is beginning its interim study activities. We will spend the next several months in interim study committees examining a variety of problems, ranging from minimum competency testing in our schools to utility rate-making and energy matters. I will try to keep you abreast of our interim actions in the next issue.

### District 8B Makes Presentation of New District Flags

The District 8B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's met March 15 at Montpelier's Legion. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Almeda Brown. First on the agenda was the presentation of new district flags made by Rosella Bousman for the men and women.

The Secretary's report and Treasurer's reports were given. The reading of the state minutes were read. Roll call was answered with 31 members and guests, plus

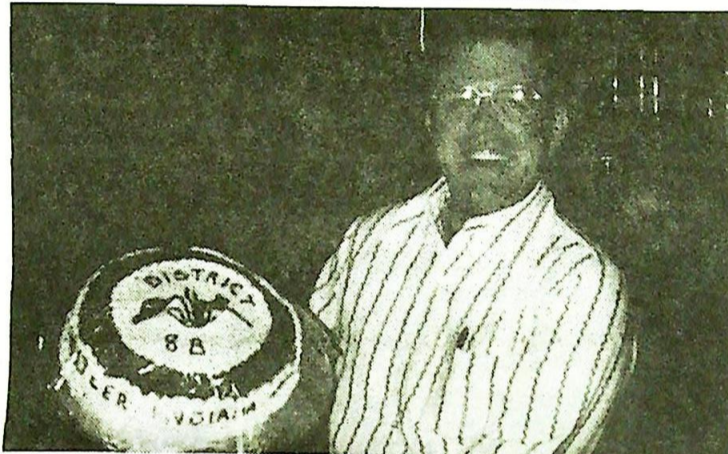


two children from 10 departments.

Report on the District Water Ball was discussed. The ladies joined the men for their District Miss Flame Contest. Winner was Miss Cindy Jo Braun, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Orr of Albany. Runner up was Miss Tammy Bow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Bow of Parker. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Butch McGill of Dana and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Nevil, Chairman of District 7.

A white cake was presented to the winner, instead of the 50-50 money project. This cash was presented to the grandmother for the Miss Flame expenses.

Door prizes were drawn for the women and a District Chaplain was discussed. Hopefully some one will volunteer.



### Rescue South Bend Man From Corn Crib

For Gary Battles, the days of crawling into corn cribs are over. Battles, 28, of 2236 Hickory, emerged shaken and bruised, but otherwise unscathed, recently when he accidentally was buried under an estimated 300 bushels of corn at his father's farm at 17011 E. Ireland Road, South Bend.

The younger Battles, an officer with the St. Joseph County sheriff's department, said he was working about 11:15 a.m. at his father's farm when the accident occurred.

Battles was helping his father, James Battles, 61, unload dried corn from a silo at the rear of the latter's farm and in an effort to pull the corn free, had crawled into the bottom of the 15-foot silo with a tow rope, the senior Battles said. The two were going to use the rope, attached to a farm tractor, to pull the bottom layers of corn loose, he added.

However, as he reached a vertical ventilating shaft in the center of the silo, the corn, which completely filled the crib, collapsed, burying him, Gary Battles said.

His head wound up only inches from the ventilator shaft, which allowed him to breathe; otherwise he likely would have suffocated, Battles added.

"That was the only thing that saved me," he said after recovering from the 20-minute ordeal.

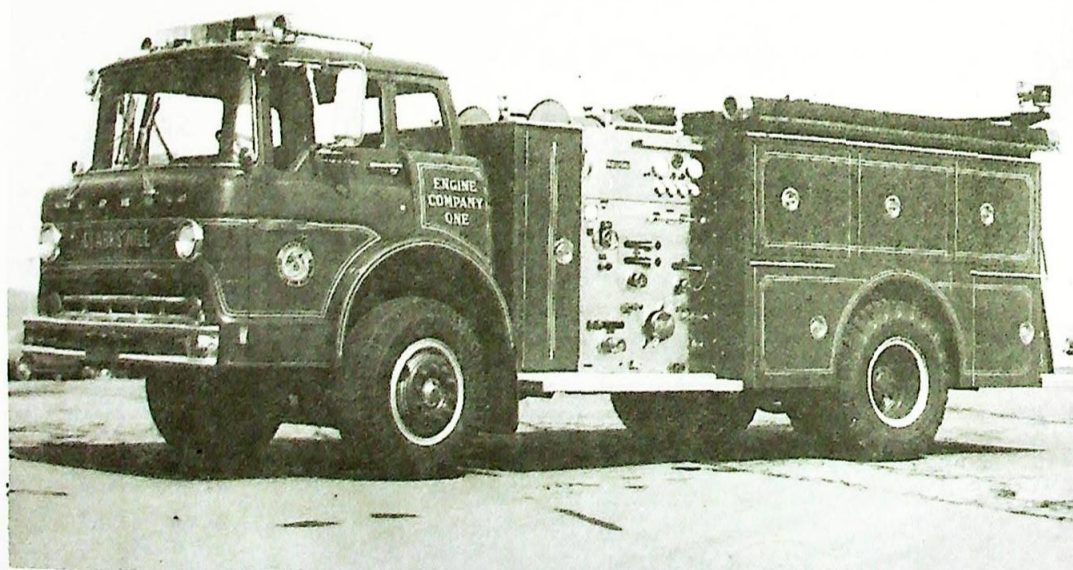
The senior Battles summoned Penn South volunteer firemen, who worked feverishly with him to locate and dig out the trapped victim. Finally, they were able to grasp his ankles and pull him to safety.

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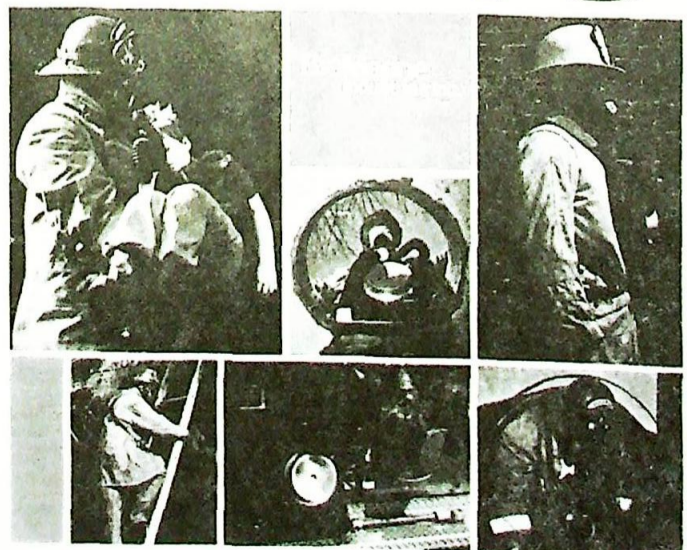
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## Pocket Pup Becomes Full-Grown Life Saver

CEDAR LAKE — The yapping and tugging by a 7-month-old Doberman Pinscher saved James E. Murphy from flames which leveled his house recently. "This is the first time Dice has done anything," said the stillshakened Murphy. "But, I guess this the first time he really had to."

Flames turned Murphy's \$50,000 home on his riding school farm at 11728 W. 117th Ave. in Hanover Township into an unrecognizable, smoldering pile of ashes after the dog woke him in his upstairs bedroom.

"Dice's the one who woke me. It must have been a little after 6 a.m.," Murphy, 45, recalled. "Dice started barking and growling and pulling me. He must have been scared too!"

"I was upstairs . . . it wasn't bad up there. I grabbed my pants, shoes and vest and got the hell out!" said Murphy.

Murphy fled out his back porch. Ten minutes later, flames engulfed the entire structure.

"I ran to the barn to use that phone but I remembered it wasn't working," said Murphy. "A neighbor called the fire department."

Murphy gambled on retrieving some valuables but the snapping flames singed the arm of a jacket borrowed from a neighbor and drove him back.

"I went back to get my stuff, but, hell, it was burning too good," he said.

Fire crews from Cedar Lake, St. John and Lake Dalecarlia fought the blazes for nearly four hours.

"We got there at 6:22 a.m. and there was definite flames and heavy smoke then," said Robert Eberle, Cedar Lake fire chief.

Cause of the fire is still undetermined but Eberle said crews are now sifting through the remains for clues.

"Murphy said he might have left the coffee pot on but he's not sure about it," said Eberle. "Right now, it's undetermined and maybe that's the way it will stand."

Murphy escaped only with the clothes on his back. Only ashes and blackened chunks of lumber remain from the two-story frame home.

"I just remodeled it a couple years ago. Three weeks ago; I got a new waterline and copper tubing," said Murphy. "The stove's new, cabinet, so's the furnace . . . all my clothes, everything . . . gone."

No damage was done to any of the barns or stables on Murphy's 30-acre farm.

Murphy, a native of Pennsylvania, lived in Kankakee for 15 years before re-locating his English riding school here three years ago.

He has stalls for 30 horses and attracts 40 to 50 students yearly from Indiana and Illinois.

Although his house is insured, some items can never be replaced.

"Pictures of my kids from riding school, shirts they gave me," said Murphy. "These gifts you can't replace. My paperpapers, files . . . all gone."

Murphy is now searching for a place to stay until he can rebuild his home.

"All my family is in Pennsylvania but I have a lot of friends here. I've been in this business all my life and I will stay open," he said.

Returning to the animal that saved his life, the misty-eyed Murphy commented "I love him. Hell, when he was a pup, I used to carry him in my pocket."

The pocket pup that became a full-grown life saver.



SUCH GOOD FRIENDS — James Murphy of Cedar Lake consoles his best friend, a 7-month-old Doberman pinscher named "Dice," who yapped and tugged to wake Murphy before fire consumed the Murphy house in Hanover Township. Murphy, who lived alone, lost all his personal possessions in the blaze — except his loyal canine. (Post-Tribune photo by Robin Nelson)

### New Paris V.F.D. Honor Mr. and Mrs. Cripe

New Paris firefighters gathered recently for a dinner in honor of Elva and Mentzer Cripe.

Cripe was an assistant chief of the volunteer fire department for three years and retired the first part of the year.

Mrs. Cripe was a member of the ladies auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Cripe were presented with plaques to show the appreciation of the department for their many years of service.

Inez and Kenneth Schmucker, fire chief were also honored with a plaque for outstanding service at the dinner held at the 20th Century Restaurant.

Mentzer Cripe has served on the department 12 years. He is an employee of Smokercraft and resides in New Paris

### Crane Used In Rescuing Man From Silo

Millersburg — A crane was used to hoist an injured Millersburg man from inside a silo recently, following an accident. Three fire departments and a private contractor worked for more than two hours to rescue Richard L. Bontrager.

Bontrager, 28, was listed in stable condition today at Elkhart General Hospital.

Bontrager's legs were injured after he apparently became tangled in a rope and a grain auger as he worked inside the silo on his father's farm.

The New Paris ambulance crew freed Bontrager from the auger, but they and Goshen aidmen were unable to move the injured man down an enclosed ladder in the silo.

A crane supplied by Miller Brothers Excavating, Inc. of Millersburg was used to hoist a stretcher through the top of the silo.

The accident occurred on the Manasses Bontrager farm, 11339 C.R. 36, Goshen, east of Ind. 13. Officials believe Bontrager was trapped about an hour before his wife, Joyce, discovered his predicament and summoned help.

Millersburg, New Paris and Goshen fire departments responded to the call.

### Rescue

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James Battles, exhausted from the rescue efforts and from worry for his son, collapsed moments after the rescue. Both he and his son were given oxygen at the scene and later declined hospital treatment.

"We'll never dig under that corn again; we've learned our lesson," the father said after he and his son had recovered.

Penn South firemen taking part in the rescue effort were Ray DeCloedt, Steve DeCloedt, Joseph Hunsberger, Ted Hennings, and Terry Bates.

"We were very lucky, especially since we couldn't see where he was buried under all that corn," Hennings said.

The Union City West Side Firemen's Auxiliary will host their Firemen's Ball October 14 at the Union City Country Club from 9:00 to 1:00.

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Pictured are: Oliver Sandberg,

Vice-President; David Philps, President of Firemen; Mildred Finkbinir, President of the Auxiliary; George Ashbury, Secretary of Firemen; and Helen Michl, Vice-President of Auxiliary.

### Hold New Carlisle Historical Days

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COST? We are asking for a small entry fee of \$20.00 from each department in order to purchase the fire equipment that will be awarded to the competitors that place first, second and third in the event.

A PARADE! Preceding the event, there will be our Historical Days Parade in which all firemen and their trucks will participate beginning at noon. The competition will follow immediately afterward.

Four weeks prior to the event, all

departments will receive a detailed description of all the obstacles (except for our surprise) so that you will have a chance to practice on your own time before the big day!

We really feel that this is going to be an enjoyable afternoon for everyone! We would also like to mention that we have a nice park adjacent to the obstacle course for those of you that want to bring a picnic lunch.

QUESTIONS? Well, if you have any questions, feel free to write!

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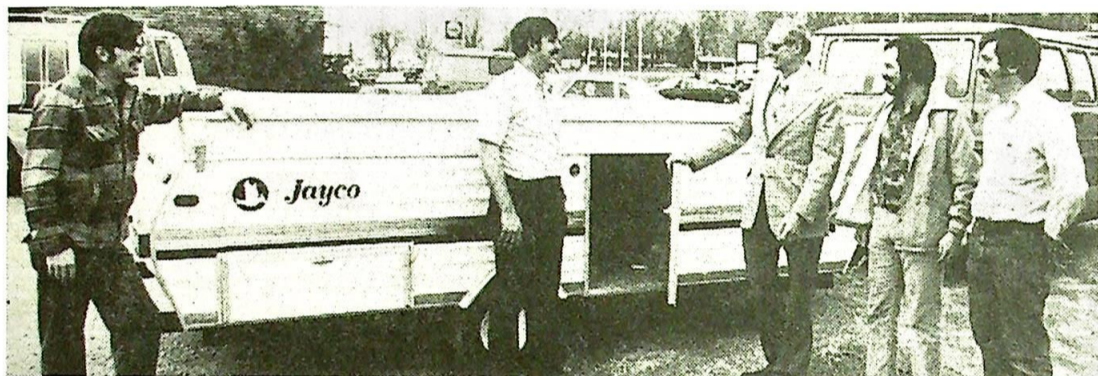
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### Fourth District Is Presented Fold-Down Trailer



The Fourth District Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association has been presented a fold-down type trailer by Jayco to be used throughout the state for fire prevention presentations. The trailer will be equipped with movies, slides and literature for use at state and county fairs as well as other promotions. The trailer was presented to the firefighters at the Jayco plant on Ind. 13 south of

Middlebury Thursday afternoon. Pictured above, from left, are Denny Myers, Concord Township firefighter; Doug Bechtel, Concord Township firefighter; Allen Yoder, executive vice president at Jayco; Wayne Miller, chief engineer at Jayco, and Lowell Troyer, Jayco employee and Elkhart Township firefighter. The trailer was taken away with the Concord Township fire van. — Goshen News Photo.

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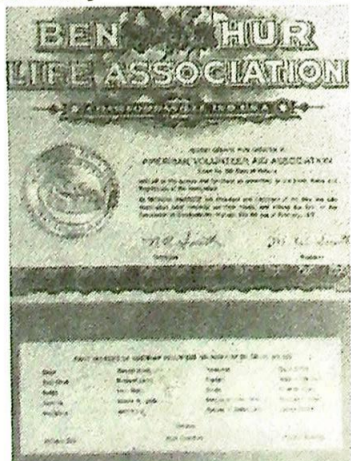
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**MEDIC ALERT**  
Medic Alert is a life-saving system designed to protect anyone who has a medical condition that may be dangerously aggravated by "normal" treatment. A member of Medic Alert wears either a stainless steel bracelet or necklace to alert medical people to his/her condition. Any member of Ben Hur Life Association who has such a medical condition is eligible for this program.

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**INFECTIOUS DISEASE BENEFIT**  
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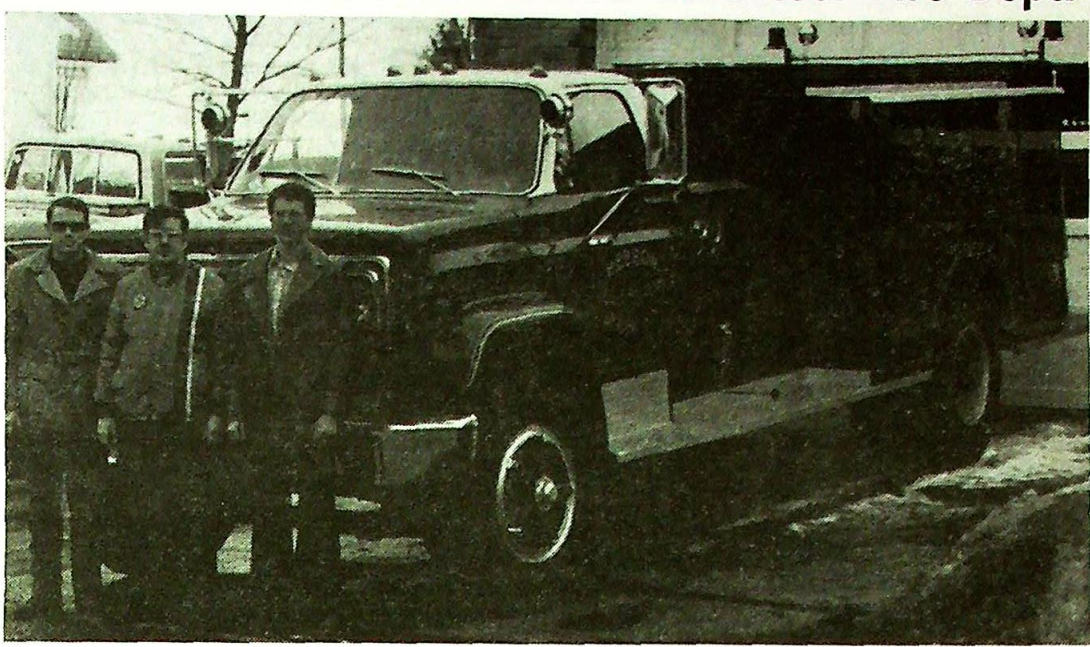
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# Services Held For Edmund Weaver Tanker Delivered To Hebron Volunteer Fire Dept.



Edmund H. Weaver, 70, a 1968 Journal and Courier George Award winner, was dead on arrival at Pulaski Memorial Hospital Monday, April 17.

A Memorial Tribute is being planned that would take place during the Fall Festival in September.



The new tanker for the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department was delivered February 25, 1978. Shown with the tanker, reading from the left, are Richard Bell, Assistant Chief, Al Stembel, Chief, and Pat McGinley who delivered the vehicle. The tanker has a capacity of 1500 gallons and pumps 500 gallons per minute. It was built by Pat McGinley of Lebanon, Indiana and is on a 1977 Chevrolet chassis. Total cost was \$25,095. This truck replaces one which had a capacity of 1,250 gallons. The purchase was made by the volunteer firemen and will be paid for thru donations from the people they serve. To date donations total over \$6,000 and when the old tanker is sold those funds will also go toward paying for this piece of new equipment. The firemen are most appreciative of the help they have received thru your donations. Remember their slogan, "Help Us Help You!"

— Robert Mason Photo

## Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. Hosts 12th Dist. Games

The Wayne Township Fire Department, Marion County, was host for the 12th District Games Sunday, April 30, at the Training Academy. The games were held to build interest in the District and to instruct the various departments in the rules and procedures for the State games to be held during Convention.

Don Johnson, games committee chairman for the district, got the games under way at 10:30 a.m. with waterball. At 12:00 noon

everyone enjoyed a pitch-in dinner at the training center. After dinner the games continued with the Bucket Brigade and Hose Replacement Contests.

The winners of the Waterball were: Mickleyville No. 1 - 1st; Mickleyville No. 2 - second;

Bridgeport No. 1 - third. In the Bucket Brigade the winners were: Bridgeport No. 1 - first, with a time of 100.6 seconds; Mickleyville No. 1 - second, with a time of 118.2 seconds and Drexel Gardens was third, with a time of 121.8 seconds. The Hose

Replacement Contest was won by Bridgeport No. 1, with a time of 24 seconds. Second Place went to Fleming Gardens with a time of 33 seconds, and third place was Bridgeport No. 2, with a time of 40 seconds.

Mr. Weaver received the George Award for leadership in providing a new community building, without the use of tax funds, to serve residents of Francesville and the surrounding area. The building housed the fire station, Town Hall, jail, township offices, justice of the peace office and records hall. He also was Fireman of the Year, Mr. Indiana Volunteer Fire Association in 1968.

Surviving him is his wife Eva Ruth Hamblin, whom he married in 1933.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marilyn A. Britton, and three sons, Dr. James E. Weaver, Charles Weaver and Donald E. Weaver; three brothers and five sisters, along with a host of friends.

Edmund became a Volunteer Fireman in October 1941 when the present Francesville and Salem Twp. Volunteer Fire Department was organized and became Chief of the Department in 1955 upon the death of Chief Ott Getz.

He served as Secretary of District 9B for 2 years, and was then elected Chairman and at his death was serving his second time as District Chairman.

Mr. Weaver was not only a devoted fireman, he helped many widows and the elderly with their little 'hard for them to do' tasks, as well as performing many other

untold acts of kindness. Mr. Weaver was also involved in volunteer work at the hospital as a "Red Coat".

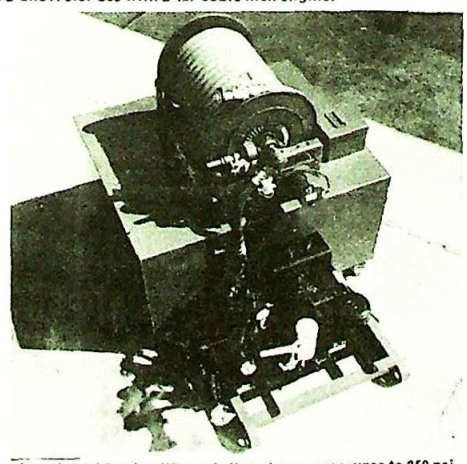
The memorial service for Mr. Weaver was attended by Firemen from District 9B as well as from all over the State. There were a thousand Firemen, friends and relatives who called at the funeral home and the church was overflowing. It was a mutual honor for both fireman and fire department that his casket was carried on the Fire Truck to church and then later a pause in front of the Fire Station on the way to the cemetery.



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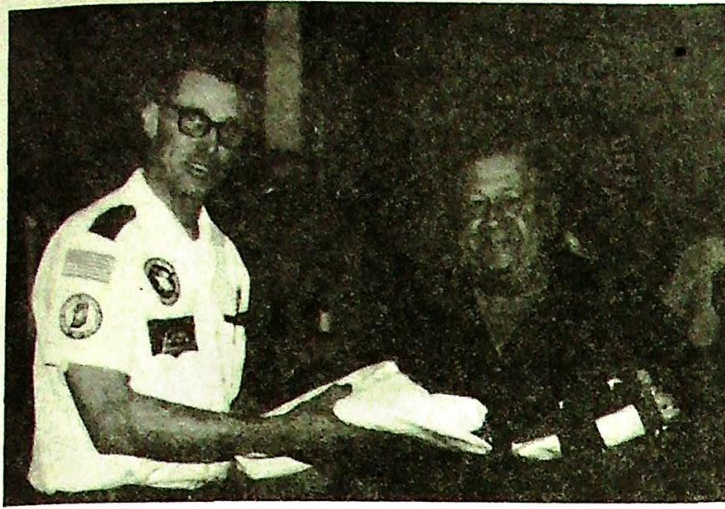
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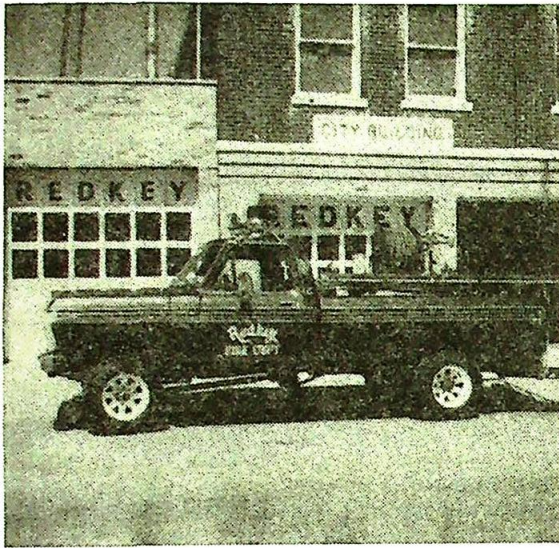
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### Butch McGill receives Retired Flags



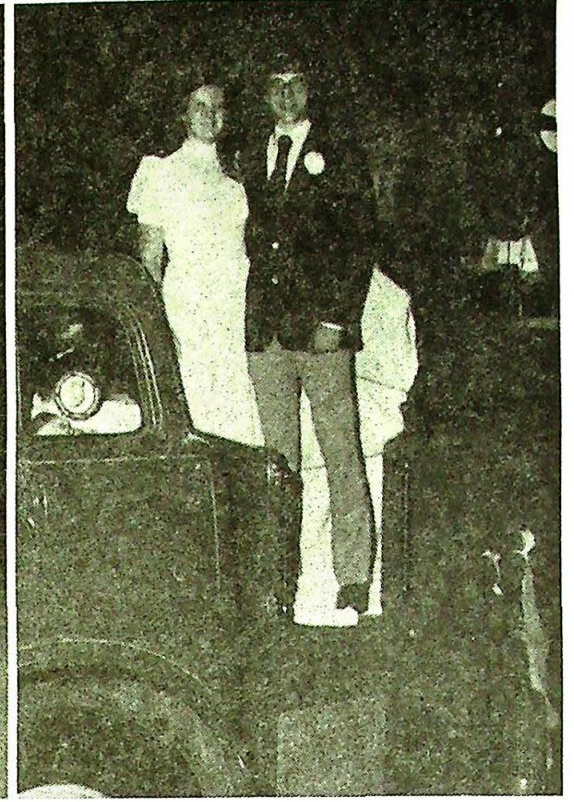
Butch McGill, former District 11 Chairman for nine years, is being presented retired District 11 flags by Max Harrah, District 11A Sergeant-at-Arms. — Photo by Jack McFarland

### Redkey Volunteer Fire Dept. Adds Truck



The Redkey Volunteer Fire Department has added a 1977 Ford 250 4x4 truck to its department. The four-wheel drive truck is used and equipped for grass fires and as a rescue vehicle. It is equipped with a 210 gallon water tank, a portable generator, an exhaust fan, flood lights, hose, stretchers, a metal saw, and other items needed to serve the community.

### 65 Foot Aerial Ladder Fire Truck Used In After-wedding Ceremony



On the evening of May 28th, 1977 in Montpelier, Indiana, Miss Susan Cash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cash of Pennville, Indiana, and Mr. Rick Sills, son of Mr. Paul Sills of Montpelier were united in marriage. The after-wedding ceremony was a little different than usual.

Rick, belonging to the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department for two years, and now a second class certified member, was in for a surprise by fellow fire department members.

Susan and Rick, along with many other guests at the wedding, were surprised to come out of the church only to find Montpelier's 65

foot aerial ladder fire truck decorated with signs, crape paper and an assortment of cans strung from the rear. With red and blue lights flashing, siren whaling and truck bell ringing, the bride and groom rode around the streets of Montpelier. Susan in her wedding dress and Rick in his suit rode on the platform; between the cab and the aerial ladder.

Rick had seen that the fire truck had been decorated earlier in the evening. In Montpelier, like many other smaller communities, the fire trucks are parked one in front of the other. In our department the township truck is parked directly behind our city truck. Well! before

the wedding Montpelier received a township fire call, only to find Rick, as well as other firemen, coming to the station. The city aerial truck had to be driven out onto the street to get the township truck. Rick had seen the truck setting there with all of the decoration, for the wedding.

Rick's father, Paul, is a 1st class certified fireman, and has been a member of the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department for several years. This is the first time in our community that a fire truck was used in a wedding party. We feel Susan and Rick scored a "1st" in wedding parties.

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## FORCIBLE ENTRY MANUAL HAS BEEN REVISED

The I.F.S.T.A. red book series, in order to keep firefighters as up to date as possible, has revised the Forcible Entry Manual, No. 101.

The new manual is actually three training manuals in one, as it includes rope and portable extinguishing practices along with the forcible entry practices.

Section I contains materials on forcible entry tools, forcing doors, opening locked windows, opening walls and ceiling, opening roofs, opening floors and federal building entry considerations.

Section II is on rope practices containing material on an introduction to ropes, tying knots and hitches and rope finishing preparations.

Section III has the fire extinguisher basics and how to use the portable extinguisher.

This book is available from the Indiana Fire Instructors Assn., Fort Wayne Fire Academy, 2700 Dwenger Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana - 46803, at a cost of \$5. A new 6th edition Instructor Guide Sheet is also available for \$1.50.

## Morris To Celebrate Centennial With Festivities

Morris Firemen are planning a gala celebration to commemorate their 100th birthday in 1978. Memorial Day, May 29, has been selected as the date and plans are being made for a fun day for all.

A parade on the theme of Neighbor helping Neighbor over 100 years will begin the celebration. Games, contests, food and refreshments are all a part of the plan the whole community is helping to stage. Various celebrities are being asked to attend. A good time should be had by all.

Morris purchased a used pumper from Bridgeport a few years ago which is presently their No. 1 vehicle. They still have their original hand pumper which will be on display, along with the original hose reel.

Morris is located just off I-74 in Southeastern Indiana. Take Batesville exit - then 3 miles east on State Road No. 46.

## OFFICERS MEETING (Continued from Page 11)

that we could be liable for. A copy of such a policy should be made available to the board and state elected officers. A complete list of coverages and exclusions should be made available, so we know at a glance what the policy does or doesn't cover.

Since Norm Crocker is now vice president, he is no longer a board member and cannot be on the insurance committee. Jim asked for a volunteer to work on this committee. After some suggestions he felt the membership should come from the southern part of the state. Dick Doan said he would serve as the fifth member of the insurance committee. Jim Parker appointed Dick Doan to the committee.

Jim asked for some guidance concerning state officers representations at different functions locally, area and state wide and outside the association, as to who should be paid and how much.

Jim stated that in his opinion the association would not be in its high standard if it had not been for the representation and public relation work from the officers. There were several suggestions both pro and con on how to solve this.

Ivan Nevil suggested that only the officers involved could appreciate how much time and money was spent to make these meetings and schools, etc. He felt that the only true and fair way is to have the officers involved give their recommendations to the board. Jim felt this was the only way and asked president Jones and vice president Crocker to get the officers together, including past presidents, and investigate the situation and report their findings at the next regular meeting.

Doug Bechtel gave a report on the resolutions that were given to him to be acted upon by his district. He apologized for missing one resolution, that being the payment allowance for mileage to district chairmen for district functions. However, the other involving the increase in payment for state officers' yearly allowances had been passed by his district and ready to be acted on at convention. He promised to have the other resolution passed and in the hands of the secretary by convention.

The proposal of a gentleman to use the state logo in the manufacture of belt buckles was brought before the board. After much discussion, Milan Pece made a motion that we allow the gentleman to use the logo for these buckles and for each buckle sold 50c returned to the association for its use. Seconded by Bud Grogg. Motion defeated by voice vote. Bill Howe made a motion that we grant permission to the gentleman for the use of the logo on the buckles and that he deal exclusively through the IVFAA for the sale of these buckles. Seconded from the floor. Regardless of whether the ladies auxiliary or the man, himself, would sell these buckles, one of the associations would receive the 50c from each buckle sold.

Sergeant-at-Arms reported that the ladies were going through their minutes to see what they decided on this matter. They will let us know. Bill Howe made a motion to table this until we hear from the ladies. Seconded by Doug Bechtel. Motion carried by voice vote.

### OLD BUSINESS

Bub Holscher stated that some two years ago he made a motion that would increase the workload of the Sergeant-at-Arms. He, therefore, felt that due to the increase of the workload he has not been adequately compensated. In answer to this Butch McGill stated he was well satisfied with things as they are.

Butch McGill brought up the problem of when an officer leaves his office he takes all equipment with him, leaving nothing for the new officer but an empty briefcase. He knows for a fact that there are things that belong to the state that have not been turned over. Butch wondered what the board could do to prevent this from happening.

Jim Parker said that there probably wasn't too much we could do except to tell each officer to take it upon himself to see that all things are passed on to the new officer as he needs all the help he can get.

At this time the motion for the use of the logo was brought back to the body. After a report from the ladies and further discussion, Bill Howe rescinded his motion and Doug Bechtel rescinded his second.

A motion was made that we accept the proposal from the gentleman and grant the use of the logo to him and the 50c turned over to the ladies and other profits turned over to our organization. Motion died for lack of

a second.

Marion Bush made a motion to grant the use of the logo to the ladies, so they can handle the sales of this buckle through the organization with complete contact with this gentleman. The money realized as profit from the sales will be used by the auxiliary. Seconded by Bill Howe. After some discussion, motion carried by voice vote. The gentleman was told to talk to the ladies and deal directly with them.

Getting back to old business, Gene Stofer brought up the problem with the expense reports. He was perturbed that none had made up an expense report, so he took it on his own to make up one using the guidelines set up by the state officers. This report will be somewhat larger with different sections to be filled out by the expense claimant. The new report will make it easier for Gene to list the expenses for state officers' meetings, district meetings or related areas. After lengthy discussion on this report, Bud Grogg made a motion that Gene Stofer and Bob Laney combine their efforts to get this report finalized and printed so the association will have adequate reports for their expenses. Seconded by Al Mendel. Motion carried by voice vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

The problem of the damage to the pavement at a fire school was brought up again. It has been taken care of and Chairman Parker said as far as the board is concerned the matter will be dropped.

Since the president has appointed non-state officers to some of the committees, Jim was confused as to whether he had the authority to okay the payment for bills incurred by these members.

President Jones felt it would be better for the association if we would incorporate the expertise of people other than officers. After much discussion, it was pointed out this matter had been taken care of at the last meeting when a motion was made that mileage and expenses shall be allowed when a meeting is called by the president, chairman of the board or any committee chairman. Therefore, further action was dropped.

Ralph Yergler stated that the ads sales representative of the IFA was canvassing throughout his area trying to sell ads for the IFA Convention booklet and using the IVFA booklet from years past. He felt this was misrepresenting the IVFA interest and feels something should be done to stop this practice.

Charlie Jones said he was sure the President of the IFA was not aware that this was happening and would contact him immediately.

Marion Bush made a request from the body for AVAA to put an ad in the IVFA paper. Do we use our money to pay for an ad for the AVAA in our own paper, or do we not pay as we would be paying ourselves for our own service. After many ideas and suggestions, Bob Laney suggested that for one time we provide a two page spread to the AVAA and thereafter a one-half page of free advertisement to the AVAA and TRD, Inc.

A motion was made to accept Bob Laney's suggestion. Seconded by Bud Grogg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Since the Chaplain is short of Bibles, we should authorize the purchase of more. It was pointed out by several members, that the Bibles are a supply item and could be ordered as needed by the Chaplain and a previous okay is not needed.

Bill Howe stated that through his observations and through other people the uniform of the Chaplain has become frayed and shrunk. He made a motion that we buy a new uniform. Seconded by Bud Grogg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Paul Fairfield brought up a recent article concerning the IRS demanding tax payment from an individual for allowances for expenses on company business. Gene Stofer talked quite at length on this subject and stated that if the officers desired, he would invite the CPA to our next meeting at no cost to explain the different facets and requirements that we must obey on taxes on allowances and compensation from the organization.

Jim Parker informed the group that there would be some legislation coming up in regard to EMT's being on board ambulances and other law pertaining to the ambulance service. He suggested we all try to learn as much as possible about the changes. He is going to ask the EMT and EMS committee to keep abreast of these proposals and actions taken by the state legislature.

Jim showed a letter that Jack Ford had sent to each of the 17 departments listed on the face of the letter to tell them they are delinquent, in arrears of or hadn't paid enough money for their membership in the association. Jim felt that Jack should not have to do this. It is the responsibility of each and every district chairman involved to get out and get this situation corrected.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bub Holscher. Seconded by Bill Bush. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Parker at 1510 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Max L. Poling, Recording Secretary

## Remember When (Continued from Page 2)

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE I.V.F.A.

By the time you get this issue it will be I.V.F.A. Convention time. We here in Wayne Township, Marion County, want to extend a hearty welcome, and hope you enjoy your stay with us.

There are a couple of things that I would like to request of you, for your benefit and also ours.

1. Please, Please, after the convention starts, while we all are having a good time partying and driving our convention vehicles and our own personal cars, please stay off of I-465. This is a KILLER expressway. We here in Wayne Township have to go out on that expressway regularly and pick up the pieces of mangled bodies and we sure don't want it to be one of our fellow firemen. Please help us to help you.

2. During the past several years in Wayne Township we have had some of our most serious fires in June. If you want to go along, this we welcome, but no one that has been using alcohol excessively, and you must have the full complement of gear, boots, coat, helmet, and gloves. No exception whatsoever. Be sure the officer in charge knows that you are helping. He will be a fireman in a white helmet or red helmet. We do request your cooperation in the above matters.

Our Convention Committee has been working real hard to make this, we hope for you, a successful convention. Come and have a good time.

Yours truly,  
Richard Lamb, Chief  
Wayne Township Fire Department  
Marion County

See you all at Indianapolis in June & thanks a million for everything.

# Curry Twp. Volunteer Fire Department Has New Miss Flame



Peggy Cooperider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cooperider of Curry Township Volunteer Fire Department of Farmersburg. — Photo by Jack McFarland.



Left to right: Sandra K. Eppert, Seelyville; Peggy Cooperider, Farmersburg; Janice Hancock, Sullivan; Kimberly Bidwell, Honey Creek; Carol J. Nuckolls, Lewis Township; Elaina Milner, Linton Township; and Regina Robbins, Van Buren Township. — Photo by Jack McFarland.

## District 11B Hosts Miss Flame Contest



Dana's Volunteer Fire Department hosted the first District 11-B Miss Flame Contest with Lois Wilbur of Ripley Township, seated right, winning the contest. Denise Lynne Gentry of Roachdale, seated left, was first runner-up. Standing behind the queens are Bill and Eula Bush, Chairmen of District 11-B, and Vica and Butch McGill, State President and Sergeant-at-Arms.

## Cheryl Sanders District 6 Miss Flame

Cheryl Sanders, 17, representing Ashley's Volunteer Fire Department, was named District 6's Miss Flame at the Columbia City District meeting March 16th.

Miss Sanders is the daughter of Fire Chief Maynard and Ruth Sanders and is a Junior at DeKalb High School in Waterloo.

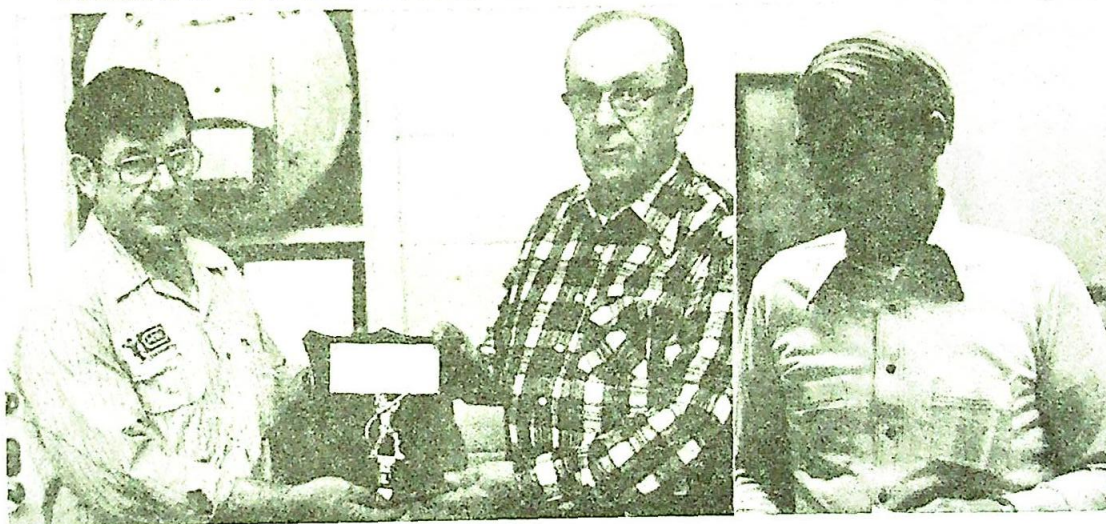
She is active in sports as a member of the girls' basketball and volleyball teams, and has played on Ashley's Ladies' Waterball team. She is also active in the Ashley Ladies' Junior Auxiliary.

Miss Crystal O. Weiler was named runner-up. Crystal is a student at Angola High School.



Columbia City Chief, Dick Engle, shows off District 6's Miss Flame Winner, Cheryl Sanders (right) and runner-up, Crystal O. Weiler (left).

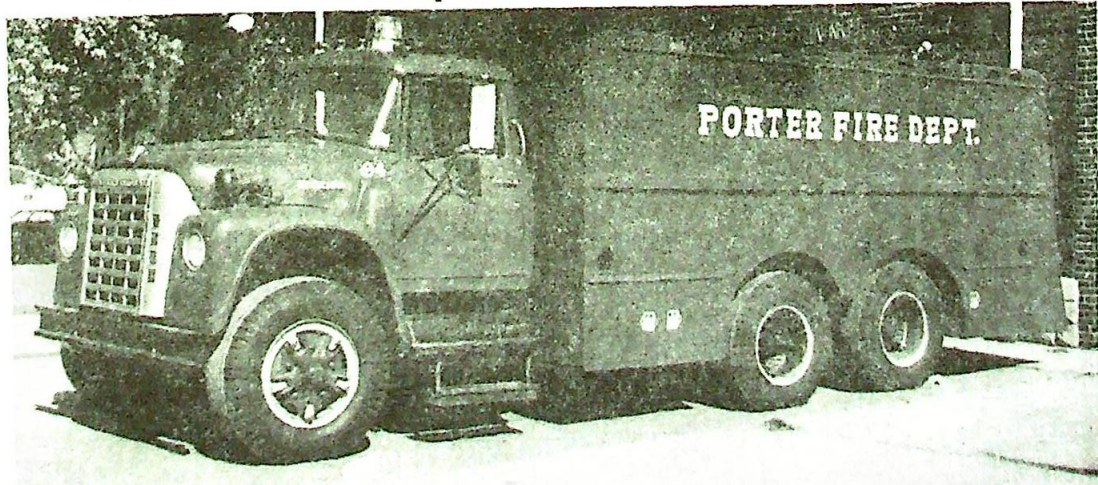
## Hebron V.F.D. Honors Two Members at Dinner



Two members of the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department were honored on their retirement at a dinner Wednesday evening, February 15, at the Hebron Fire Station. Pictured above, retiree Leland K. Buchanan, center, is presented a plaque for outstanding service by Fire Chief Al Stembel, left, as retiree Russel Shrider watches. Buchanan and Shrider retired with a total of 51 years service to the local department on January 1, 1978. Buchanan, who was Assistant Chief at the time of his retirement, had served the local department for 31 years, and Shrider had served for 20 years. The two men both received checks and retirement badges for the Hebron VFD, and Buchanan was presented with the plaque for outstanding service and a lounge chair.

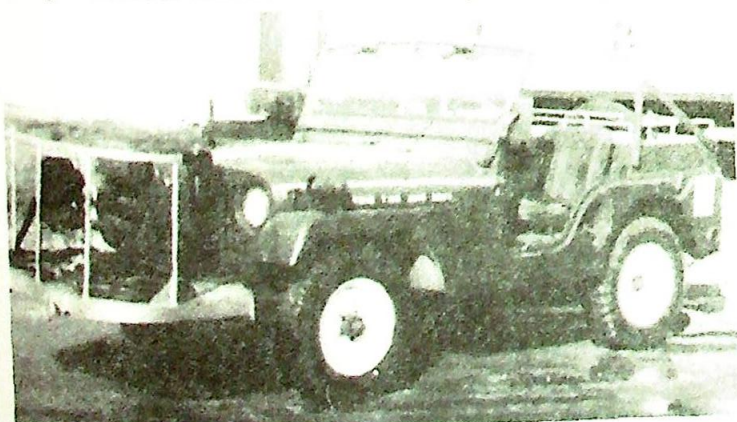
- Robert Mason Photo

## Porter Fire Department Has New Truck



Porter Fire Department has a 1977 International 5-ton Truck with a tank capacity of 3200 gallons. The truck has a 350 gallon per minute hale pump mounted on the rear and has storage bays built in the sides for extra hose and tools. There is room on top of the tank for a fold-a-tank which the department intends to purchase in the near future.

## Jeep Put Into Service at Lewis Twp. Fire Department



Lewis Township Fire Department, Coalmont, Indiana has recently put into service this jeep. The jeep was acquired through Civil Defense. It is equipped with a 200 gal. tank and a 225 gpm American Fire pump. The jeep was built with two purposes in mind (1) to combat brush fires, and (2) to draft from ponds and fill the department's two 2,000 gal. tankers without the tankers having to leave the road. By acquiring the jeep through Civil Defense and by most of the work being done by firemen the total cost of this piece of firefighting equipment was kept to a minimum. — Photo by Jack McFarland.

## Resolutions To Be Presented At Convention

### RESOLUTION

We the members of Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, District Fourteen, being duly assembled at Vienna Township Volunteer Department, November 16, 1977, with more than five member departments in attendance, do pass and recommend adoption at the next annual meeting to be held in Wayne Township, Marion County, June 16, 1978, to-wit:

WHEREAS: The Volunteer Fire Departments throughout the state are encouraged to locate a meeting place for the annual meeting, and

WHEREAS: The host departments are further encouraged to raise money through various activities to help defray the expense of this meeting, and

WHEREAS: Some departments in the past have thought this money should remain in the department or district where the meeting was held or under their control,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: From this date on, any money or material goods, solicited, donated or acquired in the name of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association shall be considered a part of the General Fund and be turned in to the Association to be used for the benefit of the Association as a whole.

Sam Bower, Chairman David Holloway, Secretary

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We, the members of the various fire departments of District 4 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. in a meeting duly assembled at the Harris Township Fire Station, St. Joe County, State of Indiana on January 26, 1978, there being present firefighters from at least five (5) different departments in good standing, present the following resolution to the convention floor and urge the passage after our vote for adoption.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that under Article VI, Dues and Mileage, under Section 2, be changed as follows:

Section 2. Mileage of ten cents (.10) per mile to and from the Annual meeting place shall be allowed one delegate from each department. Mileage of ten cents (.10) per mile shall be allowed officers and members authorized by the President to travel to and from special committee meetings and the like in the interest of the Association for the betterment and furtherance thereof. This mileage allowance to be paid only to officers and members who drive a vehicle to said meeting. This does include mileage to regular scheduled District meetings in which district state officers, district officers or committee members reside. Such mileage to be paid from the General Fund. The delegate representing his-her respective department shall be required to answer first and second roll call of the business meetings in order to receive his-her mileage allowance to the annual meeting.

Douglas Bechtel, Chairman Carl Rohrbaugh, Secretary

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This Resolution adopted and passed at a regular meeting of District 8A of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at which five or more departments were present:

WHEREAS: The National Volunteer Fire Council is an organization dedicated to furthering the interests of volunteer firemen throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS: The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association is one of the founding organizations which formed the National Volunteer Fire Council, and

WHEREAS: The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association is entitled to one delegate and one alternate to sit on the Board of Directors of the National Volunteer Fire Council,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Board of Directors, at their annual convention meeting, elect a delegate and an alternate to the National Volunteer Fire Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the delegate and alternate delegate both be paid mileage from their home to the meeting place or second class air fare, whichever is the lesser amount. In addition the delegate and the alternate be authorized per diem expenses of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day they must remain over night at the meeting site or Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per day for each day they do not remain over night at such meetings of the council.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That both the delegate and alternate be presented a suitable plaque upon the conclusion of their term as delegate or alternate honoring them for representing this association.

Gene Johnson, Secretary Marion Bush, Jr., Chairman 8A

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This Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of District 8A of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at which five or more fire departments were represented.

WHEREAS: There exists a need in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for someone to act as a Statewide Information Officer to insure that the Association receives favorable publicity through news releases to the news media, and

WHEREAS: This Association has a need for someone to act as a reporter for the official publication of this association to insure that written information and pictures are made available concerning the fire schools held in each public relations district, and

WHEREAS: At the present time the Editor of the official publication of this association is inundated with a lack of hard core news when it's

time to publish the paper and as a consequence the value of the paper is diminished, and

WHEREAS: There is no one individual who at the proper time and place can provide the proper information to counter unfavorable publicity and thus counter ignorance with facts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Article I, Section 2 of the ByLaws be amended to add that the President of this association is to appoint a state public information officer whose duty shall be to provide information and news releases to the media around the state concerning the activities of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Walter E. Johnson, Secretary Marion Bush, Jr., Chairman

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This Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of District 8A of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at which five or more fire departments were present.

WHEREAS: Numerous resolutions are presented each year at the annual meeting of this association, and

WHEREAS: Not all resolutions pertain to the changing of the ByLaws but are important to the conduct of the association, and

WHEREAS: Sometimes resolutions are lost after passage due to a steady changing of this association's officers,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That each year after the annual meeting a compilation of all resolutions affecting the conduct of the association, as well as any ByLaws that have been changed, will be printed and made available for each fire department's use and by the Board of Directors, and other state officers.

Walter E. Johnson, Secretary Marion Bush, Jr., Chairman 8A

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This Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of District 8A of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at which five or more fire departments were present.

WHEREAS: This Association currently has a delegate to the National Volunteer Fire Council, and

WHEREAS: The National Volunteer Fire Council is the organization founded to represent the interests of the volunteer firemen on the national level, and

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association is charged in the ByLaws of the association with the general supervision of the business of the association, and

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## Fire Chief John D. Hartley Honored as "Man Of The Year"

Fire Chief John D. Hartley was honored as "Man Of The Year" and presented with several awards as a culmination of 35 years' active service with the

Liberty Department, the last 20 as Chief. Taking part in the presentation were: H. Melvin Napier, American Legion Post Adjutant, who presented a "Certificate of Commendation;

Ernest Fields, Chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners and Robert Hiatt, Commissioner, presented an "Outstanding Community Service" plaque; Michael Blackwell, President of the Liberty Town Board, presented a Proclamation from the Commissioners and Town Board proclaiming Sunday, March 12, 1978, as "John D. Hartley Day," in honor of his many years of service to the people of Union County; Robert A. Ross, Fireman, who presented Hartley with a full dress Chief's uniform, complete with gold badge, courtesy of local business firms and citizens of Union County and Chief Hartley, recipient.

Awards presented at the "surprise" gathering included:

A proclamation was presented by Mike Blackwell, President of the Liberty Town Board which reads as follows: Proclamation, by order of The Union County Commissioners and The Liberty Town Board, be it hereby resolved that March 12, 1978 be proclaimed as John D. Hartley Day in honor of His Many Years of Service to the People of Union County and signed by Ernest A. Fields, President Union County Commissioners and Mike Blackwell, President, Liberty Town Board.

A Walnut Plaque was presented by Robert Hiatt and Ernest Fields, Commissioners which reads: For Outstanding Community Service, In Honor of the many years of unselfish service to this community, often placing our needs ahead of your own. The Citizens of Union County have proclaimed March 12, 1978, as John D. Hartley Day.

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

As Chief of the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Departments, and Convention Chairman, I am pleased and honored to welcome the officers and members and friends of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana, for your 32nd Annual Convention.

The ever changing fire service picture takes on a new dimension each year, and the complexities of problems plaguing it from both internal and external sources presents challenges never before encountered in the history of the fire service. While many of these can be resolved at the local level, others are of such significance to be of a state concern, and as such, resolution of necessity must emanate from that level.

This, I believe, exemplifies the tremendous importance of an organization such as the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and the significant contribution it can afford to the fire service, in abating some of these perplexities, for only through the transfer and imparting of information and ideas and through effective and progressive thinking can one's awareness and knowledge be increased to maintain the high standards of volunteer firefighting that has become synonymous with the fire service.

In appreciation for the fact that you have selected Wayne Township, Marion County, for your 32nd Annual Convention, we are determined not to allow any community to surpass our hospitality.

We pledge to you to do everything possible to see that you have the most successful convention in the history of your organization here in Wayne Township.

In the days to follow, I hope to be able to make a personal acquaintance with each of you.



*Richard C. Lamb*  
Richard C. Lamb, Chief  
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.  
Marion County, Indiana

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# Scenes From Southwest Fire School



## Fires in 1977 - 1978 Cause Multiple Deaths

Twenty-three persons died and 100 more were injured during the two worst hazardous materials emergencies in early 1978.

On Feb. 24, a derailed tank car carrying LP-gas exploded in Waverly, Tenn. killing 15 and two days later, deadly chlorine gas escaping from a derailed train in Youngstown, Fla. killed eight.

The worst multiple death by fire in 1977 occurred in the crowded Beverly Hills, Kentucky, Supper Club. The fire claimed the lives of 165 persons — the worst building fire loss of life in 35 years. The fire shared many of the fire problems of the Coconut Grove Night Club in Boston. That blaze on November 28, 1942 claimed the lives of 492 persons.

Late December explosions and fires at two grain elevators in the South are expected to be among the year's most costly in terms of dollars as well as of lives lost. The disasters were in New Orleans, La., Dec. 22 with 36 lives lost and in Galveston, Tex., Dec. 28 with 18 killed. Dollar losses in each case are expected to run well into the millions.

Fires in three penal institutions in 1977 claimed the lives of 68 persons. The fires were in Maury County, Tenn., June 26 (33 inmates and nine visitors killed); St. John, New Brunswick, June 21 (21 inmates); and Danbury, Conn., July 7 (five inmates).

A conflagration in Santa Barbara, Calif. the week of July 25 destroyed and damaged approximately 280 structures as it burned through more than 800 acres of predominately brush and forest land. Losses have been estimated at between \$29 and \$35 million. Roofs of wood shingles played a part in the rapid spread of the fire.

### Resolutions

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WHEREAS, In order for the Board of Directors to remain current with what is happening on the national level concerning the volunteer fire department, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegate to the National Volunteer Fire Council from this Association present a written report of any and all meetings to each member of the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the delegate to the National Volunteer Fire Council further provide each member of the Board of Directors with a copy of the information letter sent to member fire departments from the National Volunteer Fire Council as they are sent.

This resolution adopted at a regular meeting of District 8A of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at which five or more fire departments were present.

WHEREAS, The officers of this association serve long hours without pay and,

WHEREAS, This is often at great personal sacrifice, and

WHEREAS, SUITABLE RECOGNITION FOR PAST OFFICERS IS NOT ALWAYS MADE, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this association will provide the following suitable recognition for the following officers:

President - A plaque with gavel suitably engraved upon end of term.

Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Recording Secretary and Sergeant at Arms - A plaque suitably engraved at the end of their time in office (leave office)

Public Relations Director, District Chairman - A certificate yearly upon their election to office.

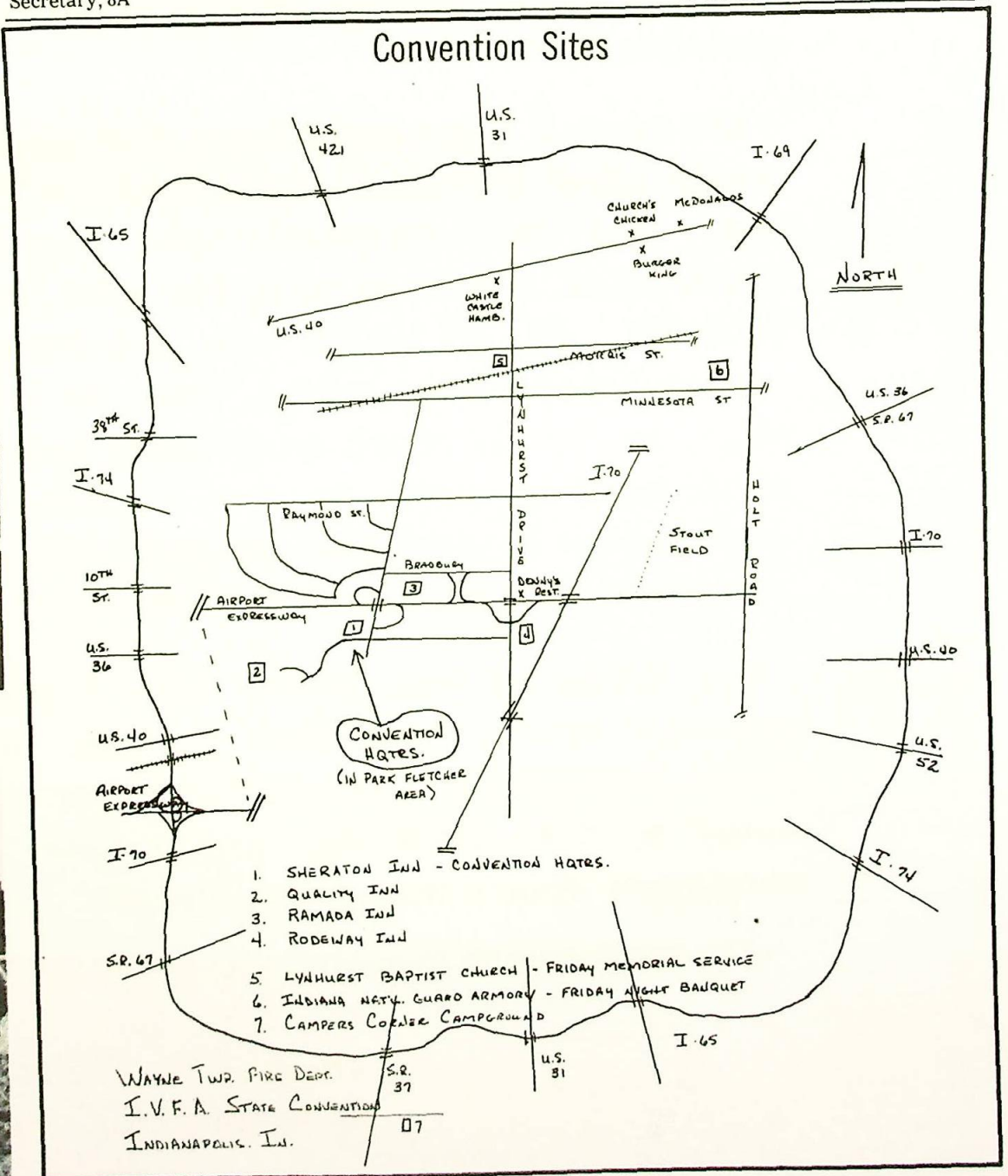
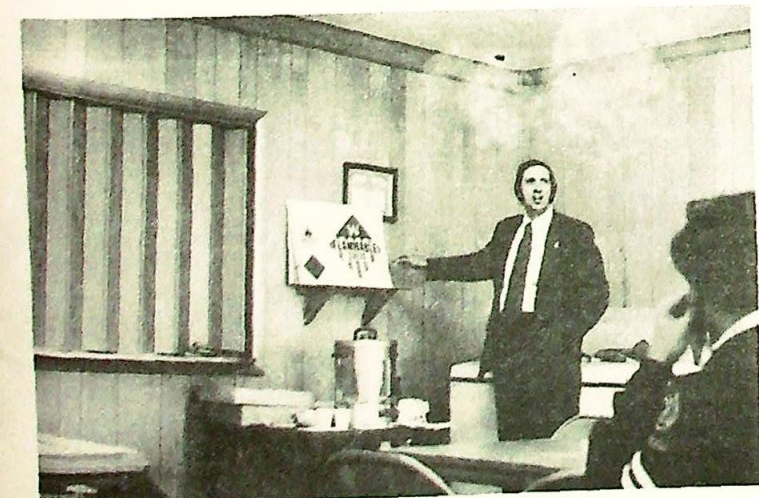
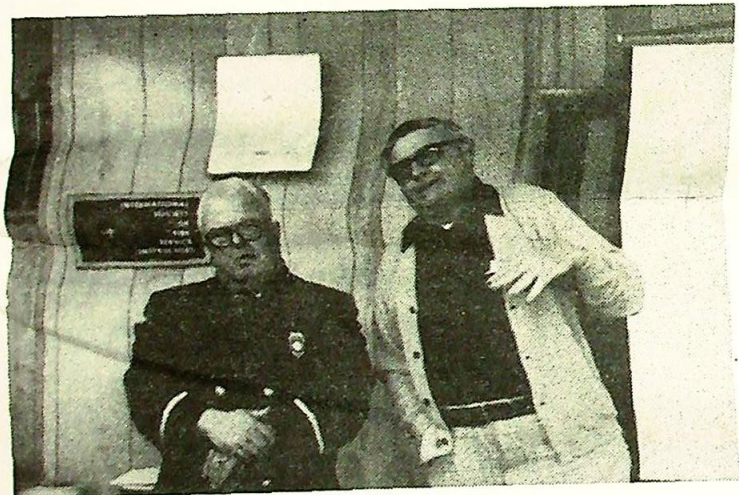
Committee Members - A certificate of appreciation from the association stating the committee upon which they served.

District Secretary - Certificate of Appreciation.

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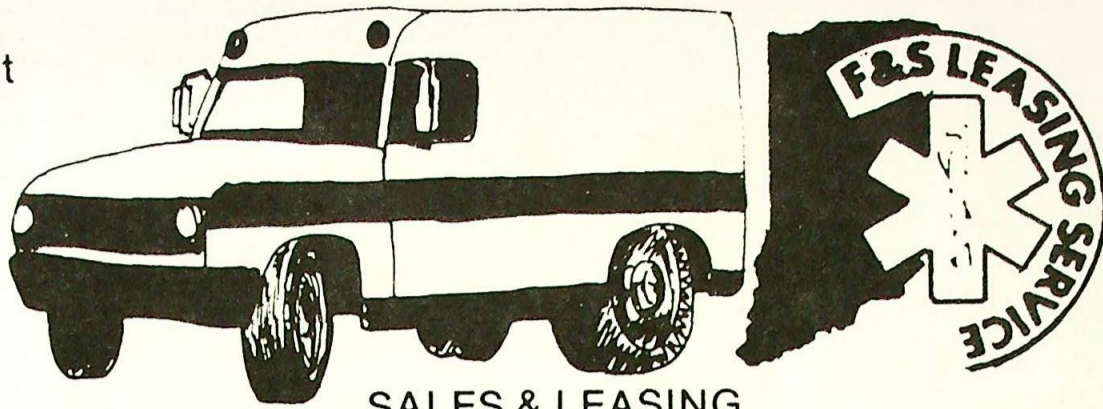
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We look forward to seeing you at the convention in June 1978.

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**History of German Twp.**

In 1959 several men saw the need for a fire department to protect the residents of German Township. These men formed the department and over the years the department has progressed from a two-bay station, with one pumper in 1960, into a fire department that houses seven pieces of apparatus in two stations with a new triple combination pumper-tanker on order to be delivered in early 1979.

Over the years the fire department has had many dedicated members. Some have gone and left the department, but we still have three of the original members that formed the department. They are: Red Oates, Bill Coghill, and Jim Voelker, who is the President of the corporation. Other corporation officers include Wayne Weiss, Vice-President; Dennis Maynard, Secretary, and Jim Voelker, Jr., Treasurer.

John M. Buckman is Fire Chief, with Lester Garrett serving as Assistant Chief. Captains are Jim Fechtmeister, Jerry Compton, Mike Diekmann and Tony Schneider.

The department offers all the traditional services to the people of German Township, from the time honored tradition of rescuing cats (which we try to discourage) to on the scene emergency medical treatment.

A rescue truck was purchased in 1976 to replace a 1961 Van that had been used to carry the rescue truck up until that time.

The equipment in service to the residents of German Township include two - 1000 GPM Class A engines; three - Tankers, carrying 4800 gallons of water, a grass rig, built by the members of the department, and a rescue squad.

We also have a piece of equipment that is unique to the fire service of Indiana. A 500 gpm portable pump was purchased in 1967 from Coventry, England. This pump can be carried by two men and set up at any water source within four minutes. The pump is driven by a four cylinder Triumph engine. The entire assembly measures 42" by 26" and is stored in a compartment.

A fair share of the time is spent fighting grass fires during the spring and fall. Structure fires and industrial fires seem to be growing at an alarming rate. A fire prevention program was started in the schools in 1976. Three times during the school year the firefighters take the trucks and go talk to the kids.

The Junior Fire Marshal Program from Hartford Insurance is used and films on fire safety are shown and fire safety material is sent home with the students.

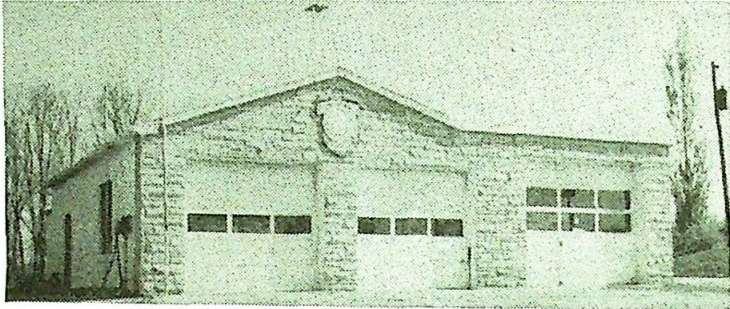
During fire prevention week a program was pushed to the people to install smoke detectors through the children in the school, and the Fire Chief has been talking to



Tanker No. 3, built by members of the department in 1963. Carries 1100 gals. of water with a 300 gpm power take-off pump.



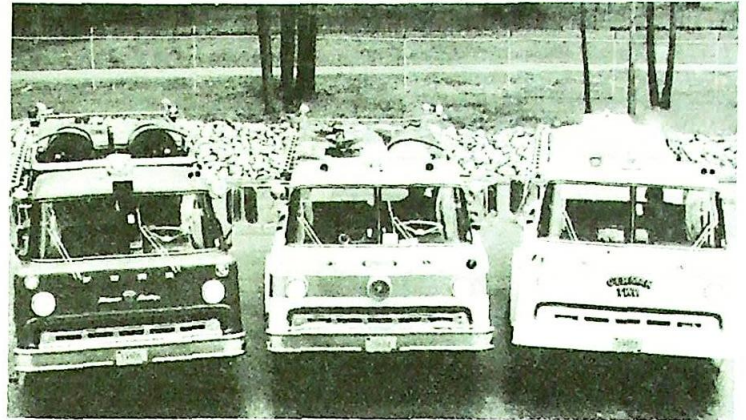
Thirteen of the 30 firefighters of the German Town Volunteer Fire Department include (left to right) Chief John Buckman, Dennis Maynard, Bill Helfrich, Mark Henderson, Scott Caton, Brett Stucke, Asst. Chief Lester Garrett, Captain Tony Schneider, Butch Roedor, Dale Sanders, Larry Clem, Captain Mike Diekmann, Jim Voelker, Jr., and Duke Schneider.



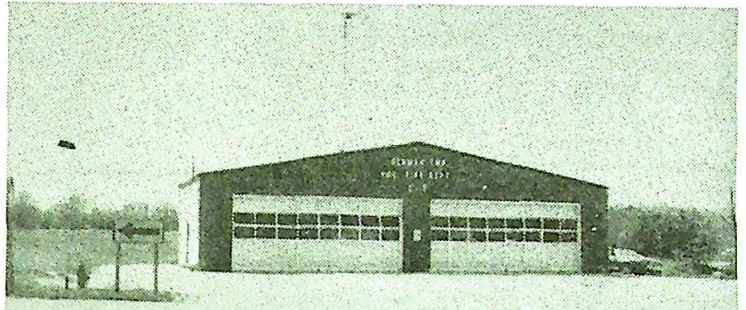
Station 1, built in 1959 as a 2-Bay Station, with a third Bay addition in 1967 and a meeting room added in 1970. All labor donated in building of this station.



(Left to right) German No. 5 — Grass Rig built by members of the department. It carries 200 gals. of water, 80 gpm pump, 200 ft. Booster Hose, with cages on both sides for men to ride in while in the field. Each cage has a short section of Booster Hose provided for extinguishing the fire as it moves; and German No. 6 — Rescue Squad, carries vehicle extrication equipment and emergency medical equipment.



(Left to right) German No. 1 — 1000 gpm Pumper, with 750 gpm water tank, and rear suction; German No. 7 — 1000 gpm Pumper, 750 gal. water tank, removable deck gun, rear suction; and German No. 2 — 1500 gal. tanker.



Station 2, built in 1973 by community residents at a cost of \$15,000.00. All labor was donated. The only cost was for materials.

civic organizations and pushing the installation of smoke detectors in each and every home.

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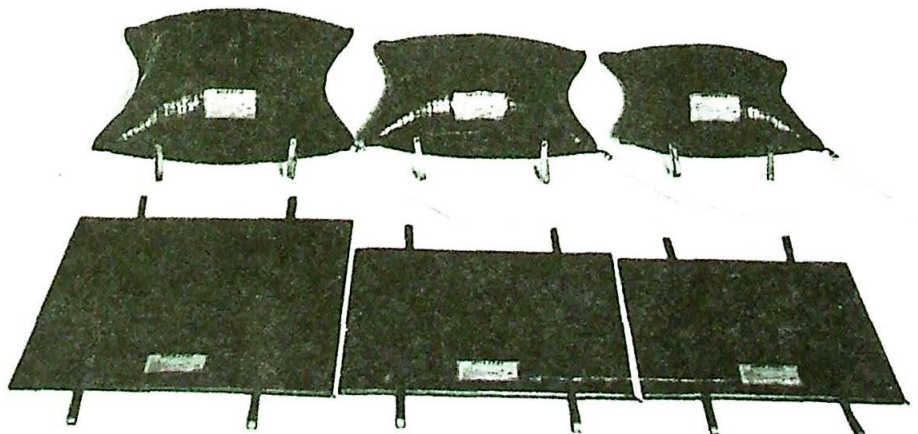
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## DURING CONVENTION, VISIT INDIANA FIREFIGHTERS GALLERY

For those interested in antique fire apparatus, the Indiana Firefighters Gallery is the place to visit during the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention in June.

The Gallery, located in the lower level of the new imposing \$6.8 million Children's Museum of Indianapolis, opened its doors to the public in 1976.

Members of the Indianapolis Fire Buffs created the gallery and restored most of the equipment now on display. The gallery comes complete with a two-story turn of the century fire station with a working Gamewell Fire Alarm receiving station.

An 1893 Ahrens Steamer from Rushville glistens under bare overhead lights alongside an 1852 Handdrawn pumper, once used by the Millhouses Volunteer Fire Department. Story has it the handtub was found by an Indianapolis firefighter in an antique store many years ago.

It was restored for use in a fire prevention display. Indianapolis Fire Department is printed on its sides. The fire Buffs have larger Rumsey Handpumper once used by Eagle Volunteer Fire Company of Oldenburg. It is now being restored and will replace the smaller handpumper now on display.

The Gamewell system once sent firefighters on the run at both Muncie and Connersville. It was built for the Muncie Fire Department in 1892. It was moved to Connersville when Muncie updated its alarm system.

The station's second floor is used for an office and meeting room for the Fire Buffs. A firehouse bell, once used in the tower of IFD Station 4, is displayed in an alcove behind the station.

In the apparatus gallery, the Buffs' 1927 American LaFrance Hale Water tower sits alongside Dr. John Suelzer's 1917 American LaFrance Pumper. Other apparatus displayed in the gallery include a 1928 Seagrave from Jeffersonville and a 1928 Ahrens Fox on loan from former Shelbyville Fire Chief William Smith.

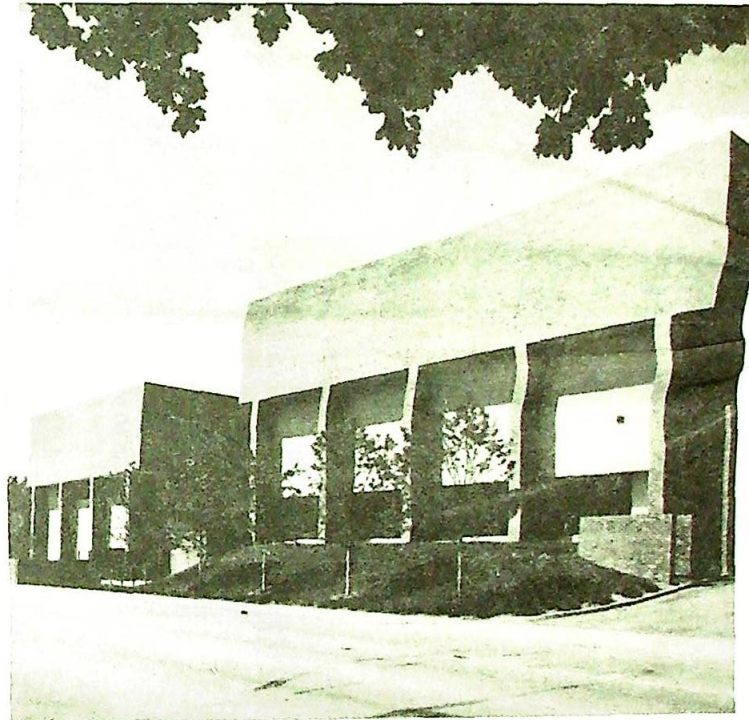
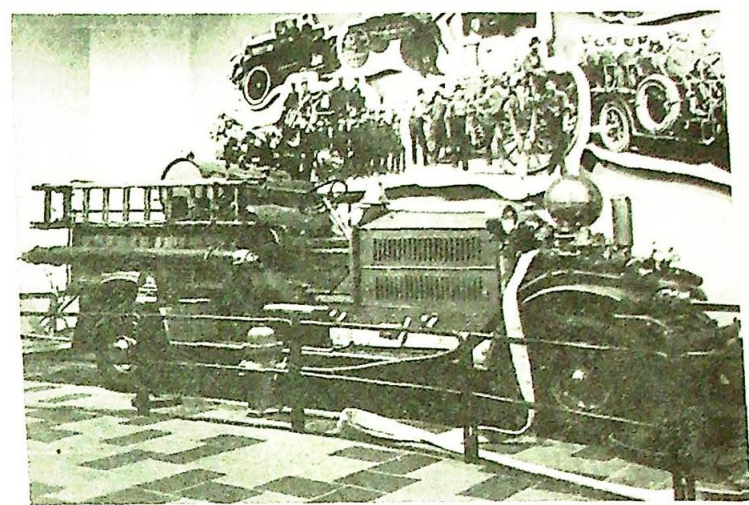
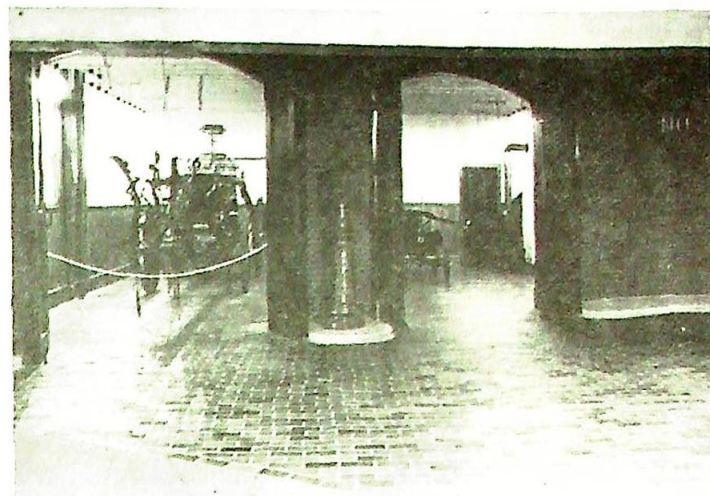
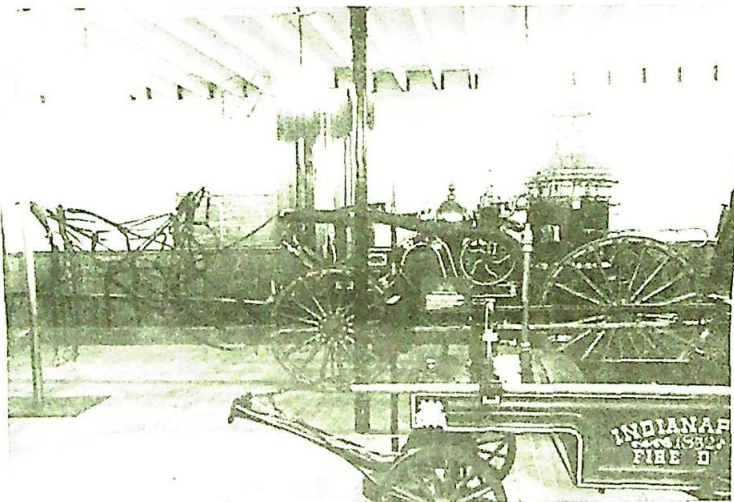
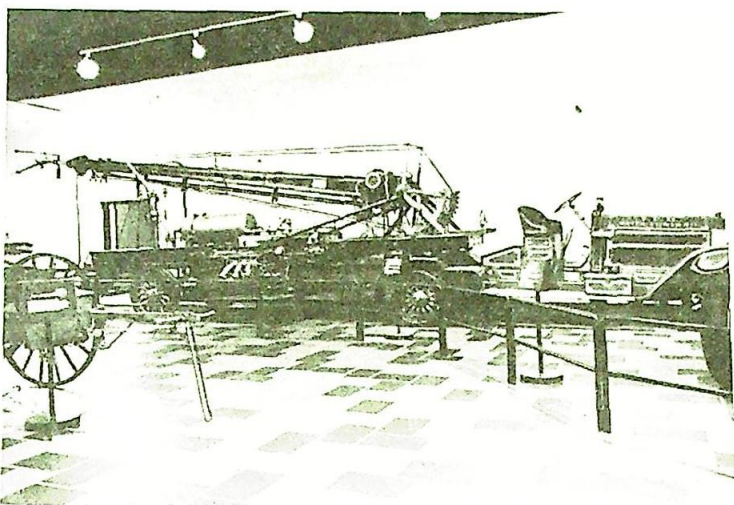
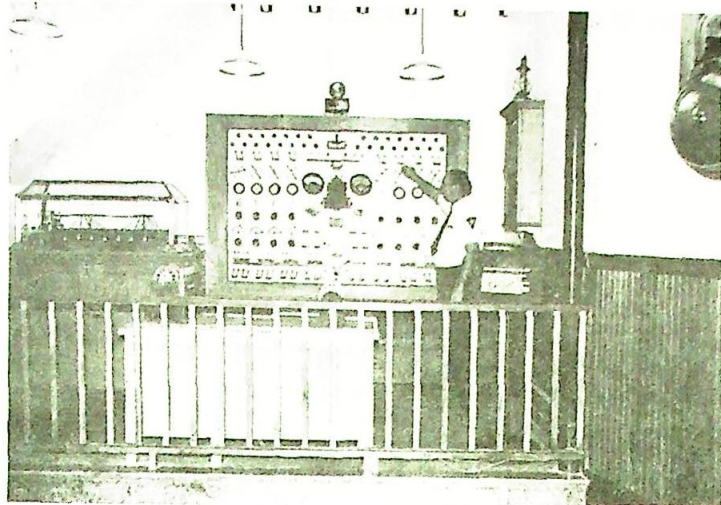
The water tower placed in service in Jan. 13, 1928 at Station 13, was retired from IFD in 1967. Dr. Suelzer's pumper was once used at Columbus. A former Indianapolis Stutz, delivered in 1921, also is on display in the gallery. The Stutz was donated to the museum by the Indianapolis Airport Authority. A collection of chemical carts and hose reels also are displayed.

Members of the Fire Buffs man the gallery during the weekends. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday. It is closed Mondays and major holidays.

The Fire Buffs have other apparatus in their collection for parades and demonstrations. The equipment includes a 1951 American LaFrance pumper from Peru, 1951 Seagrave pumper from Wabash, 1932 Mack quad from Connersville, 1921 Stutz pumper and 1921 Stutz ladder truck from Indianapolis and 1937 Ahrens Fox centrifugal pumper, donated to the club by Wayne Township Chief Richard Lamb. The Mack and Ahrens Fox are to be restored for museum display and parades.

In addition to museum duties, the club members maintain an emergency canteen truck, IFD car 13, for the Salvation Army. The vehicle responds with a two-man crew to all multiple alarm fires in Marion County and is on special call for other emergencies.

The IFB has a membership of



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more than 36 members. Its sister club, the Pompier, Pump & Playpipe Society of Indiana, Chapter of the Society for the Preservation & Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America, has a state wide membership of more than 50 members.

The membership has a vast collection of antique fire apparatus. Two of the club's

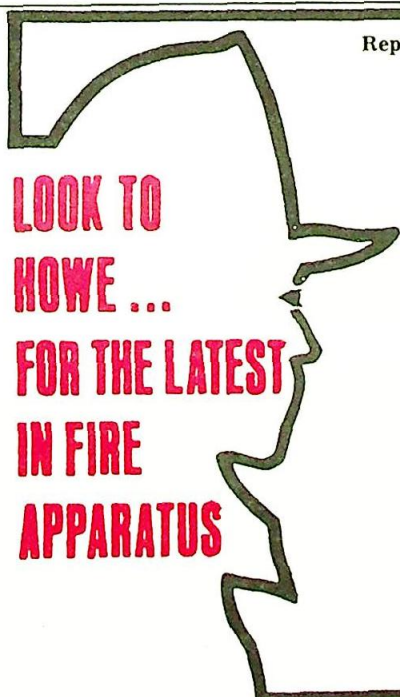
members can muster out 26 engines and ladder trucks if the occasion arises.

Plans are underway for an antique fire engine muster at the volunteer firemen's state convention in Wayne Township. the PPPSI is extending an invitation to all fire departments owning an antique apparatus to join in on the fun. The muster will include quick response

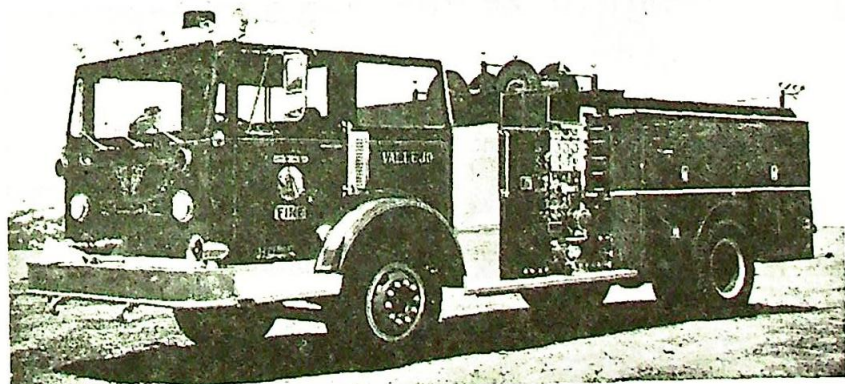
competition and first water drafting contests.

PPPSI also is sponsoring an antique fire engine muster at the annual Hoosier Auto Show & Swap

Meet at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in September. After the competition, the apparatus owners will take a drive around the 2½ mile oval.



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