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President's Part



Charles Jones

This will be my last article as your president. These past two years have been stimulating to me and my family, and we hope we have kindled an excitement in you for the IVFA. We all share in an organization which has united 17,000 volunteer and paid firefighters in the basic effort to improve our skills in protecting life and property of our fellow citizens. We all should be proud of our part in this endeavor no matter how small and insignificant we may feel our role is. As I said two years ago and have repeated many times since, it takes us all to make this organization successful.

During these past two years I have probably received more criticism than any IVFA president before. My response to this is that we probably had more active projects going than ever before so, obviously, more criticism was generated because more people were involved. We felt it was important to involve a greater number of association members for the harmonious operation of the total unit. Fortunately, many others felt the same because through the efforts of these loyal workers, we were able to form new committees and actively pursue advancement in many areas of firefighting. Some of the committees and assistants that were set up and activated in this period are accounted below. First of all, we appointed an assistant to our own famous Editor. This had to be done if we wished to maintain the excellent

status of our publications that we have grown accustomed to. There was no way one man (and his wife) could continue to accomplish all the tasks the IVFA placed on him.

A Training Committee was established to work with the State Fire Marshal, other agencies, industry and commerce to coordinate training throughout the state. There are many resources available for training purposes and we are finally getting to this material and manpower to further educate our firefighters. After all, training is possibly the most important commodity the IVFA has to offer.

We formed a Convention Committee to retain records and accumulate facts on each convention so not only the next convention host may benefit, but we all will benefit by their having a more thoroughly developed informational package available for reference. There is much more to hosting the convention than just knowing how many people are fed at the banquet and how many rooms are needed.

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Secretary's Report



John Ford

Members IVFA:

Things have sure been poppin' around this office this past three months. With all the plain everyday work that comes in and things that have to be done while its slack, then add trying to get it all in a Computer and sprinkle a lot of Legislature in and you have darn near panic.

Now I can see that you are real upset about all that, so I will just get on to another subject, gee thanks.

Legislature was a real success this year and with the help of many, we came out in real good shape. It is with the help of Representative Nelson J. Becker (R) of Logansport and Senator Niemeyer (R) of Lowell that we were able to get things done. We certainly owe them a big thank you. Please give them a thank you the next time you see them. While you're at it give your local legislators a thanks also because they too were eager and willing to assist and always had time to chat a second with your committee.

The Computer situation with the new forms is just plain coming slow. It does take quite a bit of time to get the job done on your end and

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Governor Bowen Selects Volunteers for Firefighting Commission



Norman Crocker

Norman Crocker, Commissioner, began his fire service in 1960 when the Middlebury Volunteer Fire Department was recruiting young men. Norm thought it was a way to help the community, and became totally involved as the years passed.

After moving into the Harris Township area of St. Joseph County, there was a serious fire in which Norm offered his services and then joined the Harris Township Volunteer Fire Department. Within a short time, he was appointed Training Officer since it was a new department. From that, he was talked into being the Chairman of the joint St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties Fire School where he met IVFA members and began his work with the Association.

He served as Chief and Assistant Chief of his department, District Chairman, Chairman of the Board, and currently Vice President of the IVFA. He has remained on the Education Committee of the IVFA and is in demand around the state for instructing LP gas schools.

Norm stated he felt he had something to offer to the volunteer fire departments and to the Commission from his experiences working with the departments in the state.



George Shonske

George Shonske, Commissioner, has a background of 7 years of law enforcement on the Lake County Sheriff's Department, a total of 26 years as a licensed teacher at the

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1979

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration Madison High School Lobby
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Apparatus Display - MHS East Parking Lot
- 9:00 a.m. - Miss Flame Contest - MHS Band Room (CLOSED)
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Officer's Meeting - MEN MHS Auditorium; WOMEN MHS Cafeteria
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visitation of the City of Madison and the Madison Fire Departments
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Officers Banquet - Clifty Inn
- Barbecue & Beer Bust - Knights of Columbus Hall (Sponsored by Midwest Fire & Safety)

8:00 p.m. - Joint Convention Opening - MHS Auditorium

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1979

- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration - MHS Lobby
- 8:30 a.m. - General Meetings - MEN MHS Auditorium; WOMEN MHS Cafeteria
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Memorial Service - MHS Auditorium
- 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch - Place of your choice (See map)
- 1:15 p.m. - Close
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Banquet - MHS Gymnasium
- 8:00 p.m. - ? Entertainment at Fire Departments

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1979

- 7:00 a.m. - Registration for Games - MHS south parking lot
- 8:00 a.m. - Games - MHS south parking lot
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Parade - Downtown Madison - Starting at Jefferson St. ending at Cragmont St.

*Entertainment after 5:00 p.m. Compliments of Weising Fire Equipment & Miller Safety Equipment.

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Bill Sunday

I have been traveling around, not as much as I would have liked to, but I have been working for my livelihood and it has been conflicting with my travels. I have attended several Miss Flame Contests and I sure am glad someone else is going to have to choose just one.

We have had several schools around the East Central area and have more to come. The East Central Fire School is tentatively set for August 18th and 19th at Richville. We are looking forward to returning to Rushville for another fine fire school.

If you would like to have fire schools in your department and we can be of any assistance to you, call and we will do all we can to help.

FERDINAND RESPONDS

On Thursday evening March 22nd, we were called to the scene of an accident where a car, driven by 43 year old Virgil J. Welp, crossed the center line of the road and struck the rear wheels of a semi-trailer.

Mr. Welp was dead on the scene and it did about \$5,000 damage to the trailer.

Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Unit was called to the scene to extract the body from the car. Ferdinand firemen used a hydraulic unit or "Jaws" to pry open the car doors that were badly mashed together. The hydraulic jaws plus a chain hoist and emergency chains are only a few of the items the Ferdinand firemen purchased from profits derived from their Annual Firemen's Ball and Supper. This event will be held this year on the fourth Saturday in July.

This is an annual event and is always held on the fourth Saturday in July. Last year Ferdinand held a raffle with the dance and supper. The raffle consisted of more than \$3,300 in prizes and cash that was given away at the Firemen's Ball.

Hope to see some of you firemen at this year's Firemen's Ball at Ferdinand on July 28th. You All Come!!!!

SERGEANT-at-ARMS REPORT

Hi Brother Firemen's and Auxiliary:

It's that time again Guys to start thinking about traveling to Madison, June 21, 22 and 23 to the 33rd Annual IVFA meeting. The convention committee has worked hard to give us a good convention. Try to come and enjoy the fellow-

ship of old and new friends and get the most possible out of the business meetings. This is one time of the year when we stop to honor our Firemen and Auxiliary members who have passed away during the year. We can all spare an hour can't we?

Our Public Relation Directors are working hard to setting up real good Fire Schools for this year. So try to attend as many as you can. You always learn something new.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Officers and District Chairmans for their support and help, they have given me in the past year.

Hope to see you all in Madison. Drive carefully.



Charles "Butch" McGill

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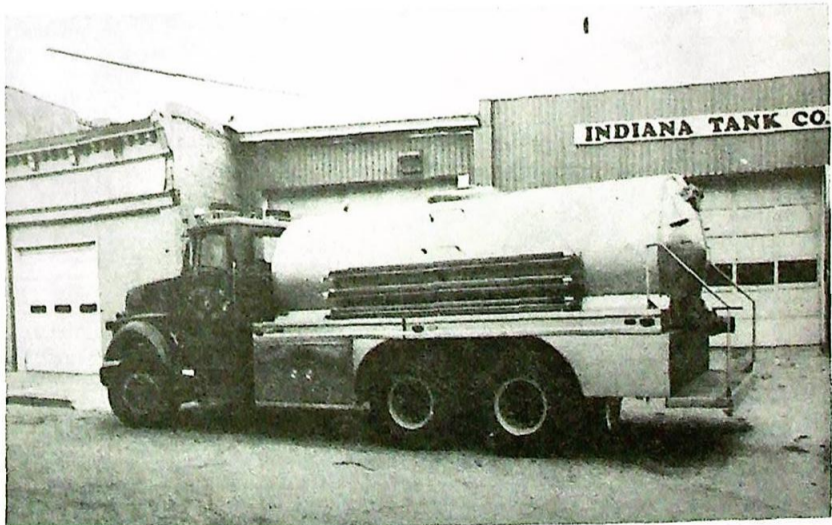
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Your Chaplain, Duane Lantz

Luke Chapter 13, Verses 6 thru 9

A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if he could find any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed.

Finally he told his gardener to cut it down. "I've waited three years and there hasn't been a single fig!" he said. "Why bother with it any longer? It's taking up space we can use for something else."

"Give it one more chance, the gardener answered. Leave it another year, and I'll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. If we get figs next year, fine; if not I'll cut it down."

Convention time is close at hand. To those who have lost loved ones this year, they will be remembered with a rose and candle at our Memorial Service. A special invitation to those families who lost their loved ones are welcomed to attend our Memorial Service at the Madison Convention.

I would guess a lot of you are hard at work in your gardens preparing the seed beds and being particular about the seeds you plant. The question is, will my garden grow, will it bear fruit? It will, if good care is given, proper weather conditions, proper fertilizer used and the weeds not left to grow.

How is your Christian Life's garden growing? Are you letting the weeds grow, but not making the best of each day, by saying "I don't know", not making decisions, by not attending church regularly, by letting some one else carry your load in the fire department? Or are you fertilizing your life's garden as the gardener did the fig tree? God wants you to grow in this garden; get your seeds planted now. Make your life have purpose and be fruitful.

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses.
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The son of God discloses.

And he walks with me
And he talks with me.
And he tells me I am his own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other, has ever, known.

As we enter God's Garden alone we have the unmistakable assurance that God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. Let each of our life's gardens be of great faith and fruitful in the name of Jesus Christ.

At 7:00 P.M. on June 16 at the Door Village United Methodist Church there will be a flower placed in your Chaplain's life's garden?????

Go to the church of your choice. You will like it.

O God
Thyself the perfection of beauty,
Who lovest all things beautiful
And through them are constantly
Making Thyself known unto man:
Teach us
By the beauty that is in the world
That nothing unbeautiful can live before Thee:
And help our lives
So to clothe themselves in beauty
That even through us
Thy glory may be made manifest.

Anonymous

Your Chaplain

District Meetings

District 8B

Mr. Mark Leeka and Mr. Terry Kessler, of the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department, attended the two-day Fire School April 21st and 22nd at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, sponsored by the Indiana Fire Instructors' Association.

The Randolph County Firemen met at the Ward Township Fire Station for their April meeting. A very interesting business meeting was held in charge by the President Mr. Mark Leeka.

District 11A

Well, here it is almost convention time again and from all indications it should be another great one.

Our last District meeting was on March 18th at the Honey Creek Firehouse. There were several guests and officers in attendance. At this meeting we elected our District 11A Miss Flame. She is Diane McFarland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFarland from Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department, Coalmont, Indiana. She is a pretty girl with a great personality, so watch out all the rest of you.

On March 31st, we had a Hazardous Material School at Montezuma. There were some good instructors from Panhandle Eastern Pipeline, and Dow Chemical. Everyone came away with new respect for chemicals and other hazards.

Several of our men attended the fire school at IUPUI and all seemed to enjoy it very much.

I hope to see all of you at Madison in June.

Larry Biggs
District 11A Chairman

Secretary's Report

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for this I certainly know. I had hoped that it would have been done a little faster but it is not and now we continue from there. I need one for each and every member of your department, including Inactive or whatever. Also if some have left your department, it would be helpful to make a note of this. When we get this all done it will be of great help to us all.

Now we come to the fun part, our Convention coming up. The fun and games of old times and new are always interesting. Meeting many friends each year just seems to make something to look forward to from year to year. Bill Kalb and the Madison Boys are just rearin' to go and have a good time all ready for you. In spite of all efforts to make it trouble free you know very well things just do not turn out that way. They have even tried to plan a way out for that just in case. It sure looks like a good time and once more the pace seems fast as usual and Madison intends to keep it that way. Things do go wrong and one should not blame anyone for that. People sure don't plan bad times and when it happens they feel worse than you. Last year there were some gripes about the year before, so why do you think that its going to be different this year or next. Anyway it's just one big family and that is why we have such a good time and look forward to the next year. BE THERE AND ENJOY.

Ruth and I wish to thank each and every one that expressed sympathy in the recent loss of my Brother. We sure do not know just how news travels so fast, but thanks for the many cards and personal notes, plus the lovely flowers, we are truly grateful.

Thank you.

John T. Ford,
Secretary

District 18

The March 15th meeting of District 18 was hosted by the Troy Volunteer Fire Department at the Troy Community Building.

Roll call was answered by ninety-two firemen from nineteen departments who reported answering ninety-one calls. Ten guests were in attendance.

Chairman Reinhart is to report at State Officer's meeting that District 18 departments are interested in obtaining the three by five foot bulletin boards for their stations.

All departments present were reminded to file their "Non-Profit Statement" with Secretary of the State of Indiana, if they are incorporated.

Southwest Public Relations Officer, Carl Davis, gave a report on the scheduling and program for the Southwest Fire School to be hosted by Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Department at Bloomington on July 14th and 15th.

The district secretary gave each department present some literature on the "Federal Benefits for Firefighters". This material was mailed to each department not present.

The program for the meeting was presented by four members of the Emergency Medical Services from Welborn Baptist Hospital of Evansville, Indiana. They were Dr. John Farquahar, John Roberts, Paula Oakley and Ruth Griese. Their program consisted of slides and narration describing some of their encounters and life sustaining "miracles". Welborn Hospital operates a four-wheel drive rescue unit and a motor-home type intensive care unit.

Their program was most interesting, informative, and very well presented.

Charles Houghland of Tell City won half the jackpot drawing and Fred Lloyd of Grandview won a pocket spanner wrench donated by M&S Fire & Safety Equipment Company of Evansville.

Next meeting of District 18 will be hosted by the Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department on May 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the North Spencer Community Center at Santa Claus.

Kenneth F. Lau
District 18 Secretary

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From the Desk of Your President



Lucy Stofer

Convention time is meaning. Everyone is checking their reservations and counting the days. We are sure to have an enjoyable convention.

The Miss Flame Contest is at an all time high; we have seventeen young ladies in this year. All young ladies in the contest are to receive a list of things to do, where to be and the district chairman will help.

All women are welcome to our meeting. We have business to be taken care of, but we also pass to each lady a goody bag at the end of meetings.

Remember all district chairmen, the Doe Doll tickets are to be passed out, sold, and the money collected before Convention. Please turn in the money and stubs to Barbara Surber and Barbara Parker. The district selling the most tickets receives \$25.00.

You ladies that are interested in the Games and have teams, contact Janet Yoder.

See you at Convention.

Lucy Stofer

DISTRICT 4 ACTIVITIES

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 Car Wash, May 12th

Harris Township
 Fish Fry, May 19th

German Township
 Fish Fry, May 25th

Warren Township
 Dance, June 9th
 At Crumbstown Conservation Club

Concord Township
 Fish Fry, Sept. 8th

ATTENTION GALS!

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

1. Entry fees must be sent in by June 1st.
 2. Entry fees are \$10.00 for Waterball and \$10.00 for Bucket Brigade. These entry fees will not be sent back to each department.
 3. International Rules will prevail for both events.
 4. One member from each team must attend the all-day meeting on Friday.
 5. One girl cannot be entered on two teams in the same event.
 6. Each team member must register at Headquarters.
 7. Each team member must belong to the State Auxiliary.
- It's not too early to start getting your teams organized and send in your entry fees.

Janet Yoder
 Games Chairman

In Memoriam

Martha Manley, Sandford, District 11A



Thelma Lester, Chaplain

Psalms 104:13, 14, 17

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

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

"Where the birds make their nests; as for the stork, the fir trees are their house."

The season of spring has come again. It is so beautiful to look outdoors and see the beautiful green grass. The spring rains shower forth to water the sweet smelling hyacinths, crocusses and Easter lilies. The many kinds of birds have arrived back from the South and those that live here the year round are building their nests to raise their families. Oh! How beautiful it is for spring.

How else could we believe but that we do have someone greater than we to form, make and create life and nature? It is only by God, the Creator of all things.

Convention time is almost here. It will be a time to see old friends and meet new ones. At convention there is a memorial service to honor all the departed firemen and auxiliary members who have died this past year. I do hope that all of you will take time for this service to pay your respects. Please remember no sirens and help us to keep the service reverent. It will be at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 22nd.

"May your path
 Be strewn with flowers,
 Memories, friends
 And happy hours.
 May blessings come
 From heaven above,
 To fill your life
 With peace and love."

An English Blessing

Prayer: Make us, O God, fertile soil for the seed of Your Word that we may yield fruit to the glory of Christ. Amen.

Your chaplain,
 Thelma Lester

DISTRICT 4

The March 29th meeting of the 4th District was held at Madison Township, Wyatt, Indiana.

The roll call was answered by 11 members from five departments and one individual member. The guests in attendance were Lucy Stofer (President), Barb Parker (2nd Vice-President), Miriam Schekel (Miss Flame Committee), Ruth Fairfield (District 6), Dana Pletcher (Judge), Mrs. Bill Goodwin, and the Miss Flame Contestants: Joni Brown from Concord, Kathy Fitz from Warren and Fran Strebinger from German.

Winners of the 50-50 Club were Dana Pletcher and Ruth Fairfield.

Chaplain Tina Nusbaum reported two births were celebrated in the District. They were a daughter born to Peggy and Brad McLain, and a daughter born to Tina and Bill Nusbaum; all are from Concord Fire Department.

We adjourned to join the men for the Miss Flame Contest. The judges were Ruth Fairfield, Barb Parker, Dana Pletcher, Bill Goodwin and Richard Mackel (Madison Twp. Trustee). Fran Strebinger of German Township will be representing us at the State Convention this year.

The April 28th meeting of the 4th District was held during a campout at Eby's Pines Campground in Bristol.

Roll call was answered by five members from three departments and two individual members. The guest was Linda Nusbaum, age two months.

The 50-50 Club was won by Bonnie Crocker and Ella Mae Bechtel.

Elections were held for 1979-80. The officers will again be Kris Bechtel, Chairman; Ella Mae Bechtel, Secretary-Treasurer; and Tina Nusbaum, Chaplain.

The next meeting will be in September.

A bake auction was conducted between the carry-in dinner and the men's meeting on Sunday. The highlight of the sale was three fresh strawberry pies donated by Mary Hahn of Walkerton. They were sold at the following prices: \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50 - totaling \$20.00! The whole auction brought in \$55.00!

A big "THANKS" to the New Paris Fire Department men and ladies for the great time at the campout.

Kris Bechtel
 Chairman, District 4

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MAY, 1979

STATE SENATE REPORT



State Senator Ernie Niemeyer

The 1979 Session of the Indiana General Assembly, in my opinion, was a productive session for the IVFA. As a member of the Indiana State Senate, I was very proud and pleased to sponsor and encourage needed IVFA requested legislation in the State Senate. Let me also take this opportunity to thank 2 of your hard working members, Charlie Jones and Jack Ford, for their consistent and continuous input that was so important in getting the Legislative Bills through both Houses of the Legislature. They were an inspiration and had strong backing from your Association.

In addition to the Legislation that Representative Nelson Becker and myself was able to get through the General Assembly and that was signed by the Governor, we also was able to get a Resolution Bill passed that sets up an interim study committee to look into problems and possibly additional future legislation concerning Firemen and particularly to deal with the protection and safety of the Volunteer Firemen and the people that they are called on to serve.

In closing let me say thanks for asking me to help in Legislative matters and am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming State Convention in Madison.

Report from State Senator
Ernie Niemeyer
Chairman: Governmental Affairs
Committee
Ranking Majority Member: State
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Committee
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Committee

President's Part

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Since volunteer firefighters still provide the bulk of Emergency Medical Technicians in the state, an EMS Committee was organized. These people work with the state EMS Commission in an effort to correlate the presentation of the program and its associated materials. I had the privilege of serving on the Governor's original study commission which worked to formulate the present EMS Commission. We do not always agree with the Commission, but we still feel Indiana's greatest resource of service people is her volunteer firefighters.

We appointed a State Fair Committee, which has been changed to the Public Education Committee. It has long been felt the general public needed to be informed of the volunteer fire services available in their particular areas. Many citi-

zens are not aware of the services provided by the volunteers; nor are they knowledgeable in what to do should a fire or other emergency occur in their presence. This committee's responsibility was to inform adults and children of precautions to take to prevent an emergency, and what to do in case one occurs. We also wanted to present a favorable impression of the volunteer firefighters instead of the old image of an untrained bucket brigade. Because of the large attendance at the State Fair, it was decided this might be the best place to begin such an education program. The Chairman of this committee and I asked repeatedly for assistance and ideas in this regard but finally we had to just muddle through the State Fair and learn as we went along. The Chairman and his wife were at the fair at least half of the total days and I was out there every single day of the fair. A member of my own fire department went out each morning to open the display. Now, of course, everyone knows exactly what should have been done and are quite willing to share their ideas. In any case, because you people came to the Fair and donated your time, we did accomplish part of what we set out to do as we did reach a great number of people with informative literature, whether we improved our image or not.

These committees have all been vigorously operating and have created greater interest in their particular subjects. These people are to be commended for their time and effort put forth for the association.

During my term as president, I participated in founding the INCERT program throughout the state. The purpose of this program is: in the event of a disaster, catastrophe or extreme weather conditions such as a blizzard or tornado, the State Police will coordinate their law enforcement power with the emergency services provided by fire departments using the fire house as the activity center where possible. A representative of the State Police and the Fire Chief will be in charge. It is concluded that more efficient service may be given the public using these two units together. Praise the Lord, we have had no need for this service yet, but we will be better prepared should we have such need.

We further had the privilege of working with the leaders at Indiana Central University in starting a program whereby an Associate Degree can be earned in firefighting. Also, we set up credit classes for EMT candidates.

At the 1978 convention, an historical event occurred. I regret no pictures were taken or no notice made of the occasion. For the first time in IVFA record, the presidents of the five major fire fighting organizations in the state appeared on the same program working in fellowship and harmony, and a great alliance was established. The organizations whose presidents appeared were: The Indiana Firefighters Association, The Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, The Indiana Fire Instructors Association, The Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana and the IVFA. I have always said there are more than enough fires for all of us. I sincerely trust this cohesive understanding will continue in the future.

This year marked my 14th year on our Legislative Committee. During this time, the IVFA has grown from a relatively unknown group to a prestigious association whose reputation is that of conservative, fair-minded, reasonable tax payers. We have always attempted to be fair and honest with the legislatures and they, in turn, have been fair and honest

with us and have treated us with high esteem. We have not spent a lot of your money in the past trying to influence the law makers. I, personally, have always been of the opinion it was not necessary to "wine and dine" or give them expensive trinkets to win their favor. I may be wrong, but our win-loss record is very high on the win side and speaks for itself. Even firms who spend high amounts for lobbying do not have as good a win record as the IVFA and are envious of our accomplishments.

This is not intended to be a farewell address as we are not going away. We know we are still welcome at 99 percent of the fire stations in Indiana without being president. Jan, our children and I have been made welcome everywhere we went. My wife and children were never insulted by offensive language or rude conduct on the part of any fireman and I trust all guests are treated this way when they visit your stations. The respect we have for each other is invaluable and I thank God for being associated with all of you. Enjoy Madison! It's a spectacular town with admirable firemen and marvelous citizens.

CROCKER - SHONSKÉ APPOINTED TO COMMISSION

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Indiana Vocational-Technical College, and 14 years firefighting experience with the Gary Fire Department.

He is presently Associate Professor-Program Supervisor of Applied Fire Science Technology at IVY Tech at Gary, and is also the Fire Science coordinator on a statewide basis for I.V.T.C. George has aided in the development of excellent training facilities and programs for the College to the benefit of the area firefighters.

George is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, International Fire Service Training Association, International Society of Fire Service Instructors, Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, and an Indiana Civil Defense Volunteer.

Are you a certified firefighter? More firefighters and fire departments are joining into the Certification program wherein the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education recognizes the level of proficiency of the firefighters through training and education, whether volunteer, paid, industrial, or military.

The Commission "Redbook" is the guideline of minimum training standards from which these fire departments are now working so that firefighters are trained for the task of saving lives and property.

It is hoped, however, that firefighters recognize that this is only minimum training. There are many seminars and District fire schools each year around the state which are sponsored by the IVFA, State Fire Marshal Department, and other persons concerned with fire safety. Firefighters are encouraged to attend these schools to gain even more knowledge in "expecting the unexpected" in firefighting.

The Commission meets monthly in the conference room of the State Fire Marshal Department, 502 State Office Building, Indianapolis 46204. Firefighters are welcome to attend. Questions concerning the Commission may be made through the State Fire Marshal's office to the Program Coordinator, phone 317-633-4778, or write to the Commission at the above address.

COONEY AT FARMLAND

NO he's not praying, but he's "preaching". Cooney Tucker Teaching, Preaching, whatever, he's getting the point across to District 8B firemen at Farmland Fire Department where the first two of seven classes begin.

Cooney's program on Construction has been a big help to area firemen helping realize the danger to the fireman and what they should look for at the scene of a fire.

Thank's Cooney from District 8B.



PUBLIC EDUCATION NOTE

The Public Education Committee has been working hard this year to get a book of safety and help tips to give out at the State Fair. We are also adding things to the trailer.

Anyone knowing where we could get two mannequins, please let one of us know. We are still looking for them to be put in the trailer permanently.

We would like to get some pictures of the big fires in the state. Please send them to your District Chairman or myself.

Also anyone wishing to work the state fair, please tell your District Chairman or any State elected official of the IVFA.

Doug Bechtel
Chairman, Public Education Com.

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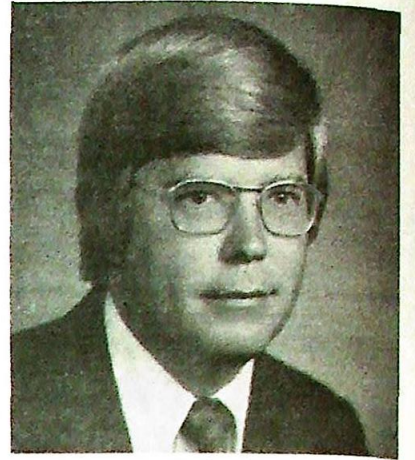
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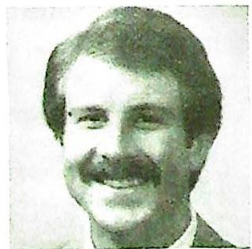
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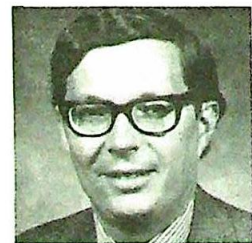
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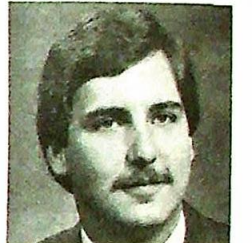
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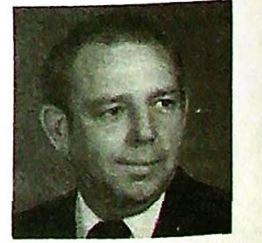
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Fellow Members IVFA:

We were indeed very lucky this 101st Session of the Indiana General Assembly to acquire as much help and productive assistance with nothing but good results. The old saw "Nothing helps success like good pure dumb luck", probably dogged our footsteps.

We certainly can not expect results like this each and every time. Yes, we were very fortunate and the above mentioned Legislators assisted our efforts greatly. To them all should mention a thank you whenever you come across their paths.

They all voted, each time, on the conviction of facts given them. This is what the electorate sent them to do. Not be FOR you and AGAINST me. It is the duty of IVFA to approach them and convince them our needs and why they are important and make every effort to get them to AGREE with us. They all can be against us. If you wish to put it that way, but what we are really after is getting them to agree with us, now the conviction vote will be on our side. There is a difference and to me it seems like a choice instead of a cut and dried for or against.

In short order they did agree, and voted thusly, and the Volunteer Firemen of Indiana are much better off now for that effort.

The committee of seven did a group job to get this done so no one person can make any big strides of accomplishment, it was a team effort by IVFA. The Legislators, each and everyone, voted as they saw fit and this effort was lead in the Senate by Senator Ernest Niemeyer (R) of Lowell.

Representative Nelson J. Becker (R) Logansport, championed our cause in the House and even appeared on our behalf in a Senate Committee hearing.

To these we wish to extend our special thanks for a job well done and the faith that they had placed in the IVFA and the Volunteer Firemen of Indiana.

In closing, To All Members of the 101st General Assembly, State of Indiana, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association extends our heart felt thanks for all your efforts on our behalf and those for the residents of the State of Indiana.

Legislative Committee
John T. Ford, Chairman

Charles Jones
Robert Sutton

Norman Crocker
Steve Ritter

James Parker
Marion Bush Jr.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS PASSED

HB 1940 is another tool in Arson investigation.

Basically this says give investigators information and records and you shall be free of civil suits for doing so.

That's about it -- give or take a mite.

SB 352 gives fire departments some more money.

Basically this says if appropriated and budgeted all monies then must be spent for the fire department so budgeted for.

In other words fire departments get a chance to spend the money available for fire service from the taxing entity. The intent of the Law was not to force anyone to spend recklessly any money that is left at end of year.

SB 252 attempts to provide a base for the Fire Chief to stand.

This was a difficult thing as many wanted to be included and no one wants to give or think they are giving any ground. It is not exactly what was asked for, but it can be a step. As intent was described Law enforcement office will take over crowd, traffic and security upon arrival. This is what was wanted and in the waning days of the Legislature it was take what we have or let it die on the vine.

Resolution 21 will permit a Commission to investigate the Volunteer Fire Service, its short comings, its needs, and who, what and how many there are. Also how best they can be served by the State.

This commission will then recommend to the Legislature just what can be done after the exhaustive study.

You will note the presence of Volunteer firemen on this Commission. This will certainly bring the Volunteers quest to light for all to view. It is from this Commission that the Volunteers will benefit many ways in many things they are now very dissatisfied about.

This being an important item for the Volunteer numerous reports will be forthcoming on such activities of this Committee.

HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1940

AN ACT to amend IC27-2 by adding a new chapter concerning the disclosure of certain information by insurers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC27-2 is amended by adding a NEW chapter 13 to read as follows:

Chapter 13. Arson Reporting.

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Authorized agency" means:

(1) the state fire marshal or an assistant fire marshal as defined in IC 22-11-5-8 when authorized or charged with the investigation of fires at the place where the fire actually took place;

(2) the superintendent of the state police;

(3) the prosecuting attorney responsible for prosecutions in the county where the fire occurred; and

(4) the attorney general.

(b) "Relevant" means information having any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the investigation or determination of a fire loss more probable or less probable than it would have been without the evidence.

(c) "Insurer" means an insurance company and includes the Indiana FAIR plan.

Sec. 2. An authorized agency charged with the responsibility of investigating a fire loss may, in writing, require an insurer investigating that loss to release to the requesting agency any or all relevant information or evidence considered important to the authorized agency including:

(1) pertinent insurance policy information relevant to a fire loss under investigation and any application for that policy;

(2) policy premium payment records;

(3) history of previous claims made by the insured;

(4) material relating to the investigation of the loss, including:

(A) statements of any person;

(B) proof of loss; and

(C) other evidence relevant to the investigation.

Sec. 3 (a) When an insurer has reason to believe that a fire loss in which it has an interest was caused by a means that was not accidental then, for the purpose of notification and for having that fire loss investigated, the company shall, in writing, notify an authorized agency and provide

that agency with all material developed from the insurer's inquiry into the fire loss.

(b) When an insurance company provides an authorized agency with notice of a fire loss, it shall be considered sufficient notice for the purpose of this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) An authorized agency provided with information under this chapter may release or provide that information to any other authorized agency to further its investigation.

(b) An insurer providing information to an authorized agency under Section 3 of this chapter has the right to request and to receive from that agency relevant information. The agency shall provide the requested information within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the request.

(c) An insurer (or a person acting on its behalf) or an authorized agency who releases or provides evidence or information under this chapter shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for providing such evidence or information.

SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 252

AN ACT to amend IC 19-1-40 concerning activities of volunteer fire companies.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 19-1-40 is amended by adding a NEW section 1.5 to read as follows: Sec. 1.5. When a volunteer fire company is responding to a fire call and there is no other fire department with overriding jurisdiction present, the fire chief or in his absence the ranking officer shall direct all other nonfire emergency activities at the scene until the arrival on the scene of a law enforcement officer, as defined in IC 5-2-1-2.

SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 352

AN ACT to amend IC 6-1.1-18 concerning the expenditure of certain fire funds.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-18 is amended by adding a NEW section 6.5 to read as follows: Sec. 6.5. Monies raised by taxes levied by a political subdivision and budgeted for volunteer firefighting contracts and purposes, if appropriated and spent by that political subdivision, shall be appropriated and spent for those purposes only.

DIGEST

A house concurrent resolution to establish a joint legislative committee to study volunteer fire departments.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing a joint legislative committee to study volunteer fire departments, WHEREAS, There are many volunteer fire departments in cities, towns, and townships throughout Indiana; and WHEREAS, It is not known exactly how many volunteer fire departments exist or the extent to which they are utilized; and

WHEREAS, There is no standard procedure of operation for these departments: Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

SECTION 1. There is established a ten (10) member interim study committee on volunteer fire departments. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint four (4) members of the General Assembly, not more than two (2) of whom shall be of the same party, and each shall appoint one (1) lay member who is a volunteer fireman, to serve on the committee.

SECTION 2. The committee shall study the existing state laws governing volunteer firemen and make recommendations for the improvement of these laws.

SECTION 3. The committee shall operate under the direction of the legislative council. The committee shall issue a final report including findings, conclusions, and recommendations when directed to do so by the legislative council.

AUXILIARY NEWS

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DISTRICT 11A

Spring has come but sometimes it still feels very much like winter. So far it has been a very busy and interesting year. Many departments are starting to have activities. Please let us know when they are so we can try to get to as many as possible.

Our last district meeting was held on March 8th at Honey Creek Fire House. We had a very good turnout with many departments represented and many guests. We enjoyed having everyone. At this meeting we crowned our District Miss Flame. She is Diane McFarland from Lewis Township. Kim Bedwell from Honey Creek was runner-up. A thank-you to all that helped with the Miss Flame Contest.

At this meeting our by-law committee gave their report and past three by-laws to take to the convention. Also convention was discussed. A nomination committee was appointed to give their report at next meeting.

Our next meeting was held at Coalmont on May 20th. Be thinking about our district Picnic in July.

Larry and I have enjoyed the past year. We have met many new and interesting people. So plan on coming to the events and district meetings.

See you at the next one and also at convention.

Sue Biggs
District 11A Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

Spring has finally arrived and the fire departments and auxiliaries are becoming very busy. Let us know of the activities in your departments and we will try to attend.

We had six lovely Miss Flame contestants this year. Miss Shelly Arlene Broadstreet of Fillmore will be representing our District at the Convention. The 1st runner-up of our contest was Kimma Rae Rumble, Dana. Other contestants were: Sharon Kay Fowler, State Line; Leanna Jane Tharp, Reelsville; Lisa Ann Martin, Rosedale; and Sally Sue Wilson, Cayuga. Many thanks to the girls for parti-

cipating and Jan and Kathy Martin of Rosedale for planning such a nice contest. We wish Shelly best of luck at the Convention.

Speaking of Convention, I hope several from our District will attend. It is always a good time to renew old acquaintances and make some new ones. Gals, our District has submitted six By-law resolutions to be considered and voted upon at the Friday meeting. It would be real nice if we had a large delegation there to support them.

At our April 29th District meeting in Reelsville the election of officers for the year of 1979-80 are: Eula Bush, Chairman; Helen Young, Vice-Chairman; Betty Osborne, Secretary-Treasurer and Maxine Davies, Chaplain. As this year comes to an end I would like to thank the officers and all of the committees for doing a fine job.

Our next District meeting will be July 8th at Rockville Beechwood Park. We will be joining forces with District 11A to be with old friends and have a good old-fashioned firemen's picnic. There will be some entertainment and prizes. Everyone is welcome; just bring a well-filled picnic basket and table service. Drinks will be furnished.

We are still selling the beautiful IVFA Auxiliary patches at \$1.50. Anyone wishing to buy some, just drop your check in the mail and I will send them to you right away. I will also have a good supply at the Convention.

I'm real proud to report that Bloomingdale formed an Auxiliary in April. Already, they have had a successful bake sale and are planning another one. Looks like they are off to a good start. I hope they will be joining the IVFA Auxiliary in July.

See everyone at the Convention in June!

Eula Bush
District 11B Chairman

CANDID VIEWS

FROM DISTRICT 11B'S MISS FLAME CONTEST



District 11B Miss Flame contestants from left to right, Sharon Kay Fowler, State Line; Leanna Jane Tharp, Reelsville; Sally Sue Wilson, Cayuga; Lisa Ann Martin, Rosedale; 1st Runner-up Kimma Rae Rumble, Dana and Miss Flame Shelly Arlene Broadstreet of Fillmore.

WATERBALL REPORT

I would like to thank all the Ladies' Waterball Teams and Bucket Brigade Teams for their participation during the past 8 years!

Best of luck to all teams at Madison this year!

Jan Yoder
Games Chairman

AUXILIARY ANTICS

JUNE 9

Pancake & Whole Hog Sausage Supper at Geneva.

JULY 11-14

Geneva-Wabash Valley Days.

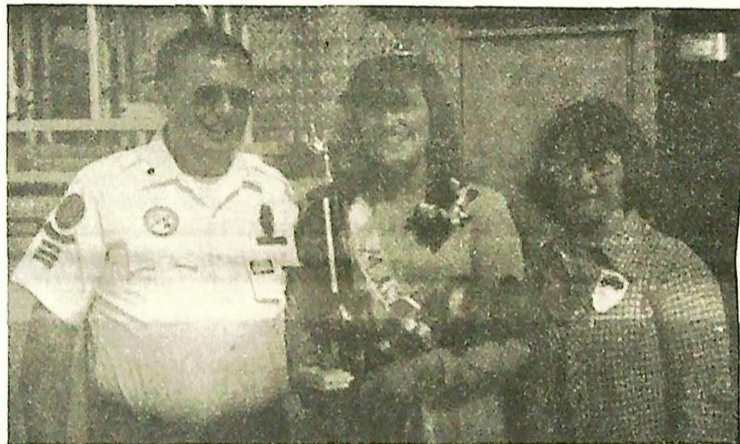
AUGUST 24-25

24-Auction, 5:00 PM
25-Waterball & Bucket Brigade-afternoon.



Chairman Bill Bush (right) shown with (left) Kimma Rumble, 1st Runner-up, and (center) Shelly Broadstreet, Miss Flame of District 11B.

MISS FLAME ENTRY FROM DISTRICT 11A



On March 18th, District 11A elected their Miss Flame Contestant. Miss Diane McFarland, shown here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFarland from the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department, Coalmont, Indiana.

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RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was passed at the Oct. 18, 1978, meeting of District 17B, meeting held at Clay Twp. Fire Dept., Owen County where 5 member companies were represented:

Having information that after August 1979, the Emergency Medical Service Commission of the State of Indiana will not provide funds for training Emergency Medical Technicians:

WHEREAS: The State of Indiana requires this training with no exceptions for all ambulance personnel.

WHEREAS: Inasmuch as many of us are providing a public service, many times at no cost to the public.

WHEREAS: Many times rural Fire Departments or their members cannot afford this amount of money for EMT training.

Be It Resolved: That the IVFA use its resources and legislative lobby to provide legislation which will provide this training to public agencies such as Fire Departments at no cost to the individual or department.

Marvin E. Lockhart, Secretary
Milan Pece, District Chairman

WHEREAS: In the past the members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association have not made provisions in their constitution and bylaws to include matters concerning the conduct of member Departments.

And WHEREAS: The 16th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at a regular District meeting, held on the 11th day of January, 1979, at Edwardsville, Indiana, Hosted by Georgetown Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, and the 14th District meeting, held on the 17th day of January, 1979, at Madison, Indiana, Hosted by Walnut St. Fire Co. Number 4, both having five or more member Departments present.

And WHEREAS: The following additions to the Constitution and By-laws of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association were voted to be submitted to the annual meeting of the said association for action.

1. Should a District become aware of a member Department that has acted in violation of the Constitution and By-laws of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, said member Department's Constitution, By-laws or Articles of Incorporation; or a law of the State of Indiana, said member Department's District may institute action to consider the allegations.

2. The District may call for a vote at a regular District meeting for action to be conducted, concerning said matter, by the Board of Directors of this Association.

3. A two thirds majority vote of the member Department's present shall be required to present charges to the Board of Directors.

4. In all voting matters concerning questions of conduct of a member Department within the District shall have one vote.

5. Should a District vote to bring charges to the Board of Directors against a member Department, the Secretary of the said District shall notify, in the form of a registered letter, the member Department being charged and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of this Association of said charges, not later than 10 days following the District vote.

6. The Chairman of the Board of Directors upon receipt of charges of misconduct pressed by a District against a member Department, shall appoint a committee to investigate said charges. The said committee shall report their findings to the Board of Directors at their next regular Board meeting.

7. Upon presentation of the findings investigation committee, the Board of Directors shall vote on the charges.

8. If by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors, the member Department is found to be guilty of said charges, the member Department in question shall be expelled and excluded from membership in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for a period of three (3) years from the date of the said vote.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of January, 1979,
Richard L. Doan, Chairman District 16
Gary Lowery, Secretary District 16
Samuel Bower, Chairman District 14
David Holloway, Secretary District 14

We the members of the Volunteer Fire Departments in District No. 3 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in a meeting duly assembled at Knox Center Township Volunteer Fire Department, Starke County, Indiana, on January 18, 1979, there being a quorum of the members and departments in good standing present, do pass, adopt and present the following resolution for consideration of the annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to be held in June 1979 at Madison, Indiana -- To wit:

WHEREAS: The Federal Government of our land has declared the equality of our Volunteer and Professional Fire Departments by declaring equal participation in the Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund, and

WHEREAS: The State of Indiana has declared the same equality by virtue of its certification program, and

WHEREAS: All citizens using alcoholic beverages and tobacco products have had a tax imposed upon them that is unfair or unequal to geographical location or services rendered, and

WHEREAS: Fire does not discriminate between the various types of fire service whether paid or volunteer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That action be taken in a Court of Law in the State of Indiana, by the State Officers of this organization against the Alcohol and Cigarette Pension Tax Bill to have it be declared as unfair or discriminatory against the largest fire fighting force, The Volunteer Fire Fighters, in the State of Indiana.

Ralph W. Yergler
Chairman, Third District
Loren M. Aumiller, Secretary, Third District

We, the members of various Fire Departments of Districts one (1) and two (2) of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in a meeting duly assembled at the Shelby Fire Department, County of Lake, State of Indiana, on the 21st day of February, 1979 with there being at least five (5) different Fire Departments that are in good standing with this association present, do hereby present and urge for your adoption the following resolution.

Therefore be it resolved that Article 1 Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws have the following paragraph added:

Any of the elected officers mentioned in Article 1 Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws must be an active member of a local Volunteer Fire Department and further be it resolved that this local department must be a member of this Association as outlined in another Section of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Attested

William H. Howe, District Chairman District 1
Vernon P. Jones, District Secretary District 1
W. D. Holeyter, District Secretary District 2

WE THE MEMBERS OF ELEVEN DEPARTMENTS of District 11A in a meeting duly assembled on the 19th day of November 1978 at Linton Township Volunteer Fire Department, Pimento, Vigo County, State of Indiana, present this resolution to the Convention floor and urge its passage after our vote for adoption.

WHEREAS, The By-laws of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, state in Article I, Section 5, That the Recording Secretary "shall supervise and receive all money contributed to the Association at the annual meeting registration desk; paying the same over to the Treasurer, and taking his receipt therefore." And

WHEREAS, The By-laws in Article I, Section 6, State that the Treasurer shall receive said money from the hands of the Recording Secretary, And

WHEREAS, There are Bankers and C.P.A.'s who are handling convention finances for the Host Department, And have not followed these procedures for the last "3" three years

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the sentence in Article I, Section 5, "He shall supervise and receive all money contributed to the Association at the annual meeting registration desk; paying the same over to the Treasurer, and taking his receipt therefore." And in Article I, Section 6, the words "or Recording Secretary" BE STRICKEN FROM THE BY-LAWS.

Attest:

L. J. Michle, Secretary, District 11A
Larry Biggs, District 11A Chairman

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FLAME CONTESTANT

Pine Township Ladies Auxiliary is proud to announce that Lisa Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beck, will be the Miss Flame contestant for District 1.

Her father has served as Assistant Chief, Chairman, and is now serving as Captain on the Pines Fire Department. Her mother has served as President, Vice President and Treasurer and is still an active member in the Auxiliary.

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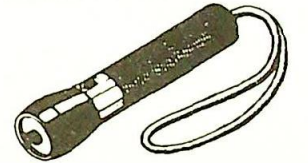
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**PUBLIC RELATIONS
NORTHWEST**



Bob Esserman

The first IVFA Northwest Fire School was held May 19th and 20th with a very poor turnout in attendance. I hope this isn't an indication for the rest of the schools. These are for your benefit, please take advantage of them.

I attended the 9B District meeting at Winamac and a very interesting program was presented by the Indiana State REMC on power line hazards.

If your District would be interested in this program contact Ernest G. Shearer, Indiana Statewide REC, Inc., P.O. Box 24517, 720 N. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46224, phone 317-248-9453.

We have signed up 2 new department members of the IVFA recently, Fowler and Boswell and have Earl Park back in the Association -- welcome to the IVFA.

I have an invitation to attend the Tri-County Association meeting at Pine Village on June 6th. Many of the departments of this Association do not belong to the IVFA, so I hope we can bring some of these into our fold.

We still are looking for someone to head up a new district which we are trying to get organized in the BENTON-WARREN-TIPPE-CANOE County area. Anyone in this area willing to help get this district organized, please contact one of the IVFA State Officers -- we need your help.

A listing of the LP GAS programs for this year appears elsewhere in this issue of the paper; check with the local LP Gas dealer and the local fire department for more information.

I will be looking forward to seeing you in Madison at our Convention. If you can get away a day or two early, do so; there is a lot to see in that historic city.

ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETINGS -- MAKE SURE YOUR DEPARTMENT IS REPRESENTED.

Bob Esserman
Public Relations Northwest

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
WEST CENTRAL**



Steve Ritter

Well, here it is Convention time again. I feel the committee from Madison has accomplished what they set out to do. Good job, Guys and Gals.

The past year has been very rewarding for the Public Relations West Central area. With the help of Bill, Larry, Darrell and Don, the area District Chairmen, there have been several District Training Schools that have been very successful.

Thanks also to the Montezuma and Honey Creek Departments for hosting the schools.

Ladies, the \$200 you gave to the Public Relations Director has been put to use and has grown to \$212.00 plus and has helped train over 200 firefighters in two schools held at Montezuma.

The Public Relations West Central Fire School is set for September 22nd and 23rd at Pfizers in Terre Haute. Some of the classes that may possibly be offered are Defensive Driving, Closed Container Fires and at least one full 6 hour class that will cover one section of certification based on the red book.

My own department, Wayne Township, has taken the job of educating the people in the township on Fire Safety and Prevention. This is not just a public relations campaign, for not all Public Relations is Public Education, but all Public Education is Public Relations.

We are using men, women and cadets in our programs and developing programs that will cover kindergarten to the senior citizens groups. I would ask that each of you consider expanding your own Public Education program. If you just take a moment to think about a statement made by Howard Boyd at the Memphis Conference this year, "There is no honor in fighting a fire that could have been prevented", it makes good sense to educate your people and your own firefighters. For instance, what could be more embarrassing than for someone to ask a firefighter about a smoke detector and their use and the firefighter doesn't know the answer. He goes back to the station feeling very bad and the people are more confused than ever.

If you need help in starting a program, I can help you to get started or put you in touch with someone who can. These programs are available to everyone and can be adapted to your own area.

See you at the District meetings.
Steve Ritter
Public Relations West Central

**6TH DISTRICT CHOOSES
CHURUBUSCO SOPHOMORE**

Lisa Krider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Krider, Jr. of Churubusco has been chosen "Miss Flame" for the 6th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. The Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department sponsored her. Her father has been a member of the Churubusco Department for several years.

Kim Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Daniels of the Washington Township, Allen County Fire Department was Runner-up in this contest.

Lisa is a Sophomore at Churubusco High School. She is a varsity cheerleader; member of the Latin

Club; Secretary-Treasurer of Sophomore Class; played first chair baritone for the Tri-State Honor Band at the Fine Arts Center in Fort Wayne in December, 1978 and is an active member of the concert band and marching band. She is currently a member of the school choir and has performed in musicals at the Churubusco High School. She has played baritone at NISBOVA for the past 3 years and is active in Honeybees 4H Club.

Lisa works at the Magic Wand Restaurant in Churubusco and is an honor roll student. Her hobbies include all sports. She loves to read and play the piano.



Lisa Krider

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June 11-16	Hogan Fire Department
June 18-24	IVFA State Convention
July 14-22	Rochester-Fulton County Fair
July 25-29	Historical Days, New Carlisle
July 30-	
Aug. 4	Warsaw-Kosciusko County Fair
Aug. 5-10	Randolph County Fair
Aug. 11-26	Indiana State Fair
Sept. 23-29	Ashley-Dekalb County Fair

	1980
June 9-21	Middletown Fire Department, Fair
July 26-	Knox County Fair-Bub Holscher
Aug. 2	District 17A

If you would like the trailer, please get your dates in early to me.
Thank you.
Douglas Bechtel
Chairman, Public Education Com.

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DENNIS SMITH

By Bartle Bull

On April 15, 1975 Dennis Smith (the author of *Report From Engine Co. 82*) and I first sat down to start putting together a national magazine to help firemen share their interests and concerns. For eleven years Dennis had been a firefighter in the toughest fire district in New York City, and in his book he seemed to be the first to express the special feelings that all firefighters share about firefighting and their fellow firemen. From all across America he received letters from firemen and their families asking him to continue to help them share their interests and commitment.

So in May, 1975, we decided to go ahead, and Howard Teich (our associate publisher) and I quit our jobs and started planning the magazine with Dennis. It took us a year and a half until our Charter issue came out in October, 1976. The response was terrific. Dennis had always dreamed of a magazine for firemen themselves, both volunteers and paid, not something that was just out to sell chemicals and pumps. He wanted every issue to write about individual firemen, and to help on the real problems they face, like training, arson, funding, public education, new equipment and techniques, and important recent fires. Firemen began to help us do this, sending us material and exchanging news and ideas in the magazine.

By 1978, we had worked out the magazine so it was planned well ahead, which let us do special issues in depth on such things as EMS, training, new apparatus, fire prevention, hazardous materials, and auxiliaries.

At the same time we've been trying to use the magazine as a way to help unify the fire service and create more recognition and support for it. So last April we had Vice President Mondale write for *Firehouse* on the importance of volunteers in America, and last August Senators Chuck Percy of Illinois and John Glenn of Ohio wrote about arson legislation in *Firehouse*. Then, with our coverage of actual firefighting around the country, and with our stories on associations (like Charlie Jones' piece on the IVFA in May) and on individual fire departments, our columns like *Scuttlebutt* and our profiles of firemen, we've tried to show what firemen are really doing all across America.

In addition, all of us at *Firehouse* have tried to do all we can for the Fire service outside the pages of the magazine. In 1977, we launched the *Firehouse Magazine Scholarship Program*, to help the kids of firefighting families with college tuition costs. The first student, Ted

King, is now studying at Bradley University in Peoria. He is the son of Illinois firefighter Tom King and is eligible for up to \$2,500 for each of 4 years. The second scholarship winner, Michael Serapiglia, is a volunteer fireman from Rhode Island and will start studying fire prevention at the University of Maryland in September. Soon there will be more scholarships.

Then in 1978, we launched the *Firehouse Magazine Heroism and Community Service Award Program*, which last year gave a total of \$3,800 to 20 volunteer and paid firefighters from 13 states, including Dave Smerage, an Indiana fireman who did a great job rescuing an unconscious child from a burning apartment.

Our experience over the last years has shown us that the IVFA is absolutely one of the top associations in the States, with well organized and dedicated members. Its training and public education programs, its first class newspaper that you are reading right now, its network of district chairmen and other leaders, and above all its sense of community involvement, all these things make it a model association. So we decided to try to develop for the first time, a direct working relationship with the IVFA, and we are looking forward to working with President Charlie Jones, Secretary John Ford, Chairman Jim Parker and the entire association.

The idea is a sort of mutual aid program, where the IVFA and *Firehouse* work together to make each a stronger part of the fire service. Our first project is to help support the Funeral Fund and expand our Indiana readership. So *Firehouse* is giving \$1 or \$2 (for a 12-issue subscription) out of every IVFA member's subscription price to the Funeral Fund in his name. In addition, the subscriptions themselves are at a special price, the lowest ever offered by *Firehouse*, so that we can reach as many firefighting families as possible, and so the wives and kids at home can

learn more about why we care about the fire service and how to help with fire prevention.

Last year *Firehouse* had a representative at the highly successful 32nd IVFA convention, and this year we are proud that Dennis

Smith will be able to speak at the banquet on June 22nd. Dennis is now in his sixteenth year as a firefighter in the Bronx. When Howard Teich and I were in Madison on May 5th and 6th at the District Chairmen's meeting, we talked to

Madison Chief John Hoffman and convention Chairman Bill Kalb about all the preparations, and it certainly looks as if this is going to be one of the finest and best attended conventions anywhere in the country.

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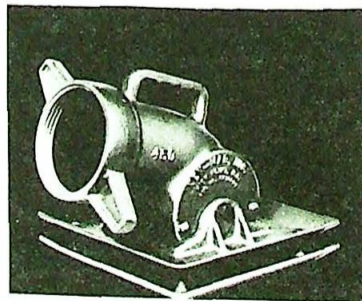
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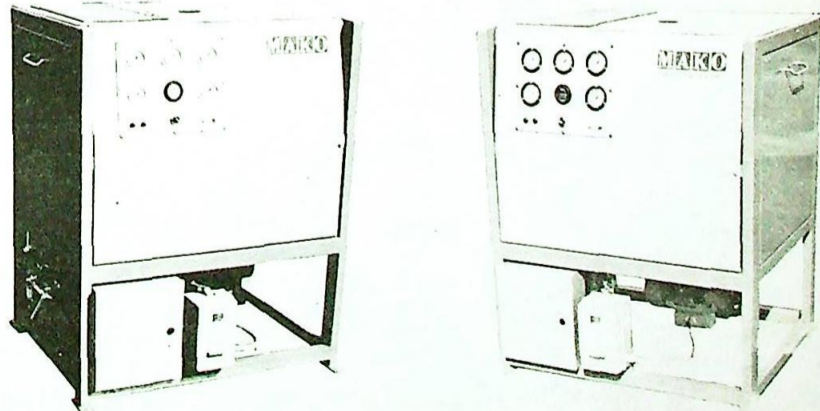
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Jan, Charles Jones



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It's been said that the family that plays together, stays together; but the family that fights fire together?

Jan Jones recently has taken a position on the Pike Township Fire Board, taking a leadership role in her husband's lifelong passion — volunteer fire fighting service.

Charles Jones is a volunteer Pike Township fire fighter and president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

"Our children literally grew up in a fire station," Mrs. Jones said. "We do things together wherever possible. If there's a meeting, we go, and if they're not busy the children go also."

The Pike Township fire board is Mrs. Jones' first venture in governing a fire department, although she has been involved in volunteer fire department auxiliaries for many years.

Mrs. Jones, who works full time as a bookkeeper, was elected to the board on January 8, after deciding it was time to get involved in community activities.

"The taxpayers have a duty to keep track of what's going on with their tax money," Mrs. Jones said. "That's one thing wrong about our society; everybody says, 'Let George do it,' and no one's willing to get involved in anything."

Mrs. Jones explained the fire board governs the township fire department and manages township property tax money allocated for the department. Pike Township is one of few communities in the state with such a fire board.

Mrs. Jones, who was elected secretary of the board, emphasized that women's rights had nothing to do with her seeking a position on the fire board. She said she feels fulfilled in her duties as a wife and mother and enjoys being treated like a lady.

She added that wives of volunteer fire fighters should provide their husbands with support and understanding.

"A lot of women are jealous of the volunteer fire department like it was another woman. They can't adjust to their husbands' dedication to it," she said.

"A fireman's mental attitude is almost as important as his physical abilities," she continued. "Firemen, because of their total involvement, body and soul, when they're fighting a fire, can't be worried about something else. If they are they're losing something."

Mrs. Jones acknowledged that being the wife of a volunteer fireman can be trying, and she is aware of the dangers involved in her husband's work. She usually listens to the public service radio when her husband is on a run, and knows when he's in trouble.

"You just can't think about it," Mrs. Jones said. "Sometimes I hear them on the radio and they're telling about a burning house with people trapped inside, and I know Charley will be the first to strap on

Close As Blazes

a mask and run inside. That's his instinct; he doesn't think of the danger to himself."

Mrs. Jones said she trusts in her husband's training, which she said is every bit as good as that of paid fire fighters. She speaks with pride about her husband, who has served as a volunteer fireman since 1951 and has helped establish volunteer units throughout the state.

"He's a unique man and he has the total cooperation of his family," she said.

During her term on the fire board, Mrs. Jones hopes to provide for more equipment and men to handle the fire protection needs of rapidly growing Pike Township.

Residents can help the fire department by using common sense before calling for assistance. Too much of the department's time is taken up as a "free ambulance service" for people who really are not in an emergency, Mrs. Jones said.

She said meeting the demands of paid fire fighters in Pike Township is causing concern for leaders in the community. The township hires a handful of men to hold down the stations and drive the fire engines.

Some communities, particularly the larger ones, are switching to a volunteer department instead of a paid department because of the high cost, Mrs. Jones said.

"They're pricing themselves out of the market," she said. "They're asking so much they can't be supported. If a city can't support them, they'll have to do without them."

Quick Action Saves Husband

Reprinted from Elkhart Truth April 28, 1979

A former Concord Township fire chief was revived from full cardiac arrest Friday afternoon through efforts of his wife and Concord and Elkhart firefighters.

The man, Mervin Morningstar, 62, spent a restless night at Elkhart General Hospital where he was listed in poor condition in the cardiac care unit.

Rescuers say Morningstar most surely would not have survived the attack without the quick action of his wife, Janet, who initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation moments after he collapsed in the kitchen of their home at 60935 C.R. 13 around 1:15 p.m.

Mrs. Morningstar called for assistance, and Concord volunteers arrived moments later. They took over CPR and kept it up until paramedics from Elkhart arrived with sophisticated heart equipment.

"He had stopped breathing and his heart had stopped beating -- he was what we call clinically dead," explained Lt. Steve Poyser, a paramedic from the Elkhart Fire Department.

Poyser and fellow medic Henry Terrazas began defibrillation by applying electric shocks to Morningstar's chest, freed the air passage to his lungs and administered a series of drugs to help his heart gain a regular rhythm.

The Concord volunteers continued administration of oxygen and aided while Poyser and Terrazas worked to revive the man.

After nearly 20 minutes, Morningstar began to respond to treatment, Poyser noted.

The rescuers worked at the scene more than an hour before Morningstar was taken to the hospital.

Although Morningstar remained gravely ill early today, Poyser did not discount the importance that CPR played in his revival.

Experts feel that CPR is essential within four to six minutes after a patient has experienced cardiac arrest. After six minutes, the lack of oxygen to the brain causes serious brain damage and death is imminent.

"If you can get someone who witnesses it (cardiac arrest) and start CPR right away, we have a real good chance of bringing him back," Poyser explained. "But most of the runs, no (bystanders) one knows what to do. By the time we get there, they've lapsed from clinical death to biological death and it's just not reversible."

Fourth District Chairman Douglas Bechtel, first on the scene for the Concord department, said his fellow volunteers "walked out of the home with smiles on their faces," knowing they had played a part in saving their former chief.

Aiding in the rescue were Lt. Fred Stout, John Swartzendruber, Virgil Loucks, Jack Rapp, Lt. Pete Rheinheimer, Dennis Ash and James Angel.

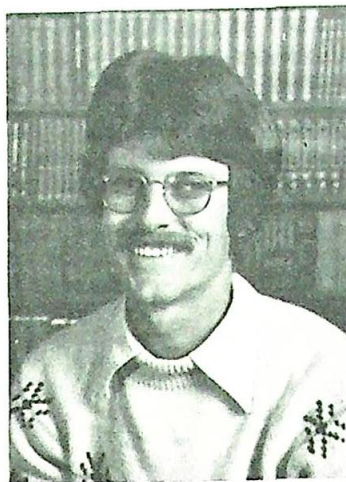
Poyser concluded, "I went to school for months on end and we train for 12 hours a month. This is what it all comes down to."

Elkhart paramedics made two other heart runs Friday and both patients seemed to be doing well late Friday.

Medic 1 went on calls to assist Helen Lamb, 68, of 1600 Superior St., who experienced irregular heart rhythms around 8:00 p.m., and James Hollar, 33, of 53693 Kershner Lane, who was having chest pains 90 minutes later. Osolo Township volunteers assisted at the Hollar residence.

Both heart patients were conscious when taken to the hospital by Lt. Tom Johnson and paramedic Wayne Sigsbee.

THIRD GENERATION AT PENNVILLE F. D.



John Cleo Crosbie

John Cleo Crosbie was recently appointed to the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department. He will be the third generation of his family to serve in this capacity. His father Jim Crosbie served on the department for 25 years and his grandfather, John (Jack) Crosbie served for 45 years.

Bill and Bob Daniels are a second generation to serve in their family, their father, Harley, served on the department for several years.

The Pennville Fire Department was organized in 1919 by Jack Crosbie and James W. Whitacre and since Jack had training and experience in Bluffton before coming to Pennville, he was the first fire chief and served in this capacity for many years.

The fire equipment at that time consisted of two chemical tanks mounted on a two wheel wagon. The first fire station was the old C.B.&C. railroad depot which stood on the lot back of Fenter's Boneless Beef. Later it was moved to the Fenters building and remained there until November of 1965, when it was moved to the new fire station and city building.

The chemical tanks were later mounted on a Chevrolet four-cylinder truck and then on an Overland chassis purchased from Nelson Listenfelt and finally a front mounted pump was added.

The first fire after the department was organized, was a small barn on the farm where Harold Prouty now lives and a team of black horses was destroyed. On July 11, 1931 when the K of P building burned, the department was still using the chemical mounted tanks and when turned on at the scene of the fire the hose blew into a million pieces.

In 1932 the new Stutz was purchased and was driven to the firemen's convention at Columbia City. Members on the department at that time were John H. Crosbie, chief; Basil Harris Sr., assistant chief; Paul James, foreman; J. W. Whitacre, secretary-treasurer; and Ralph McConnel, F.M. Turner, W.H. Bradford, Edward McConnel, James B. Whitacre and Ralph Philabaum.

In 1948 a 400-gallon pumper was added to give additional fire protection to the rural area. In 1955 a 1000-gallon tank truck was added to increase the water supply in fighting country fires. In 1962 a new Howe 500-gallon per minute pumper was added to the department for use in the corporation limits of the town of Pennville. Also all necessary fire fighting equipment was added. In 1974 a new Chevrolet tanker was added.

In 1961 the fire department was incorporated and is now known as the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

The Pennville fire department serves the town of Pennville, Penn Township, parts of Knox, Greene and Jackson Townships and mutual aid to other departments in the area.

Serving on the department at this time: Ray Platt, chief; Jay Stults, assistant chief; Robert Daniels, captain; Russell Norris, Jr. foreman; Ronald Paxson, secretary-treasurer; regular members are Ray Blankenbeker, Lee Bone, Everett Bower, Charles Brown, William Daniels, Jackie Davis, David Fields, Michael Grile, Pat Hanlin, Victor McEwen, Robert McFarland, Avery Mays, James Morgan, Charles Rowles, Willard Spears, and John C. Crosbie. Auxiliary member is Leroy Givens. Honorary members are John H. Crosbie, K.B. Hott, Theodore Waltz and Earl Christman.

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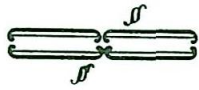
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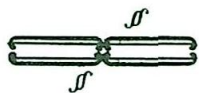


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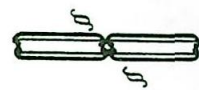
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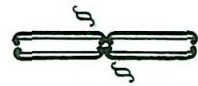


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Legion Honors Sunman Fireman

Dan Smith Jr., was selected as Sunman's Rural Fire Department firefighter of the year, by American Legion Post 337. He was awarded the honor March 18th. The award is an annual one that all legion posts in Indiana have the privilege of making.

Now Smith will go to district competition, and if successful there he will advance to state competition and could possibly be named as the firefighters state representative.

On the local level, the individual who has done the most outstanding work in the fire department is selected. At the district level, life history, credentials and other background information is reviewed.

Smith has been with the Sunman Rural Fire Department for seven and a half years. During that time he has held the position of Lieutenant, Training Officer and Captain. The latter two positions he presently holds.

Besides the fire department, Smith is involved in other volunteer work. He is active in the Life Squad and served as its president.

He is currently the training officer for the Life Squad. He also holds an EMT certificate from the state, and he is a first aid and CPR instructor. All this is volunteer work.

He is presently working with the 8th grade students at St. Nicholas School, teaching them Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). It is the first time that 13-14 year olds have been taught as a group.

The 16 students will receive 8 hours of training in three sessions. They will receive a certificate for successfully completing the course.

Smith said he felt that thirteen years old was not too young to start, and he hoped more schools would consider teaching the students CPR. He teaches CPR as a volunteer of the American Red Cross and there is no cost involved. He said the students reaction to the program was great.

Smith is employed at Monsanto Chemical Corp. in Addyston, Ohio where he is a shift superintendent. He also is the assistant fire chief in Addyston.

Fremont "Fireman of the Year"

Bernard White, a member of the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department has been named "Fireman of the Year" by the members of the fire department. White joined the Fremont Fire Department as a reserve in July 1974. In July 1975 he became a full-time member and was appointed as a Lieutenant in 1976.

White has been a State Certified Emergency Technician since May 1975 and has been a CPR Instructor and Trainer for the American Heart Association for some time.

White is married to the former Cathy Gould and they are the parents of two children, Debbie, 12 and Rick, 10. He is employed at the Fremont Hardware.



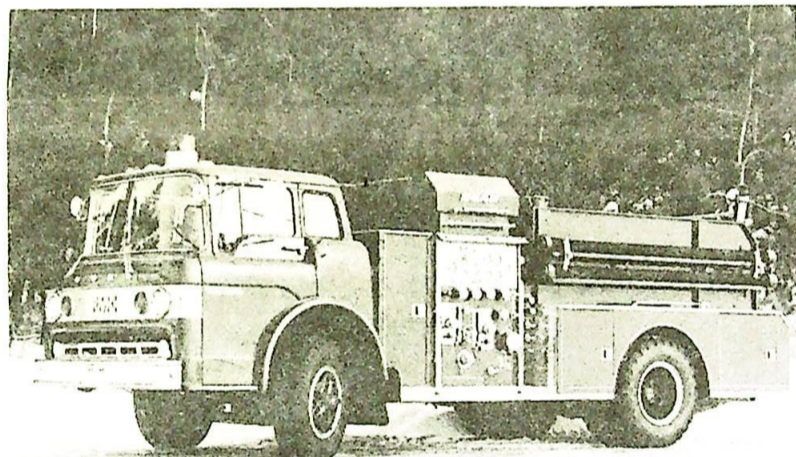
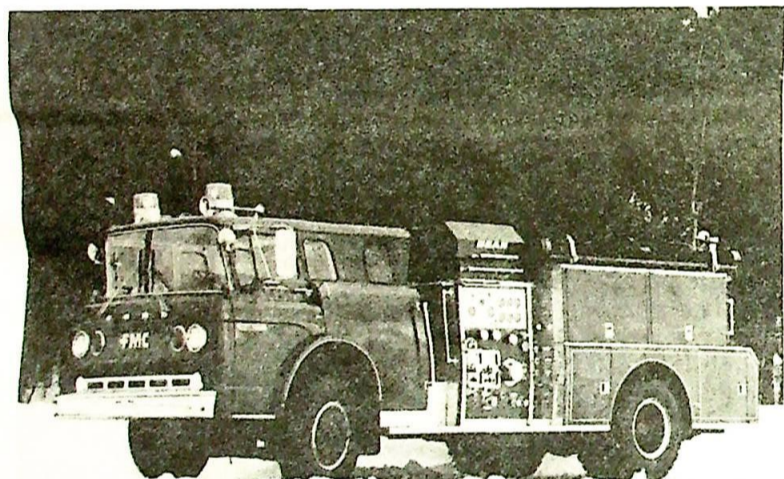
Fire Chief Don Palmerton (left) presents Bernard White with the "Fireman of the Year" award for the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department in Fremont, Indiana.

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AUXILIARY OFFICER'S MEETING

The IVFA Auxiliary Officer's meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Lucy. There was an introduction of many guests.

Prayer was given by Chaplin Thelma, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by Sargeant-at-Arms, Bonnie Crocker.

Roll call was answered by 28 Officers and 22 Guests.

The minutes were read and approved. Barbara Parker made a motion to dispense with the reading of District reports. Barbara Surber seconded. Was approved.

Ruth Ford made a suggestion that each speaker stand when speaking, state name, and District. The entire audience can hear better. This was done.

Treasurer, Loretta Nulliner, reported: Previous Balance \$5,635.25; Cash on Hand \$411.00; Disbursements \$1016.12; Balance as of May 6, 1979 \$5030.13. She stated the bill for Blanket Insurance has been paid.

Recording Secretary, Nicky Sunday, reported: Membership 2824; Auxiliaries 187; Singles 48; New Auxiliary 1 - Amity, District 10. The Treasurer and Recording Secretary have cleared all Public Relations checks from last year.

DOE DOLL Barbara Surber showed the two dolls. Jim Parker had made a new case for the doll at a cost of \$15.00. Thelma Lester made a motion to reimburse Jim for the cost of the case and ask that he make one more. This was seconded. Was approved. There are still plenty of tickets to sell.

GAMES Janet Yoder reported she has the pins and trophies in her possession. The 2 trophies were shown.

NOMINATION Betsy Howe, reported the slate of officers is ready and will be announced at State Convention on Thursday. There is one change the Committee would like to make: each District Chairman count their own District's tallies and report to Committee.

JEWELRY Barbara Ritter reported she has 193 convention charms. The new men's dye has been purchased, costing \$100.00. She was unable to get a stick pin as suggested.

BY-LAWS Anna Marie Baker reported 12 resolutions to be voted on at convention. Each District Chairman submitting a resolution change read their by-law and explain their thinking on this.

MISS FLAME Verta Engle reported having 17 Miss Flame entries. The committee is working very hard and an enjoyable schedule is planned for the girls. A check for \$150.00 for expenses was presented to Verta.

Charlie Jones, Butch McGill, and Father Lantz explained to the Auxiliary the new changes of the Memorial Service. Due to cost and a safety

factor, a wooden cross with electrical lighted candles along with silk roses will be used. Also a set of 8 pictures will be given each deceased's family depicting the IVFA and the fireman. The auxiliary highly approved.

INSTALLATION Ruth Fairfield reported everything is ready.

AUDITING Vica McGill reported they are ready.

ADVISORY Ruth Ford. No comment.

PARLIAMENTARIAN Joan Shanabarger. Not present.

Chaplin Thelma reported having sent 3 Birth Congratulations, 6 Get Well, 26 Sympathy, 1 Death, Martha Manly, and had received 2 Thank Yous.

LOIS BOAZ AWARD Mary Boyd asked that more letters be sent for next year. Mary Stafford showed the Auxiliary the award plaque.

Sue Biggs read the contract with Mr. Cadel, the State convention photographer. He has added a 15c a mile clause. After discussion, Mary Boyd made a motion we accept this contract, Eula Bush seconded. Was approved. It is the Committee's duty to see that Mr. Cadel gets to the meetings and has proper identification for all events. The cost of duplicate copies will be 41c a copy. Miriam Schaeckel made a motion not to have duplicate slides this year. Ruth Ford seconded. Was approved.

The Convention Coffee Klatch chairman, Mary Hoffman, held a question and answer discussion of the Ladies meetings. There should be hot drinks in the morning ladies meeting on Friday, and cold drinks in the afternoon. Betsy Howe made a motion to give \$75.00 for The Coffee Klatch, up from \$50.00. Vi Cambron seconded. Was approved. Madison still is open for Parade entries.

The ladies Auxiliary had inquired information from Bob Laney and Jack Ford on the permanent membership cards. Jack explained he does have source, not sure of price. He went on to explain how the men are going to a computer system. The use of this computer being donated by Hen Hur Insurance Co. Jack suggested the ladies continue with the cards we now use for another year, and go with the computer when the men have the bugs worked out. Vi Cambron made a motion the ladies hold off on any changes until the men are settled. Barbara Ritter seconded. Was approved.

The use of Blue Lites in Kentucky was discussed. Blue lites cannot be turned on in Kentucky.

NEW BUSINESS A gift to the IVFA was discussed. Mary Boyd made a motion the Auxiliary donate \$1500.00 to the men's Training Fund. Ruth Ford seconded. Was approved.

Ruth Ford thanked everyone for the greetings of condolence at the death of Jack's brother.

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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AT MONTEZUMA

The Montezuma Fire Department and Auxiliary will be holding a July 4th celebration at Reeder Park (4 blocks south of the stop light on U.S. 36).

The parade will start at 1:00 p.m. with the queen contest following. There will also be a garden tractor pull (non-sanctioned), baby show at 3:00 p.m., country and western band at 6:00 p.m., and fireworks at dusk.

There will be bingo all day, dunking stand, food, drinks, and numerous stands and activities.

BUTLER FIREMAN HONORED

A retirement party was held February 10th at the Butler Eagles honoring Dallas Griffin for serving 20 years on the Butler Fire Department.

Fire Chief Larry Moore presented Griff with a gold badge for his 20 years of service. He received binoculars, a watch and hunting boots. The Ladies Auxiliary presented him with a complete hunting suit and gun case. He also received many other useful gifts for his retirement.

Griff was known throughout Indiana for his many years of playing Waterball on the Butler Fire Department team. Butler won the State Championship several times.

RENSSELAER'S SWEETHEARTS

On February 24th, the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Sweetheart Dinner and Dance. This has been an annual affair of the department for over ten years. This function is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, whose members prepare the meal for the department.

Awards and recognition are given at this time to all deserving members. This year one of our members who passed away in December of 1978 was honored. Mr. Frank Kresler joined the department in May of 1928. The award honoring him for his service was presented to his wife, Dorothy Kresler. We will all miss Hank, especially those attending the conventions held here.

After the delicious meal and the presentation of awards it was dancing till midnight with everyone enjoying themselves including our State Chaplin, Duane Lantz.

Turtle Soup

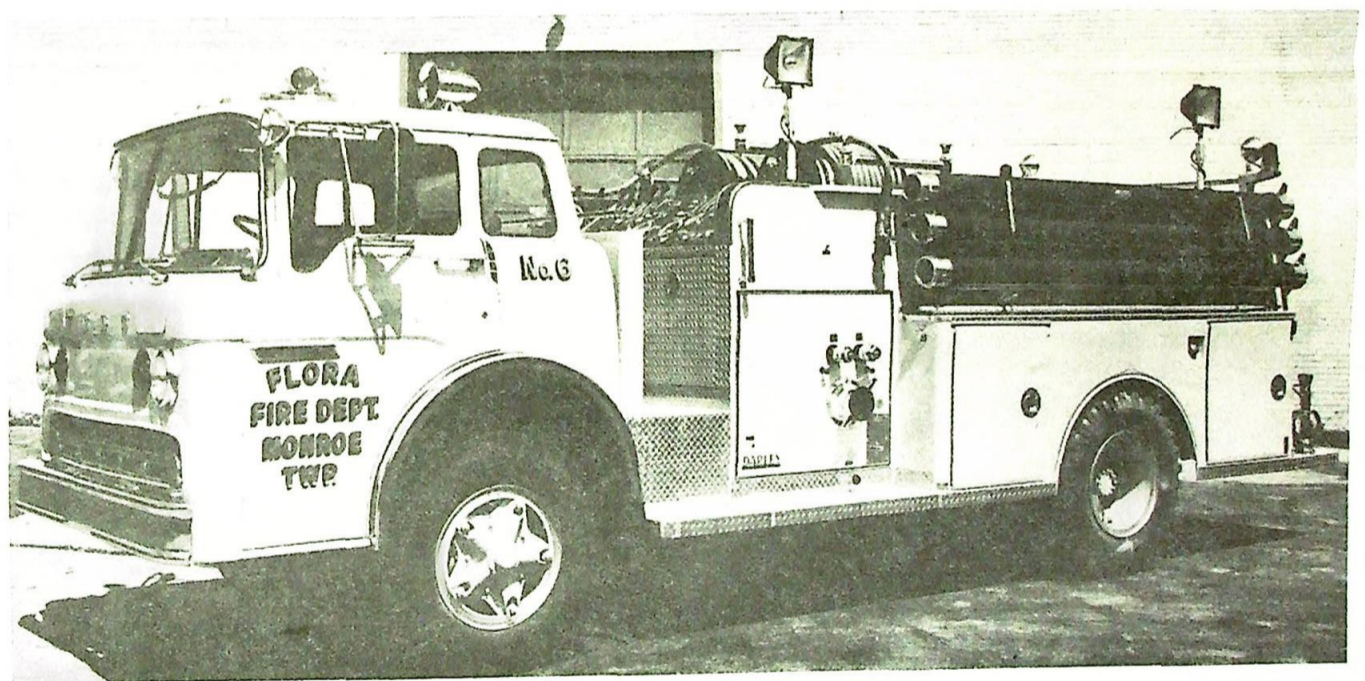
On February 3rd, the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department had their Annual Turtle Soup Party for the firemen and their families. This is also an annual event and is for all Ferdinand firemen, Ferdinand Firemen's Auxiliary and their families.

This year all the state officers and wives of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association were invited since they had a state IVFA officer's meeting at Jasper.

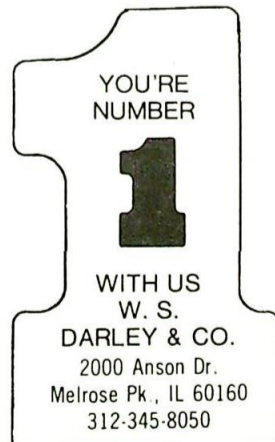
Lots of the state officers and wives and guests did attend and everything went good till about 5:00 PM when the Ferdinand Fire Department was called to extinguish a blaze. A 24 foot by 40 foot hog house was burning and it contained 11 sows and all had pigs.

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Auxiliary Officer's Meeting

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District reports were turned in, but not read. Corresponding Secretary passed out new Officer Duty Manuals. Thelma dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Sears, Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 & 2 Betsy Howe and Pat Wisniewski - The meeting was held on May 3 at the Cedar Lake Fire Department with 90 members present. Miss Flames were introduced. Elections were held with Dist. 1 Chairman, Betsy Howe; Secretary, Phyllis Vargo. District 2 Chairman, Pat Wisniewski; Secretary, Barb Wilkening. A State Policeman talked on drugs - George Vivar.

District 3 Carolyn McCarty - Met March 21 at Springfield Township Fire Station. 55 members and 3 State officers present, Barb Parker, Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Surber. Debbie Deering of Noble Township crowned Miss Flame. Scipio Township Auxiliary will celebrate 25th anniversary on May 20. Next District meeting May 16 at Koontz Lake.

District 4 Kris Bechtel - Met March 29 at Madison Township. Roll call 11 members from 5 departments. Guests were Lucy Stofer, Barb Parker, Miriam Schaeckel. Ruth Fairfield, Dana Pletcher, Janet Goodwin, and Miss Flame contestants: Joni Brown, Kathy Fitz and Fran Strebinger. Miss Flame winner was Fran Strebinger of German Township.

District 4 Kris Bechtel - Met April 28 at a campout at Eby's Pines in Bristol. Roll call was 5 members from 3 departments. Election of officers held: Chairman, Kris Bechtel, Secretary-Treasurer, Ella Mae Bechtel, and Tina Nusbaum, Chaplain. Next meeting in September. A bake sale was held. The highlight was 3 fresh strawberry pies donated by Mary Hahn. They brought \$20.00 total.

District 6 Ralphine Robinson - March meeting held at Kendallville with very good attendance. Miss Flame winner was Lisa Krider of Churubusco.

District 7 Joyce Nevil - Met at Bluffton on March 19. Roll call of 13 members, 8 guests, and 1 Miss Flame candidate, Joyce Wilson of Poe. Proposed a change in by-laws Article VI, Section 7 and Article VI, Section 8. Joined men for a film and bake sale, \$107.00. Next meeting May 21 at Decatur Central Soya Union Building at 8:00.

District 8B Almeda Brown - Met at Portland March 14. Roll call answered by 25 members from 10 departments and 13 guests including Barbara Parker, Loretta Nulliner, Miriam Schaeckel and 5 Miss Flames. Winner is Shanna Cockran of Albany. Next meeting at Redkey on May 9.

District 9A Kaye Kemper - Met March 7 at Colfax. 16 members from 3 departments and 2 State officers present. Next meeting on May 9 at Galveston. A blind auction will be held.

District 10 Nancy Neal - Met February 19 at Acton. 25 members from 5 departments. Bad attendance due to weather. 3 State officers present. A hidden auction held for Miss Flame expenses. Convention slides shown. Next meeting May 21 at Amity.

District 11A Sue Biggs - Met March 20 at Honey Creek. Held Miss Flame contest with the winner being Diane McFarland of Lewis Township. By-laws committee gave report and a nominating committee appointed. Next meeting at Coalmont-Lewis Township on May 20.

District 11B Eula Bush - Met at Perrysville. Miss Flame winner is Shelly Broadstreet of Fillmore. 8 by-law resolutions were voted on with 6 being approved and forwarded to State Recording Secretary. Nominating Committee was appointed.

Met on April 29 at Reelsville with election of officers: Eula Bush, Chairman; Helen Young, Vice-Chairman; Betty Osborne, Secretary-Treasurer; and Maxine Davies, Chaplain. Next meeting a joint picnic with District 11A at Rockville-Beechwood Park.

District 12 Barbara Ritter - met February 12 at Perry Township. Roll call answered by 16 members from 6 departments and 4 guests from Liz-ton Fire Department of Union Township. Miss Flame dance held February 24 at Danville Armory. Next meeting on May 14 at Bridgeport Fire Department.

District 13 Mariam Schaeckel - met March 8 at the home of Barbara Parker. General business meeting held. Next meeting a pitch-in dinner at noon at Thelma Lester's, May 19.

District 14 Marie Dickey - Met March 21 at Crothersville Fire House. Good attendance. An auction was held. Miss Flame contest winner was Deanna Sue Beyl of McCulloch.

District 16 Vi Cambron - no report.

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PRINCETON July 14th or July 28th (check for date), 12:30 P.M.

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REPORT ON EMS

by James C. Dillon, M.D., Chief Medical Officer
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In 1974, the General Assembly passed Public Law 55, which established a commission to set standards for the delivery of emergency medical care in the state of Indiana. That commission first met on May 1, 1974. I was elected a charter member of that commission, representing the volunteer firemen of Indiana. Dr. John S. Farquhar was elected the first chairman of the commission and subsequently left to assume a teaching position in Florida. I inherited his position as chairman and have served in this position since Dr. Farquhar left.

This has been an interesting job, although one which is not without a great deal of problems. In 1974, when the commission was originally formed, only one-half of the hospitals in the state of Indiana had adequate hospital-to-ambulance communications equipment. Less than 30 percent of all ambulances in this state met the standards that our ambulances do today. There were very few EMT's, and no legal form of advanced life support or paramedics whatsoever. In 1971, only 36 fire departments in the state of Indiana provided ambulance service; today, 106 fire departments are providing ambulance service. This breaks down to 32 paid departments and 74 volunteer departments. The paid departments have 75 operational ambulances, and the volunteers have 106.

In the early 1970's, very few hospitals were involved in EMT training, and as of May 1, 1979, 43 hospitals are providing emergency medical technician training. Fourteen institutions are providing paramedic training at the present time. The State EMS Commission to date has certified over 8,566 EMT's. Additionally, 79 individuals hold an advanced EMT rating, and we have 156 certified paramedics in the state at the present time.

Throughout the state, there are 331 providers of ambulance service. The majority of these (301 providers) are basic EMT services; 10 are advanced EMT services; and 20 are paramedic services. The biggest change from the early 1970's until now has been the decrease in the number of funeral homes providing ambulance service, and a marked increase by fire, hospital, volunteer ambulance, and commercial enterprises. In 1971, there were 454 ambulance providers, of which 373 were funeral directors. At the present time, only 51 funeral directors remain in the ambulance service.

Since May of 1975 until now, the EMS Commission has approved grants for funding 170 ambulances, 156 mobile radios, 39 hospital base stations, and 35 Hurst tools, utilizing federal highway safety money and a small amount of state appropriated money.

In fiscal 1978, the state funded 51 EMT courses, and in fiscal 1979, funded 21 EMT courses. Federal money for this type of training expires July 1, 1979. Non-funded courses continue to be very popular, and in 1978, private individuals attended 92 such courses. In fiscal 1979, there have been 49 such courses.

The enclosed diagram will represent from 1975 until now the amount of monies requested by the EMS Commission from the state legislature. Each year this request has been considerably more than the legislature has seen fit to grant. In the years 1977, 1978 and 1979, certain amounts of that money in the state budget represented money made available to match highway safety grants. The federal monies listed at the bottom of the chart are basically those monies utilized to train EMT's through a HEW grant, as well as highway safety monies that were used to help communities purchase equipment. Had the EMS Commission's budget request from the legislature been more realistic, many of our current problems would not exist.

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
EMS Commission Budget Request	NONE	\$1,071,715	\$1,834,444	\$2,899,780	\$1,365,071
State Appropriation	75,000	412,000	436,500	345,022	352,815
Federal Monies	490,000	715,000	1,035,000	953,600	493,200

It is very unfortunate that the Commission still has to have representatives of the Commission as field coordinators who are not always the most knowledgeable individuals. These individuals have been contracted through the local Health Systems Agencies over my objection, and there has been a great turnover in many of these individuals. It is not a good arrangement by any means; it just happens to be cheaper. This is usually the way our state approaches most solutions. Some of our coordinators do a fine job, but this arrangement is not in the program's best interest.

At the present time, rules and regulations for advanced life support are undergoing revision, and it is anticipated in the very near future that the rules and regulations regarding basic life support will also undergo some revision. If any of you have questions, advice, or suggestions on matters you would like to see changed, please feel free to send them to me and I will see that they are passed along. I would say that there is still a rather large job to be done.

The future is still very bright. I feel we need to firm up our training of paramedics. I seriously doubt that 14 institutions are required in this state to train paramedics; I am sure that two or three would be adequate.

As I see it, there needs to be continued EMT training, as there will be turnover in personnel. Who will pay for this training remains an unanswered question at the present time. I do not see large amounts of federal money being poured into EMS as in the past. Again, local communities are going to have to replace their ambulances — or even buy a new ambulance — out of their own pockets. The funding of the day-in, day-out operations of EMS are going to have to be decided in the same manner that police and fire protection are decided at the community level.

In the future, it is anticipated that there will be made available training and workshops for dispatchers. Some defensive driving courses will be taught, and a long-standing interest of my own would be to improve training in automotive extrication.

The state is in the process of finalizing its state emergency medical services plan, which is a document that will determine the future direction that the entire EMS system will take. The foundations, of course, of such a plan rest with communications, training, personnel, and equipment. Currently, we tend to be in pretty good condition in many of these areas.

I honestly feel that the EMS Commission has had a positive and beneficial impact upon the delivery of emergency medical care in the state of Indiana. Don't get me wrong — I don't believe that government rules and regulations are necessarily the solution to any problem, and I tend to try to convince people that things are better done certain ways than to demand or require.

If one would look at the Indiana highway automotive statistics in 1973, he would find that 1,611 persons were killed in 205,931 accidents on Indiana's highways. In 1974, the mandatory 55 mile per hour speed limit became law, and the highway deaths fell to 1,243 in 198,319 accidents. However, speeds have continued to increase since that time, and the statistics just released for 1978 reveal that 1,314 persons were killed on Indiana highways in 225,779 accidents. Even though our speeds may well be back to the pre-1974 era, the number of deaths on the highway remain below the early 1970's.

I would like to think that one of the reasons for this is that our EMS system has been responsible for some of the reduction in highway deaths.

PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHEAST



Paul Fairfield

Sure glad that long winter is hopefully over. The nice weather has finally arrived, along with the yearly run of grass fires. Oh well, now we can get some outdoor fire training.

It is very encouraging to see so many firemen working on their certification ratings. This will definitely be a plus factor for the firemen and their departments. At this time, there are some excellent schools scheduled throughout the State, and I sincerely hope many of our volunteers will take advantage of what is being offered.

Let me add another bit of advice. If you have not already checked the diaphragms in the Scott Air Pack breathing apparatus you have, please do. Have a certified person check your units for defects ... it could save your life. There have been warnings sent out to all departments on possible diaphragm damage in the Scott Air Pack. It is not known where the damage occurs, so it is advisable to use extreme caution.

Convention is just around the corner, and if you have not already sent in your reservations, please do HURRY! HURRY! This year's convention will be in beautiful historic Madison on the Ohio River. The Madison firemen are going all

out to make this year's meeting a very memorable time, so please plan to attend.

In closing, as always, let me say to all you fellow firemen, support your departments, your Public Relations men, and turn out in really big numbers at your area fire schools. They are designed for you, and they need your attendance to be a success.

See you all in June at Madison convention.

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District 4

We had the first IVFA 4th District Campout April 27, 28 and 29 at Eby's Pines Campgrounds.

We played many fine games that were hosted by the New Paris Fire Department. The games were Tug-of-War, pass the balloons, penny hunt, volley ball contest, joke contest, egg toss and hose coupling. There were trophies for each contest. They also had games for the kids.

There were door prizes for all the kids and about 20 adults.

It did rain and it was cold but, boy, what fun we had, all 51 of us.

On Sunday, the ladies had a bake auction and made money to help send Miss Flame to Convention '79 at Madison.

The men had their meeting and made plans for the July Campout on July 27, 28 and 29, location is not yet known.

Douglas Bechtel
Chairman 4th District

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Issue No. 10

In August 1969 a motion was made and seconded for the corresponding secretary to send a copy of convention minutes to each auxiliary in the state.

November 1969 officer's meeting at King's Crown Inn at Kokomo, a letter of resignation was read from Pat Wade, treasurer, who moved to California. We wish you and Ray luck but sorry you must leave us. Thanks for all your work and help you have given.

The Board of Directors met together and appointed Verta Engle from Vincennes to fill the vacancy of treasurer.

The recording secretary reported our membership had jumped to an enrollment of 1,534 members.

Donna Brown from New Haven was appointed waterball chairman and Lucy Stofer, Wayne Township, Indianapolis, chairman for selling men's lapel and our auxiliary pins.

In the district reports District 10 told about their outstanding November meeting at Waldron. There were 92 members and 6 guests present. Their theme was "Holiday on the Moon". Everyone really enjoyed it all and really felt the atmosphere of Christmas on the Moon — really out in space with fire house being decorated with stars, big dipper, little dipper, Earth, Venus, Mars and other planets, the Milky Way, an angel, Nativity scene and the Christmas tree. Lights were low as you came in and were greeted by the hosts being dressed in outer space suits. An extraordinary scene, good eats and a good meeting.

By-laws Committee, Janet Goodwin from Angola, Dorothy Anstett from Pleasant Lake and Ruth Fairfield from Wayne No. 2, Ft. Wayne, reported they had met and reformed the old By-laws book for a new one.

In February 1970 meeting the By-laws committee reported the new books were printed. It was decided to distribute them by sending a book along with each membership card as dues were received the next fiscal year.

The cost for grave markers was given but voted to be tabled.

Sgt.-at-Arms, Catherine Mason, asked what to do with the box in which our flags were previously carried. Katie had made a flexible cover for them, had them dry-cleaned, poles varnished and stands bronzed. Jean Camp made a motion to give the boxes to the Legion, which Katie gladly did. It also was decided to have the flags carried in front of Auxiliary officers at the convention parade.

Motion was made and seconded to have membership forms made with four duplicates. Vote carried. A duplicate would be sent to district chairmen, one to the chaplain, one to the insurance lady and one kept by the recording secretary. Each sheet must be readable.

The Saturday evening before officers' meeting April 19, 1970, all officers and district chairmen of both men and auxiliary associations and their spouses, and local firemen and auxiliary, were invited to the home of Mary and Paul Stafford in Waldron.

A very well planned social party was held in their garage with refreshments and dancing being enjoyed by all. Thank you for a wonderful time and anniversary cake.

Thursday, June 11, 1970 traffic became heavy at all roads leading into Shelbyville. Registration was done at the fire station. In the evening officer's meeting opened at Shelbyville fairground in the 4-H Building with everyone happy and all ready to accomplish all business for the organizations and also the good time with all our former and new friends.

All committees gave their closing reports and auditing committee reported the treasurer's book in good standing.

Friday morning the women and men met at the Cinema Theatre in a joint meeting. Many local dignitaries along with the sixth district Congressman Hon. Bray; State Senator Robert Shaeffer, State Fire Marshall Harvey Hacker and many others, all of whom greeted and spoke to the delegation. During this time our president, Rosella Bousman, presented each officer in the men's association a gift of stainless steel Kreisler pen.

Women were dismissed about 10:00 a.m. to enjoy a social time during their Koffee Klutch held in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Barbara Surber, convention chairman, introduced their Congressman's wife, Mrs. Bray, and Fire Chief's wife, Mrs. Williamson. All 10th District auxiliaries were asked to stand and thanks given to them for their hospitality. A 1970 state emblem charm was given to each of the officers as a gift from the 10th District Auxiliaries.

Roll call was answered by 20 officers and 220 women attending the morning session. The recording secretary gave a report that we have 108 auxiliaries, which 21 were new auxiliaries, and a membership of 1,670. After all bills of \$1,897.40 were paid, left a balance of \$576.92 in the treasury. Meeting was dismissed for joint Memorial Service at the First United Methodist Church. Chaplain Opal Laughman, reported eight deaths for the year but does not remember whom they were. I remember two of the eight were Florence Settles of Fountaintown and Doris van Winkle of Borden (Greenville Auxiliary).

Afternoon session of the convention was attended by 240 ladies.

Verta Engle told that bonding of officers (secretary and treasurer) would cost \$25.00 for period of three years. Decided to obtain bond.

Janet Goodwin, By-laws Chairman, read and discussion was held for two resolutions sent in by District 6. They were —

I. We, the Auxiliaries of the 6th District, recommend an addition to Article VI, Sec. 5, to be as follows:

At the time of death of an IVFA Auxiliary member, a bible shall be presented to the member's family by the State Auxiliary. Price of Bible not to exceed \$10.00.

II. We, the Auxiliaries of the 6th District, recommend that Article VI, Sec. 1 be amended to read:

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

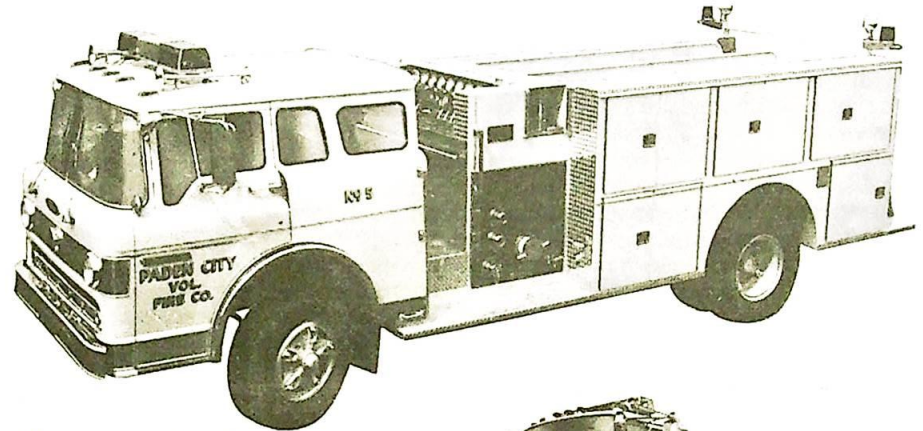
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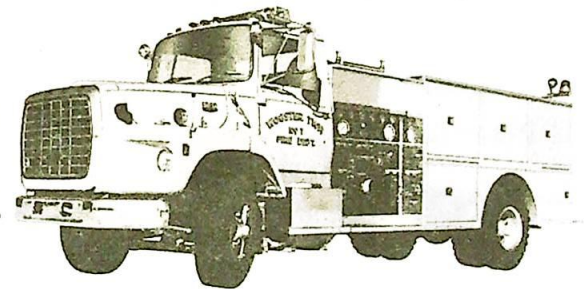
Debbie Smith has just recently been promoted to the position of Second Lieutenant of the Station No. 1 in Pike Township Fire Department of Marion County.

She also has just been hired as a paid member of the Pike Township Fire Department.

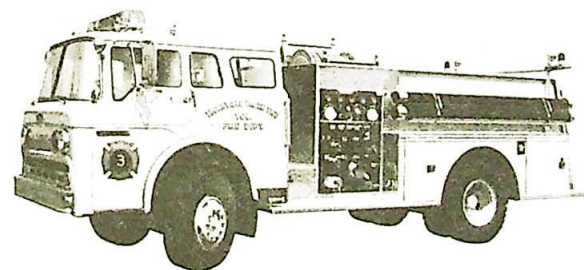
Debbie is the first paid woman in any township in Marion County to be hired as a Chauffeur, except for the City of Indianapolis Fire Department.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY

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Each resolution was voted upon and passed. Also decided to be the duty of the chaplain to buy the Bibles.

Motion made and seconded to purchase a Sportmanship trophy for a waterball team, excluding the winner and first runner-up. Carried.

Announcement was made of an extra feature for our convention. After the Memorial Services in the First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville, Wilma Oakes and Thomas Feldman, an Etna Green fireman, exchanged wedding vows performed by Rev. James Horner. Etna Green fire chief and Mrs. Russell Miller were their attendants.

Election of officers was held with duties of each office read before the nomination. Those elected were:

- Rosella Bousman, Ward Twp., Winchester President
- Carolyn McCarty, Union Mills Vice-President
- Jo Lantz, Scipio Twp., LaPorte Recording Secretary
- Joan Shanabarger, Churubusco Corresponding Secretary
- Verta Engle, Vincennes Treasurer

- Thelma Lester, Raleigh Community, Rushville Chaplain
- Catherine Mason, Wayne No. 1, Ft. Wayne Sgt.-at-Arms
- Mary Stafford, Waldron Immediate Past President

Pauline Glaub from Manilla conducted the installation of officers with Vica McGill from Dana as Installing Marshall.

The district chairmen elected by their own district were:

- District 1 and 2 Clara Shonk
- District 3 Vallerie Pulliam
- District 6 Dorothy Anstett
- District 7 Marjorie Brames
- District 10 Barbara Parker
- District 11 Vica McGill
- District 12 Catherine VanArsdale
- District 16 Lois Boaz

Countless numbers of nice prizes were drawn all through the morning and afternoon sessions. Also two beautiful centerpieces were given away for door prizes and upon leaving each lady received a gift bag from the hostesses.

Friday night a banquet for 860 plates was served at the B and E Roller Rink. Entertainment and dancing followed with great enjoyment by all. If I remember right, we had a new homemade band by members from McCulloch, Mooreland and Farmland Departments that even struck up a dancing mood by several staying at the Holiday Inn. One couldn't sleep for the noise so they stepped up a dance.

Saturday morning early waterball and hose replacement contests were played. The Acton ladies captured first place with Wayne No. 1, Ft. Wayne being runner-up.

Saturday afternoon a parade was witnessed by many along the streets in downtown Shelbyville after which prizes were awarded. The Lucky Doe doll made a profit of \$446.45. So far I have not found a record of the lucky winner.

I'll ring off now and in next issue we can get ready to prepare for a good time because "Crown Point Will Be Fun in '71", the 25th Anniversary for the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

3 MILLION DOLLAR FIRE



On April 1st Pike Township Fire Department (Marion County), had a 3 million dollar fire in Park 100 at International Tire.

Involved were not only International Tire, but Glastek and Keebler Warehouses. Pike was on the scene for 4 days.

INCERT Thank You DINNER

On April 16, 1979, an INCERT Appreciation Dinner was held at the Jasper National Guard Armory. The dinner was held to

thank all INCERT Volunteers of Indiana State Police District 34 for their preparedness, accomplishments, and professionalism and to celebrate the incorporation of INCERT.

District 34 is a part of Area 3 that is served by Trooper Don Jackson, Area 3 coordinator, who served as master of ceremonies. Guests' comments included those of Sgt. Joe Badger, I.S.P.; Captain Fender of the Indiana National Guard, and Robert Parker, Mayor of Jasper and present Civil Defense

Director of Dubois County.

It was announced that Kenneth Lau was appointed by IVFA President Charlie Jones as IVFA Liaison Officer to the INCERT PROGRAM, covering twenty-six counties in Area 3. If an IVFA department in Area 3 has a problem with INCERT, send a letter stating the problem to Kenny at 1024 Race Street, Huntingburg, Indiana 47542 or call him at 812-683-4943. He will turn the information over to the proper personnel and work with them to resolve it.

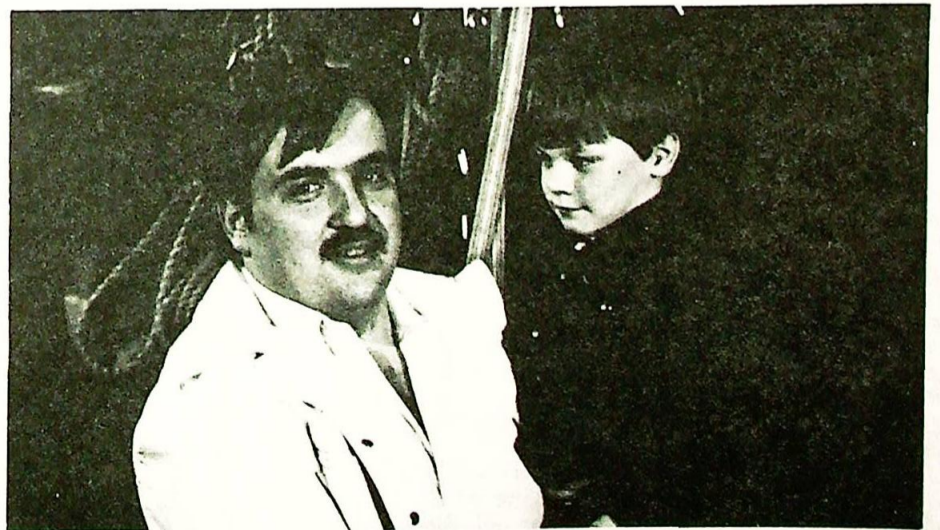
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CERTIFICATION FORMS

Fire Service Instructors and firefighters around the state are experiencing some confusion in filling out the three forms used by the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education. These forms consist of the Application for Certification, the Individual Training Record form, and the Notification of Instruction Completed.

On the Application for Certification, state the rank for which the firefighter is applying — 2nd Class Firefighter, 1st Class Firefighter, or Master Firefighter and the Master category. Applications should only be made after all the requirements for the specific rank have been completed as shown in the Redbook of Minimum Training Standards.

Print the name of the firefighter applying for Certification. For firefighters already certified and now applying for a higher level, please give the name as it was originally certified in this office. Some firefighters used their full name on one application, then use only their middle or nickname on reapplying, or vice versa.

Give firefighter's full street, rural route, box number, city, county, and zip code. The date of birth is also needed. The Social Security number is helpful but optional.

Print the correct incorporated name of the fire department. Many departments go by two names. The State Fire Marshal and the Commission are trying to eliminate duplicates and need to know whether the fire department goes by a township or the name of the city. As an example, New Palestine Volunteer Fire Department is

carried as Sugar Creek Twp. No. 1 Volunteer Fire Dept. Then give the mailing address of the fire department with the zip code and county in which it is located.

Give the date that the firefighter joined the department. If the firefighter had previous experience on another department, give the dates and name of the other fire department also.

If the firefighter is already certified in another rank, give his Certification number including the department identification code in parenthesis. All of this information helps to give credit to the proper firefighter. As another example (with apologies to all the following firefighters), there are nine James Millers in the Certification program, with duplicate middle initials. Other identical names also exist. During correspondence, when a firefighter does not identify himself in some way by certification number, fire department, and county, it takes some sleuthing to determine who is requesting information.

The firefighter should sign the Application, and have the 1st Class Instructor's signature who was in charge of the training. Upon reprinting, the Applications will remove the line asking for the fire chief's signature and indicate that it is to be the 1st Class Instructor's signature.

Individual Training Record forms are to be attached to the Application for the 1st Class Instructor to verify the required dates, subjects, hours of instruction in each subject, and the Instructor who gave the training. These forms are checked for the minimum hours in each subject,

and will be rejected if subjects are missing or below minimum hours.

The Individual Training Record form and the Notification of Instruction Completed form will be covered in more detail at a later date. If there are any questions, please direct them to the Program Coordinator of the Commission in the State Fire Marshal's office, 502 State Office Building, Indianapolis 46204, phone 317-633-4778.

Pat Babbs
Program Coordinator

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Bob,

I'm sure you are surprised to get a letter from me, but just had to send you this clipping Verne had among his memos. I came across so much of his treasures.

If you had printed it in the paper before, it had to be a long time ago, and I think it's worth repeating. You may have a spot to fill in somewhere.

Chaplain Kraft, you will remember, was Roy Kittridge's father-in-law.

I enjoy reading the paper and please keep me on your mailing list. I read it page for page. I miss Verne more and more. Don't seem possible he had to leave us.

This is your busy time especially getting ready for the convention soon.

Regards to Gloria. Sincerely and Grateful,
Julia Konopasek
145 W. Elm
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AMAN'S PRAYER

Teach me that 60 minutes makes an hour, 16 ounces one pound and 100 cents one dollar. Help me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I

have brought pain. Grant that I may earn my meal-ticket on the square, and that in earning it I may do unto others as I would have them do unto me.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own. Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with little children, and sympathetic enough to be considerate of old age. And when comes the day of darkened shades and the smell of flowers, the tread of soft footsteps and the crunching of wheels in the yard — make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple, "Here Lies a Man."

WE APOLOGIZE, BUT YOU MUST HELP!

We do apologize to the Ladies Auxiliary, some of the Miss Flame contestants, and any one who sends in color photographs for publication in this newspaper.

We are unable to use most color snapshots because they do not reproduce well since reds, and other colors, come out as black.

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Dennis Smith's appearance at the Banquet at the 33rd Annual IVFA Convention on June 22nd in Madison is just one more example of the spirit of cooperation and good-will Firehouse Magazine shares with the dedicated members of the IVFA.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS LOST

HB 1485 This provides for no short changes when one is entitled to benefits. Governmental entity is to provide any additional shortages thus incurred.

This Bill was NOT truly lost as it was incorporated into HB 1291 and thus was lost as a separate bill. They now are both included in HB 1291.

SB 251 This would have allowed police scanners in Volunteer cars. Opposition to this was great and at the time it was completely torn apart to be acceptable to all, so bill was pulled for regrouping and to come back another day. It was too late to start to rewrite and submit and follow the entire course. All of committee concurred.

HB 2061 This had a late start and did get through the House but failed in the Senate because of time and content.

The committee is satisfied that given another chance it just could make it.

This would allow any taxing unit to raise money for Volunteer Fire Departments by increasing the taxes above the freeze with specified approvals and specifics.

HB or SB This was the Direct Line from School buildings to Fire Stations. The committee looked high and low and did not come up with a soul that would even carry this bill. The fiscal impact of this would be a great burden to the school systems and no one wished to stir the ire of any school board that was out trying to get more money now to keep up with the present pace. It was just impossible to do anything with this effort because of the high cost of such a system.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1485
Butler, Moberly

DIGEST

Amends IC 19-1-40 concerning volunteer fire companies' contracts and insurance; requires the municipality to pay the fire company a sum in addition to the insurance and allowances the law now requires it to pay; requires a municipality that fails to provide the mandatory insurance to pay an amount that would have been paid by the insurance to any fireman who suffers the kind of loss that should have been covered by the insurance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1485

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend IC 19-1-40 concerning municipal payments to volunteer fire companies and firemen.

SENATE BILL 251
Senator Niemeyer

DIGEST

Amends IC 9-4-1-2 and IC 35-44-3-12 to except a volunteer fireman from certain provisions of the traffic laws to allow a volunteer fireman to possess a police radio designed for use in places other than a dwelling. Effective September 1, 1979.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2061
Server, Mullendore, Bell

DIGEST

Amends IC 6-3.5-1-12 to allow a taxing unit to appear to exceed its levy limits to pay for fire protection from a volunteer fire department.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2061

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend IC 6-3.5-1 concerning property tax levy limits for civil taxing units.

HOUSE BILL or SENATE BILL

DIGEST

Adds IC 20-8.1-8-3 to require school corporations to install an automatic fire alert system in each school building before January 1, 1981.

Public Relations
Southwest



Carl Davis

From the Southwest:

Looks like Spring is here to stay this time. I recently talked to one of the firemen and he said that he found 300 mushrooms and knew of a family that found six gallons, so that is a sure sign of Spring in the Southwest.

I have traveled to several department meetings and district meetings in the last two months and have asked for their comments on the bulletin board that the Association is trying to get for each department. All said that they would be glad to receive one.

The Southwest Fire School will be held at the Monroe Co. Airport with the Van Buren Department as host. The school will be July 14th and 15th. There is plenty of motels and restaurants, so come and spend the weekend at our fire school.

Any firemen coming to the school please bring the following information with them: Certification Number of Department, Certification Number of the Firefighter, and Health and Accident Co. that insures your department. This will have to be put on the fire school registration form at any IVFA fire school that you attend.

I have been to a meeting in Unionville, Monroe County, where a new department is forming. I hope to get them in the IVFA soon. Glendale is forming a new department, and I have asked them to join the IVFA when they are organized. These departments are looking for some army surplus trucks and tanks. If you know of any let me know, and I will pass the word to them.

I have bought two training slide sets for the Southwest with the money that the Ladies' Auxiliary gave us at last year's convention. The slide and cassette sets run for approximately thirty minutes. I have the following, Fundamentals of Combustion and Utilize Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (MSA). If any department would like to show this at their meeting please contact me. I also have the following hazardous materials set which takes about thirty hours to show. Any department wanting them please let me know and I will set up a date for you.

Since this is the last issue of the paper before the '79 Convention, I want to thank all for the very fine welcome that has been given to us at any department we have visited and I hope to see you all next year.

WHERE IS RIVERHAVEN?

In following the map, there is a small community nestled beside The Maumee River; North of U.S. Highway 30 and North of two sets of railroad tracks between Ft. Wayne and New Haven, in Adams Township (District No. 6). Then, if you can find Waverly Drive, you have found us.

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The Riverhaven Volunteer Fire Department is capably manned by the following officers: Chief Charles "Butch" Saylor, Assistant Chief Park A. Hedges, Jr., Captain Richard Elkins and Engineer Donald L. Bowers. And with their Ladies' Auxiliary, have kept the department in operation since February 1, 1977 with individual donations and fund raising projects.

We want to thank all of you who have supported us these past two years and give those of you who did not know about us, the opportunity to enjoy along with us this year in all the fun at our Second Annual Firemen's Festival to be held August 4th and 5th.

A parade starts our festivities off at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Last year's honors went to Miss Riverhaven's decorated vehicle; Adams Township Fire Department Station No. 3; and to New Haven Fire Department.

This year, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, we have tentatively scheduled a Waterball Meet.

Saturday night, there will be a dance.

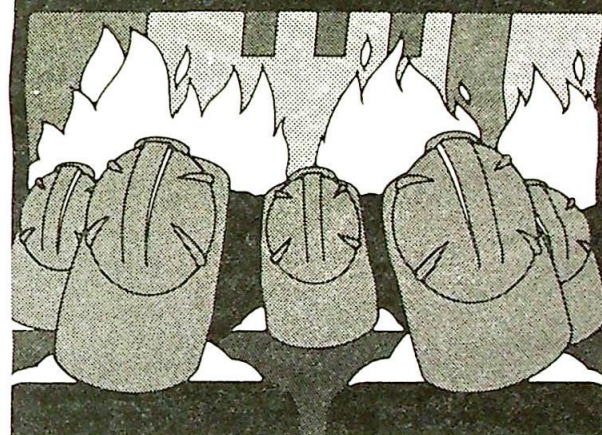
All day Saturday there will be games, booths, contests, FOOD (Bar-B-Que Chicken dinners and kitchen open for Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs), and BEER. Activities on Sunday include a show by "Mr. Escape of Ft. Wayne", and local Riverhaven talent.

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"I believe that this film would be extremely beneficial for all Wyoming Fire Departments." A. Dean Brennan, Training Officer, Fire Department, Casper, Wyoming.

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Harold Ferguson has been elected president of the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department for the coming year. Other officers elected are: Gerry Wilkinson, vice president; Tom Christleib, treasurer; Tom Hagerty, secretary. Directors for three years elected were: Lewis Hufnagle and Delmar Dove; Directors for two years: George Wills and Bernard White, the latter retained; Directors for one year: Randy Palmerton, Doug Bressler, the latter retained; Fire Chief, Don Palmerton and Assistant Fire Chief, Robert Vaughn.

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LEARNING FIRE SAFETY SAVED HIS LIFE AND MADE THEM "FIREMEN"

KNOX -- As part of a "learn-not-to-burn" program presented by the Washington Twp. Fire Department at the Washington Elementary School, Michael Thompson and Jeanine Thompson were awarded official membership in the fire department.

The presentation Friday morning was for action taken by the two children in the early part of May 1978 when Michael caught fire while burning rubbish at the family's home in Ober. The then-9-year-old Michael had been playing with a model airplane earlier and had spilled gasoline on his pants. When Michael had ignited the rubbish, sparks jumped and ignited his trousers.

But thanks to training by the Washington Township Fire Department at previous programs, Michael followed accepted procedures and immediately fell to the ground.

Seeing Michael's plight, his sister Jeanine, 8, rushed to his aid, throwing dirt on Michael and helping extinguish the blaze.

Michael suffered third-degree burns over much of his leg as a result of the fire. He has undergone treatment and plastic surgery with Dr. Yu Law of Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox.

The children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson of Ober, credit the programs at Washington School for keeping Michael from being burned any worse than he was.

The programs were the brainchild of Dan Johnson, the Washington Township Department Fire Chief.

After becoming chief five years ago, Johnson came up with the idea of teaching fire safety to children as a part of National Fire Prevention Week.

Since receiving the school's permission to present the program, Johnson and members of his department have presented the program annually.

Michael first saw the program as a kindergarten pupil and has now gone through four more presentations.

MISS FLAME CROWNING AT DANVILLE

Our Miss Flame Crowning and Dance for the 12th District was held on February 24th, at the Danville Armory.

Miss Flame for 1979 is Rhonda Richard of Lizton Fire Department.

Other entrants include Lisa Tull, Wayne Township County No. 5; Karen Ritter, Wayne Township County No. 7; Amanda Lamb, Wayne Township County No. 4; Helen Warden, Avon Volunteer Fire Department; Rene McDaniel, White River Township Fire Department; Linda Sulton, Danville Volunteer Fire Department, and Kathy Baker, Wayne Township County No. 9.



Miss Cheryl Szucsits, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Szucsits of 26011 Edison Road, South Bend, was chosen as runner-up. Mr. Joe Szucsits has been a volunteer fireman for 11 years.

WARREN TOWNSHIP MISS FLAME

At the Fifth Annual Anniversary Dinner, Miss Flame of Warren Township, St. Joseph County, was chosen out of three contestants.

Miss Kathy Lynn Fitz, 18 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Fitz Sr., 58299 Pear Road, South Bend was chosen as Miss Flame. Her father has been a volunteer fireman for 15 years and her grandfather, Mr. Carl L. Fitz, has been a volunteer fireman for over 25 years.

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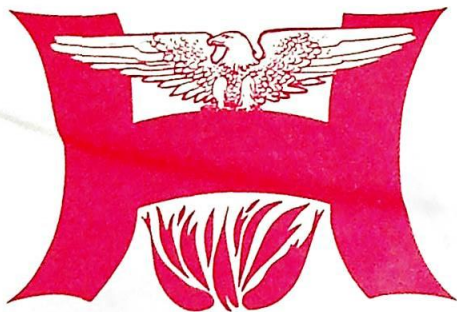
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WASHINGTON TWP. -- The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department suffered \$250,000 in damage in an early morning fire on Sunday, January 28th, according to fire chief Daniel Johnson.

DISTRICT 14 MISS FLAME



Miss Flame for District 14 was chosen at a meeting at Crothersville Volunteer Fire Department, on March 21st.

Miss Flame is Deanna Beyl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beyl of the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department.

A crown of pearls was given to Deanna by the Ladies Auxiliary of District 14, and a red silk rose was given to the runner-up of the contest.

Lost in the blaze which virtually destroyed the building, were the number two and three pumpers, two jeeps and all the fire equipment. Johnson said they were able to save one four-wheeled vehicle and the number one truck, although the number one truck suffered heavy damage.

The fire call came in at 5:55 a.m., Johnson said, adding that the woman who called it in said it was a pine tree fire. No one was rushing to the scene to save the pine trees, he said, but soon the woman called again to say it was the fire station on fire.

"When we arrived, there was virtually nothing we could save," Johnson said. He said they worked hard at getting the doors open in hopes of getting the equipment out but all they could do was pull the one truck out before the roof collapsed.

Johnson said the cause of the fire is still unknown, although it has been classified as a suspicious fire.

In the meantime Washington Township will be able to provide some fire protection to the community, Johnson said. He said the department has been loaned an army tanker from the North Jud-

son Fire Department and a mini-pumper, two portable pumps and fire gear from the Hamlet Fire Department.

Also, he said, the other fire departments in the area will be providing mutual aid until Washington Township re-equips the department.

The present fire fighting equipment is being kept at the Community Center, which is adjacent to the fire department site on SR 23, north of SR 8. The number one truck is currently being repaired, Johnson said.

Johnson said the Community Center did get scoured on the south side of the building, which is closest to the fire house. However, he said, the fire didn't penetrate the metal and the Community Building is okay.

Johnson said the Bass Lake, Hamlet and Knox fire departments were all on the scene providing mutual aid in the blaze.

"One thing I can say about these guys (Firemen) around here is they sure are good about helping their fellow firemen out," Johnson said.

Johnson said he was very surprised the fire department went as fast as it did. "Being an all-block building, I didn't think it would go so fast, but it did," he said.



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