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May 1991

Holy Trinity Church damaged by fire

Michelle Johnson

The LaPorte Herald-Argus

MICHIGAN CITY - Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will be resurrected, its pastor said.

Rev. George Topitges said that Holy Trinity, 7396 W. Johnson Rd., will be rebuilt. The congregation now is just waiting to hear from its insurance company before deciding what action to take.

The church caught fire at approximately 2 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29. Topitges, who was observing Good Friday services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in LaPorte when he learned of the fire, rushed back to the church, arriving as firefighters were battling the blaze. Firefighters from Coolspring Twp. with Mutual Aid from Center Twp. Fire Dept. fought the stubborn blaze for 4 hrs. A total of 8 pieces of equipment including 2 from Center Twp. were used in the battle.

"I rushed into the back, and I tried to save the most important things on the altar, like the Bible, the antimins," Topitges said.

Antimins, derived from cloths used to cover saints' tombs, are altar coverings given by Eastern Orthodox bishops to the ministers as an official way of giving them the right to officiate over services.

Topitges was able to save most of the articles used for services at some risk to himself. "The smoke was so dense I had to hold my breath and come out for fresh air," Topitges said. "Then the firemen came in and chased me out."

The fire, which Coolspring and Center Volunteer Fire Department officials ruled as being electrical in origin, began in a wall and then spread to the attic and false ceiling areas which hampered the firefighters efforts to reach the fire. Chief Craig Seifert credits both departments efforts in working together to bring the fire to a halt before totally destroying the building. Remarkably, the icon curtain, which separates the sanctuary from the body of the church, and the sanctuary were not damaged by the fire. There were no injuries and damage is listed at \$30,000.00.

The day after the fire, congregation members disassembled the altar and moved it to the church's hall which is located behind the church. On Monday and Tuesday, the workers returned and set up the hall in time for services held on Wednesday through Saturday to celebrate Eastern Orthodox Easter.

"We were lucky that we had the hall and that we saved the religious articles and icons," Topitges said.

Since the fire, the church has been holding services in its hall.

If the church walls are still sound, a new roof will be built and the interior refurbished, Topitges said. If the walls are not sound, they will be torn down, and a new church will be built in the Byzantine style common to Orthodox churches, he said. The old building was a converted Methodist church that lacked the traditional Byzantine features.

Topitges said other congregations, including St. Iakovos Church of Valparaiso, have already started to donate money for the building of the church. Donations can be made to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 7396 W. Johnson Rd., Michigan City, Ind. 46360.

Quick action saved crash victim's life

By Paul Bird

The Indianapolis News

Fate intervened 2 1/2 years ago when Keith Gibson survived the truck crash that killed his brother.

On Feb. 9, the 21-year-old escaped death's grasp again.

A Decatur Township couple, Randy and Beverly Thomas, pulled Gibson from a fiery crash. Keith Gibson's mother, Julia Gibson is convinced that without their help, she would be grieving the death of her only other son.

Gibson crashed his blue 1987 Cadillac into a bridge in the 5300 block of South Stanley Road shortly before 3 p.m.

The car, Marion County Deputy Bruce E. Bloomer said, careened off the bridge and shot over an embankment, crashing and catching fire in a ditch.

The Thomases, both Decatur

Township volunteer firefighters, were home eating chili and chicken salad when they heard about the accident over their emergency radio.

The Thomas home is about one mile from the crash scene. Quickly, the couple sped to the crash.

"Because of the seriousness of the report, we decided to go directly to the scene because we knew a pumper and paramedics were on their way," Mrs. Thomas, 36, said.

At the scene, the Thomases found that someone, either a neighbor or passer-by, had been spraying the flames with a fire extinguisher, but it wasn't enough.

Gibson's head was dangling out the driver's door and his feet were trapped under the dash. He was unconscious.

Flames were coming from
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Coolspring Twp. and Center Twp. fire departments work together on Holy Trinity Orthodox Church on Good Friday.



By Bob Wellinski/staff

THE FIRE at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church on Good Friday caused this damage to the interior of the building.

Tentative Convention Schedule

June 19, 20, 21, 1991
Executive Inn
Holiday Inn
Wed. P.M. Registration 1-6
Thurs. 9-6
Friday 9-12 - Executive Inn
Wed. 9-5 Open Men & Women
Bowling - Creole Lanes.
Thurs. 8 A.M. - Miss Flame Contest, Executive Inn
12:00 Noon Miss Flame Luncheon.
2:00 P.M. Mens & Aux. Officers meeting, Executive Inn.
4-6 - Midwest Beer Bust, Holiday Inn.
7:00 P.M. Joint session opening of Men & Aux. Executive Inn
9:30 to ? Dance
Friday 9 to 10:30 Business Meeting Aux. & Men, Holiday Inn
11:00 Memorial Service, Executive Inn, Noon lunch your choice.
1:30 Continuation of meeting.
7:00 Banquet, Executive Inn.
10:00 P.M. Dance, Holiday Inn.
Saturday 8:00 A.M. Games: Waterball, Hose Replacement and Cart Races by Gregg Parks.
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June 19-21, 1991



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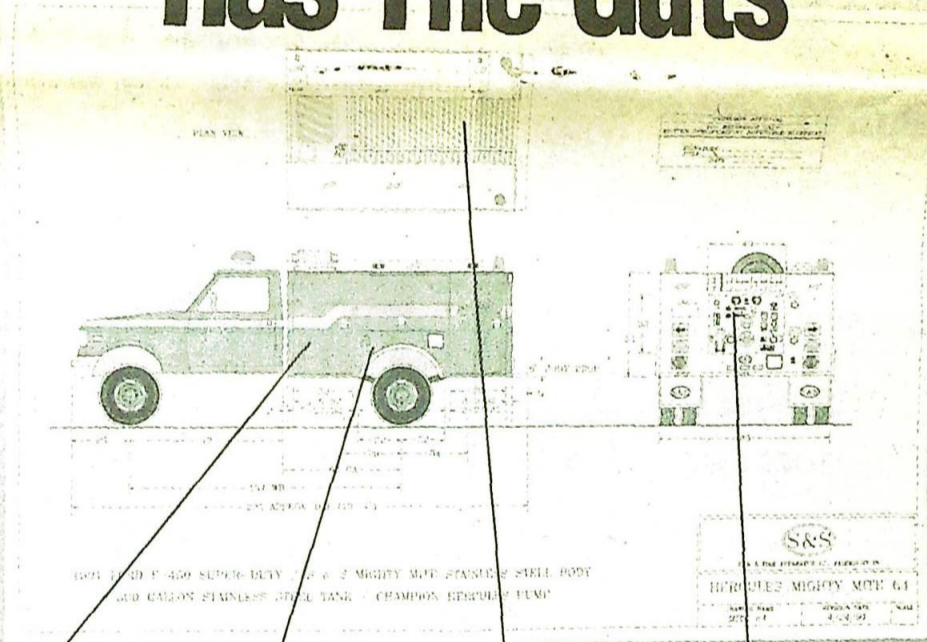
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Firefighters honored



Walnut Street Fire Company #4 has three members who have given 54 continuous years of service to the fire company and are still active in firefighting. The company honored these members last night with a plaque given to each of them. The company sup-

plying the plaques stated they had never before had a request for a 54-year plaque. The firefighters are (from left): Tom Kimbrell, Standing Committeeman, presenting a plaque to William Crawford, 308 E. Main St.; Kevin McKay, President, presenting a

plaque to Edwin "Abie" Schultz, 418 E. Main St.; and Bob Schoen-stein, 516 Walnut St., receiving his from Dave Bell, Standing Committeeman. (Staff photo by Don Wood.)

Friday, April 19, 1991
The Madison Courier

East Central Public Relations



Larry Jackson

Hello,

I would like to welcome Sulfur Springs Fire Dept. back into the I.V.F.A. They are located on St Rd 36, just east of St Rd-3. They are in District 13-A. Well by the time you read this the convention will be here. Are you planning to attend? I am really looking forward to meeting new people and to touch base with some old ones. Hope to see you there. Some of the House and Senate Bills have passed and some of them didn't make it out of committee meetings. We need your help next year.

Well the new license plates are looking good. Have you picked yours up yet? If not, why? If you have any news for the paper please send it. Well I got to go for now. See you at the next District meeting.

improving an already successful EMS management program through research, publications, information dissemination and cooperation with other agencies and organizations.

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USFA is charged with addressing issues that relate to the nation's fire problem, such as increasing the effectiveness of fire service management across the country. EMS is an integral part of fire service management.

More information is available from the Office of Firefighter Health and Safety, USFA, 16825 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Dave Martin
(202) 646-4600
(Mission Statement on Page 5)

Third time charm for firefighters

By STEVE WHITE
Indiana News Editor
Madison Twp Vol. Fire Co. had trouble yesterday evening getting some assistance at a brush fire on Deputy Pike.

The fire company was paged out about 6:05 p.m. to the brush fire at the Catfish Experience Lake. The company requested assistance from Ryker's Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, but before that company could get to the fire it was paged to a brush on Riker's Ridge. Madison Township then asked Kent Volunteer Fire Company for assistance, and while Kent was on the way it was paged to a fire on 500 N.

Hanover Township Volunteer Company was then called.

Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black said both Kent and Ryker's Ridge came to the brush fire to help after extinguishing fires in their district. Black praised the efforts of Sara Forwood, dispatcher at the Sheriff's office, who was paging fire companies for three fires and working two accidents all at the same time. Black also expressed appreciation for the all the firefighters who responded to help.

The brush fire burned six acres at the lake, and firefighters were hampered by a strong wind blowing from the south to the north. He said firemen were able to get the blaze stopped before it reached a wooded area.

Approximately 30 firefighters responded along with three brush trucks and six tankers. A portable pump was also used to pump water from the lake. Madison Township had four trucks at the scene, Ryker's Ridge had one, Kent had three, and Hanover sent one truck.

No buildings were damaged, and there were no injuries to firefighters. Black said the fire was started by a discarded cigarette.

He asked people to be careful with cigarettes during this time of year. He said the grass is usually dry during this time of the year through April and the wind is generally strong. Black also said people should not burn controlled fires now.

The Madison Courier. 3/91

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, February 21, 1991
Long Beach Fire Station

The meeting was brought to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Bob Bently. There were 20 members representing 9 departments in attendance along with 3 guests.

Guest present were: Bill Howe - PR Northwest, Duane Lantz - State Chaplin, Dale Smith - Hoosier Fire Equipment.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Communications: Deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship is March 1. IVFA license plate application forms are still available. Bob has a good supply as we are not supposed to copy them. Plates should be available March 1st.

Rob had several reports from State Officers meeting and will mail out information along with a legislative report under his own cover.

Rob advised that there is an I.V.F.A. PSA message being broadcast on Chicago TV stations.

The Fire Marshal's Office and Building Service Offices will be placed under the State Emergency Management Agency along with E.M.S. and Civil Defense under a current bill. It will probably pass.

Underground Storage Tank problems are again under the Fire Service. There will be a program in Porter County on March 16th on closing out old tanks. The class is free as is breakfast and lunch.

Reminder that the Duneland Fire School will be in Chesterton on May 4 and May 5.

Committee Reports: Prevention, Gary Ekart - reported that the Knox Department has been very busy. They have done fire safety classes for babysitting along with classes for elementary schools and scout troupes. He reports that the Starke County Assn. is planning an aggressive program for their County Fair this year.

Promotion, Tim Sandy - absent.

Edith House, Pete Sass - absent.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Guests: Duane Lantz, State Chaplin, has been quiet since the State Officer's Meeting. Duane commented on how well our legislative representative is doing. He blessed us all for the work we are doing. (Wish Duane a Happy

Birthday as he will be 75 years young on April 21!!)

Bill Howe, PR Northwest, advised that the insurance companies have dropped the age and pre-existing health condition portion from the policies.

Over 531 departments have the required Workman's Comp. insurance and around 471 still have the Accident and Health policy through Tim Downey.

All departments must have permission from the State President, Vice President, or Treasurer before contacting the state's I.V.F.A.'s legal council.

The paper is about to go out but it is full of ads. We need more input from local departments to get into the paper.

For the Good of the Order: There were no deaths or injuries to report.

Bob would like to see a different district department have an article relative to its existence featured in the paper each issue. Gary will coordinate Starke County and Bob Miller will coordinate LaPorte County. Lets try to help these guys and get additional news info in the paper as it is made!!

Duane advised that the State is trying to put together a 50 year anniversary book for release in 1996.

Duane Kaufman reported that E-911 in LaPorte County will not go into service before September 1st at the earliest and more likely January 1st of 1992.

Reminder of Duneland Fire School May 4 & 5.

Gary Ekart reported on a fire he was at recently where all of the training paid off. He used all of the gear and still was burned in the area where the hood did not meet the mask.

2nd Class training at Center Township on 4th Wednesday, 7 to 10 PM.

2nd Class training at Hanna Township Tues. & Thurs., 7 PM.

2nd Class training at Lincoln Township on Mondays, 6 PM.

Master Fire Service Management at County Complex in late Spring.

Bill Howe advises that the I.V.F.A. trailer is available and to contact him if you want it.

Coming Events: Coolspring Twp. Dinner on March 16, 6 PM until?

Fish Fry at San Piere on March 23.

Fish Fry at Lincoln Township on March 23, 5:00 PM.

Fish Fry at Kingsford Union on March 29, 4 to 7 PM.

Lincoln Township Firemen's ball at Mill Creek School, May 25.

The next meeting will be held

at the LaCrosse Fire Station on Thursday, March 21, 1991, and will begin at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 9:09 PM. to coffee and doughnuts. Dale Smith of Hoosier Fire Equipment was available to go over Long Beach's new Kovatch Pumper on a Mack Chassis.

The 50/50 was won by Bill Howe.

Two hats were donated by Hoosier Fire Equipment and also given away.

THURSDAY-MARCH 21, 1991
LaCrosse Fire Station

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Bob Bently. There were 14 members representing 7 departments in attendance along with 7 guests. The Pledge to the flag was led by host Chief Page.

Guests present were: Bill Howe - PR Northwest, Duane Lantz - State Chaplin, Ivan Nevil - State Vice President, Kimberly Morris - District 3 Miss Flame, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, Robert Esserman - District 2.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved on a motion by Doug Miller. Treasurer's report yielded no changes.

Communications: Chairman Bob passed out the legislation that is still active and applies to the fire service.

Committee Reports: Prevention, Gary Ekart - none. Pro-

motion, Tim Sandy - absent. Edith House, Pete Sass - absent. Duane spoke to someone wanting to use ours!! He advised them to check with Penn. Twp.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Andy Bjornberg has questions on Haz-Mat continuing education. We will try to get answers.

Miss Flame introduced herself. A motion was made to give a \$100.00 donation to help cover her expenses. Motion carried. Bob will pay out of convention money.

Bob has extra papers and schedules available. License plate forms are also available. Do Not Copy These!!!

Guests: Duane Lantz, State Chaplin, received a call from Downey and Attorney concerning the heart attack clause in the Accident and Health Policy. If one should die on scene even with a known heart disease, he/she is covered.

Bill Howe, PR Northwest, advised to get any info to Bob Laney by April 20 and no later than May 1 for the paper.

The new license plates are now available. You need the completed form. Again, do not alter or copy the form!!

HB 1521 should return voluntary status to the rescue squad certification for EMS and Fire Departments.

Ivan Nevil, State Vice President, talked about the State Fire Caucus. The next meeting will be November 1 (Sunday) in In-

dianapolis. There will be a cost to attend but it should be affordable. He also spoke of the National Fire Caucus and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

HB 1757 will combine the Fire Marshal Office and the Building Services Office under SEMA and be removed to the new State Officer Building.

Bruce Yonkers - passed.

Bob Esserman - passed.

For the Good of the Order:

There were no deaths or injuries to report.

Doug Miller passed out pamphlets on the Duneland Fire School.

Ivan Nevil spoke about the Fire Chief's Seminar and the Fire Conference.

Duane spoke about the State Fire Marshal's Award. If you know someone that is eligible contact the Fire Marshal's office direct.

2nd Class training at Center Township on 4th Wednesday, 7 to 10 PM.

2nd Class training at Hanna Township Tues. & Thurs., 7 PM.

2nd Class training at Lincoln Township on Mondays, 6 PM.

Master Fire Service Management at County Complex in late spring.

Coming Events:

Lincoln Township Firemen's ball at Mill Creek School, May 25.

The next meeting will be held at the Hamlet Fire Station on Thursday, April 18, 1991, and will begin at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 8:50 PM. to coffee and doughnuts.

The 50/50 was won by Doug Miller of Center Township. We added \$8:50 to our treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman, Secretary

1991 IVFA CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM For June 19 - 22, 1991 VINCENNES TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., VINCENNES, IN

Pre-Registration Fee: \$25.00 Per Person with Banquet
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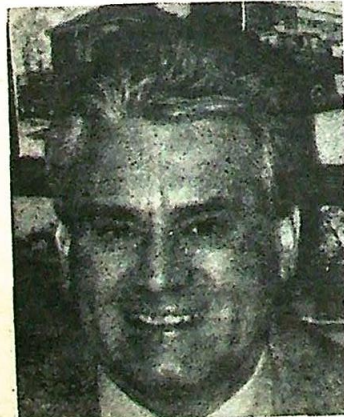
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DISTRICTS 1&2

I.V.F.A. Monthly Business Meeting

February 20, 1991 - Porter Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:57 by Dist. #1 Chairman Allen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by P.R. Northwest Bill Howe

Introduction of Guests: Joe Kuitko & Bob Hamady-K&H Uniforms; George Walda-Grumman Fire Equipment; Joe Komascars-The Fireman's Store; Mike Summers-T.M. Summers Fire Equipment.

Roll call: 19 members of 6 District #2 departments and 57 members of 13 District #1 departments.

Chief Louis Craig gave a brief history and introduced members of the Porter Fire Department.

Treasurer's Report was given.

P.R. Northwest Howe's report: Public Service Death Benefit Fund has increased to \$114,235 for line of duty death or permanent disability. Valpo Fire School in May has been moved to Westchester Middle School in Chesterton. Spoke briefly about Fire Service Program at Lawrence North High School. Applications for Bridgeport Scholarship had to be in to Lee Kissell by March 1st.

District #2 Chairman Stott: IVFA plates will not be available until March 15th. Fire Marshal's Office will be placed under the SEMA office headed by Mr. Hauer by the end of the year. It is hoped to combine all emergency services under one office. IRS has audited IVFA & if case that is now pending is lost, we stand to be penalized between \$60-90,000. Resolutions for the convention must be turned in by this evening. Spoke briefly about the projected Federal Fire Caucus. The mandatory Rescue Squad Certification law is projected to be changed sometime during this year.

At this time, the minutes from January were read and approved without change.

Old Business: District #1 Chairman Allen mentioned prices of mailing all legislation that is pending to each department in the district by the chairmen. The fear is that the cost of these mailings will rapidly break the 50/50 fund. No action taken, so practice will continue. Also mentioned that state will make more license plates as needed to get idea of demand. If death occurs in district, either District Chairman or P.R. Northwest must be notified to get Chaplain's services.

District #2 Stott mentioned that there are no monetary benefits paid by the IVFA for members killed in line of duty. Grave marker, services of IVFA Chaplain, and choice of Bible or floral spray are death benefits.

New Business: P.R. Northwest Howe presented Life Membership Card to Arthur Hokanson, retired from Porter Fire Department.

Chief Highwood of Chesterton mentioned that the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns puts out bi-weekly legislative updates and wanted to know if these could be used by departments instead of the mailings by the district.

Chief Craig mentioned that Porter was dropped from the IVFA last year due to a snafu somewhere along the line. He wanted to know if departments that were not paid up could be notified by someone prior to being actually dropped from the association. It was explained that District Chairmen try to provide this function as much as possible.

It was also mentioned that the proposed retirement plan for

state officers was dead until the problems with the IRS were settled.

It was mentioned that Wheatfield was having trouble with Downey Insurance over claims and ages of drivers. It was also mentioned that the insurance carrier for Michigan City Fire Department was in the process of dropping coverage on vehicles older than 1984 models.

Chesterton will host a Pancake Breakfast on March 17 at the Moose lodge just east of the fire station.

Carl Bayhaus of Merrillville Police spoke briefly on cellular phone service provided by Ameritech that he represents. Will be present after meeting to answer questions.

50/50 drawing: \$55.00 won by Luke Donsback of Lake Ridge.

Next meeting will be March 20 at Lake Ridge.

Attendance Trophy: District #2-Lake Eliza, District #1- Lake Ridge.

Adjourned at 21:04 to program presented by Greg Phillips, Environmental Officer for Porter County.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Stott

DISTRICT 9-B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:10 P.M. at the Francesville Fire Station in Francesville, IN.

There were 11 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 40 with 69 alarms among the 10 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: contacting your President, Vice-president, or Treasurer for legal advice about the Association; Volunteer fireman's license plates; Workmans Comp. Insurance; Volunteer Certification of Rescue; Hepatitis B shots; need for news for paper by April 20; the 1991 Convention in Vincennes; Fire-fighter deaths and death benefit; Indiana Fire Caucus, Fire Safety TV Spots; I.V.F.A. dues due in by July 31; Bridgeport Scholarship fund, Blue light law; I.R.S. audit of the I.V.F.A.; credit cards for fire service put on hold; Fire Marshal's memos; study being done on a state wide pension Plan; National Volunteer Fire Caucus; Ollie Sandburg Award; Mr I.V.F.A.; Midwest Award, and State Fire Schools.

Program on Hazardous Materials was presented by Dave Patty of the Indiana State Police.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M. Next meeting is May 9 at the Goodland Fire Dept. at 7:30 P.M. Sec./Treas.

Dennis J. Risner

DISTRICT 11-A

District 11-A and 11-B held a joint meeting March 17th at Sandford Volunteer Fire Department. My thanks go to those who prepared and served such a delicious meal. A program on Anhydrous Ammonia was presented by the Superintendent of C.F. Industries Terre Haute Nitrogen Plant. Bruce and Nancy Neal made a surprise visit, always nice to see State Officers at district meetings.

I attended the Indiana Fire Conference in February. I must say that it was one of the finest. Stan Gibson and Maynard Masters as well as others, deserve a lot of credit for organizing such a fine program.

Convention '91 is only 2 months away, hard to believe it is so close. Hope you have sent let-

ters in for the different awards. Looking forward to seeing each of you in Vincennes.

Sincerely,
Robert Meyers
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 19

Regular Meeting was held at Patriot V.F.D. on Jan. 24, 1991. Meeting called to order by president Paul Covington. Pledge to the flag was made and prayer was said, led by Bill Klusman.

Guests were Miss Flame candidate and Jim Gilmore from Koorsen Fire Protection agency.

First roll taken with 50 members present from 16 departments reporting 51 runs. Minutes were read and approved. OSHA information was talked about. No nominations were in yet for awards. Paul Covington would like to have District Fire School. License plate application available from Paul Covington. No more old business - New Business. Talked about Bills in the Senate. 1/2 Pot Drawing. Jim Gilmore from Koorsen donated gift for 2nd drawing. 2nd roll taken. Dan Smith made motion, Paul Hildebrand seconded to allow E.M.S. and task unit members to I.V.F.A. It will be sent to Lee Kissell by March 1st.

George Adams from Posey Township and Sonny Haribuimer from Moorfield talked about dry hydrants.

P.B.I. Material Video shown. Meeting adjourned 9:08 p.m. Sec./Treas.

Mark Wirth, District 19

District 19 I.V.F.A. meeting held March 28, 1991 at Napoleon Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 pm. Meeting called to order by Pres. Paul Covington.

Pledge to flag & prayer by Bill Klusman.

Guest present: Tim Swartz and Dennis Deroff of Hoosier Fire Equipment of Indy. Also Ivan Nevil, State Vice President.

First roll-call taken with 35 men reporting 70 runs. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Picked a date for fire school for June 1-2, 1991 at Nilan. Volunteer fire departments chiefs are discussing a meeting to be held at 7:00 pm on April 11, 1991 at New Washington fire house regarding dry hydrants.

Historic Hoosier Hills is interested in dry hydrant, and possible funding if enough interest. Financial support would help fire service.

Paul talked about resolution to let EMS and task unit join I.V.F.A.

No more old business.

Ivan talked about 2 new bills. First House Bill 1521 is EMS bill which affects volunteer fire service, it concerns voluntary certification of rescue units. Present law states all rescue units must or will be certified in Indiana, doesn't make it voluntary. This year trying to add voluntary on bill 1521. Not been assigned a date yet in Senate.

Second House Bill 1757, is bill combining fire and building service, Fire Marshal's office together with EMS and Civil Defense for Department of the State Emergency Management Agency. Has not received a date in the Senate yet.

Make phone calls to Senators to get something going on these bills.

State Officers Meeting very full of legislation information basically.

Federal death benefit up to \$114,000. If need assistance see Paul Covington. Need to know how to file before death of fire-

man.

Submitted one candidate for Ollie Sandburg award.

Need news for fire paper from the departments. May hire clipping service to clip articles out of local papers, about fire runs, etc., will be charged for this.

Ivan reported on Indiana Fire Caucus, it is non-partisan. It is only research tool for legislators. Approximately 400 Senators & Representatives belong to National Fire Caucus. Tentative kick-off banquet to be held Nov. 1, 1991. Open to anyone who wants to attend, will be cost for meal.

Public education has finished 30 second learn not to burn public service announcement.

Reported on license plates. States there are plenty of plates. Response throughout state has been fantastic.

Second roll call.

Cedar Grove, reported on school fire.

Moorefield reported on trailer fire.

Napoleon reported on call by a babysitter not knowing what road house was on that she was at.

Sunman reported on four fires of unknown origin and bomb threat.

Motion made to adjourn and seconded.

Sec./Treas. Mark Wirth, District 19

DISTRICT 20

The next District 20 meeting will be held at the Atlanta Vol. Fire Department on May 25, 1991 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will actually be a demonstration of fire retardation material. All fire departments within District 20 are welcome to attend. We are trying to have program meetings rather than the standard type of meetings. This is an attempt to promote more attendance at the meetings and to try for new memberships into the IVFA. The business portion of the meetings will be very short until there are items available for discussion.

Kendall's Fire Protection Service will be the guest speaker at the meeting. We are going to burn two structures (two small dog houses). One will be fire retarded and the other non-protected. This is mainly to see the differences in burning rates of the structures and how fire retardation affects the firefighters during the incident. For the departments with-

in District 20, if you have a topic you would like to present or to see presented, than contact Jerry Liston or myself. We are wanting to make the meetings appealing to your needs and interest.

Remember the only way we can maintain District 20 is with the support of the departments within the district to attend the meetings. The meetings are normally held quarterly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The schedule of the remainder of meetings are: May 25th (at 1:00 pm), August 21st and November 20th. Mark your calendars for we will have programs for each of the meetings.

Sincerely,
Jerry Liston and Tony Palmiero

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DISTRICT 11-A

District 11-A and 11-B held a joint meeting March 17th at Sandford Volunteer Fire Department. Sandford served a delicious Turkey dinner. We had a good turnout. State Auxiliary President Nancy Neal and her husband Bruce and Recording Secretary Maxine Davies and her husband John attended. We appreciate them being there. The ladies held a business meeting with both District Chairmen presiding, thus enabling business for both districts to be taken care of at the same meeting.

We will hold another joint meeting, April 28th in Hillsdale. We hope to see a large number of members from both districts attend. This is the time to find out whats happening in the I.V.F.A.A. and also a time for good fellowship.

Spring is here and a busy time for all V.F.D.'s and Auxiliary's with upcoming fund raisers. Then too, the '91 convention is getting near and time to make your plans to be in Vincennes. Bob and I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,
Janet Meyers
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 10

The 10th District IVFAA meeting was held on Monday, Feb. 18, 1991 at the Acton Fire Station at 6:30 p.m.

Vivian Thomas said Grace and we ate a pitch-in dinner. Chairman Barbara Parker called the meeting to order.

We had the Pledge to the flag. Vivian Thomas had devotions. Barb welcomed everyone and thanked Acton for hosting the meeting.

Secretary's report was read and approved with a correction of \$156.00 on turkey cake instead of \$57.00.

Roll call - 14 members - 1 guest - 3 auxiliaries.

Treasurer's report was given as of Feb. 18, 1991 was \$395.07 subject to audit. No bills submitted.

The next meeting was announced to be at Adams on May 20.

Old Business: Re-reading of by-laws.

New Business: Barb made a suggestion of the meeting with the men on the third Wed. of the months we meet. Being that we are getting smaller in attendance. It was left for thought.

Barb gave a report on the State Officer's meeting.

Each auxiliary was asked to send in a question to be picked from for Miss Flame final question. They needed to be sent in before our next meeting.

Any nomination for the Lois Boaz award was to be sent to Betsy Howe address in IVFA paper.

By-laws were read a third time. A motion was made by Nancy Boaz to change by-laws Article VII Section 1. Seconded by Vivian Thomas.

All in favor - motion carried.

By-laws Article VI section 3 finances, convention expenses clarified was read. A motion was made by Nancy Neal and seconded by Bee Walker - All in favor - motion carried.

Barb brought up for discussion getting smaller plaques for the Lois Boaz award.

Grave markers were also brought up for discussion.

They were tabled for further discussion.

50/50 was won by Vivian Thomas.

Silver collection was 6.93.

Chaplain's report was given, two sympathy cards were sent to Audrey Utly, one for her Aunt and the other for her husband. One get well card to Roberto Fraley.

We sang Happy Birthday to Vivian Thomas as it was her birthday.

Nancy Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vivian Thomas.

We said the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully Submitted
Peggy Israel

IVFAA
Chaplin

Judy Hildebrand

Happy spring to everyone. I do hope each and every department good luck on their money makers that are being planned for the months ahead.

I really haven't been to busy since last State Officers Meeting. There have been few pieces of mail to go out. I did travel to Ft Wayne this week to hold a Memorial in District #6. It was a great honor for me to be there.

Convention is going to be here before you know it. I will need to know if you have had any state members who have passed on since last convention so they may be honored at the Memorial Service.

As the warm days of spring get nearer new relationships bud and old friendships blossom. This is part of a story that I ran across to fit this occasion.

Friends are never earned, they are a gift from the loving God.

And they are precious beyond human evaluation

But you dare not take them for granted, for they will grift away like smoke

And the warmth of their caring will vanish like the the chill of the endless nights.

Most of all my friends are unknown

They will probably live and die in small towns where nothing much ever happens

Who is your friend?

He is someone who warms you with a nod, or with the unspoken

word in hard times when you're hurtin beyond words.

Who is you're friend?

She is someone who holds you to her breast and sighs softly in your hair, when no other medicine can stop the pain.

A friend is someone who klinks his glass against yours. Or answers the phone at 3 in the morning when your lost. But with a few words of encouragement and concern makes you realize you really aren't lost at all. Friends come in both sexes and all shapes and sizes. But the most important thing they have in common is; the ability to share with you your most sky splitting joy or your most deepest most awesome sorrow.

For they are your friend.

Remember each one of us is a prince or princess, because we are God's children and He is King.

Quick action saved . . .

Continued from Page 1 under the dash and fire was spreading from the engine compartment into the smoked-filled passenger area.

Mrs. Thomas lifted Gibson's head level with his body as Mr. Thomas went to the other side to free Gibson's trapped foot.

"The flames were popping and cracking and Bev and I just pulled and pulled and twisted and twisted until we got him free," said Mr. Thomas, 37, who has been a firefighter for 15 years and is now a captain.

"Some man kept saying, 'You had better hurry before it blows up and I told him that cars don't blow up, only in the movies, and about that time one of the tires exploded and it was very scary,' Mrs. Thomas, a registered nurse, recalled.

Gibson was moved 30 feet from his car, than moved another 40 feet as the heat from the blaze increased.

He was taken to Wishard Hospital, where he remains in stable condition.

"The citizens who helped and the person who knocked the fire down before we arrived should be commended," Mr. Thomas said.

"They did just as much to save his life as we did," Mrs. Thomas said.

Julia Gibson, Keith's mother, isn't so quick to brush off the Thomases' bravery.

She couldn't help but remember the Aug. 10, 1988, accident a half-mile from her home on Hadley Road in Morgan County.

"It was a one-car accident and Keith was with him," she said, "Jimmy Jr. was driving and ran off the road - there is not a berm on the road - and he over-corrected and spun around and was thrown out and the truck rolled on him, but Keith stayed inside by the grace of God."

Her husband, Jimmy Sr. and his wife went to the latest crash scene and then to look at the demolished car.

"We have just wondered how he got out of there - the way it was smashed up with the motor back in the car and everything. And we decided God must have been there, too," she said.

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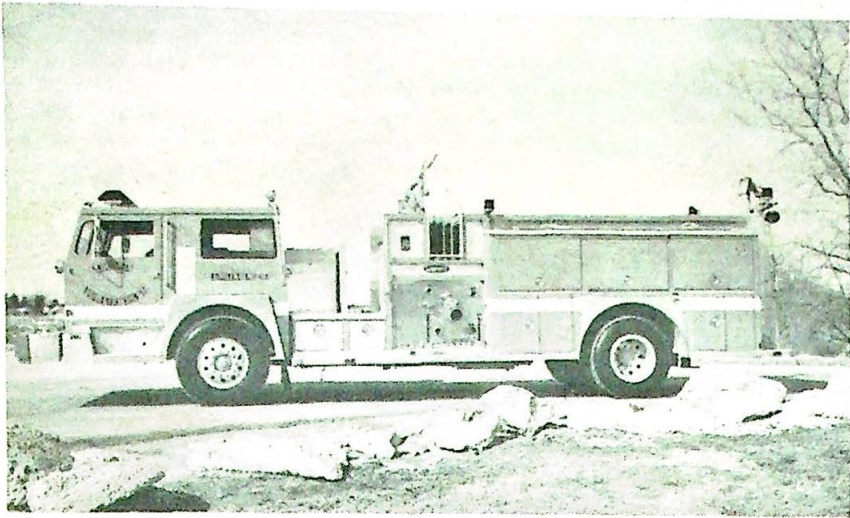
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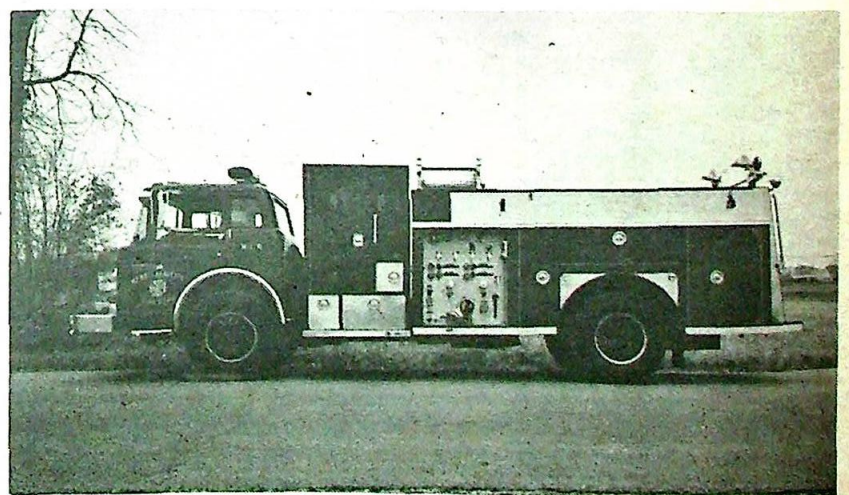
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Bill Howe

Hello Fellow Firefighters:

Well, it's time to write another article for the paper. We are about to finish another year with the I.V.F.A. and that brings time for the 1991 convention at Vincennes. Hope that your plans have been made and your reservations are made. This helps the convention committee and also saves you a few bucks.

With the 1990-91 year coming to a close that makes your dues for 1991-92 year a very important matter. If your dues are not paid on time in the current year, you are not eligible for the Bridgeport Scholarship or the Death Benefit if killed in the line of duty. If you are not sure what these benefits are contact your District Chairman or the Public Relations Director from your area.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite each department to attend the District Meetings in your area. This meeting is the backbone of your association. This is where your elected Representatives get your opinions to take to the quarterly meetings or the annual meetings. There is much information passed on to the local department that effect you through legislation, NFPA Regulations, OSHA, and information from the Fire Marshal's office. I would like to invite each department to appoint 2 people to attend the District Meeting that will bring back information to share with everyone. If your department is already attending with more than 2 that is fine and please continue. There will be several Fire Seminars around the area through the summer. Please attend and learn about the latest methods of firefighting and some of the latest equipment available.

In closing, let's not forget our brave men and women that fought for our freedom recently in Iraq as well as all those in the past.

Please attend the District Meetings and don't forget Convention '91 at Vincennes. See you there.

**Message
from the
Marshal**

Fellow firefighters, I appreciate the support you have given me and the Marshal's Office. It should be evident that we are interested in supporting the entire fire service.

The attendance at the Fire Chief's Orientation held February 9th and 11th was outstanding as there were 110 and 120 respectively.

We received many inquiries on the green cards and have sent replies to just about all of them.

It is our intention to present more of these Chief's Orientation

Programs, possibly one north and one south. We have discussed various dates, however have not set any future sessions yet.

We will be in contact with the Fire Chief's Associations to assist in our final decision.

We have attended many legislative sessions, however it is too early for a legislative report.

Thank you again for your support.

Marshal,
Gene Goddard

**Clearing the
Smoke**

March 1991

Changes are necessary in the processing of 24-hour mandatory training applications. Because of time and budget restrictions, the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education can no longer issue certificates for 24-hour mandatory training. A letter of acknowledgment will be returned for the fire department records. Certificates will be issued when firefighters complete requirements for 2nd Class, 1st Class, of Master Firefighter.

Meet us in Plymouth on Saturday, May 18, 1991, anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the public library on Center St. Chief Wayne Smith of Plymouth advises we can use the fire station's north parking lot, or the west side of the library. Board members and staff look forward to seeing you and hearing your opinions on minimum standards, certification training programs, national certification, public safety institute, or other

subjects on which you want clarification. The Board wants to be accessible and also have chance to discuss areas of concern for all the fire service. Please pass the word! Spend an hour or the day with us!

Jasper Fire Dept. in October is another date to remember for the southern Indiana firefighters to meet with the Board. That will be Saturday, October 19th.

International Fire Service Accreditation Congress meeting in Kansas City was attended by Tony Johnson, Elkhart, a member of the Board of FFPS&E. Tony will continue to represent the Board during the next meeting of the IFSAC in September at St. Louis. The Board thanks IFIA for the initial funding to have Indiana present and get us closer to being an accredited agency for international certification. Charles Baker, Vice-President, Indiana Fire Instructor's Association, was host on the trip.

Board inviting chairman of IFSAC to Indiana for discussion on what will be required to get Indiana's program acceptable as a certifying agency. Tony was well pleased with what he saw as the motivating factors of IFSAC and its value for all firefighters.

How do we reach you during those times our staff for the Board of firefighting personnel Standards and Education or State Fire Marshal's Office needs information or help? We have attempted to accumulate administrative phone numbers for all the fire departments from applications for certification, but somehow 911 just doesn't cut it when trying to talk with the Fire Chief, an investigator, inspector, or instructor. Wonder who we'd

get, if in Indianapolis, we dialed "1-219-911" or "1-812-911"? A phone number for the office, or an answering machine that is monitored daily would really be appreciated. Add it on your monthly reports, or on applications for certification for us. Thanks.

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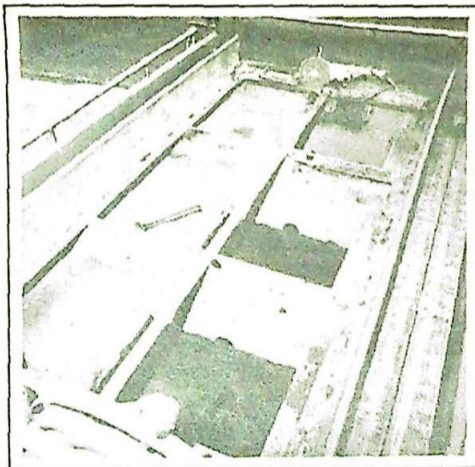
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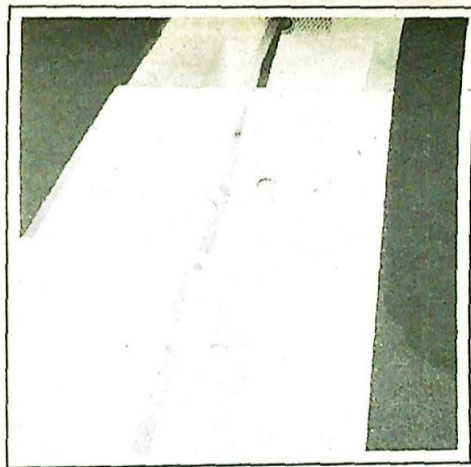
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The district Miss Flame contests are now over and there are 15 lovely girls going to the state convention.

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Again congratulations and good luck at Convention.

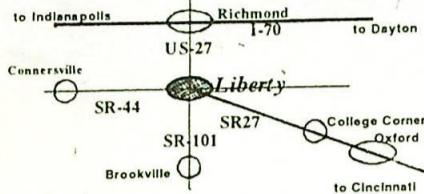
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BACKGROUND and PURPOSE

The Indiana Fire Service Institute, Inc. was formed in March of 1991 by a group of individuals with a desire to meet the informational needs of the Indiana Fire Caucus and the fire service community. This concerned constituency encompasses everyone from rural volunteer fire departments to major metropolitan career departments and every one in between. The Institute recognizes the importance of participation on each of these levels, and encourages their input regarding the issues which affect them.

Similarly, the Institute recognizes the importance of educating the members of the Indiana General Assembly, and effectively achieves this goal through the Indiana Fire Service Caucus, formed in February 1991.

The Institute will track legislation, identify consensus priorities of the fire and emergency services, and report these findings to the Indiana Fire Caucus and the fire service communities through mailing, meetings and membership participation. The Institute's desire is to be able to expand the Caucus membership and enlighten the fire service community.

The Institute offers a new perspective on solving old problems through corporate and fire service cooperation and heightened Indiana General Assembly awareness.

The Institute encourages you to contact your State Senator and House Representative(s) to solicit their participation by becoming a member of the Indiana Fire Caucus.

The Institute will host the First Annual Indiana Fire & Emergency Services Dinner on November 17, 1991 with many Congressional and State leaders as well as a very special Key Note speaker to be announced at a later date. Additional information will be forthcoming in your organizational newsletters and meetings.

Governor Bayh presents special recognition plates



Left to Right:

Gene Stofer, Elizabeth Whitmer (BMV), Gov. Bayh, Ivan Nevil.

Gov. Evan Bayh & Liz Whitmer with the Motor Vehicles Bureau presenting Treasurer Gene Stofer and Vice President Ivan Nevil with the 1st Volunteer Firemen's License Plate.

Please contact your District Chairman or Public Relations man for the forms. Then take to branch in county that carries the plate.

INDIANAPOLIS—Indiana Governor Evan Bayh will be presenting representatives of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Indiana Guard Reserves, U.S. Armed Forces Reserves and Volunteer Firefighters with the first of the series of Special Recognition License plates to be issued to their groups. Gov. Bayh presents the plates today (Friday, March 15) in his office, located in the State Capitol Building, at 3:00 p.m.

These plates, which are produced by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, were added to the list of already existing special recognition plates available to certain groups for their contributions as servicemen and volunteer firemen.

"The Bureau of Motor Vehicles has recently developed a new special recognition plate to be made available to members of these elite groups to acknowledge their outstanding contributions as former servicemen, members of the Indiana Guard Reserves, Pearl Harbor Survivors and for their significant volunteer service as volunteer firefighters, each in their own way, serve to guarantee our safety and freedom," stated the BMV Commissioner Gilbert L. Holmes.

To obtain these plates, group members must complete the appropriate form obtainable from the group's authorized representative. The form must be presented at the license branch located in each county seat.

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LAST RIDE—Pallbearers load the body of former Decatur Fire Chief onto a city truck for the ride to Decatur Cemetery following funeral services Sunday

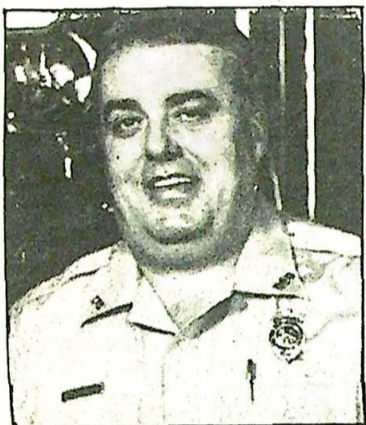
afternoon at First United Methodist Church. Mr. Sheets died Thursday, (Photo by Eric Mann)

History of the Knox-Center Fire Dept.



Starting with this issue, District 3 will have a feature dept. giving a photo and brief history. The first article is about the Knox-Center Fire Dept.

Knox is located on US 35 six miles south of US 30 in Starke County. The Knox Fire Dept. was first organized in 1911 by former Indiana Governor and Knox native Henry Schricker, utilizing two wheeled carts drawn by horses. The first motorized truck was an REO Speedwagon purchased in the mid 1920's. It's pump functioned by means of soda and sulfuric acid cannisters. Pre-plan of the day "Fight fire and run home to change clothes before the acid ate them and you were arrested for indecent exposure." Other milestones were first "pumper" in 1934 and the completion of a second station in 1974. Today the twenty-five member dept. uses eleven pieces of equipment housed in two stations.



Garry E. Sheets

Garry E. Sheets, 49, 133 Westlawn Dr., Chief of the Decatur Fire Department and a 23-year member of the department, died at 9:27 a.m. Thursday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after being stricken by a brain aneurysm at home Wednesday morning.

He was born in Decatur on August 24, 1940 to Lester and Isabel Sheehan Sheets and married Judy Rawlings on April 18, 1964; she survives.

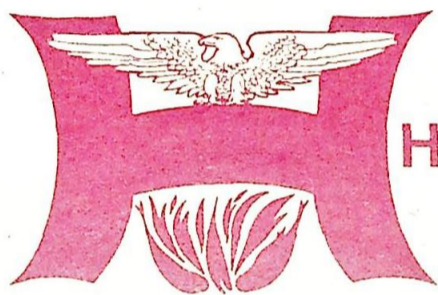
Mr. Sheets served as fire chief twice; since January 1, 1988 under Mayor Fred Isch and from July 1-December 31, 1975, under the mayor at that time, the late Harry H. Hebble Sr. He was associated with the Decatur Fire Department since December, 1967 as a volunteer fireman, and chief.

Following the death of his father, Mr. Sheets owned and operated his father's business, Sheets Wrecker Service, for five years before joining the fire department.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Decatur Moose Lodge 1311, Legion of the Moose, Adams Post 43 Sons of the American Legion, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Indiana Firefighter Association, Fire Arson Specialized Team of Allen County, and the Michigan-Indiana-Ohio Law Enforcement Officers Association.

He was also an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police, a member of Wheels of Yesterday classic vehicle club, and the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association.

Other survivors are a son, Scottallen E. Sheets, at home, also a member of the Decatur Fire Department; a daughter, Carrie Marie Sheets, at home; two sisters, Peggy Ann Gay, Anderson, and Linda Sue Sheets, Indianapolis.



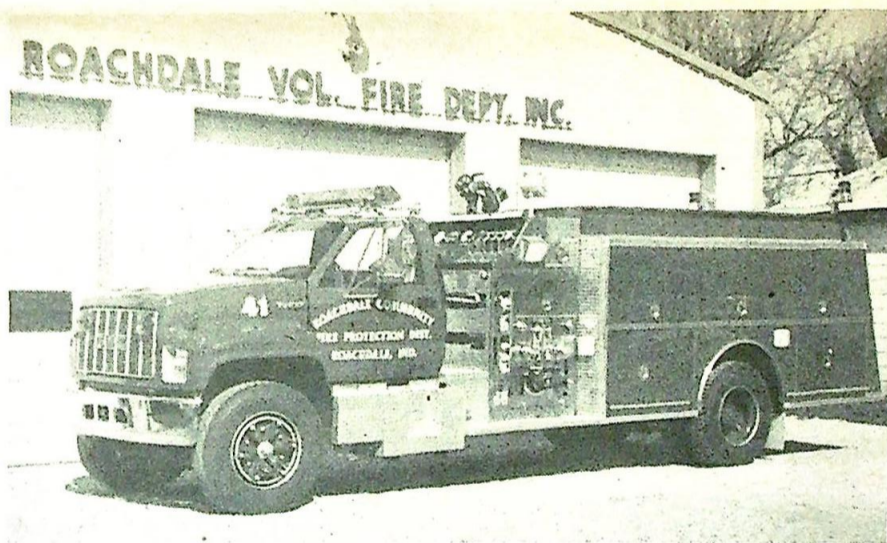
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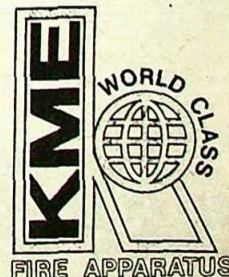
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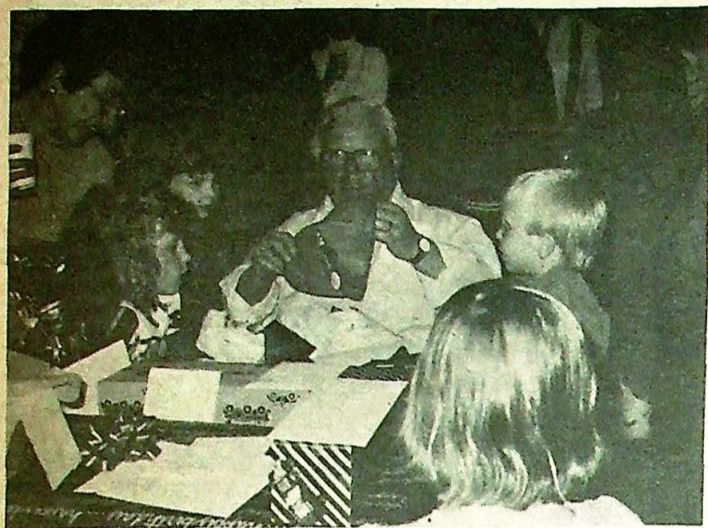
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Birthday Surprise



On Saturday, April 13, there was a surprise Birthday party at the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department for Duane Lantz, State Chaplain. He was 75 on April 2.

Neighbors, friends and family were there to greet him when he walked in the door. It was a real surprise, and all had a good time. The following poem was written by his daughter, Debbie Deckard, who is also a member of the department.

What a marvelous surprise we had given him.

You should have seen his face when he walked in.

He was called to fix the water heater,

We couldn't have a party for anyone sweeter.

It was Grace's idea, all the kids chipped in,

To not celebrate, would have been such a sin,

They call him "Father" around the state,

We call him Dad and Husband because he's so "Great".

We thank God every day for his



mind and his health,
For all the lessons taught--
Which is our wealth.
We love him dearly and know you do too.
Just wish him Happy Birthday and God Bless him, too.
God's Love Forever,
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Message From the Marshal

It is hard for me to believe but seven months have gone by since I was appointed as the State Fire Marshal.

I have been able to attend a number of district meetings across the State as well as seminars, schools, and fire conferences. I have had an opportunity to meet with many firefighters and would like to thank them for the kind and generous treatment they have given me. Also many of them have offered to help me and the Marshal's Office and I certainly appreciate that.

This has been a very strange session of the Legislative and it doesn't look like the fire service will get many of the bills that were introduced to be passed during this session.

We have not been able to implement many changes in the office but we have been able to hire four new employees. They are as follows;

Tricia L. Crull: Environmental Specialist in the U.S.T., Paul Hildebrand: Arson Division, Timothy Thomas: Hazardous Materials Division.

Tim is an eighteen year veteran of the Chesterfield Fire Department and was Chief of the department for six years.

Roger Powers: Hazardous Material Division.

Roger was on the Butler Volunteer Fire Department for eleven years and two years as a paid firefighter at Baer Field Airport.

We feel very good about having these new people on board and have encouraged all of them to stop at the fire departments and introduce themselves.

Looking forward to seeing you and working with all of you for the betterment of the fire service.

Gene A. Goddard
State Fire Marshal

"Red" Adair to Speak at Third Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner

Congressman Curt Weldon, Honorary Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Institute and California State Fire Marshal Chief James F. McMullen, Chairman of the Western States Steering Committee, announced today that world famous oil well firefighter, PAUL N. "RED" ADAIR, will address the attendees of the Third Annual National Fire & Emergency Services Dinner in Sacramento at the Community Center on April 30th.

1,500 fire service and industry representatives are expected to attend this event in Sacramento, California. The dinner is a fund raising effort benefitting the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI), a non profit organization dedicated to the promotion of fire and emergency service issues within Congress. CFSI, through its work with the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, educates Members of Congress and creates new levels of awareness and un-

derstanding of fire service issues. The dinner will be linked via satellite from Washington, D.C. to Sacramento, California to give the event a truly national flavor. Congressman Elton Gallegly (R-Calif.) will officiate the Sacramento event, while Congressman Curt Weldon (R-Pa.) will officiate in Washington, D.C.

"At no other time during the year do so many national fire and emergency service leaders gather in one place in support of a common agenda," voiced Congressman Weldon. Participating headliners of this East Coast - West Coast event include President Bush, Marilyn Quayle, Richard L. Thornburgh, Ron Howard, Kurt Russell, and Kuwaiti Ambassador All-Sabah. Joining these individuals will be over 100 Members of Congress.

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To learn of possible product defects, the CPSC looks to numerous state and local agencies active in the health and safety arena, to the business community itself--manufacturers, distributors and retailers, as well as to the letters and telephone calls of individual consumers who complain about a product.

The commission relies heavily on consumer protection agencies, health departments, fire agencies, medical examiners, hospitals and other state and local agencies involved in health and safety matters. Information from these sources can offer a level of technical detail not readily available elsewhere. Health and safety organizations receive a wide variety of complaints and other in-

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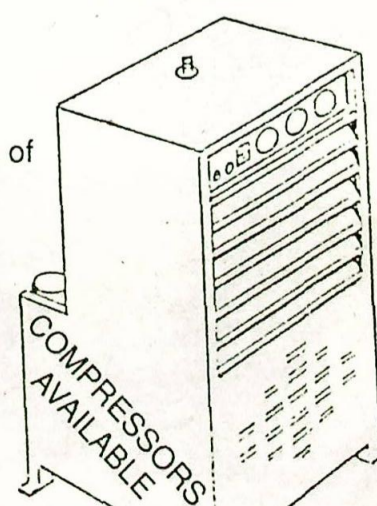
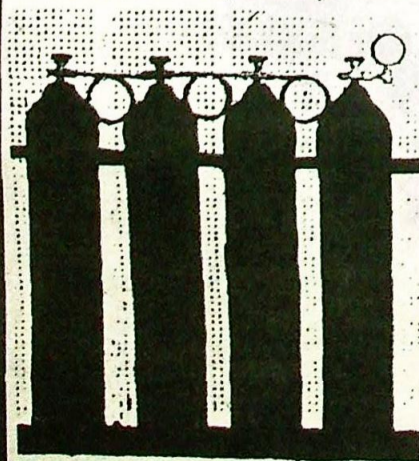
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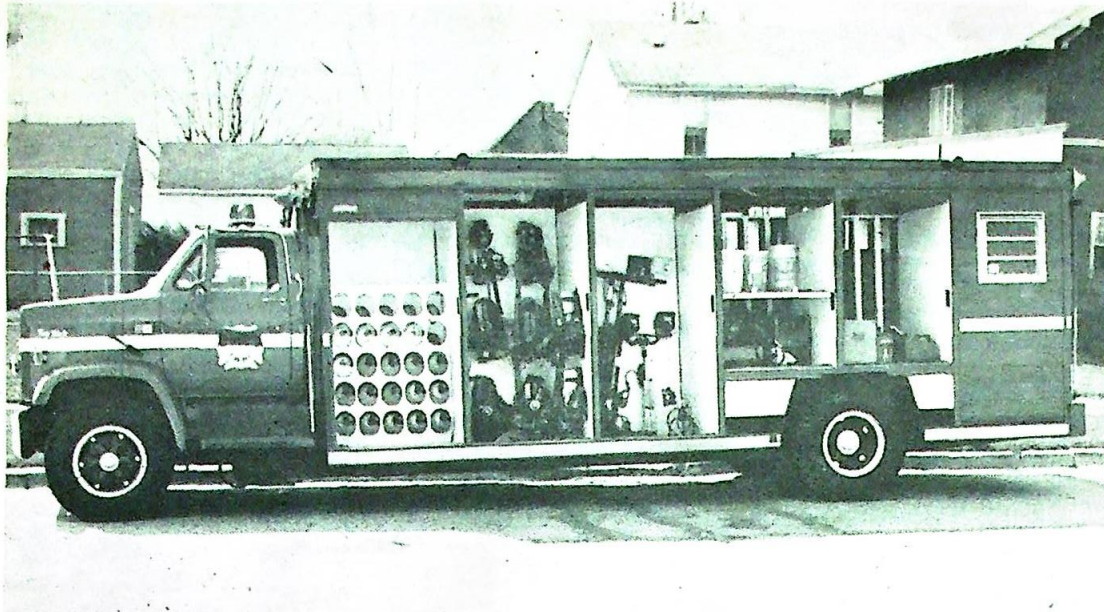
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Unique Emergency Vehicle



An emergency vehicle unique to northeast Indiana had been added to the Albion Fire Department, solving a serious space problem that had plagued the department. The vehicle, a 1982 GMC, was formerly a beverage

delivery truck with roll up sides. With the addition of warning lights and a multi-channel emergency radio and work, including a new paint job and tires, it has gone into service as Squad 1, carrying fire support and rescue

equipment.

The AFD grew out of it's former squad, a 12 foot 1983 Ford van that had also been a delivery truck, as the amount of portable equipment needed at emergency scenes increased. Most area fire

departments use vans as their squads; Albion's new roll up compartment vehicle is the first of it's kind in Noble County, and may be the first in this part of Indiana.

Such units, built new for the fire service, often cost in excess of \$100,000. But the initial outlay for this truck was only \$6,500, and another \$1,500 was all it took to prepare the truck for service.

This was accomplished partially by the volunteer firefighters doing much of the work themselves at the fire station. But savings also came from donations and services by area groups and businesses, including Duane Leatherman's Body Shop, Bob Akins of Doc's Hardware, the Albion J.C.'s and Albion Lions Club, and Crop Production Services.

The space problem came to a head when the AFD purchased several new lightweight fiberglass air tanks to reduce physical stress on firefighters and allow them to work longer. The original steel tanks were kept as spares, but the already overloaded squad could not handle the extra tanks along with other needed equipment.

The new truck solved the prob-

lem. All of the old squad's equipment fit into it, with room to spare. In fact, an area at the rear of the truck has been left empty, with plans to turn it into a command and operations center in the future.

On March 30, just after it had been loaded with equipment and placed into service, the new squad made it's first response, to a grass fire along the railroad tracks in Albion. (Ironically, the squad it replaced also made it's first response to a grass fire along railroad tracks.)

Before the new squad could be used, an unusual problem had to be solved: the truck, much longer and higher than the previous unit, would not fit into the truck bay. A large section of the fire station's ceiling had to be removed to allow the vehicle to back in.

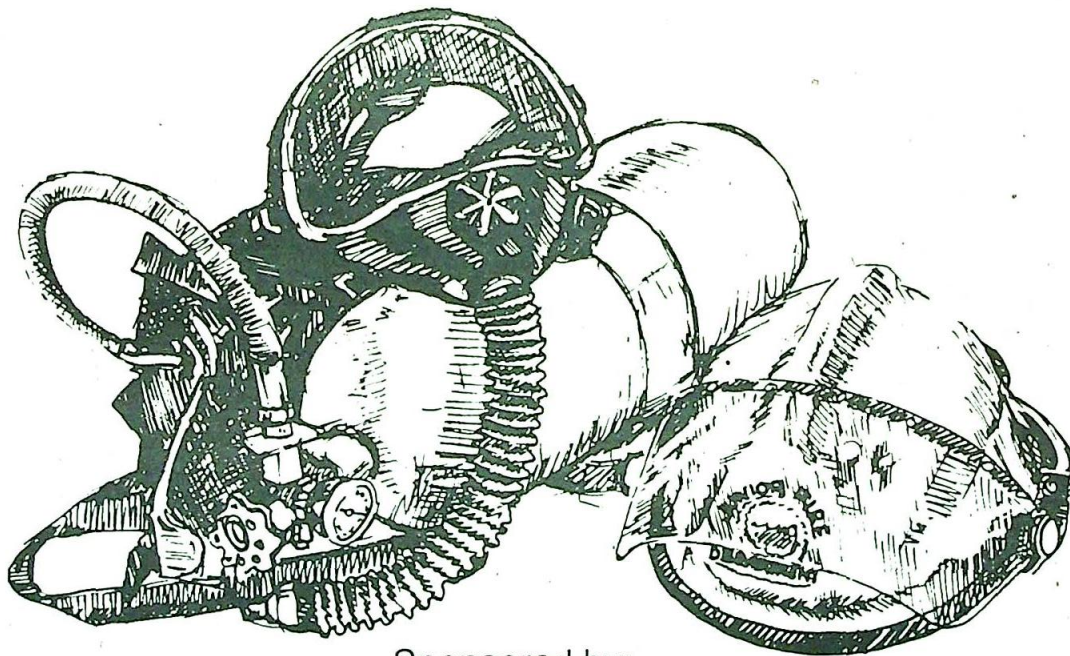
Squad 1 is an important piece of fire equipment, responding to virtually all Albion's fire calls. It's fire support equipment includes eight air packs and 19 spare tanks, a power saw and chain saw, smoke ejector, two electrical generators, flood lights with stands, and a variety of hand tools. Low and high expansion foam and a foam generator are included. For rescue the vehicle carries hydraulic extrication tools, first aid and portable oxygen supplies. An assortment of other items were added to meet the variety of fire, rescue and hazardous material emergencies the unit might be called to.

In addition to the squad, the Albion Fire Department operates three pumpers, two tankers, one grass unit and a pool car. 27 Albion firefighters respond to an average of 75 - 80 calls annually.

Sincerely, Mark Hunter

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From the Vice President

First I want to thank one and all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Vice President for the past two years. I have enjoyed the friendship and hospitality that only the people associated with the volunteer fire service can know and appreciate.

By the time this paper is out the lawmakers should have completed their work for this session. Presently we are doing well with the bills we are supporting but who knows what lies ahead.

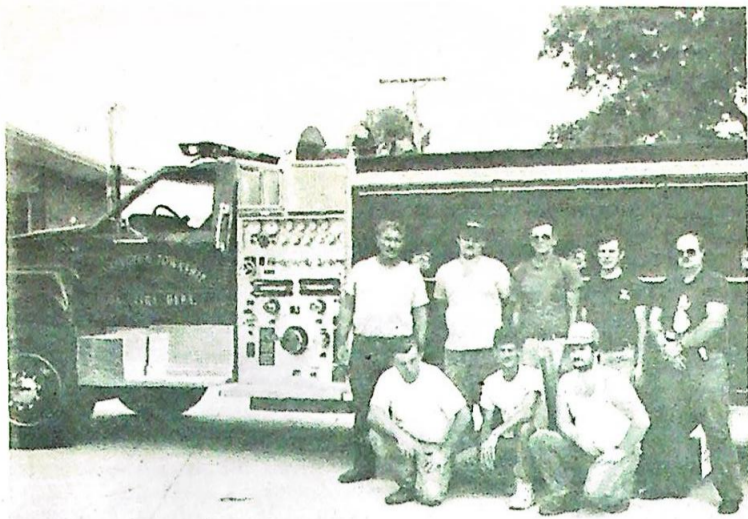
Plans are progressing well for the Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Institute. Several meetings have been held with all fire support groups being represented. By-laws have been adopted and an election was held with Larry Curl of Indianapolis being elected President and Jim Curcedean from Castleton was elected Secretary/Treasurer. A tentative date of November 17th was set for the first dinner at the airport Adams Mark Motel. Further details will be announced as they become available.

As summer approaches we start thinking of parades and festivals which have become such an important part of the volunteer fire service community. For many departments these are the only way that funds are generated to purchase equipment. Remember also our annual meeting in Vincennes. The dates this year are June 19th thru 21st. Plan now to attend and help elect your officers for the coming year as well as giving some direction for the association.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Nevil

Washington Twp. acquires new truck



Members of the Washington Twp. Fire Dept. (Starke Co.) pose with their newly acquired 1990 Chevrolet pumper. The 1,000 GMP truck was purchased from Hoosier Fire Equipment at a cost of \$100,306.00. The new truck replaced a 1947 apparatus on a 1973 truck.

this year but hope they are ready for next year.

To all depts: Now is the time to start getting your dues in so that your dept. would be eligible for the benefits of the Bridgeport funds. As you know, there were some changes in the rules for this fund. Made it better for the depts. to keep the requirements of this reward.

Well that's about it for this time. Hope to see you in Vincennes.

CPSC Announces National Smoke Detector Project

WASHINGTON -- Today the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission formally announced the organization of a National Network to expand the use of working smoke detectors. The first Network meeting is being held on March 20, 1991 in Washington, D.C.

Representatives interested in fire safety: fire service organizations; consumer groups; industry; community organizations; codes and standards officials; home builders; insurance companies; consumer reporters and others will be meeting to launch this program dedicated to improving the effectiveness of smoke detectors and increasing their usage in homes.

The Commission plans to carry out a priority effort on smoke detectors in 1992. To prepare for this, CPSC is working in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration, Congressional Fire Services Institute, and the National Fire Protection Association. An estimated 5,000 people die annually in residential fires and many more are injured.

At the March 20 meeting, participants will be asked to contribute their wide variety of skills and talents to develop plans that can be implemented at the local, state and national levels. The meeting will be held at the International Trade Commission, 500 E. Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For those who would like to participate and contribute to this meeting, or for more information, call Mr. William Walton, Associate Executive Director for Engineering Services (CPSC) at (301) 492-6504.

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OFFICER'S MEETING

February 2, 1991, Best Western Sterling House, Anderson. The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Nevil.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Lockhart reported that he had made several trips to Indianapolis concerning legislation dealing with the IVFA. He also reported that he had attended two or three Fire Chief's board meetings. He then called on Toddy Michl for his report.

WC Michl announced that he had attended some of the district meetings. He also thanked everyone who attended his Mr. IVFA roast held recently in Terre Haute.

Vice President Nevil reported that he had traveled around the northern portion of the state attending meetings. He also reported that he too had been to Indianapolis to attend legislative meetings.

At this time, President Lockhart introduced the guests present. Secretary Kissell reported that 13 departments had paid since the November meeting. The current figures show 16,674 members paid. He also announced that the scholarship application requests have been slow. At this time, the roll call was taken by Secretary Kissell with a quorum present.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report as of January 31, 1991.

Recording Secretary Davies passed.

Chaplain Lantz reported on his activities which included the opening ceremonies of the trustee's convention in Indianapolis. He also attended several district meetings and had conducted several memorial services.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported that all requests for orders have been filled. He still has some supplies available.

Immediate Past President Swartz commented on the Bridgeport Scholarship applications.

At this time, President Lockhart called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Willie Parish and seconded by Virgil Heneisen to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as published. Motion carried by a close voice vote.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS

NE Kinsey reported on the district meetings that he had attended.

NW Howe also reported on the district meeting held in his area. At this time, President Lockhart asked Bill Howe to give his Editor's Assistant report. He announced that only a few articles had been sent into the paper. They need more prior to publication.

EC Jackson reported on the district meetings and the funeral services that were held in his area.

SW Kent Davis gave an updated report on Carl Davis and that he hoped to be at the next Officer's Meeting.

SE Hildebrand passed.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Allen was absent.

D2 Stott reported on his district meeting.

D3 Bently said that he had good reports on the departments within his district.

D4 Ferro announced that he is working on those departments who had been non members for several years to rejoin the IVFA.

D5 Glant was absent.

D6 Mackin reported on the license plate applications in his district.

D7 Sorg stated that the interest for the new license plate had been very good.

D8A Fleenor reported he had a good district meeting and that there had been one death in the district.

D8B Petro was absent.

D9A Sutton reported that two members within the district had been called up for duty as reservists. He also reported one death in the district.

D10 Neal announced he had a good district meeting and that there had been one death in his district.

D11A Meyers reported on his district meeting.

D11B Osborne announced the district Miss Flame Dance that was coming up shortly. Also there had been one death in the district.

D12 Johnson reported that there had been two deaths within his district.

D13B Cox reported one death in the district.

D14 Woodfill announced that the attendance at the district meeting was improving and that there had been four deaths in his district.

D15 Seitz reported that the license plate applications had been good.

D16 Jim Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer for the district stated that the attendance at the district meeting had been down.

D17A Engle reported that the last district meeting attendance was good and that there had been one death in the district.

D17B Zeeks stated that his last district meeting attendance was also good.

D18 Heneisen reported two deaths within the district and that the attendance at the district meetings was good.

D19 Covington announced that the license plate applications was going well and that the attendance at the meetings was good.

D20 Palmiero stated that the district meeting attendance was improving.

D21 Martin reported that the license plate applications was going very well and that the attendance at the meetings was down due to the weather.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

All past presidents in attendance passed.

At this time, President Lockhart introduced Stan Gibson, 2nd Vice President from the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association and he spoke on the upcoming Indiana Fire Conference on February 23rd and 24th at Lawrence High School in Indianapolis and also the 1991 fire schools and their locations.

President Lockhart called on Gene Stofer who spoke on the upcoming National Fire Caucus to be held on April 30th. He also spoke on the upcoming luncheon on the organization of the Indiana Fire Caucus. He then announced the progress of the license plate program. He displayed a sample license plate which received the approval of everyone in attendance. He once again went over the procedures in securing

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Clearing the Smoke Public Relations Southwest

April 1991

We need your cooperation and understanding, please!

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Also, the move of the State Fire Marshal's Office to the new Indiana Governmental Center-South building will probably take place about the first week of June. Careful packing and unpacking of records will be necessary.

With these two projects coming up, we are installing a telephone answering machine for our staff, so they can have the uninterrupted work-time for increased efficiency. Staff will be available during a limited time each day, or they will call you back. Whichever way, we are attempting to serve you better.

Calling all Northern Indiana Firefighters!!!

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education regular business meeting at Plymouth, Indiana public library on Center St. (across from the fire station) Saturday, May 18, 1991, 10 a.m. E.S.T. until approx. 3 p.m.

You are cordially invited to meet with the Board and discuss your ideas, concerns, or questions. See you there!!!



Carl O. Davis

Convention is almost here. Have you made your reservations? You have until May 31 to save \$20.00 per person. Let's make plans for a good time in Vincennes in '91. Mr. Engle says that they will be ready so come on down.

Have had several field and brush fires in our area. Please take care in your outside burning. A large hog barn near Plainville was lost to fire and nearly 450 sows, baby pigs and feeders were lost also.

Have been getting information on the bills in legislation this session. Sure hope we get something out of this session.

Have had many good reports on the new IVFA license plate. Was a little late in getting them

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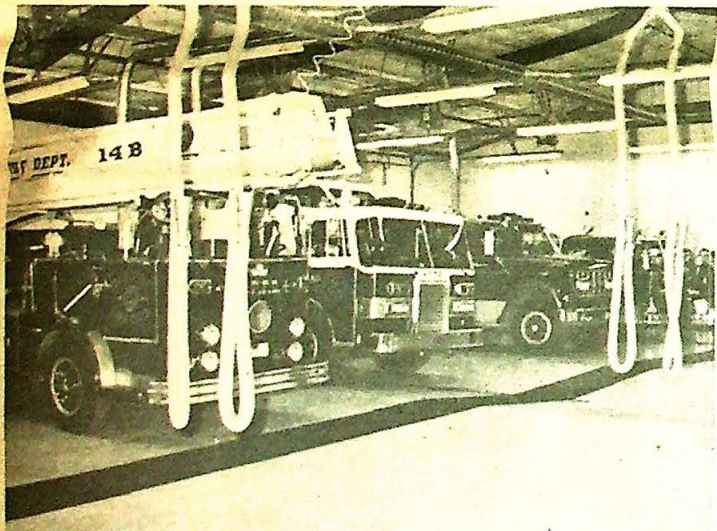
New Fire Station Opened in Crown Point



John P. Starr spoke at the Dedication Ceremony on March 17th. Pictured from left to right are Police Chief Charlie Franko, EMS Chief George Pyle, Fire Chief Roland Wise, John P. Starr and Mayor James Forsythe.



Pictured are five of the drive through bays. Two others are on the backside of the building with office area to the left.



Shown are four of the ten trucks housed in the front bays. Hanging is the exhaust system throughout the bay. Two ambulances are also housed in the back bays.

The Crown Point Fire Department opened their new station on January 4, 1991. Dedication was held on March 15 and the Open House on March 17. Approximately 1500 people toured the station.

The station has seven drive through bays, day room, kitchen, dining area, training office, conference room, radio room, report office, training room that seats 50 people with a 52 inch color T.V. and a weight room. The second story will be furnished with 12 beds and wash rooms for both men and women.

Public Relations Southeast Paul Hildebrand

'Tis the season for Wildland Fires'. It seems that this is the real sign that summer is fast approaching to those of us in the firefighting business. We leave our jobs on Friday expecting to enjoy the weather all weekend and end up spending the bulk of our beautiful weekend on a brush truck. The Life of a Volunteer Firefighter. Ain't it great?

In reading the March issue of Firehouse Magazine, I ran across a very good article on airbags in automobiles. For those of you doing extrication work, I strongly recommend that you read it. It's on page 68 and explains how to disengage the system on most of the American made cars. It could be very helpful to know this information and familiarize yourself with where the disconnects are. It also helps to squelch a few of the bad rumors floating around about airbags.

Convention '91 is fast approaching and I cannot think of a better place to go to fraternize with fellow firefighters. I have not been to a convention yet that I didn't enjoy. If you've never been to a convention, then come and see what you're missing. If you have been there, then I don't need to ask you to comeback.

CFSI Advisory Board Spring Meeting

The CFSI Advisory Board will hold its Spring 1991 Meeting on May 1. This meeting is scheduled to follow the Third Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner on April 30 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The dinner is expected to attract over 3,500 fire and emergency service leaders, Members of Congress and state and federal elected officials. They will all gather in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, CA to honor our nation's fire and emergency services.

Workshops have been scheduled for the afternoon of the dinner focusing on several important issues. Advisory Board members are urged to attend both the dinner and the Advisory Board meeting the next day. An agenda for the Spring 1991 Board meeting will be mailed to the members in the coming weeks. For dinner information please contact Karen Cook, at CFSI.

Several committees were established at the Fall 1990 Advisory Board Meeting. The committees were assigned topics ranging from agenda setting for the CFSI to improved press relations.

Interest in the CFSI Advisory Board continues to grow as two

more organizations have requested to be placed on the waiting list for membership. These two recent additions bring the total waiting list to 14.

STATE CAUCUS NEWS:

Since January, a number of state caucus/institute initiatives have developed. On February 19, Marko Bourne, External Affairs Manager, traveled to Indianapolis, Ind. to meet with the state's fire and emergency service leaders and Members of the State Legislature to discuss the formation of the Indiana Fire Services Caucus and Institute. The lunch meeting was attended by a number of legislators and was held at a hotel near the State Capitol Building. This meeting marked the kick-off of the Indiana Fire Services Caucus.

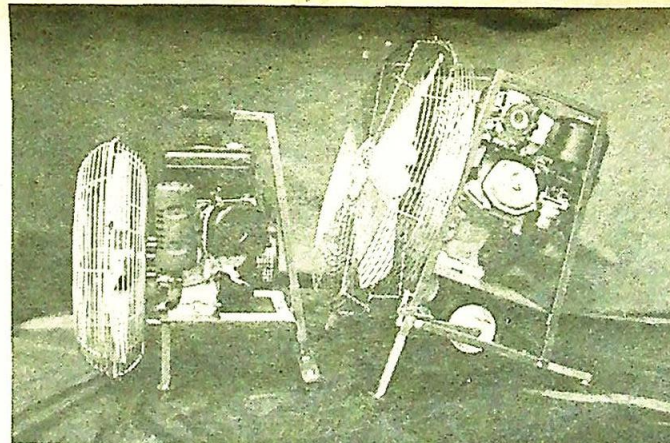
On January 17, 1991 the Nebraska Fire Service Coalition invited all 49 of their state Senators to a luncheon to discuss the formation of the Coalition. Nebraska is unique in that it is the only state with a unicameral legislature. The meeting was attended by 21 of the 49 Senators. Topics ranged from the major issues that affect the fire services in Nebraska to the activities of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and Institute.

CFSI has developed a list of criteria that state caucuses/institutes must meet in order for
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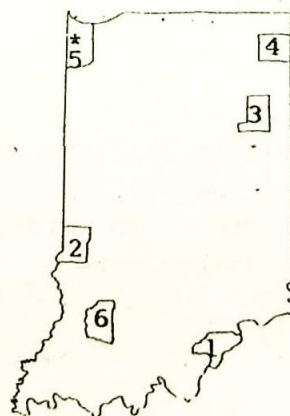
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Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 20, 1991. Bid opening date is 10:00 A.M. July 20, 1991.

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Barn near Hanover destroyed by blaze

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer

Fire destroyed a barn on the Dave Childress property, just south of McDonald's Corner at about 9:54 a.m. yesterday.

The property is located three to four miles south of Hanover. The blaze was discovered by a neighbor, John Uebel, and the barn already was fully engulfed by flames when it was first noticed, according to Fire Chief Bob McKenzie of the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department.

Ten to 12 Hanover firefighters took three fire engines to the scene, the chief said, but were unable to save the barn or any contents. He said it contained some lawn equipment, a rototiller, air-conditioning unit, some hay, and some trees which Childress's daughter was growing.

"I was the first one on the scene," said McKenzie. "When I got there the roof was starting to fall in."

"Everything that was in the barn was destroyed by the fire," he said.

The chief said no dollar estimate was available on the loss. He said Childress had been burning some trash that he cleaned out of the barn, and had believed that the fire was out. He left to go to town, and apparently the fire rekindled while he was gone.

Hanover firefighters also were dispatched to a vehicle fire at about 7:51 p.m. Monday on County Road 600S, one-half mile from the Saluda Shrine Club, McKenzie said.

A van driven by Robert McDowell, route one Hanover, was destroyed by the fire. The blaze erupted after McDowell swerved the vehicle to miss a deer on the road and a trailer the van was pulling with a fiberglass boat loaded aboard jackknifed, the chief said.

The boat received more than \$1,500 damage, McKenzie said. He said McDowell ran one-half mile to three-quarters mile to call in the alarm. McDowell was treated at the King's Daughters' Hospital for injuries and released, according to a spokeswoman for KDH.

Three fire engines and 10 to 15 firefighters responded to the alarm, the chief said.

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Reporting Hazardous . . .

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formation which might lead to the early identification of unsafe consumer products. One complaint or incident may seem isolated, but with your participation, CPSC can learn that similar incidents may be occurring in other communities throughout the Nation. The CPSC asks you to participate in gathering this vital information.

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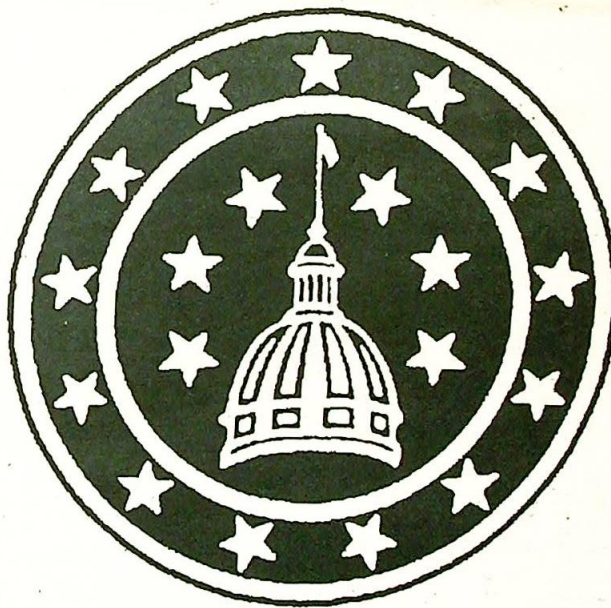


ROSCOE PRICKETT
Firefighter of the Year

Roscoe Prickett and Harry "Shorty" Prickett have been honored by the Converse Volunteer Fire Department for their service to their community as volunteer firemen. They, along with their wives, were honored at the departments annual dinner for having served a combined total of 81 years on the department. This recognition continued as both were recently selected by the American Legion Post in Peru as "Firefighters of the Year for Miami County." On March 22, 1991, both men were honored by the American Legion at their annual awards banquet. Roscoe doubles as an EMT with the Converse Ambulance also. Congratulations to both these men for the service to the people of Converse and the surrounding communities.

Greg Warnock, Chief
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them to be recognized by CFSI. A list of all the current state caucuses/institutes and contact people has been compiled by CFSI. For more information contact Marko Bourne at CFSI.

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE:

On February 20, the Advisory Committee to the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force held their third meeting at the offices of CFSI. This group was appointed to report to the Caucus on the major issues that need to be addressed concerning USAR.

In the next two months the committee will draft a preliminary report to USAR Task Force Chairman, Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-Calif.). A final report will be published in early summer.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS:

The National Fire Academy returned to the control of the U.S. Fire Administration. The re-organization will take a few more months to complete. The Superintendent of the National Fire Academy is expected to be appointed by the end of March.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration, the National Fire Protection Association and the Congressional Fire Services Institute, has initiated a National Smoke Detector Project. This two-year project will explore the non-working smoke detector problem. It will also develop a new national consumer awareness program to help reduce the number of homes without smoke detectors. Over 100 industries and organizations are taking part in this effort.

The first meeting of the participating organizations will take place on March 20, 1991 in Washington, D.C. Any company or organization that wishes to take part in this effort or would like more information should contact Dr. William Walton, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 5401 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, Md. 20816.

As part of an agency wide re-organization, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has formed a new laboratory called the "Building and Fire Research Laboratory." This new organization merges programs from NIST's Centers for Building Technology and Fire Research.

OTHER NEWS:

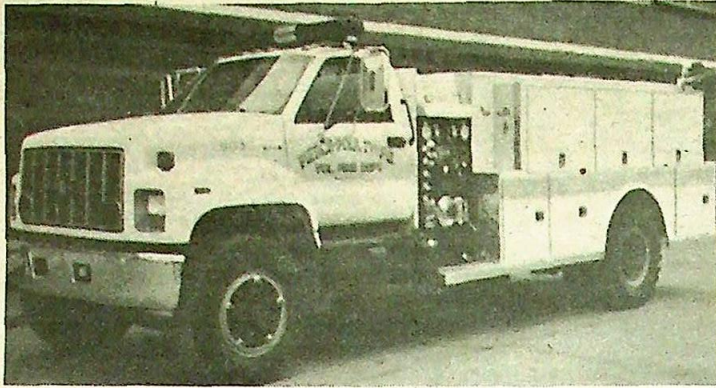
It is with great sadness that our nation and particularly the City of Philadelphia mourn the tragic loss of three firefighters on Sunday, February 24. On Saturday, March 2, over 1,000 firefighters from the United States and Canada will gather at the Philadelphia Civic Center for a memorial service. CFSI expresses its deepest condolences to the families of those firefighters.

On April 10, 1991, Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services will host a national teleconference titled, "On the Cutting Edge: Preserving Emergency Personnel Through Critical Incident Stress Management Team." The teleconference will be televised from Baltimore, Md. at 8:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. EDT. For more information contact Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services at 1-(800) 233-1957.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) will hold its 1991 National Legislative Leadership Conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel on April 28-30, 1991. For more details contact Sylin Bynoe at IAFC Government Affairs, (202) 833-3420.

The Fire Side Congressional Fire Services Institute

Pierce and Polk Twps. V.F.D. put into service new pumper



The Pierce and Polk Twps. V.F.D. of Pekin, IN recently put in service a new pumper built by Simon Fire Equipment of Farley, Iowa.

The new pumper is on the all new Kodisle Chassis by Chevrolet. It is powered by a Turbo-charged 215 HP Caterpillar Diesel and a 6 speed transmission. The body has a 500 G.P.M. Darley pump, 2 - 2 1/2" discharges, 2 - 1 1/2" hose cross-lays, high-side compartments on drivers side and low side on passenger side. It has a 1000 gal. booster tank, 1000 ft of 2 1/2" & 1 1/2" Hose, 3-1 1/2 and 1-2 1/2" nozzles. Also a foam educator, a 6000 watt electric start generator with 2 telescoping 500 watt quartz lights and a 16" smoke ejector. Also many hand tools, pike poles, hand lanterns, axes, attic, roof and extension ladders for a total price of less than \$69,000 for all equipment and chassis.

Pierce & Polk Twps. have 22 Vol. members who serve a total of 72 square miles of rural area and the town of Pekin.

Thanks, Clair Sullivan, Jr., Polk Twp. Chief
Kevin Lawson, Pierce Twp. Chief

IVFA THIRD ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNEY

The I.V.F.A. 1991 Convention will be in Vincennes.

Last year in Ft. Wayne and the year before in Evansville, an Earlybird Bowling Tournament was held. Participants had a great time.

This year, Vincennes Township Firefighters are sponsoring the Bowling Tournament. It will be a fun time for all.

Register in advance so we can plan for you, or register when you arrive on Wednesday. Squad times are 5-8 p.m.

Come Early, be ready to bowl and ready to "HAVE SOME FUN IN '91". Information on the tournament and pre-registration are listed below.

The Vincennes Township Firefighters, I.V.F.A. and Creole Lanes at 812 Old Wheatland Rd., Vincennes, IN will be your host for the 3rd Annual Firefighters Tournament.

The event is open to all members, members families and guests. Entrants must be over 18 years of age.

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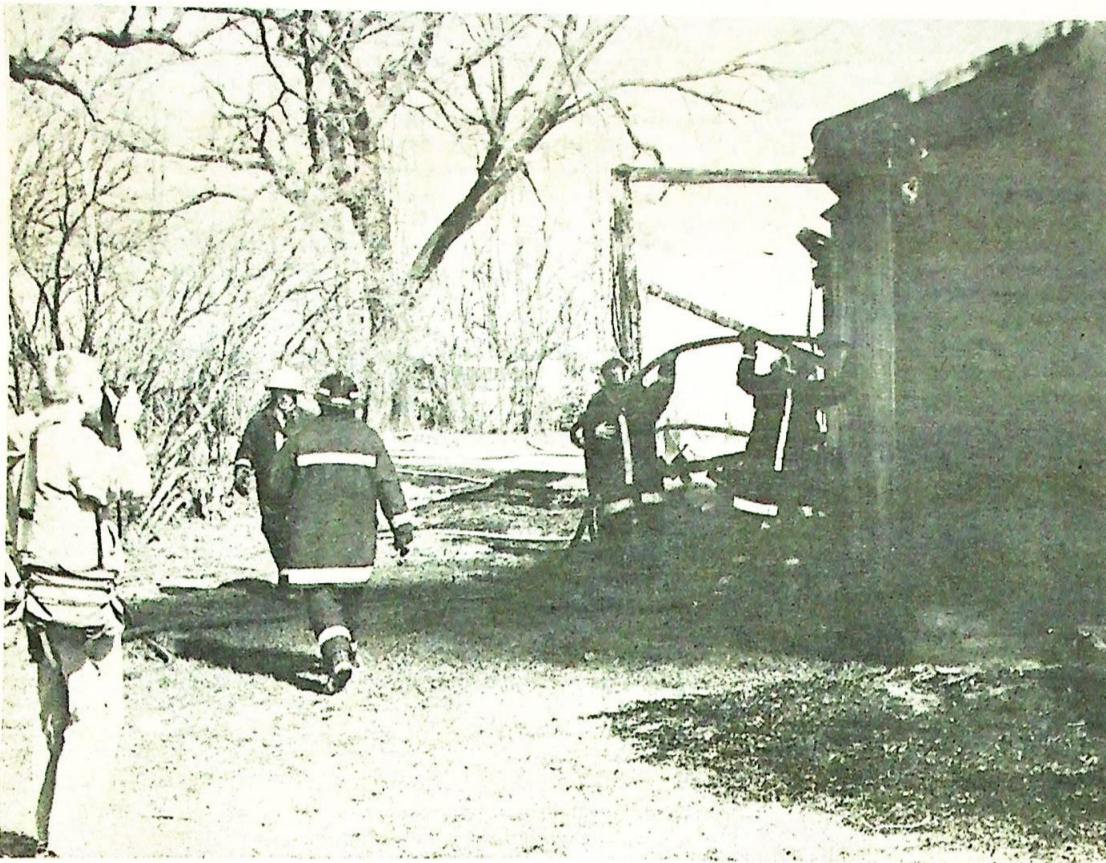
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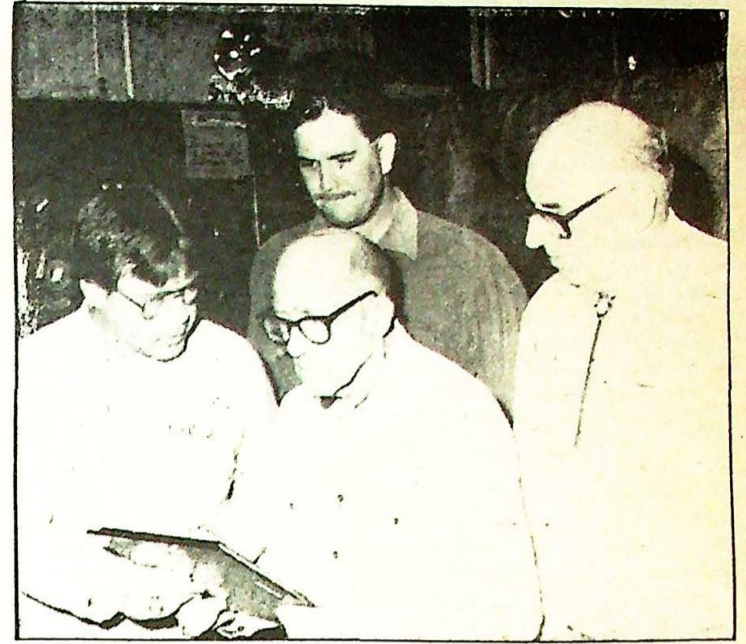
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Barn Fire In Coolspring Township

Oldest active member



Coolspring Township firefighters work together to put out a barn fire.



Washington Fire Company #2 held its 145th birthday party Saturday. The company also presented a plaque to its oldest living active member, Ulysses "Bum" Edwards, 82, for his 33 years of service to the fire company. Pictured are (from left): front - Bill Andrews, President, presenting the plaque to Edwards; and Jim Edwards, Vice President; back - Steve Manaugh, Chief. (Staff photo by Don Wood.)
Monday, February 25, 1991
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Coolspring Township firefighters were alerted by a citizen of a barn fire at 0388 N. Wozniak Rd. on 4-1-91.

The fire was discovered at approx. 2:00 p.m. Upon arrival the barn was nearly fully engulfed, strong winds and the lack of doors on the openings helped the fire spread rapidly.

Lost in the blaze were 100 bales of straw, a pick-up truck, hay binder and a corn head. Efforts by firefighter Orphie Loomis and other citizens helped to save 2 tractors, a wagon and a grain truck before the fire reached them. Mutual Aid from Scipio and Westville Fire Departments was used to bring water to the scene. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

State's payout hampers fire truck progress

By DEBORAH BURDICK
Democrat staff reporter

The New Harmony Town Council was dealt a serious setback this month when members learned that they will not be able to follow through on a contract for manufacture of the proposed pumper-ladder fire truck.

On Jan. 22, the council accepted a \$318,265 bid from Simon LTI of Euphrata, Pa., for construction of new fire truck. The company's low bid reflected a discount of \$30,105 providing the total cost was paid up front.

State-administered federal funding for the truck came from a Community Focus block grant awarded to New Harmony in 1990 through the Department of

Commerce. Other funding for the truck came from the Town of New Harmony and private sources.

Problems arose when council members Susan Osborne and project advisor Scott Gerald were told by a DOC official the organization would award the funding in a lump sum at the onset of the project. Osborne and Gerald then encouraged the council to award the contract to Simon LTI, believing the full bill for the truck will be prepaid.

Members learned later that a misunderstanding had occurred and that the DOC can award Community Focus grant funding only in increments, but not in a lump sum.

"Without the pre-payment, Simon LTI's cost goes up to \$348,370," Osborne said. "This means we'll need to start all over again with the bidding process. Our specs may have to be changed. It looks like we're back to square one."

Osborne said she felt the misinformation given by the DOC official was an honest mistake, "But it's devastating for us. It's going to cost us time. We'll need to rethink our options and then push ahead. We don't want to lose this grant."

Council attorney Jeff Norris was asked to contact DOC officials to request an extension on the grant deadline.

In other business:

•New Harmony Plan Commission President Ken Weinzapfel sent word to the board that the commission was considering a ban on leaf burning in new Harmony, but had not voted on the proposal. He said they would consider the ban at a future meeting.

•Lynn Township Trustee Don Mercer signed the recently negotiated three-part fire protection agreement between Lynn and Harmony Townships and the Town of New Harmony. Harmony Township Trustee Jim Alsop was not present at the council meeting, but will sign the contract at a later date.

Mercer told members Lynn Township might be interested in entering into fire district arrangement in the future.

•New Harmony Fire Chief Philip Werry told the council that a fund drive has been started by the fire department to raise \$18,000 for accident victim extrication equipment.

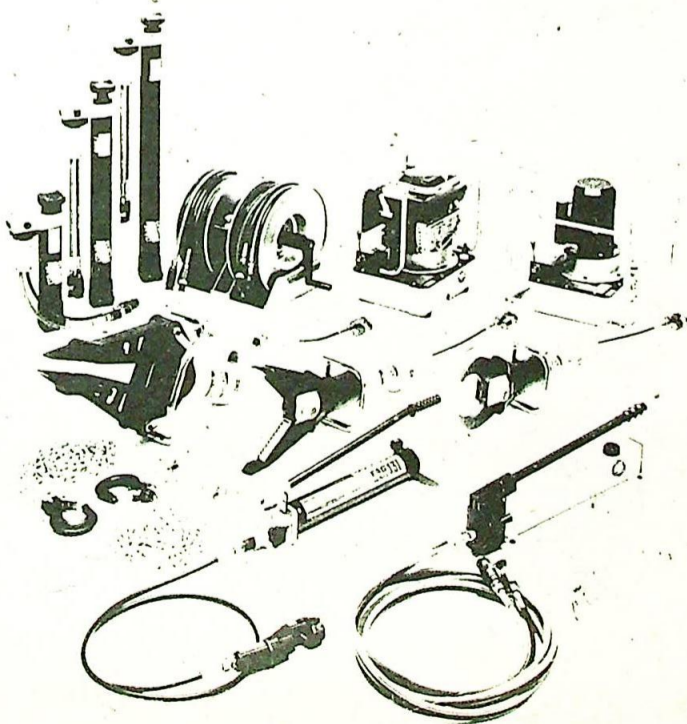
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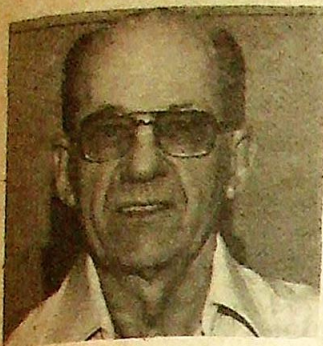


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Hi Everyone,

Things have been pretty slow here the past few months, haven't had any fires. This is good, maybe people are beginning to be more careful. Spring has sprung and everything is green again. Aren't we lucky to live where we can see the changing of the seasons.

Just think, Convention is just two months away. I hope you all have your registration and reservations in by now, waiting will cost more. It could be costly to the Convention. They need to know ahead how many to plan for the banquet.

It would be a good idea to start thinking about collecting dues for this year. It's a good idea to get them in early so you don't forget them. July 31st is coming up fast.

Haven't heard too much about fire schools except what comes out on flyers from the fire Marshal's office. Your Fire Chief should be getting these regularly. Gene Stofer has been keeping material coming on what's going on in the State House.

Went to Atlanta for District 20 meeting. We need more departments to participate and keep things going. Send at least one to represent your department. Your fellow firemen are a good bunch to know and talk with. These meetings are for you to talk about your problems.

District 12 held their meeting at Hazelwood and had several depts. in attendance. As always we were served a tasty lunch. See what your missing?

Districts 11A and 11B held a joint meeting at Stanford in March. Our next meeting together will be in Hillsdale, April 28. We hope these combined meetings will bring more departments together and make them realize that it is important to attend the meetings.

Remember your suggestions do count, this is the only way we can get anything accomplished. Let us hear from you. Until then, keep up your training. See you at Convention.

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the plate. He commented that the license plate will be available to a IVFA member that wanted one. Following his presentation, Gene opened the floor to any comments from those in attendance regarding the license plate program.

At this time, President Lockhart announced the formation of a committee to attend the State Fire Caucus meeting. This committee will consist of Lawrence Swartz, Ivan Nevil and Pete Lockhart.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Parker, Public Education, announced that the new broadcast tape is in the mail to all TV stations. It is a 30 second tape and is a follow-up to the previous tapes viewed to the public audience. Three tapes were sent to Louisville TV stations and also three tapes sent to the Chicago network TV stations.

Jim Parker, Association Equipment, remarked that several pieces of equipment had been accumulated over the years. An open floor discussion was held as to the whereabouts of this equipment. Jim Parker then announced that all of this equipment would be consolidated into a single location for review for disposition.

Ivan Nevil, Training, announced that the Critical Stress Debriefing seminar is on hold at this time.

Mitch Parish, Historical Update, announced that the association newspapers and convention books from the years 1971 through 1990 will be the resource for information for the new book. The target date will be 1996 for the publication of this book.

Jack Ford, Ad Taker, gave his report on the ads for the association newspaper.

President Lockhart commented on the lack of news input from the field to the editor, a turnaround is needed so that the paper will be published on time. He also announced that this situation must improve by the May Officer's Meeting or a clipping company will be contacted to furnish items for the paper.

President Lockhart spoke on a package he received from Trans National Credit Service regarding its contents.

Gene Stofer spoke on the telephone credit card problems he is having. He announced that the correct officer's credit card will be the one starting with the numbers 308. Anything else will not be accepted by the telephone company.

President Lockhart announced a committee for the Length of Service Award study. This committee consists of: Gene Stofer - Chairman, Carl Bruns, Jim Parker, Ivan Nevil, James Dawson, Bob Dyer and Pete Lockhart.

At this time, President Lockhart requested a show of hands of the people who would like to attend the National Fire Caucus on April 30th. The results indicated seventeen people would like to attend the caucus. Gene Stofer remarked he needed the names as soon as possible.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. until the following day at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3, 1991

The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart at 9:04 a.m. with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Gene Stofer gave his legislative report which included an updated review as of January 30, 1991. An open discussion was held on each of the bills within this report through an question and answer session.

Gene Stofer, Insurance Committee, gave his committee report.

Bill Engle, '91 Convention, announced that the first mailing response is due out soon to those who submitted registration forms. He also announced a tentative schedule for the convention events. A question and answer session followed his presentation.

Bill Howe, Resolutions, announced that he does not have any as of yet. He also reminded everyone that they must be in by March 1st.

Larry Curl, Indiana Fire Caucus Committee, announced the development of a Indiana Fire Caucus patterned after the National Fire Caucus. A luncheon will be held on the 19th of April. Representatives from all fire service organizations have been invited to attend this luncheon. Legislators also have been invited.

President Lockhart introduced Jerry Hauer, the Director of SEMA, who explained his outline for House Bill 1757 and why it was authored. This is a reorganization project that affects the Fire and Building Services Department in that the Director of SEMA shall serve as the executive director of the Fire and Building Services Department. A lengthy question and answer session followed his presentation.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:35 a.m.

The meeting re-convened at 1:09 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED

Carl Bruns, Membership, stated he had nothing to report.

Ivan Nevil, Awards, reported that all District Chairmen have not turned in to him the Midwest award winner names. He also announced that the deadline for nominations for the Ollie Sandburg Award is May 1st.

Ivan Nevil, Games, speaking for Al Mendel, announced that he had nothing to report at this time. The entry forms will be in the paper.

President Lockhart announced that Jim Parker is the new Parliamentarian for the association.

Tim Downey announced that he is missing applications for the retirement program that were mailed and they have not been returned to him.

President Lockhart remarked that he now has ten (10) names of individuals who want to attend the National Fire Caucus this year.

President Lockhart at this time opened the floor for discussion on House Bill 1757. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mort Sorg that the association support this bill as presented to us today, seconded by Bob Bently. Motion carried by a hand vote. (Four (4) opposed).

President Lockhart read a letter from Buschmann, Carr and Shanks to Kay Strombeck regarding rescue services - volunteer firefighters and the proposals included in this letter for consideration.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parish. A motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed was made by Pete Lockhart. Seconded by Gene Stofer. Motion carried by a hand vote.

A recent District 15 Fire School resulted in a loss of \$3,600.00. It was reported that there is an outstanding bill from this school. A motion was made by Don Johnson that the association pay this bill. Seconded by Kent Davis. Motion carried by a hand vote. An open discussion on the association commitments to the fire schools for the year 1991 was held.

Pete Lockhart recommended that a committee be appointed to set up guidelines for the handling of contracts.

Chairman Parish appointed the members for this committee. They are: Ivan Nevil, Chairman, Gene Stofer and the six (6) Public Relations Directors.

A motion was made by Bill Howe to purchase twelve (12) new briefcases. Seconded by Pete Lockhart. Motioned carried by a hand vote.

Bill Bush commented about the purchase of a new American Flag and a new Association Flag. Chairman Parish appointed Ivan Nevil and Gene Stofer to handle this project.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Hildebrand. Seconded by Bill Engle. Motion carried by a hand vote. The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lantz.

Respectfully submitted,

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Update:

**KUWAIT
BURNING**

The Speaker, March 1991

As Operation Desert Storm progressed, it became evident that Saddam Hussein would not be allowed to keep Kuwait under his control. With his troops in disarray, he began his "scorched earth" policy of setting fire to hundreds of Kuwaiti oil wells on February 21.

By the time this wanton destruction was complete, 538 wells were burning out of control and others that did not ignite were forming small lakes of oil in the Kuwaiti desert.

Burning at a rate of 6 million barrels a day, the fires cost Kuwait \$120 million per day or more than \$1,000 per second. The equivalent of the entire world's daily oil consumption is burned every ten days. It is estimated that it will take more than a year to put out all the fires. To the Kuwaiti Government, time is certainly money.

To add insult to injury, Saddam went a step further. After destroying Kuwait's economic base with fire, he destroyed her ability to fight the fires by wiping out the Kuwaiti fire services. Saddam's troops destroyed most of Kuwait's fire fighting equipment during their occupation and hijacked what was left for their hasty retreat into Iraq.

Congressman Curt Weldon (R-Pa.) recently met with Kuwaiti Ambassador Al-Sabah in Washington and travelled with him to Kuwait to inspect the oil field damage and discuss Kuwaiti plans to extinguish the fires.

Three U.S. firms are under contract with the Kuwaiti government to fight the fires. The Red Adair Company, Boots & Coots and Wild Well have all agreed to assist in this massive undertaking.

Ambassador Al-Sabah will attend the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington on April 30, and Mr. Adair will attend the dinner in Sacramento, California and address both dinners via satellite.

**Public Relations
Northeast**



Bill Kinsey

The sun is shining in Northeast Indiana.

District Chairmen in 4,5,6,7, are continuing to work hard recruiting new members and take care of the needs of our membership. It seems there have been several firefighter deaths in this area but most of them have been non-fire related except for a heart death responding to a field fire for Thorncreek Volunteer Fire Dept. Our sympathies to the families. Father Lantz continues to bring understanding and relief to the families. It makes me very proud of our organization in providing the services of our Chaplain to the families of our members at the time of death. Good work, Duane!

Just about the time a firefighter in Indiana thinks things have settled down and we can get on with training and firefighting, our government decides to change things to make it more efficient and better for us. The Governor has decided to improve the system that was changed just last session of the legislature by changing the system again. Now the State Fire Marshal's Office will be a part of the State Emergency Management Agency, along with the E.M.S., Civil Defense, and Building department. The Fire Marshal will now be responsible to S.E.M.A. instead of the Department of Fire and Building Safety and be responsible for his own budget again. The Director of S.E.M.A. has had all the right answers to questions on this change so let's hope the consolidation is for the betterment of the Fire Service in Indiana. The Board of Firefighting Personnel

Standards & Education has submitted a budget to the Fire Marshal and hopefully will be able to improve and provide the service firefighters are entitled to. The Director of S.E.M.A. has made the statement that the present turn around time on firefighter certification is not satisfactory (we couldn't agree more) and will be improved. The Board totally supports improvement to a less than 30 day turn around time for applications for certifications.

The first meeting of the Board of the Safety Services Institute was held 4/19/91. A committee was formed to choose an Executive Director for the institute and another meeting date set. I re-stated my understanding of the law that the Institute is being created to provide advanced training that is not readily adapted to local training and that entry level and basic training will remain available at the local locations.

Now if you've heard enough about Indiana's problems, how would you like another trip to Eastern Europe? Prague, Czechoslovakia opened it's arms in welcome to our Citizen to Citizen delegation last October and we found again that there's no place like home. We were welcomed to the National Fire Headquarters and shown a video used in training Czechoslovakian firefighters. It pointed out very clearly that firefighters and fires are alike. Only the equipment and apparatus is different because much of their apparatus was 45 years old as it was in Hungary. Again they do not place emphasis on interior firefighting to save property at the extreme risk to firefighters. They lose 25 to 30 civilians per year and only 1 or 2 firefighters in fire deaths per year. Like Hungary they have found that stone and masonry buildings do not burn like wood and most of their construction is masonry. Of course contents still burn and they have had an increased problem with arson. Arson is investigated by the police and the City of Prague with 1.5 million population has a high crime rate. Many people are hungry. It's different to see poor homeless people who are skinny instead of people in the U.S. on

welfare who are overweight. The change to free enterprise had not shown that all it takes to change a government system is to say the words and all the benefits automatically are there.

Prague has 10 fire stations with 440 firefighters working on a three shift basis with 200 per shift. In addition there are 63 volunteer units with 8 members per unit. There are 10 fire districts in Prague and the Prague "Feuerwehrleute" is 140 years old. Again this ancient city had a deteriorated water system and has to depend on tankers for their water supply. Much of their apparatus is 45 years old and was new when the Communists took control after World War II. The National Parliament passes and enforces all the fire codes. The insurance industry pays for all fire safety education for children in schools. An average job pays 3,000 crowns for 180 hours of work while a firefighter earns 50,000 crowns for 240 hours of work. Nothing seems to be certain in this country. Everything is still in a turmoil with the change from Communist/Socialism to free enterprise with ownership of property by individuals again. They still have a socialized medical system and are searching for improvements to the medical system and retirement system and are beginning to learn about liability. They didn't worry about being sued because if they don't own anything, what could a person get if they sued? Firefighting is becoming Americanized, because Prague now has one female firefighter. The American delegation was presented with a duty sweat shirt each like the one worn by the female firefighter. I'll show it to you at the convention but it doesn't look the same on me as it did on her. A recruit must pass 10 weeks of training, be under age 35, in good physical condition and morally good to be accepted in the National Fire Service. Prague firefighters have the same hunger for improvement the American firefighters have, but the mountain they have to climb certainly seemed to me to be much higher than our mountain.

We all need to continue to work to improve our firefighting system and change for the better is worth fighting for but as I traveled in Eastern Europe, I constantly was reminded of the story told to me as a child. I felt sorry for myself and cried because I had no shoes until I saw the person who had no feet. Our government and public officials are not perfect but if you travel in these former Communist countries, you will feel as I do that there is no place I'd rather live than here. God Bless our country.

Keep your powder dry and I'll see you at the next big one.

**Opinion
The Madison Courier
Volunteer
Firefighters**

As children, many of us were convinced that we wanted to be firefighters when we grew up.

Although as adults most of us have gone on to other things, some have had a chance to experience this heroic profession by joining the corps of volunteer firefighters.

There are approximately 1.2 million men and women who serve with volunteer fire companies in the United States today with Madison and Jefferson County claiming several hundred of them.

Madison's unique system of independent volunteer fire departments is the oldest system of its kind in the state of Indiana.

The Fair Play Fire Company No.1, located at the corner of Main and Walnut Streets in downtown Madison is recognized as being the oldest volunteer fire department in Indiana. Founded on Sept. 15, 1841, the Ones will be celebrating its 150th anniversary later this year.

Three other city fire companies in Madison have been around for a long time as well - Washington Fire Company No.2 was founded on Jan. 20, 1846; Western Fire Company No. 3 came into being on May 23, 1850; and Walnut Street Fire Company No. 4 was founded on March 17, 1873.

As Madison grew in the 1950s and 60s, so did its volunteer firefighting system. The North Madison Fire Company No. 5 was founded in 1953 and the Clifty Volunteer Fire Company No. 6 came along in 1969.

Three members of the Walnut Street company were honored Thursday night, each for giving 54 continuous years of service and still on the active list of the company. Honored were William Crawford, Edwin "Abie" Schultz and Bob Schoenstein.

Why do these men and women give up their spare time to continually put their lives in danger by becoming volunteer firefighters? For some, it's that good old community spirit. For others, it's living out childhood dreams. Maybe the main reason is because these volunteers care about other people.

While their main activity centers on fighting fires, there is more to their job. For example, they are ready at a moment's notice to provide relief and rescue services for all sorts of disasters - natural and man made - at any time of the day or night.

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Home near Deputy destroyed by blaze; firemen hampered

By WAYNE ENGLE
 Courier Staff Writer
 Firefighters from three volunteer fire departments battled a blaze that destroyed a small frame home off Highway 33 on County Road 100 N, eight miles south of Deputy, yesterday morning.

The fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Warner was discovered by their nephew at about 10 a.m., according to Tommy Lowry, a Deputy firefighter. "He came to the house to check on them like he does every day; when he walked in, he said the house was 'fully engulfed in smoke and the smoke detectors were going crazy,'" Lowry said.

The Warners were not at home at the time, having gone into nearby woods to cut firewood.

The Deputy and Kent fire departments were dispatched to the scene at 10:08 a.m., Lowry said.

"Kent had the first truck on the scene," with Deputy arriving shortly after, Lowry said. In addition, the Hanover Fire Department later sent a 3,000-gallon tanker truck in response to a request from fire officials at the scene.

Lowry said firefighters sprayed at least 15,000 gallons of water onto the fire in a futile attempt to save the house.

The firemen tapped a hydrant which was just across a field, about 1,000 yards from the house, but what came out was "almost pure mud," he said.

"They'd had a water main break. So we had to go clear to the firehouse in Deputy (eight miles away) to find the first hydrant we could get water out of; all the departments did."

Only one and one-half walls, plus an enclosed back porch were left standing when the fire was finally doused, Lowry said.

"There's a garage about 15 feet from the house; they had a lot of clothes and household items stored in there," he said. "If Hanover and Kent hadn't shown up when they did, we could possibly have lost the garage, too."

Firemen couldn't save any contents of the house, according to Lowry.

"When we got there it (the fire) was already starting to go through the roof," he said.

Lowry said that as far as firefighters know, no one was injured in the blaze.

The volume of water put on the fire is indicated by the fact that there were five one and three-quarter-inch hose lines being used during the battle, plus Kent was putting on water with a two and one-half-inch line. "That takes three people to control it, because there's a lot of pressure coming out of that nozzle," Lowry commented.

Two trucks each from Deputy and Kent, plus the Hanover tanker, responded to the alarm along with 15 firefighters, he said.

Firefighters were on the scene until 2:30 p.m., with two Deputy firemen returning at about 8:30 p.m. to hose down the garage as a precaution, Lowry said.

As the family lost all their possessions which were in the house, "Anyone wanting to donate clothing, furniture or other household items, can call 866-2171, on behalf of the Deputy Fire Department," Lowry said.

Friday
 February 1, 1991
 The Madison Courier

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Continued From Page 15 Boiling point of Water. Inside the hard Suction

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This is not a problem that you will encounter frequently (for me once in fifty three years of fire fighting.) However after talking about this function in various classes I get calls occasionally from firefighters who have faced the problem. Generally the calls involve a question: "I remember you said you could not prime a pump with hot water but I do not remember why?" These calls come to me with enough frequency that I believed it was worth writing about.

I am indebted to Dan Chuchward and Craig Balliet of Barker and Herbert Laboratories of New Haven for their assistance in researching this information, Dan for providing charts, graphs and tables, and Craig for interpreting and converting the information to a form that can be readily used by firefighters.

Tuck this bit of information in the back of your mind, it may come in handy sometime.

Knox Fire Dept. receives new pumper



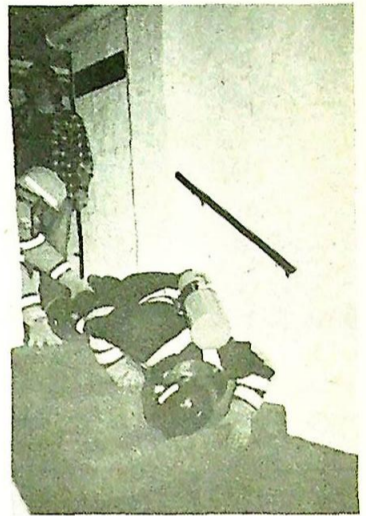
Joe Komoscar, left, of "The Fireman's Store" delivers a 1991 1,000 gal. pumper to members of Knox Fire Dept. The 130,000 unit was purchased jointly by the city of Knox and Center Twp. (Starke County). Darley Fire Equipment Co. of Illinois built the apparatus.

Second Class Certification School



The Second Class school was started on January 12, 1991 and ended March 30, 1991. The men worked at this certification on Saturdays and Wednesdays to get the class completed in this time frame. The men that attended are listed below.

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- Ron Brink, Cayuga VFD;
- Larry D. Moore, Jr., Cayuga VFD;
- John Charles Fleming, Cayuga VFD;
- Jeffery M. Jackman, Sr., Cayuga VFD;
- Timothy Joe Cox, Montezuma VFD;
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On Saturday, June 22, 1991, at 0800hrs. there will be an all day lecture by Fr. Tom at the Logansport High School, 1 Berry Lane, Logansport, Indiana. Registration will begin at 0700hrs. at the high school.

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