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Back From The Ashes; Camden-Jackson Township Fire Department

Open House and Dedication
May 23, 1993 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

After an arson fire destroyed their station and five out of six trucks, the firefighters are happy to get back in their building and have their equipment together in the same place. For the past eight months they have had trucks in three different buildings.

The Town of Camden purchased a 1967 ALF. It has a 1000 gpm pump, 500 gal. tank and a lot of good equipment. The Town's insurance covered half of the cost.

The Township's insurance covered all the equipment and about 90% of the building. Insurance would have covered all of the building if it were the same size as the old building. The building and equipment total was about \$700,000.

The 1981 Grass Rig was saved by firefighters and the insurance company had it restored to like new.

The dept. replaced their 1977 500 gpm Pumper with a 1992

GMC Luerne with a 1000 gpm pump, automatic transmission, cat Diesel.

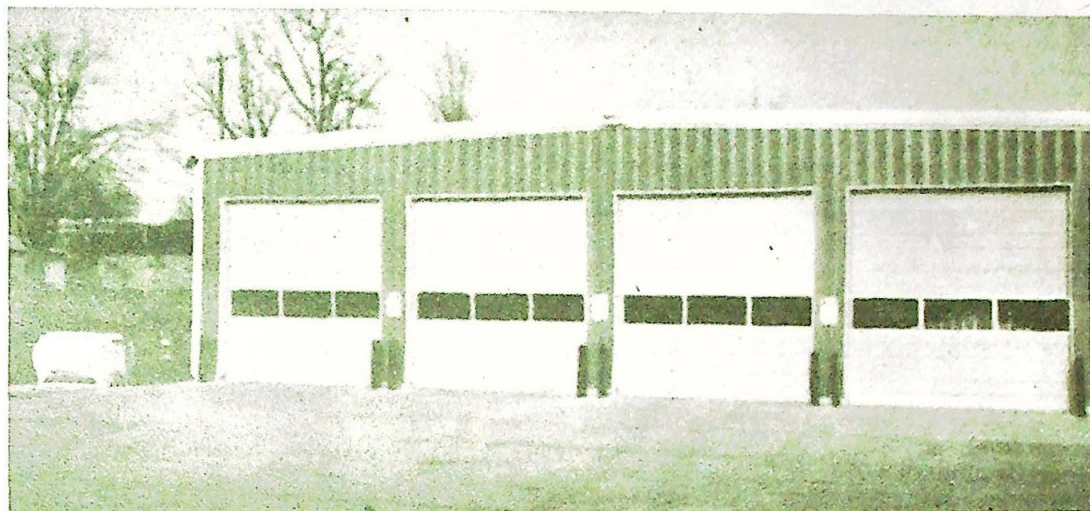
Also, their 1967 Pumper Tanker was replaced by a 1992 Chevy 2,300 gal. stainless steel tank. A 10" Quick Dump and a 600 gpm side mounted pump in drivers side comp.

The 1971 Tanker was replaced by a 1991 Chevy with 2,300 gal. stainless steel tank, 10" Quick Dump. It's equipped with a 500 gmp portable pump.

The 1984 Equipment Van has not been replaced as of yet. The Chief has not decided whether to replace it or not because the dept. isn't using all the storage space it has on the new trucks.

Also, lost in the fire was a Carroll County owned Compressor and Cassade system and it was replaced. And now has its own room in the new station.

The building is 20 feet longer then before. It's now 60x80 with more room for the trucks and equipment and has a meeting room with kitchen, restrooms, storage room and compressor



room. It also has a security system, including smoke and heat detectors. And it's a no smoking building.

We invite you to our Open House on Sunday, May 23, 1993 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Camden, Indiana.

Capt. Ron Wertz

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Lawrenceburg couple dies in Madison crash

By WAYNE ENGLE Courier Staff Writer

Flames and smoke rose as if from a Hindu funeral pyre yesterday afternoon at the scene of a double-fatality accident on Madison's hilltop.

The three-vehicle accident, which killed an elderly Lawrenceburg couple, occurred at 12:39 p.m. at the intersection of State Road 62 and U.S. 421, about one-half mile east of the Madison city limits.

Killed instantly when their late-model car was struck in the rear by a tractor-trailer rig were Elmer O. Heller, 79, Lawrenceburg, and his wife, Zella D. Heller, 77. The gas tank on their car apparently ruptured at the second of impact and flames enveloped the vehicle within seconds, according to witnesses.

The Heller vehicle was halted in the southbound lane of U.S. 421 at a stop sign with flashers, according to Patrolman Eugene Shelton of the Jefferson County

Sheriff's Department, who investigated the accident.

Just in front of the Heller car was a van owned by Royal Coach Aurora, and driven by Zoetsa M. Lacey, 30, Aurora, also halted for the stop sign, Shelton said.

A tractor-trailer rig approaching southbound from the rear and driven by Larry M. Roark, 41, Mt. Washington, KY, crashed into the rear of the Heller car, knocking the car forward and into the rear of the van.

"One of the witnesses said the impact just sucked the car up under the trailer of the rig," Shelton said. "He told me, 'It was just like a vacuum cleaner.'"

Roark has not been charged with any infraction at this time. He at first appeared to be all right, but suddenly collapsed, according to radio traffic from a King's Daughters' Hospital ambulance which later transported him to that facility.

"Mr. Roark said he was getting ready for the stop at the

intersection, began braking, but the engine's RPM's (revolutions per minute) kept rising instead of slowing down. He said he lost a concept of his proximity to the intersection, and all of a sudden realized he was almost on top of the car. I think he just got shook up," said Shelton.

Roark was treated at KDH and released, according to a spokesman for the hospital.

Shelton said Lacey told him later she saw the rig approaching in her rear-view mirror, realized it wasn't going to stop, and "I tried to get out of the way" by putting the van into motion. The van was already moving forward when struck in the rear by the car, and the van came to rest just off the far-right lane after being knocked to the S.E. corner of 421 (the northbound lane) and knocking down 2 road signs in the median.

C.A. Nolan, R. 1, said he was approaching the junction in his vehicle when the accident occurred.

"I saw something shoot over to the side—I thought it was a part flew off the automobile. But apparently it was the van," Nolan said. "And by the van shooting over to the side it led me to believe they were on 62, but that wasn't the case, they were on 421."

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1993 IVFA Convention French Lick, Indiana

JUNE 10, 11, 12 & 13

Tentative Schedule Subject to Revision

THURSDAY, JUNE 10th

Registration	3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Displays	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception - Hot Dog and Beer Bust,	
Sponsored by Midwest Fire & Safety	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Theater Show (Live) "I Do, I Do"	8:30 p.m. - until close

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th

Registration	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Miss Flame Competition	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Men's Officers Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Displays	12:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Miss Flame Luncheon	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Seminar - Indiana Law of Haz-Mat	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Board of Firefighting Personnel	
Standards & Education Meeting	2:00 p.m. - until close
Miss Flame Final Judging	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Women's Officers Meeting	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
JOINT MEETING	6:00 p.m. - until close

Theater Show (Live)
"Carbaret at the Springs" 8:30 p.m. - until close

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th

Women's Koffee Klutch	7:45 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Registration	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Men's Meeting	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Women's Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Displays	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Memorial Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch on your own	1:30 p.m. - until close
Men's Meeting	1:30 p.m. - until close
Women's Meeting	1:30 p.m. - until close
BANQUET	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dance	9:00 p.m. - until ?

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th

Registration for Games	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
GAMES	9:00 a.m. - until done
Board of Firefighting Personnel	
Standards & Education Q & A Session	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Train Ride	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

*** French Lick ***

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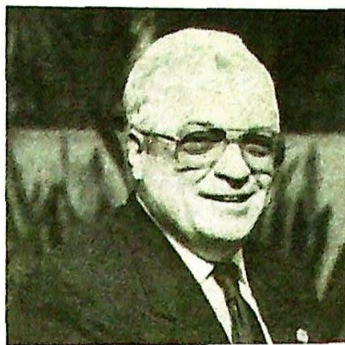
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From the President



Willie "Mitch" Parish

Readers of the IVFA Paper:

The Convention is June 10-11-12 and 13th. I hope that everyone that wants to go has sent in their registration forms and made their hotel reservations. This year District 18 will be the host at French Lick Spring Resort in French Lick, Indiana. Saturday June 12 will be the day that the business meeting will be held.

Dues will be one of the topics discussed this year and a vote will be taken on what the dues increase will be. If you are opposed to a dues increase you will be able to debate the issue.

Scholarship time has gone by and the association received over forty (40) scholarships this year. I hope the students that don't receive a scholarship this year will apply again next year. Two scholarships for \$1500.00 will be awarded this year at convention.

The Blue Light Law was published in the August issue of the IVFA paper, on page 6. The officers of the association at the February meeting with a show of hands, thought it was time for the law to be enforced. The association has decided to write to the cities and town, Sheriff's Association and the Indiana State Police and suggesting that they start enforcing the law the way it is written today and published in this issue of the paper.

License Plates - everyone needs to contact their district chairman and get the forms needed. There were 7500 plates for 1993. Anyone who is going to purchase IVFA plates should go in the first part of the month that they must purchase them, to see if they have them on hand. They might have to transfer them around the state and it takes time. We need to work with the people at the license branches. Membership notices for 1993-1994 will be coming out very soon and every department should mark the number of license plate forms each member will need for 1994.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as the President of the IVFA for 1992-1993 and I will continue to serve the Association in the best manner I can. I would like to serve you for one more year, 1993-1994, as your President. Your support has been greatly appreciated. See everyone at the convention.

THANK YOU.

From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



Scripture: Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord:
Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving
And extol Him with music and song.
For the Lord is the great God,
The great King above all Gods.
In His hand are the depths of the earth,
And the mountain peaks belong to Him.
The sea is His, for He made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship,
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;
for He is our God
And we are the people of His pasture,
The flock under His care.

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We are in the midst of spring, having an awful time getting rid of winter. The word spring--to arrive by growth, as a form of seed or germ, bulb, root and grow as a plant. There are many seeds to be sown this year for the betterment of the I. V. F. A. Spring break is over for the kids, they are back to learning.

This is for you dads...that math problem you helped me with last night was all wrong, Daddy. Wrong? I'm sorry I fouled you up. Son - That's all right--none of the other dads got it right, either.

Lent and Easter have passed for another year. Christ has risen. Now is the time to follow him. For one thing, you have to trust the one you are following. You have to know that he is there when you need him.

You have to know that he will support you and care for you, then our prayer should be....

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change, the courage
to change the things I can, and the
wisdom to know the difference.

Grace and I enjoy our bird feeders so much, the change in color of the finches, and the birds returning from the south. One afternoon I went out to get the paper and heard the frantic honking of some wild geese. Apparently they were separated from the flock. They were trying to catch up with their group as it migrated north for the summer. As I watched they finally veered off toward the east. Then, as they flew out of sight they were gradually heading north. Maybe they found their way after all.

As I looked on the behavior of the geese, I realized that we, too, sometimes get separated from the company of believers. Perhaps because of carelessness, preoccupation with other things, or our own willful behavior, we become separated from the christian community. We flounder, lost and uncertain, until we are reunited with the fellowship of other believers. There we find direction and support for the journey ahead.

If we would consistently spend some time meditating upon the blessings of God to us through Jesus Christ, we would make it possible for the beautiful flowers of gratitude to grow in the garden of our hearts. We would have both the Faith and the Grace that would make it possible to thank God for everything.

He who owns a garden,
However small it be,
Whose hands have planted in it
Flower or bush or tree;
He who watches patiently
The growth from nurtured sod,
Who thrills at newly-opened bloom
Is very close to God.
Katherine Edelman

This sunday go to the church of your choice, you'll like it.
Your Chaplain,
Duane D. Lantz
P.S. Count your own blessings before you decide to give up. You will be amazed at how many assests you have. Harold Sherman.

Reminder...

The Deadline for the August issue of the
Newspaper will be July 20, 1993.
So the sooner you get the articles and ads
to us the better!

FOR YOUR... INFORMATION

IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATES:

The State of Indiana now provides Special recognition License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The IVFA Secretary coordinates the program for members of the association. You will not be able to obtain plate application forms unless you follow the instructions on this sheet. **READ CAREFULLY!**

To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

- 1) be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal
- 2) notify the IVFA Secretary no later than **October 25** concerning:
 - a) the number of plates each member is requesting for the year 1994
 - b) the County of Residence for each member requesting plates
- 3) submit **one** (1) application form to the **BMV** for each license plate you wish to obtain
 - a) must be an original 1994 form
 - b) application forms are all computer printed; copies are not acceptable
 - c) forms are sent to the department only, not individuals
 - d) see your Chief or FD designated officer to obtain your form(s) for 1994
- 4) mail-in registration is suggested; send your plate form(s) with your plate registration(s)
- 5) pay a fee of \$10.00 to the **BMV** in addition to the other registration fees & taxes
- 6) purchase the actual quantity of plates you requested from the IVFA Secretary
 - a) do not request more forms than you plan to use!
 - b) the BMV may charge the IVFA for left-over plates you do not pay for!

To request plate forms, notify the IVFA Secretary:

You must notify the Secretary by completing the LICENSE PLATE REQUEST FORM that is now included in your annual dues billing package. **Return the form with your dues Payment for 1993.** You may also notify the Secretary by mail or telephone of any additions or corrections to the list if you do so no later than October 25, 1993. After that time, license plate requests will not be accepted for 1994. **If you miss the notification deadline of October 25, 1993, you will not receive your license plate(s) for 1994!**

The computer-printed License Plate Request Form must be completed as follows (sample):

(You must fill in the **County #** and the **Quantity** - typed or hand-written)

IVFA LICENSE PLATE REQUEST FORM		
DEPT #: 15-021	List for plate year 1994	
DIST #: 019		
QUANTITY OF PLATES	COUNTY # OF RESIDENCE	MEMBER NAME
1	15	Adams, John S.
2	15	Baker, James E. Davis, Harold M.
2	58	King, Jerry W.
3	15	Symes, Wade R.
1	69	West, Bryan D.
1	15	Ziggler, Earl

BLUE LIGHT LAW ON PRIVATE VEHICLES:

36-8-12-11 Blue lights on private vehicles; authorization; violations
Sec. 11. (a) Members of volunteer fire companies may display blue lights on their privately owned vehicles while en route to scenes of fires or other emergencies in the line of duty, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) A light must have a light source of at least fifty (50) candlepower.
- (2) All lights must be placed on the top of the vehicle. In addition, lights may be placed on the front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper level.
- (3) No more than four (4) blue lights may be displayed on one (1) vehicle, and each blue light must be of the flashing or revolving type and visible for three hundred sixty (360) degrees, except for lights that are placed on the front of the vehicle.
- (4) A blue light must consist of a lamp with a blue lens, not of an uncolored lens with a blue bulb. However, a revolving light may contain multiple bulbs.
- (5) A blue light may not be a part of the regular head lamps displayed on the vehicles.
 - (b) In order for a volunteer firefighter to display a blue light on his vehicle, he must secure a written permit from the chief of the volunteer fire company to use the blue light and must carry the permit at all times when the blue light is displayed.
 - (c) A person who is not a member of a volunteer fire company may not display a blue light of any size or shape on a motor vehicle, except a school bus used to transport children to or from a public or private school.
 - (d) A permittee of the owner of a vehicle lawfully equipped with a blue light may operate the vehicle only if the blue light is not illuminated.
 - (e) A person who violates subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) commits a Class C infraction. If the violator is a member of a volunteer fire company, the chief of the company shall dismiss him from membership in the company.
 - (f) This section does not grant a vehicle displaying blue lights the right-of-way under IC 9-21-8-35 or exemption from traffic rules under IC 9-21-1-8. A driver of a vehicle displaying a blue light shall obey all traffic rules. As added by Acts 1981, P.L.309, SEC.64. Amended

Shelby Vol. Fire Dept. Annual Dinner & Awards Night

On Saturday, February 20, 1993, the members of the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department gathered for their Annual Fireman's Dinner. Special guests were as follows: Trustee Pete Bedoian and his wife Diane; Advisory Board, Bob Gunning and Rick Armstrong and their wives, Dorothy G. and Kim A.; Cap and Kathy Wann; Ralph and Joanne Knap Sr.; Jack and Jeanette Eskridge; the firefighters' wives and the Shelby Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

The dinner began at 7:00 p.m. with Chief Ron Lambert thanking everyone for coming. A short prayer was offered by Erich Swisher. An excellent buffet meal of chicken, Italian beef, and all the trimmings was catered in. Dessert was provided by the firefighters' wives. No one left the station hungry.

After the meal was complete, the awards were presented by Chief Ron Lambert and Leroy Gottschalk (last years Training Captain). Certificates of Appreciation were given to all firefighters for their years of service: Travis Cross (4 mos.), David Fry (1 yr.), Darlene Bradshaw (3 yrs.), Cathy Larson (3 yrs.), Bonnie Clinton (3 yrs.), Rick Clinton (4 yrs.), Erich Swisher (4 yrs.), Tom Larson (5 yrs.), David Derr (6 yrs.), John Swisher (7 yrs.), Jerry Cramer (8 yrs.), Mike Holding (8 yrs.), Elmer C. Norton (9 yrs.), Alan Corning (9 yrs.), Joe Schieve (10 yrs.), Leroy Gottschalk (11 yrs.), Charles Bradshaw (13 yrs.), Charles Lindahl (15 yrs.), Larry Miller (15 yrs.), Bob Graham (16 yrs.), Wes Cooper (18 yrs.), Ron Lambert (22 yrs.), Arnie Govert (45 yrs.), Art Morrison (45 yrs.), Ralph Knapp, Jr. from Lincoln Twp. (6 yrs.), Ladies Auxiliary (7 yrs.), Chris Fry and Jean Lee (Dispatch).

Special Certificates of Appreciation were given to Trustee Pete Bedoian; the Advisory Board, Bob Gunning and Rick Armstrong; Lincoln V.F.D. Chief Cap Wann, for training and fire and arson investigation; Asst. Chief Ralph Knapp, Sr., for training; and Lowell EMS Jack Eskridge for helping with the training of Shelby EMT's.

Second Class Certificates and plaques were presented by Leroy Gottschalk to Darlene Bradshaw, Bonnie Clinton, Cathy Larson, and John Swisher.

Chief Ron Lambert presented Joe Schieve with a gold watch for ten years service. Arnie Govert and Art Morrison were presented with gold watches and a special plaque for their 45 years of service.

Mary Anne Lambert, Aux. Pre., presented a check to the Fire Dept. for their uniform fund.

Alan Corning received certification for 2nd Class Instructor and Ron Lambert received certification for Master Tactics, and Fire and Arson Investigation.

The local librarian, Mrs. Elinore Bartz was presented with a certificate and a plaque from the Fire Department in appreciation for all the help she has given to them during Fire Prevention Week.

Entertainment was provided by the Music Masters (Duane Whittingham and Erich Swisher).

A good time was had by all. Darlene Bradshaw, S.V.F.D. Public Relations

News from the '93 Convention Chairman

"French Lick The Place To Be In '93"

Greetings from French Lick your '93 convention site. Since the last time you heard from me, the convention is really falling in place. All committees are hard at work to make this the best convention ever.

I want to remind you to get your registration and reservation in by the advanced deadline date. This will help make the planning a lot easier and we are expecting a large turn out this year, so don't miss your chance to be part of an exciting convention.

To date we are expecting at least 15 pieces of apparatus for displaying, not to mention numerous other interesting displays.

There are several restaurants in the hotel for your dining pleasure. In addition to the regular menus from which to choose, there will be special buffets for our group. On Thursday and Friday nights there will be grand buffets offered for \$9.95 per person and on Friday and Saturday days there will be luncheon buffets for \$5.95 per person. All buffets will be held in the Hoosier Dining Room. These are terrific rates and the food is excellent.

The hotel has live theater for your enjoyment. They will be presenting two special shows just for two us. On Thursday night "I Do, I Do" and on Friday night "Cabaret at the Springs" will be presented. Each show is \$5.00 per person with children under 12 free. You can purchase your tickets at the door. We have allowed time in the convention scheduled so you may attend these wonderful productions.

We have made arrangements with the hotel to provide babysitting services during the entire convention. You will need to contact Social Services upon arrival to hire your sitter and you will be responsible for the fee. The night of the banquet there will be two different events available for children. There will be a Teen Party for ages 13 and over at the cost of \$7.00 per person and a Pre-Teen Party for children 12 and under the cost of \$5.00 per person. The cost includes pizza and structured activities. Please let the people at the convention registration desk know if you have children wishing to attend when you pick up your convention packet.

Printed in the paper you will find a map of the hotel so you may start familiarizing yourself with the facility. The French Lick Springs has so much to offer and I hope you will join us for some Hoosier Hospitality and find that French Lick is truly "The Place To Be in '93".

Looking forward to seeing you at the convention.

Sincerely,
Barry M. Winger, Chairman
1993 Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Convention

1993 IVFA Convention Pre-Registration Form

June 10, 11, 12, 13, 1993
French Lick, IN
"The Place To Be In '93"

Pre-Registration Fee: \$30.00 per person
(Pre-Registration Deadline is May 15, 1993)
Registration after Deadline and at Convention: \$45.00 per person

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fire Department or Company: _____

IVFA District: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse's Name (If Registering): _____

	Type of Registration	
	Yours	Spouse
State officer:	_____	_____
District Chairman:	_____	_____
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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1,2

January 20, 1993
 Location: Schererville
 The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman Joe Komoscar at 7:45 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.
 Guests Introduced: Vice President, Richard Glant; Mike Somers of T.M. Somers Fire Equip.; Bob Schwartz of Firestyle; Dale Smith of Hoosier Fire Equip.; Jerry Kamer of Krest Uniforms; IVFALA Vice President, Phyllis Vargo; IVFAA District #2 Chairman, Ann Moss; SFDLA President, Pam Froman and P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.
 Department History was given by Chief Ed Kaeser.
 Roll Call: District #1 - 66 members from 12 Depts. & District #2 - 36 members from 11 Depts.
 Program presented by Cole & Cole Associates concerning the American Disabilities Act and how it relates to public buildings and the fire service.
 Minutes of November meeting were accepted as read.
 Treasurer's report was given.
 Communications: Vice President Glant reported on the problems that were occurring with the new IVFA License Plate Forms, and that they would hopefully be worked out by the end of the week.
 - P.R.N.W. Howe reported that the NFPA resolution of having 4 men on a pumper before leaving the station has arisen again and that we need to voice our displeasure to the appropriate authorities about it. He also discussed the necessity of having adequate Dept. Insurance, the upcoming convention awards, the February issue of the newspaper and the Indiana Fire Conference to be held on February 20th and 21st.
 - District #1 Chairman Komoscar reported on the 1993 Fire Marshal's training schedule, the Fire Chief Orientation classes on February 6th and 8th, the 1993 convention on June 10th

thru June 13th and the next Fire Service Institute Dinner to be held on January 14, 1994.
 Old Business: 1996 convention steering committee report was given by District #1 Chairman Joe Komoscar.
 New Business: none.
 Good of the Order: Announced that Lake Dale will hold a Las Vegas Night on March 20th.
 Announced that Schererville will hold their Annual Hearts on Fire Dance on February 20th.
 Announced that South Haven is taking bids on a rescue truck and generator.
 Held a moment of silence for departed firefighter Weinand Dapine of Ainsworth.
 Announced that our next meeting will be held on February 17th at Keener - DeMotte, and that the March meeting at Union Township will be held at Station #2.
 Announced that a foam school will be held on May 15th to be hosted by Hoosier Fire Equip. and Elkart Brass Co.
 50/50 Drawing winner: Ed Kaeser - \$76.50.
 Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1 - Lake Ridge, District #2 - Lake Dale.
 Motion to adjourn was made, second and passed at 9:30 p.m.
 February 17, 1993
 Location: Keener Township
 The meeting was called to order by District #2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:55 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.
 Included P.R.N.W. Bill Howe, given by Chief Mike Osborn.
 District #1 - 13 members from 4 Depts. & District #2 - 76 members from 15 Depts.
 Program: Presented by Bill Krueger concerning how local fire departments should handle haz-mat situations.
 Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as read.
 Treasurer's report was given.
 Communications: P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the IVFA financial report, the status of legislation bills that have been brought before the House and Senate, and the upcoming

convention.
 Old business: 1996 Convention Steering Committee reported that Terre Haute and Wayne Township have also expressed interest in hosting the 1996 convention.
 New business: A resolution was made, seconded and passed that requests the IVFA to develop a way of keeping the local departments informed as to how their legislators are voting on fire service related bills.
 Good of the Order: Announced that Lake Dale will hold a Las Vegas Night on March 20th, and that they are also hosting a Good Pathogens Class on February 18th at 7:00 p.m.
 Announced that Lake of Four Seasons will be holding a pancake breakfast on March 14th.
 Reminded members that next month's meeting at Union Township on March 17th will be held at Station #2.
 John Galloway - \$74.00.
 District #1 - Lake Ridge District #2 - Lake Eliza
 Motion to adjourn was made, second and passed at 9:30 p.m.
 Jerome P. Schmitt, District #1 - Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

Meeting was held at Prairieton Fire Dept. in March. There were 7 departments and 4 guests present.
 John Davies and his wife Maxine. John is State Recording Secretary, an Maxine is President of the State Aux.; Bill Bush and his wife Eula, Bill is State Sgt. of Arms and Eula is Dist. Chm. for 11B; Lois Bartlow from 11B was also there and she is Recording Secretary for the State. Thanks folks for coming.
 Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for the lovely meal. Great job gals.
 At our meeting P.R. Toddy Michl talked about the '93 Convention. Says everything was going well. We also talked about the Hepatitis B shots and physicals.

OSHA has been to several departments in our area. They can always find something wrong.
 Hope everyone has their letters in for the awards to be given at the convention. I'm sure you know of someone who deserves one.
 We had one death in our district since the last paper was printed. He was Robert "Pete" King from the Sandford VFD. Pete passed away on 3-27-93. He was our past Dist. 11 Chaplain for many years. Larry Biggs our present Chaplain gave the Memorial Services. Pete will sure be missed, he was one great person. Our district extends our deepest Sympathy to his wife and daughter.
 Went down to French Lick and looked around the hotel. Some place and looks like fun.
 Our next district meeting will be held on Sun. May 17th at 1:00 pm in Stauton. A meal is always served and if you are in our area, stop by, you are always welcome.
 Hope to see you all in June.
 Bob Hays, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

District 11-B meeting was held March 14, 1993 at Clinton City Fire Department. Roll call was answered by 8 departments and 23 men.
 After the delicious meal served by the host department we had a very interesting tour of the Vermillion County Emergency Operations Center. The program was put on by the Emergency Management Co-ordinator for Vermillion County Ramon Colombo and his Staff. They explained many facets of the system and its capabilities with all emergency services. We would like to thank Mr. Colombo and staff for taking their time to show us through the facility.
 A short business meeting followed with much discussion on the possible IVFA dues increase and the enforcement of the Blue Light. The dates of the 1993 convention was also explained to everyone as to the changes when events will be held.
 Our next meeting is April 25, 1993 at 1:00 P.M. in the J.U.G.A. Firehouse in Bellmore. The guest speakers for this meeting are Mr. Dave Rice from the Office of Air Management and a representative from Indiana Gas Co. to speak on gas pipeline safety.
 This brings us to the Convention June 10, 11, 12, 13, in French Lick. Hope to see a good turn out for this, as it is your chance to voice your opinion in the operation of your organization.
 The next District 11-B will be held July 11, 1993 at Fairview Park with a carry-in picnic starting at 1:00 P.M. A short business meeting and election of officers will follow lunch.
 Larry Bartlow, District Chairman

DISTRICT 14

In February at the top of the new hill road in Madison a Lawrenceburg couple died instantly in an accident which required several emergency agencies to work together.
 Those agencies were North Madison #5 VFD, Clifty #6 VFD, from the city of Madison, Madison Fire Chief Steve Horton, Rykers Ridge VFD, Madison Twp. VFD, Jefferson Proving Ground Fire Department under Fire Chief Tom Wolfschlag, Jefferson County Sheriff Dept., Madison City Police Dept., Hanover Police Dept.,

Indiana State Police, Kings Daughters Hospital Ambulance service and the Indiana State Highway Depts.
 That is a large group and one would expect several snags, but the fact is each agency has spent a lot of their off duty time on training within their departments and with other departments and agencies to improve their profession that some of them call a part-time job. Andy Lytle County Coroner stated the accident scene was handled 100% properly and professionally and the public also co-operated fully.
 I can only add that having worked with all of these agencies in the past that it does not surprise me because I know that they are doing it to help their neighbors and will always train to do their best. I wish to congratulate them on a job well done and thank them for being a part of Indiana.
 We have been having a good turnout at our District meetings.
 District 14 Miss Flame is Chistina Dawn Bower from Brownstown.
 Our next District 14 meeting will be May 17 at Vernon VFD at Vernon, Indiana. The July meeting will be held at McCulloch VFD on Allison Lane in Jeffersonville.
 R. Woodfill

DISTRICT 17A

The last District 17A meeting was held in Wheatland, IN by the Steen Township Volunteer Fire Dept. on March 9, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. There were 9 departments with 19 members present and one guest, Mr. Bill Engle, Past President of I.V.F.A. and Past Chairman of District 17A.
 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Harker with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Mark Hacker, Secretary of District 17A. A discussion was held about the departments having enough insurance, most of the departments are going to check on their insurance.
 A resolution on an increase in the I.V.F.A. dues will be brought up at the convention.
 The I.V.F.A. Convention is to be held in French Lick this year. Hope all our departments will be there.
 Gave out information on the Bingo law.
 The 1993 License Plate Form was discussed as to if they are going to keep charging the \$10. for the license plate.
 Our next meeting will be held in Elnora, IN. by the Elnora - Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department in May, 1993 at the Fairgrounds.
 Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.
 Refreshments were served after the meeting.
 Jack Harker, District 17A Chairman

DISTRICT 17B

February 17, 1993
 The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Chairman Jack Zeeks at 7:30 p.m., at Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department, Mitchell, IN.
 The minutes of the previous meeting were read.
 Jack Zeeks reminded everyone of the 1993 IVFA Convention in French Lick. It will be held June 10-13.
 Jack also reminded department Chiefs to update their department rosters with the State

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Fire Marshal's Office. Also, departments should check their insurance coverage to make sure that it meets requirements. Finally, departments should know what to do if a firefighter dies in the line of duty.

Jack described his experience with the VIP program available through the Fire Marshal's office. He highly recommended the program and said that we should all support the excellent efforts of the Fire Marshal's office.

There was some discussion about a new procedure for IVFA license plates, the Bridgeport Fund, and about a dues increase.

Jack gave a legislative report about the bills before the State Legislature that may have an impact on our firefighting efforts. We may soon hear more about these bills, as the legislative session draws to a close.

The Indiana Fire Conference will be held the weekend of February 20-21.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Don Wedgewood, and the proceeds were donated back into the district treasury.

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 1993 at Bloomington Twp.

Luke Kluender

DISTRICT 19

Meeting was held January 28, 1993 at Bright Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington.

Pledge to the Flag.

Guest: Jim Gilmore, Koorsen Fire Protection.

First roll taken with 38 firefighters from 14 departments reporting 53 runs.

Scholarship applications need to be turned in. Give two scholarships each year to dependents in amount of \$1,500. Only 28 applications last year and IVFA has 18,202 members.

Midwest award to each district. Ollie Sandberg award for state and Mr. IVFA, need applications for all these awards as soon as possible.

For 1994 license plates you need to fill out form, when paying dues, state what county you live in and number of plates you want. Application for 1994 plates. New members need to be on department before Oct. 1993. This year get plates as long as they last. 10,000 plates made, whether or not state makes more if they run out, don't know.

Red book to be re-done in part dealing with accreditation mostly the changes that NFPA has on there standards. Public hearings so you can voice your feelings on what was decided. Let Paul Covington know if you want changes.

Masters having search and rescue open to non-firefighting

personnel, will not require other fire service prerequisites. All masters to be updated to meet NFPA requirements so Indiana can stay on track with accreditation program.

Since Nov. meeting when it was indicated that you need another first class instructor to proctor test; it is not the case. Anybody, John Q. Public, a third party non-fire related not in class, not teaching course, can give the test.

39 bills on floor that effect fire service in some manner. Contact your legislator and let them know how you feel.

Bills: House Bill 1311 - township fire company funding.

House Bill 1358 - deals with county's power in establishing and setting fees for 911.

House Bill 1470 - deals with hazardous substances liability.

Senate Bill 194 - volunteer firefighters special plate. It exempts firefighters from \$10 fee on special plates.

Senate Bill 369 - sprinklers in high rise buildings.

House Bill 1361 - Bingo limits on rented building allows to rent not more than three days a week currently allows two days. Nothing to do with permits and fees.

House Bill 1329 - volunteer tort immunity same as state employee if 1) authorized by state emergency management agency; 2) under supervision of state emergency management agency; 3) signs memorandum of understanding with state emergency management agency.

Senate Bill 548 - introduce by Jean Leising the charitable gaming returns law to the way it was in 1991.

House Bill 1110 - burning in unincorporated area may burn on your property if obtain permit from fire department.

Senate Bill 66 - University tuition for public safety survivors. Exempt from tuition and additional fees at the state colleges for spouse and children if killed in line of duty. Probably still have to pay board and books.

House Bill 1169 - take fee off license plates.

Senate Bill 289 - Blue light law, allow blue light on dash board for volunteer firefighter vehicles.

Senate Bill 309 - Enhance 911; provides for mobile phone access.

Senate Bill 276 - affects bingo bill doesn't take law out, increases limit up to \$10,000.

House Bill 1297 - tax credit for volunteer firefighter, EMT's and civil defense worker. Provides \$100 credit or \$200 credit if file joint and spouse is firefighter, EMT or civil defense worker.

House Bill 1275 - raffle tickets. Each raffle ticket to have printed on face 1) license by Indiana department of state revenue and 2) number of raffle license under which raffle is being conducted.

Jim Gilmore to Koorsen gave pocket spanner \$54.00 half the

pot. Half donated back.

Second roll.

No applications for awards to date. Definitely need Midwest award.

Meeting was held March 25, 1993 at Brookville Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by Paul Covington, District President.

Pledge to the Flag and prayer led by Bill Klusman.

Minutes read and approved.

First roll taken with 50 firefighters from 17 departments reporting 78 runs.

Guests: Ivan Nevil; Miss Flame DeAnna Shepler, Blooming Grove; Mark Baumhardt from Mobil Comm.

Mark Baumhardt donated a blue light for 50/50 drawing. Koorsen representative sent Nomex hood to give away at drawing.

Old Business: Most bills dead.

License plate bill did not pass.

EMT's left off death benefit. Don't understand why.

Need to get in touch with our representatives, there are things happening that are not in best interest of IVFA.

House bill 1001 passed and assigned to finance committee. Not sure how it effects fire service.

House Bill 1078 open burning permits under certain conditions.

House bill 1691 deals with handicap parking places. Allows police to issue a citation if they block fire lane.

House bill 1830 regulation of charitable organizations passed. Have to file solicitation notice with Secretary of State.

Both bills sponsored by Jean Leising are dead. One to modify charitable gaming law and other to return it to the way it was in 1991.

House Bill 1026 death benefit for single firefighters, who die in the line of duty will be paid to parents if no spouse or children.

House Bill 1627 minimum death benefit from \$60,000 to \$150,00.

Senate Bill 247 insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters.

Gaming law as it effects fire service hasn't changed. Paul Covington can send you a copy of rules on charitable gaming if you want them.

Get reservations in for convention at French Lick.

Ben Franklin commemorative medal money from sales to come back to volunteer fire service. Goal is funding for computers.

U.S. Fire Administration is compiling a guide book containing new sources of funding. For information or a copy write U.S.F.A..

Red book going well.

Twenty-four hour mandatory changed to basic firefighter. If accomplished will issue patch stating basic firefighter. Basic firefighter first step before you get to second class. Probably change title not context of course.

Instructor title change also to instructor I, II, & III.

Task fore proposed inservice requirements for instructors. Instructors I or second class instructor minimum 20 hours per year, you have to instruct. Instructor II or first class instructor must teach at least 20 hours per year. Instructor III or one that trains instructors must teach at least 20 hours per year out of 20, 6 hours must be adult education. Task force is about complete. Open for public hearing let Paul Covington know what you think about it.

Have nomination for Midwest. It is too late for Midwest, but can still apply for Ollie Sandberg.

Dosen't have to be firefighter, can be someone who puts great effort in helping fire service.

Ivan Nevil spoke.

Told about people coming to look at haz-mat certification in Indiana.

Ivan wants to know of any 'F' series Ford pick-up truck fires.

Fire Chief orientation in February. If enough interest they would go to any part of state. Not limited to fire chiefs.

Indiana week-end 253 attended. 1994 Indiana week-end March 26-27 in Maryland.

Fire-works bill is not getting hearing in Senate. Not dead at this time, may get attached to another bill.

Don Weigel stated you need a permit to have fire extinguisher class.

Second roll call.

Half pot \$33.50.

Mark Wirth

Sec./Treas., District 19 IVFA

DISTRICT 8A

Meeting was held 1-13-93 in Lapel. A discussion on the new license plate forms and the method of getting plates. When the 1993-94 dues are paid, members will have to declare their intention to buy 1994 license plates.

Thanks to Ivan Nevil for attending with the latest information on the Indiana training programs.

Seven (7) departments were represented by fourteen (14) members.

March meeting held 3-10-93 at Madison Township in Tipton County.

The legislation being processed in the State House was the new agenda. Copies of the proposed laws were available to interested members, and copies of the laws enacted will be available after the end of the current legislative session.

9 depts were represented by 15 members. The next meeting will be at Mill Township in Grant County. Hope to see you there.

Robert Fleenor

Scott County Fire Chiefs Association is Organized

The Scott County Fire Chiefs Association has recently been organized to assist in better training the local firefighters. The organization was also formed to improve on department policy and procedures, as well as getting the county's volunteer fire departments to work together better.

The local association was organized in January, with quarterly meetings scheduled throughout the year.

The Scott County Fire Chiefs Association has already helped the firefighters by offering a fire investigation class. Starting in April and continuing through August, the association will be offering two separate certification classes for the local firefighters.

Officers for the local organization are Scottsburg Fire Chief Raymond Jones, president; Johnson Fire Chief Todd Stark, vice president; and Lexington Fire Chief Brian Renschler, secretary treasurer.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Scott County Fire Chiefs Association may write to P.O. Box 226, Lexington, IN 47138.

THE GIVEAWAY. Wednesday, April 7, 1993

Volunteer fire department sues CSX over bill for '92 derailment

By Dan Armstrong
Staff reporter

A northwest side train derailment almost a year ago has led to a lawsuit by a volunteer fire department that claims to be owed money for responding to the mishap.

The German Township Volunteer Fire Department Inc. has filed suit in Vanderburgh Superior Court against CSX Transportation Inc.

A CSX train left the tracks just south of the Mill Road crossing west of Kratzville Road at about 10:35 a.m. on March 1, 1992. A tanker filled with 8,000 gallons of isopropanol, used in making rubbing alcohol, ruptured, spilling the chemical onto the ground and spewing some into the air.

People within a half-mile radius of the site were evacuated. A city firefighter reported feeling lightheaded and left for treatment.

The volunteer fire department states in its suit, signed by president Bobby Stucke, that the volunteers were dispatched properly to the derailment and that the tracks are located outside the city limits and within the contracted area protected by the volunteers.

The volunteer department claims that the Evansville Fire Department also was on the scene because of a mixup in computer dispatching through Central Dispatch.

"However, GTVFD (the German Township firefighters) communicated with the Evansville Fire Department Hazardous Materials Command and assumed a role in the operational plan," the volunteers state.

The volunteers state that in accordance with state law, a bill was submitted to CSX for firefighting equipment and manpower.

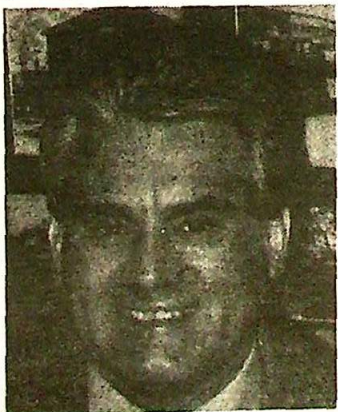
However, CSX has refused to pay up despite four notices and billings, the volunteers complain. They say they're owed \$13,100. The Evansville Press

Saratoga couple to mark 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan W. Bousman, RR 4, Saratoga, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Saratoga City Building. The event was hosted by the couple's children.

The former Rosella May Good and Ivan Bousman were married by Rev. Barth on April 29, 1943, in the Lutheran Church at Union City. They are lifetime residents of the area where they farm. Mrs. Bousman retired from Westinghouse of Union City after 20 years and her husband was also a truck driver and was employed at Campbell's Soup in Saratoga for many years. He is also a retired fireman. The couple was involved in the Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony program for many years.

They have three children, Mrs. Bud (Rosemary) Sears, Winchester, Jerry Bousman, Ridgeville, and Rojena Bousman, Union City, Ohio. They also have four grandchildren and one great-grandson.



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OFFICER'S MEETING

February 6, 1993.

Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel Indianapolis. The meeting was called to order by President Parish. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice President Glant. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz. President Parish introduced the guests present, then called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Richard Glant made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Parish reported that he had traveled to several district meetings throughout the state. He emphasized that he is still not receiving all the notices about the district meetings and would appreciate receiving same. He stated that he had traveled 2600 miles since the last officer's meeting and had attended three Fire Service meetings.

Vice President Glant reported that he had traveled 2100 miles and he too is not receiving the district meeting notices and would like to be on each district's mailing list.

Recording Secretary Davies reported attending several district meetings, went to one convention meeting at French Lick and attended the Caucus Dinner held last November.

Chaplain Lantz held two memorial services, attended the dedication of one fire station, went to several district meetings, attended the Awards and Graduation Banquet at Wayne Twp. and has traveled 1000 miles since the last meeting.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported attending 1 district meeting, went to a convention meeting.

Secretary Kissell conducted roll call with a quorum present. He announced that the current membership is 18,366 and reported having received numerous calls asking for the '93 license plate forms. He mentioned that this should go to each district chairman for action. There are still problems with the procedures to secure new plates but this will be resolved as soon as possible. A question and answer session followed his report.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report. A motion to accept this report was made by Jack Zeeks and seconded by Richard Glant. The motion carried by a hand vote.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

NW Howe reported that the attendance was up at the district meetings and had attended all district meetings.

NE Kinsey reported he made some of the district meetings and there was not much activity in his area. EC Jackson was absent.

WC Michl reported attending a convention meeting at French Lick and had made most of the district meetings in his area.

SW Kerney was absent.

SE Hildebrand was absent.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

DI Komoscar announced his attendance was up and there had been

2 deaths in the district.

D2 Stott reported 1 death in the district.

D3 Bentley announced attendance up at district meetings.

D4 Ferro was absent.

D5 Lanning was absent.

D6 Engle reported having no problems within the district.

D7 Sorg reported 2 deaths in district. Presented a 50 year gold card and attendance at last meeting was good.

D8A Fleenor reported attendance was down and no problems.

D8B Petro reported attendance was up and the Midwest Award name had been turned in.

D9A Sutton reported attendance was up and thanked the state officers who attended his last district meeting.

D9B Rising reported 1 death in the district.

D10 Neal reported 2 deaths in the district.

D11A Hays reported 3 deaths in the district and the attendance at last meeting was good.

D11B Bartlow stated the attendance at last meeting was good and there had been 1 death in the district.

D12 Johnson reported all activity in the district had been quiet.

D13A Cushman reported 1 death and attendance down. The Fire Marshal was in attendance at last meeting.

D13B Cox reported attendance was down and there had been 1 death in the district.

D14 Woodfill reported 3 deaths in the district.

D15 Seitz was absent.

D16 Hickman reported attendance good at last meeting.

D17A Harker reported attendance good. Issued a 50 yr. gold card.

D17B Zeeks announced attendance good and a special award ceremony for Pete Lockhart had been held. He had attended the National Fire Academy.

D18 Heneisen announced he had forms for the '93 convention, which he passed out. Attendance at meetings had been good and there had been 2 deaths in the district.

D19 Covington stated no problems and attendance had been good.

D20 Palmiero did not attend his last district meeting and there had been a death of a 50 year member.

D21 Martin reported he attended the Fire Caucus Dinner. At the last meeting several officers and fire officials were in attendance.

PAST PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

All the past presidents in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions - Bill Kinsey stated he had nothing to report.

Editor's Assistant - Bill Howe reported the paper was going to press. To be mailed about February 15th.

Nat'l. Vol. Fire Council - Gene Stofer announced the next meeting will be held in April in Nebraska. The Council was growing and getting stronger.

EMS - Don Johnson stated he attended the last EMS meeting. New forms will be coming out for first responders.

Bridgeport Scholarship Fund - Lawrence Swartz mentioned he is working with some of the applications.

Fire Schools and Training - Dick Glant stated everything was on the back burner at the current time. The association was working with the Ind. Fire Instructor's Assn.

Historical Update - Mitch Parish stated the committee was in limbo until funds are available to continue.

Awards - Dick Glant announced he had not received all names for the various awards as of this meeting.

Photography - Bruce Neal stated the committee was ready to take pictures of the officers for the convention book.

Standards and Education - Paul Covington reported the committee is in the process of rewriting the "Red Book".

Clothing - Perry Martin had nothing to report.

Safety - Paul Covington announced a new article is into the paper. New ideas are needed for future issues.

Fire Service Institute and Caucus - Mitch Parish remarked on some complaints received by the institute's officers at recent meeting. Gene Stofer also spoke on the recent caucus dinner and the activity of the institute to date.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

EC Jackson stated he had visited several departments in the area. Activity in the area had been quiet.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORT CONT.

D5 Lanning reported the attendance had been fair at the meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT.

Public Education - Jim Parker read a letter from a TV station that has broadcasted the IVFA's spots for the past three months.

Insurance - Gene Stofer spoke on an incident which has gone to court. It is being watched for future problems that may occur.

Membership - Carl Bruns reported that the secretary's report on the current figures speak for themselves on the subject.

At this time, President Parish called on Barry Winger, Chairman of the '93 convention, who gave an updated report on the progress of the various committees. A tentative schedule for the program for the convention was passed out to those in attendance.

President Parish called on Gene Stofer who gave a legislative report by going through the bills. Copies were passed out to follow along with Gene's presentation. Jim Parker read the synopsis for each bill that was reviewed.

The meeting was recessed at 9:15 p.m. until the following day at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Parish with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR REPORT'S CONT.

SE Hildebrand stated he had nothing to report at this time.

President Parish read a letter concerning illegal use of the blue light by an individual. Action has been taken to correct this situation. He then read a second letter about a painting using the association logo and a request for permission to sell copies of this painting.

Bill Kinsey brought before the body two items for action. President Parish resolved the questions.

President Parish announced a problem with the new association clock to be used for the dedication of a new fire house. However, the dedication was done prior to receiving notice for the clock. A stand was taken that the notice for a clock must be given prior to the date of the dedication or a clock will not be presented.

Al Mendel gave an updated report for the 1993 convention games.

President Parish appointed Lawrence Swartz as Chairman, Richard Glant, Larry Stott and Bill Howe for the Convention Book Committee for this year.

President Parish announced the 1993 convention committee meeting schedules and appointed members to serve on the various committees at this time.

Paul Hildebrand requested that the association back and support for passage of House Bill 1047 even though it does not effect the fire service. President Parish conducted an answer and question session about this bill.

President Parish introduced those members in attendance who served on the Standards and Education Committee. They were Tony Johnson, Gene Goddard, Ivan Nevil and Paul Covington.

Ivan Nevil served as moderator for this group. A question and answer session was held between the officers of the association in the room and those members of the Standard and Education Committee on topics of concern with the association.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Richard Glant, seconded by Doug Engle. The motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Zeeks. The call for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Chairman Zeeks. A motion by Bill Howe, seconded by Larry Bartlow to accept them as printed. The motion was carried by a hand vote.

Bill Bush brought up a situation concerning grave markers and Bibles. Mitch Parish recommended any action be tabled until Chaplain Lantz checks into quantity breaks with the supplier and reports back to the association president. A motion by Virgil Heneisen seconded by Tug Sutton to have Chaplain Lantz purchase the items as needed at the breaking point.

Bill Bush reported needing replenishment of the association envelopes. He recommended purchasing two cases of envelopes to cover the current situation.

Treasurer Gene Stofer requested an inventory of the supplies under the control of the office of the Sgt-at-Arms by the next officer's meeting.

A motion was made by Jack Harker to purchase two cases of envelopes, seconded by Perry Martin. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Ivan Nevil at this time, gave an updated report on Pete Lockhart. He is resting at home following another attack he suffered recently.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tug Sutton, seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lantz.

John Davies, Recording Secretary

Madison Township firefighters

Fourteen members of the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Company recently attended training sessions at the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg, md.

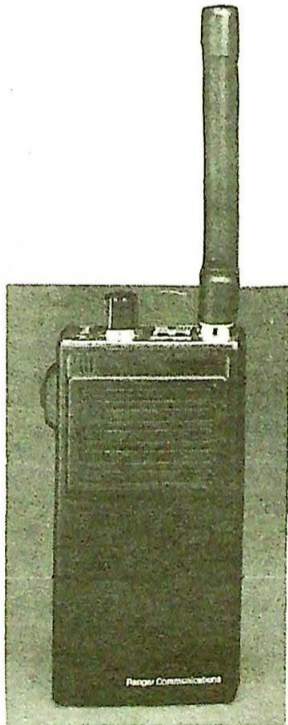
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Jennifer Hambrick (D19)		

IVFAA President



Maxine Davies

How can a year go by so quickly?? It seems such a short time ago we were winding up convention in Clarksburg and here it is that time again. They say time goes fast when you're having fun...

Plan on attending this year's convention in French Lick. The Committee tells me all is going well and lots of plans have been made. Let's see how the Friday-Saturday-Sunday concept works out. Good luck to all those candidates - Lois Boaz, Mr. IVFA, Miss Flame and all the others.

With summer approaching I hope to visit more of your Districts. Keep me posted on your District activities, especially those on a weekend, and I will do my best to join you.

Thanks to the good work of so many of you, our membership has grown considerably. Keep up the good work!

Did you hear about the pet bird that fell into a can of varnish and drowned? It was a sad way to die but he sure had a beautiful finish.

A couple of church bulletin bloopers...This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expense of the new carpet. All wishing to do something on the carpet, please come forward and get a piece of paper.

JOIN US AT CONVENTION AND LET'S HAVE FUN!

DISTRICTS 1, 2

District 1 & 2 meeting was hosted by Schererville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at the Lake Hills Civic Club Nov. 5, 1992. Present were 80 members and guests, Phyllis Vargo, Vice-President; Miriam Schaeckel, Sgt.-of-Arms; Barbara Parker, Miss Flame Chairman and their spouses.

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A lovely meal was served and enjoyed by all.

Next meeting March 4, 1993 at New Chicago, Rosser Hall. Dollie Komoscar, Dist. 1 Ann Moss, Dist. 2

DISTRICT 3

March 17, 1993, 7:30 pm, Springfield Twp.

President Leona Uryga opened meeting with a pledge to the flag. In the absence of the District Chaplin, prayer was offered by Springfield Township's Chaplin. Attendance was taken and minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given. No illness was reported. Miss Flame, Felicia Robowski, of Kingsford-Union Fire Dept. was introduced. Information for the Auxilliaries Red Book was passed out. Several Auxilliaries turned in money for Doe Doll tickets. A picture of the 1993 Doe Doll was passed around.

Leona thanked all individual and Auxilliaries that sent sympathy cards for her father's passing and also husband of Annabelle Konieczy. Leona stated that she had sent sympathy cards to four state officers, who had deaths in their families.

Members were reminded that the convention will be at French Lick. Anyone who wants to participate in any games should contact Leona. Charms picturing a Dalmation holding a fire hose, are this year's selection. Leona will still take Doe Doll tickets at the May Mtg. The May meeting will be May 19, '93 at Noble Twp.

Annabelle Konieczy motioned, seconded by Laurie Enochs, to hold another White elephant/Bake Sale at Noble Twp. Stantz, Frieda Kroening and Lucille Jaske were honored by Springfields Aux. for 32 years of membership.

Leona gave Past Presidents pins to all present. If past president already has pin, other arrangements are to be made.

Scipio Twp. won the attendance award. \$16.80 was realized for the District from 50/50. Marie Gemberling and another received \$8.35.

Coming Events: Kingsbury - Pancake Breakfast- April 25 & Raffle - May 29; Kingsford - Union - Fish Fry - April 9 - \$6.50, adults; 4.50 - 6 - 11 Preschool - \$1.50; Michiana Shores - Pancake Breakfast/Bake Sale - April 25; Scipio Twp. - Pancake Breakfast - April 18, 7 to 1:00 pm.; Springfield Township Pancake Breakfast - April 18 - Drawing for Raffle; \$126.00 - White Elephant & Bake Sale held.

Rose Kravcar motioned, seconded by Frieda Kroening, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Marie Gemberling

DISTRICT 11A

Winter has come and gone, ha! ha! It sure dosen't feel that way today. But it will soon be over. Spring was suppose to get started. The flowers are trying to sprout and waiting for the sunshine and warmer weather so they can get in full bloom. Spring

is such a beautiful time of the year. It's like a new beginning.

Maybe like Spring, we can get some new Auxiliaries to start blooming. Wouldn't it be great if every District Chairman could get at least one new auxiliary enrolled.

Went to Dist. 11-B's Miss Flame dance in Feb. at Clinton, IN. It was real nice. Congratulations to their Miss Flame and all of the other lovely ladies who participated.

Went with Toddy Michl our PR Director and his wife Helen to a district meeting in Zionsville. That is such a nice town. It's so pretty at night. If you ever get the chance, go thru there sometime and ladies it has some cute shops.

Went to a number of Fish Fry's and Sausage Breakfasts. It's great to go and see how all the other fire departments and their auxiliaries are working hard to make money. They all work so hard. Several of them are working for a new truck. Love to go-we can help support them and I don't have to Cook - great idea and it helps both.

Bob and I went to French Lick with Toddy and Helen where the '93 Convention is gonna be held. It is really some hotel.

Looks like fun. Can't wait to rock in those rocking chairs on that front porch. Hope you have registered and have your reservations in.

Hope you got your letters in for the awards that are to be presented at Convention time. If you didn't this year, start thinking about '94. There is always a deserving person somewhere.

We have our district meeting at Staunton VFD (Posey Twp.) on May 16 at 1:00 pm with a dinner. If you in our area please stop by we'd love to have you.

"Happy Mother's Day" to all of you.

Best Wishes and good luck to all of your auxiliaries. Hope you are all doing well.

Joann Hays

DISTRICT 11B

It is hard to believe this is the May issue of the IVFA paper already. Soon we will be on our way to French Lick for Convention. I've noticed that when I tell people that the Convention will be at French Lick, they immediately take notice and show some real interest. I hope that this is an indication that lots of firemen and auxiliary members will be attending.

I guess you may be questioning why I am writing this instead of Betty Osborne. Well to make a short story long - back in July when the district election was held, I agreed to take the vice-chairman office. This is because I knew that the "vice" "never" has to do anything. (How often do you hear that Al Gore has done something?) Well it

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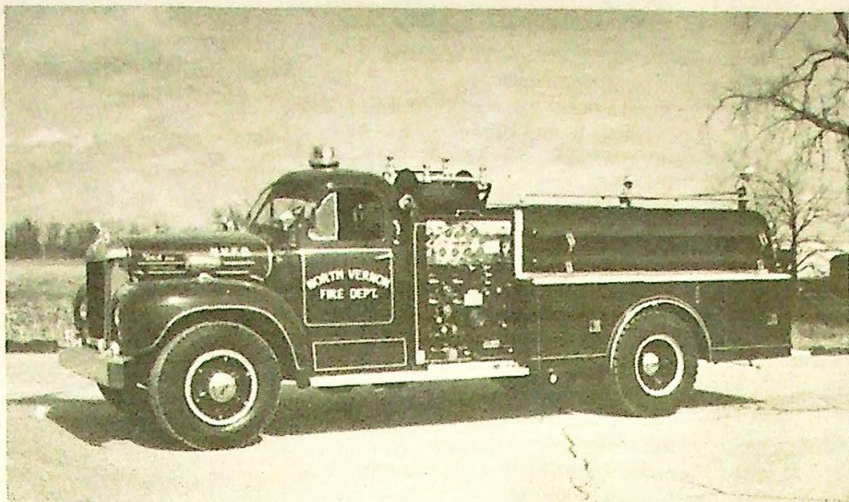
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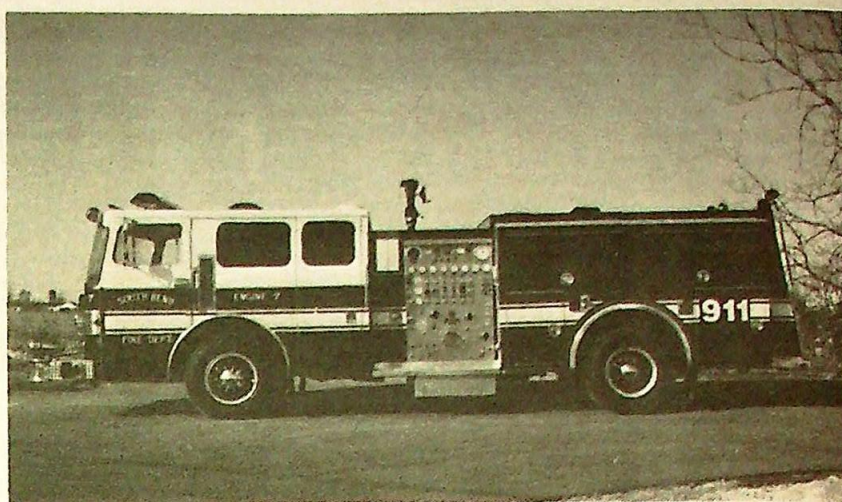
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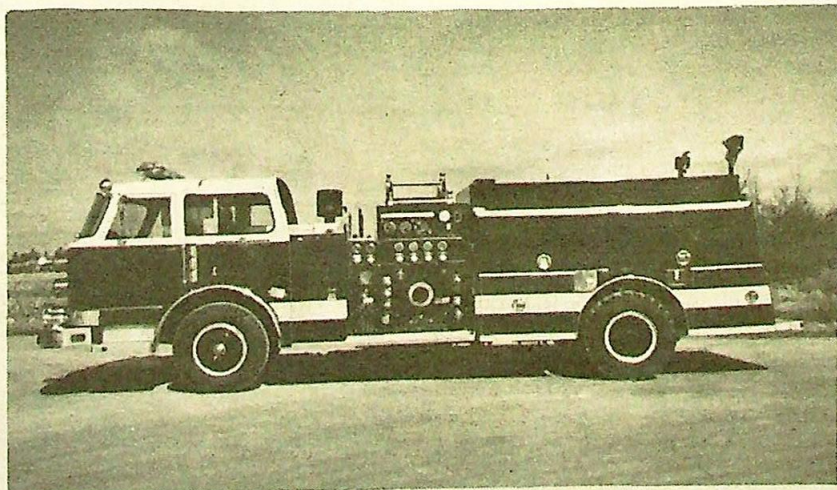


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AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING

WATERFRONT HOTEL
FEBRUARY 7, 1993

President Maxine Davies called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. by welcoming everyone and asking Chaplain Judy Hildebrand to open the meeting with prayer.

Sgt. at Arms Miriam Schaeckel then led the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary, Lou Bartlow gave the roll call with 26 Officers and Committee Members and 5 Guests responding. We now have a total membership of 1440 (108 auxiliaries, 1380 members, and 60 Individuals). Each District Chairman responded by saying if they were in need of a Bible.

We have one new auxiliary and it is St. Mary's of District 11A. Congratulations!!

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lou. Only one addition to the minutes was that Mary Ann Martin helped with the party Sat. even. Sorry I missed her name.

The minutes were then approved as read. Barbara Parker made the motion to refrain from reading the District reports. It was seconded by Judy Hildebrand.

Treasurer's report was given and will stand ready for audit.

Chaplain Judy Hildebrand said she has sent 14 Sympathy cards, 19 Get Well cards and 1 Thank You. She also handed out one Bible.

President Maxine Davies read all the Thank You notes that we have received. Ruth Fairfield thanked everyone who sent cards to her husband during his recent illness. In case some of you do not know who to call in case of an emergency message, Maxine went over the list. Make sure you get your people called!! We also need to take up a collection for the flower fund. We have pretty well used it all up. So Miriam passed the hat.

Lois Boaz - All Districts need to get their letters in. We need lots of them. Make it a real job for them to decide on a winner.

Pictures for the book are being taken now and so any District Chairman, Committee Chairman or Officer that needs them taken should go to the pool area. Nancy has the pictures from convention with her and if anyone wants them for their District meetings let her know.

By-Laws - Wanda Johnson said she had the four pages that needed to be updated with her. She spent a total of \$41.02 to complete all of it. They were passed out during the meeting. All by-law changes must be sent in by April 1st. So, if any Districts have some to send in, make sure they are signed by the Secretary and District Chairman.

Doe Doll - Phylis Vargo has the dolls with her and also a picture of them if you want one to take back to your Districts. So far we have 1980 tickets out and \$60.00 sold. So get out and SELL!! Remember to put your district number on the back of the stub when you turn them in.

Financial Study - Nancy Neal--No report.

Miss Flame - Barbara Parker has 8 Miss Flames so far. She needs their pictures. Will have a short meeting after our meeting today. Will have 14 girls with the ones that have been turned in today. She needs to get these into the paper.

Games - Virginia Wilson (D7)--No report.

Historian - Carolyn McCarty-- No report. If anyone has any pictures etc., get them to her.

Installation - Ruth Fairfield - - No report

Jewelry - Betty Osborne has 2 State Pins sold, have 1 left. Have some charms left. Mary Mackin made a motion to order some since we have the convention coming and new auxiliaries. Lucy Stofer seconded it. She will need a check to order them. Barbara Parker made a motion to order a dozen State pins. Motion carried.

Now we will go into the convention charm. Maxine ask convention city to provide a logo for the charm. She showed us the pattern. Dolly Komoscar also was asked to provide some ideas and she showed us the ones she had. Prices were from \$1.25 to \$1.75, plus a \$45.00 die set fee, with a minimum order of 250-300.

We voted on the logos and it was between convention city and a Dalmatian dog with a hat and firehose. The majority voted for the Dalmatian dog, with 93 on the hat and French Lick on the firehose. We will order 300 of them. Barbara Parker made the motion and Nancy Neal seconded it. Toni Sorg made a motion to order 200 pins and 100 charms. It was seconded.

Barbara Parker ask if it would be o.k. to give each of the Miss Flame contestants one of each. Toni said just to give them the charm and if we have plenty at the end of convention, then give them one on Sunday when they come out to sell Doe Doll tickets. Barbara agreed.

District 6 chairman for the men will furnish the bags for the ditty bags this year. Maxine said she had a lot more things for the door prizes and ditty bags. Toni ask if the districts could just bring their door prizes to the convention. Maxine said that would be just fine. They do not need to be wrapped. Barbara suggested that we just give the ditty bags to the women at their meeting. We need to have around 200-250.

Maxine reminded us that if we needed funds for the convention, that they had to be pre-approved, so make sure we get them in.

Maxine gave us a little information on the fire caucus dinner they attended. She said it was very interesting and enjoyable.

Diana also said to save some money, her daughter-in-law who works at a local bank, is printing the newsletter for her at no cost. All she has to do is furnish the paper. Maxine said to give her a big THANK YOU.

CONVENTION: Maxine said the coffee clutch will go as planned. We will give them \$250 and they will furnish the rest. The rooms for the meetings are free. Mary Mackin made the motion to send the check and Betty Osborne seconded it.

There is camping available--20 campsites at Lanes Motel, which is a 5 minute walking distance. There is also a campground about 5 miles from the hotel. The information will be in the paper. You must make your own reservations.

Toni ask about the dress code -- Maxine assured us that the dress code would be whatever we normally wear to the meetings. There is one restaurant that is formal and you MUST wear jacket and tie. The food is expensive in the hotel, but there are other choices within a mile of the hotel. There is a Dairy Queen, Villager Restaurant and another which is a smorgasbord.

As we have plenty of time we will take a 10 minute break and then we will continue the meeting.

Maxine called the meeting to order again. She said the party Saturday evening was real nice and thanked the girls who were in charge of it.

Toni Sorg said that the Poe Fire Dept. made and sold 8,090 lbs. of peanut brittle. They had it all sold by the 2nd week in Dec. They will clear approximately \$14,000.00. That is great!! A lot of hard work was involved.

Barbara Parker made a motion to not read the District reports. Leona Uryga seconded it. Maxine reminded each chairman that it was her responsibility to get it into the paper.

Maxine reminded us that the next State Officers meeting will be held at Wayne Twp. Fire Headquarters, May 2, 1993. The time will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will not be a lunch break. Maybe we can make some sandwiches and have snacks. Lucy will ask Gene to see if it is o.k. We will be notified by letter of what is going on and what to bring at a later date.

Directions to Wayne Twp. from the NORTH are:

Take 465 W to Rockville Rd. Exit, Go right to High School Rd. You can see it from there.

Judy Hildebrand closed the meeting with prayer.

REMINDERS:

Get your reservations and registrations in for convention.

May 2, 1993 Meeting on Sunday ONLY at Wayne Twp. Fire Headquarters. 10-3

SEE YOU ALL IN MAY!!!

DISTRICT REPORTS:

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DISTRICT 3:

The meeting was held Nov. 18, 1992 at Kingsbury. The meeting was opened by Leona Uryga. Pledge to the Flag was followed by the Lord's Prayer said in unison. A memorial was conducted for Evaline Kaufman of Coolspring Twp. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. There was no correspondence. Toni Grammels motioned, seconded by Celine Boisvert, to pay postage of \$4.75.

Judges for Miss Flame were introduced as follows: Mrs. Netzer, Mrs. Bell and Don Shamp. Contestants were Felicia Robrowski and Ann Grott. Felicia won by a narrow margin. She received a red banner and gold necklace. Runner up received a gold bracelet. Miss Flame will compete at Convention held at French Lick, June 10-13.

Leona explained the state by-laws. The second reading was held

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District 11B

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backfired, Betty had to resign because of some other job related and family demands. I certainly hope everything works out well for her and we welcome her back anytime.

Since the last issue of the paper we held our Miss Flame dance and contest. Heather Brann of Rosedale was selected to represent District 11B at Convention.

Our February meeting was at Clinton and our May meeting to be held April 25 because of Mother's Day, will be at JUGA (Bellmore).

Lou Bartlow and I visited a JUGA departmental meeting to help them get their auxiliary rejuvenated. Hopefully they can get going and join the IVFA auxiliary soon.

We were sadden to loose an old friend in March. Robert "Pete" King passed away after being in ill health for some time. Pete was Chaplain of Dist. 11 and then when the districts were split was Chaplain of Dist. 11A for many years. He participated in the state memorial service on some occasions. Pete will be missed. Our condolences go to wife and daughter.

Our district has submitted four resolutions to the IVFA Aux. by-laws. First one is to increase the membership dues from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Hopefully this will help to cover some of the increased costs incurred such as postage.

Another resolution clarifies that a person may only collect mileage representing only one office (in some instances people can hold more than one office). The other two resolutions submitted are to clarify titles of members. Instead of associate member, we propose it be changed to "individual member" with all rights and privileges of an active member.

I hope that our district members will attend convention and help pass these resolutions. We would appreciate the support of the entire membership.

Eula Bush

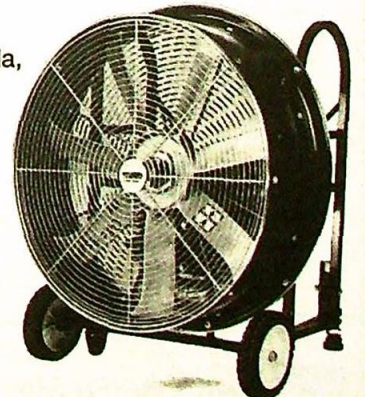
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Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept. Celebrates 40 Years of History; Liberty Twp., Inc.

In the early part of 1953, about six concerned men of the community decided that the community needed a fire department. By January of 1955 the department had become incorporated and became known as HAZELWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, INC.. Two of these men are still on the department. They are Lt. James A. Bruner and Sylvan J. Salsman. These two have held various positions over the last 40 years.

Being as how the community could not afford a new fire truck, the men bought a used 1950 Chevrolet truck and proceeded to build a fire truck. They used iron from windmills and other donations to build the truck because of the cost of iron. Only \$101.00 worth of steel was purchased and the pump was the only thing mounted at a factory. The actual cost of the truck was \$4,385.00 compared to over \$12,000 for a factory built truck of the same quality. This truck was retired from service about 1988.

By May of 1955, the firemen had raised in number to 33 of the then population of about 250. It was indeed a proud group of young dedicated men.

By February of 1958, the department had bought, converted and paid for a building and ground. In 1962 the ground work was laid for the first part of the present fire house and community building. This portion was finished in 1964.

The newest three bay addition was begun in 1972 and completed in 1974. With the help of community volunteer labor, this building was built at a considerable savings. Even one contractor, O.G. Shuler (also a volunteer fireman) paid his help to work on the fire house and donated the use of this equipment at no charge to the department.

The fire department is completely volunteer. No member gets paid for the job or jobs they perform. As in every job it takes a lot of time, dedication, desire and training. Currently there is required training to become a firefighter as well as the training require to keep E.M.S. certification and O.S.H.A. requirements for training for responding to hazardous materials incidents.

Since 1955, the firefighters have had behind them the Ladies Auxiliary. They have not only been a help at the time of major fire but is an important driving force behind our annual fish fry. The auxiliary has also freely used their finances to obtain and pay for equipment when needed.

Talking about finances; the fire department is financed through the profit of our annual fish fry, donations from the annual boot drive in October, other projects, dues, other donations, and a contract with the Liberty



Township Trustee. Our annual fish fry is only accomplished through complete community cooperation. The community cooperation is undoubtedly the reason the fire department has grown to what it is today. The department owns about seven acres where the fire department is located.

In 1962, the fire department saw the need for emergency care and rescue service in the community. The department now has two units that are for this purpose. They are a 1985 Ford F-700 4X4 Rescue Engine (Rescue Engine 42) and 1979 Ford Ambulance (Ambulance 40). The department is in the process of purchasing a new ambulance to keep up with the changing times of requirements in the field of emergency medical services.

As the community grew, the fire department saw a need for a second fire truck. In March, 1966 the department bought a used 1951 G.M.C. pumper that was replaced with a new 1983 Universal Fire Apparatus pumper on a Ford F-800 chassis with a 750 G.P.M. pump and a 1000 gallon water tank. This apparatus is still in service as Engine 41.

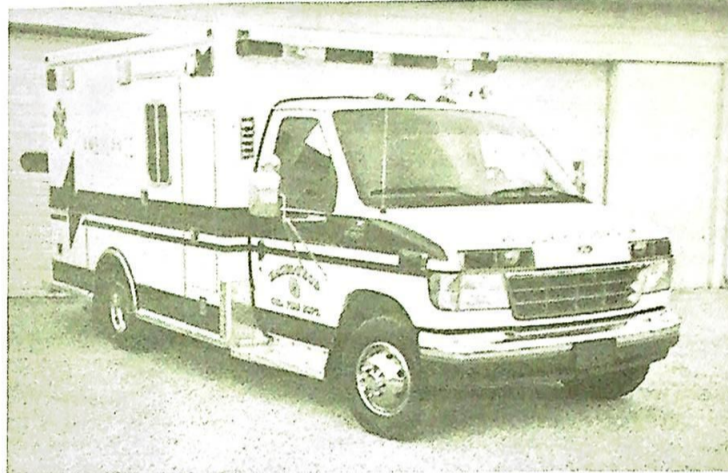
In 1972 the fire department built its first tanker using a chassis loaned by the Department of Natural Resources. It was later replaced with (Tanker 44) a 1968 Chevrolet C-60 with a 2200 gallon water tank.

The department also owns a 1976 Chevrolet 4X4 (Engine 43) grass fire truck for field fires and other emergencies.

The fire department has a fry trailer that is used at the annual fish fry. This trailer is made available for use in case of a disaster such as tornado, etc., because it requires little or no electricity in such emergency.

All the equipment except Engine 41 and Ambulance 40 was designed and built by the personnel within the department. All the equipment is expensive but it has been the opinion of the firefighters here at Hazelwood that it is very hard to try to put a value on life because fires and emergencies can happen to any of us at any time.

The community has grown a lot in the last 40 years. We now have two truck stops and other



new businesses in the area along with several miles of I-70 to service. All the equipment is very much needed and must be serviceable at all times.

Currently there are 30 members with 13 Emergency Medical Technicians, 3 E.M.S. First Responders and 2 Honorary Members.

All firefighters have met some level of fire training approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

We are proud of the forty years of service that the Hazelwood Volunteer Fire

Department of Liberty Township, Inc. has given to this community. With the help of God and our fellow citizens of the community the fire department will continue to grow and keep up with the needs of the community.

NOTE: We are planning our 40th Anniversary Fish Fry - June 24, 25 & 26. This is one of the largest in the state, with good food, a lot of games and other entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

James A. Bruner,
"Capt" Hazelwood VFD.

Appeals court bans sale of most fireworks in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Court of Appeals has put a damper on large fireworks sales in Indiana.

The appeals court ruled 3-0 Monday that consumers can't buy cherry bombs, Roman candles and other dangerous fireworks under a loophole in Indiana law.

In a unanimous decision, the court said wholesalers may sell those fireworks only to retailers who agree to ship the fireworks out of state within five days.

Until now, consumers could purchase those fireworks from wholesalers if they signed the same pledge.

"Given our legislature's intent to protect our citizens from the more dangerous fireworks, we cannot agree that wholesalers may sell otherwise prohibited fireworks to consumers when it is plain retailers may not," Judge John G. Baker wrote for the court.

John Brooke, a Muncie attorney for the Indiana Fireworks Dealers Association, said the ruling could affect hundreds of fireworks businesses in the state.

The ruling stems from a debate over the interpretation of the word "purchaser" in a state

law regulating the purchase and sale of dangerous fireworks.

In a case from Fulton Circuit Court, Windy City Fireworks Inc., a licensed wholesale fireworks dealers in Rochester, claimed the term "purchaser" applied to retailers and consumers alike.

The state successfully argued that the Indiana General Assembly intended for "purchaser" to apply to retailers only when it wrote the provision.

South Gibson Star Tribune

Safety Advisory; High Pressure Composite Hoop Wrapped Cylinders

(4500 PSIG Marked Service Pressure; DOT-E 7235)

Department of Transportation Research and Special Programs Administration (Notice No 93-8)
AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration

(RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Safety advisory notice.

SUMMARY: This is to notify persons using cylinders authorized under DOT-E 7235 and not fitted with neckrings that serious personal injury, death, or property damage could result from rupture of these cylinders. Persons finding cylinders marked "DOT-E 7235 4500", without the required neckrings, are requested to take the precautionary measures outlined in this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles H. Hochman, telephone (202) 366-4545, Office of Hazardous Materials Technology, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RSPA has been notified of the rupture of a cylinder authorized under DOT-E 7235 on March 13, 1993. The cylinder, with a marked service pressure of 4500 psig, ruptured while it was being charged, resulting in the death of a firefighter. While the cause of the cylinder rupture has not been determined, it appears that this cylinder was not fitted with a steel neckring as required by DOT-E 7235.

RSPA alerted users of cylinders authorized under DOT-E 7235, in a Federal Register notice published on August 15, 1985 (50 FR 32944) that RSPA had "amended DOT-E 7235 to require that any cylinder manufactured under exemption DOT-E 7235, which is not equipped with a neckring be removed from service, prior to October 1, 1985." This restriction was based on a series of hydropneumatic burst tests performed by the cylinder manufacturer. Those tests showed that all test cylinders with neckrings failed by leakage only, while a considerable number of test cylinders without neckrings failed by rupturing.

Users of DOT-E 7235 cylinders again are reminded that serious personal injury, death, or property damage could result from the rupture of a cylinder without a neckring. Accordingly, all persons owning, using, or having access to DOT-E 7235 4500 psig cylinders should examine those cylinders immediately to ensure that the cylinders are fitted with the required neckring. Persons finding cylinders without the required neckring should immediately take the following precautions:

1. If a cylinder has been filled, its entire contents should be vented in order to relieve internal pressure.
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3. Under no circumstances should any of the cylinders in question be sold or otherwise transferred, filled, refilled or used for any purpose.

Once the above procedures have been taken, persons finding cylinders without neckrings should contact the company, or distributor from whom they were purchased, for their disposition. Issued in Washington, DC on March 19, 1993.

Alan I. Roberts Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (March 24, 1993)

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Auxiliary State Officer's Meeting

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and the third reading will be at the January meeting. Corrections were made to the list of state officers. One of the high lites of the meeting was that each auxiliary is to prepare and get items for the ditty bags as French Lick has no auxiliary. Also, Miss Congeniality will be selected from the Miss Flame contestants. Each Aux. was urged to support the district "Miss Flame".

The January meeting will be at Coolspring and the March meeting will be at Springfield.

Noble Twp. received the attendance award. \$11.50 was the IVFA's share of 50/50. Other winners were Bridget Boisvert and Agnes Batteladay.

Debbie Harris motioned seconded by Celine Boisvert, to adjourn. Motion carried. The host department served refreshments and gave door prizes.

The January meeting was held at Coolspring Twp. Fire Dept. station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Carolyn McCarty led us in prayer. Roll call was answered by five auxiliaries.

New past chairman pins were showed to the members and voted to pay bill.

A discussion for change in one of the state by-laws was finalized.

The next meeting is March 17 at Springfield Twp. where a bake sale and or auction will be held to help our Miss Flame.

Illnesses were Ruth Ruhnel from Michiana Shores and Chairman Leona Uryga's father.

DISTRICT 6:

The November meeting was held at New Haven Adams Twp.'s new station with 18 members from 5 departments present. State Officers minutes were read and discussed. '93 convention was discussed with a note on change of date. Camping information needed. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a traveling trophy for waterball champion at District picnic in memory of Ralphine Robinson, a past district chairman. A chinese gift exchange was held. We then joined the men for a social hour.

The January 21st meeting was held at Jackson Twp. in Dekalb county with 12 members and 4 guests from 6 departments. Several illnesses were reported. Linda Timmerman announced our Miss Flame. Crystal Bailer from Ashley and Jennifer Salvin from Churubusco as runner up. The men joined us for the crowning and refreshments were immediately served afterwards.

DISTRICT 7:

The 7th district of the IVFAA was held at Roanoke Nov. 16, 1992. Meeting was called to order with 9 members and 2 guests from 5 depts. present. Treasurer's report was given. We still have no Miss Flame contestant.

We held our Xmas gift exchange. Next meeting at Uniondale, January 18, 1993.

The 7th district of the IVFAA was held at Uniondale. Meeting was called to order with 11 members and 1 guest from 7 departments present.

We had a Miss Flame contestant and she was crowned that evening. Her name is Mandy Cook and she is from Monroe. Good Luck, Mandy!!!

DISTRICT 10:

The 10th district of the IVFAA meeting was held on November 18, 1992 at Marietta Fire Dept.

Chairman Barbara Parker called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M. Barb introduced State Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel and Miss Flame Contestants Christina Moody of Burney, Autumn Neal of Hope, and Janice Wilkins of Franklin Twp.

Chaplain Miriam Hickman read devotions "Little Things".

Roll call 18 members, 11 guests, representing 5 auxiliaries.

Minutes were read and approved with a correction.

Barb thanked Marietta for hosting the turkey dinner.

Treasurer's report was given.

Old business: Miss Flame diddy bag, bring 2 sweatshirts to the February meeting.

New Business: Barb gave Lois Taylor of Marietta a rose in memory of Grace Adams from convention.

Barb read minutes of the November State Officers meeting.

This year at convention the Miss Flame will vote for Miss Congeniality.

Convention dates changed to June 10th thru 13th. Rooms are \$59.00 a night per couple and \$5.00 each additional person. Barb passed out new by-law changes.

We need a money making project for May.

Nancy Neal passed out Lucky Doe Doll tickets.

Silver Collection \$6.03. Cake raffle \$70.00.

Chaplain's report - Miriam sent out 3 Get Well and 1 Thinking of You cards.

The 10th district Miss Flame for the 1992-1993 is Janice Wilkins of Franklin Twp.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting Feb. 17, 1993 at Clifford, 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 11-B:

Our last district meeting was March 10, 1993 at Perrysville. They served a very welcome meal of chili that hit the spot because the weather was chilly. There were drawings for door prizes and was won by Jo Ann Hayes District 11A Chairman and Brenda Harvey District 11B Co-Chaplain.

The auxiliary broke from the men and had a separate meeting. We discussed committee reports and passed by-law changes for June convention. Preparations for the annual Miss Flame Dance were finalized.

Our next scheduled meeting will be at Clinton City, March 14, 1993. Everyone is invited to attend.

DISTRICT 12:

The Nov. meeting was held jointly with the Marion County Aux. meeting at the Stake and Ale on 38th St. Dinner started at 7:00. There were 11 members and 3 guests present. After a wonderful dinner we called the meetings to order, starting with the Marion County Aux..

The IVFAA District 12 meeting was called to order. Officers reports were given.

All District 12 Auxiliaries need to get a membership roster of their

Auxiliaries to Sec. Barb Webb.

Doe Doll tickets were passed out.

Convention report was given.

Miss Flame contest will be held Sunday Feb. 7th at 1:30 p.m. at Wayne Twp. Station #2 on W. Washington St. We will start with a pitch-in dinner and follow with the judging and crowning of our 1993 Miss Flame. There was no other business so meeting was closed.

Next meeting will be held at Wayne Twp. Station #2 on March 8th at 7:30p.m.

DISTRICT 13:

We met with the men for a covered dish supper on Nov.19th at Knightstown. Their auxiliary was there backing their men up.

In our meeting we discussed many topics with them and they showed interest.

The chairman had gifts from Koorsen Protection Services for door prizes. She then passed out favors for everyone for Christmas.

We had our 50-50 drawing. We had 4 members and six guests present.

The meeting was closed with Prayer by Chaplain Miriam Schaeckel.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 18th at 7:00p.m. at Greenfield Fire house with the men and a covered dish.

Our Miss Flame will be crowned at this meeting.

DISTRICT 19:

The District 19 meeting held at Batesville Fire House was opened by President Edie Zimmer. Judy Hildebrand led us in Prayer and then the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

The Treasurer's and Secretaries reports were not presented at this time so the State Officers Meeting was reported on.

Doe Doll tickets were passed out and the prize (two dolls) was explained. They will be Jack and Jill. Again, they were donated.

The by-laws were given to the auxiliaries who previously had not received them. Batesville was then presented their 15 year certificate and also passed along were pictures from the Memorial Service held at the last State convention.

A reminder about dues was given and the Miss Flame contest was discussed. It is hoped more donations for Miss Flame expenses could be generated. Estimated costs were \$900.00. A message was passed along from Jennifer Hambrick expressing her desire to participate in as many Fireman related public functions as possible.

Our District Miss Flame will be held Nov. 19th at Dillsboro Fire Dept. There will be 4 contestants.

The Emergency Incident response report was discussed as it pertains to the ladies and what they can do to assist the fireman at the scene and behind the scene.

The Sec./Treas. report was then given. After roll call was completed the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray, Corresponding Sec.

Auxiliary State Chaplain

Judy Hildebrand

Dear IVFA & IVFAA Family,
Isn't it nice to know that spring is finally on its way. Holy Week is upon us and a time to start anew.

Sometimes it is hard to do what has to be done instead of what we would like to do. With my eye situation, I am having to do some changing. Not what I really want to do, but what has to be done. I am going to have to give up my office as State Chaplain.

I have so enjoyed my terms as Chaplain being able to help the family members as well as the Fire family of loved ones who have passed on. Or getting to send a Get Well message or a Thinking of You card, to help that member get over a rough time in their life by letting them know WE care. I have made so many wonderful friends during my time of being involved with the Volunteer Service. I hope we will always stay in touch.

Please never forget what we are here to do Volunteer - to offer or give of ones free will. Auxiliary - to help or assist. Let each and every one of us do our part as a team to support these 2 words.

I would like to leave you with words from another song I like. It has a very special meaning for me and Paul, as well as our sons. So from my heart to all of you_____

If all you had to do each day was wake up and go out to play, and shake the hand of all the world especially every boy and girl.

And if the only tears you shed were tears of joy upon your bed. To make the seeds of your love grow of flowers for the world to know.

And if the world would do the same life would have a brand new name.

The one we all have been dreaming of. If only there were only time for love.

Problems that we are facing now vanish into thin air some how, there would be no one to bring you harm. We would walk together arm and arm.

If peace would reign across the earth and we could have her Adams worth and every man would have a smile, ladies kisses last awhile.

We could take each others hand and be the others biggest fan.

Sing a song about a Dove. If only there were only time for love.

I think Jesus lived and died so we would not be crucified and all we really have to do is, you love me and I love you.

And if He should return someday and pass your door along his way, Come in, sit down awhile, see the beauty in your smile.

Think how very proud you'd be if love was all there was to see. Just like His Fathers house above. If only there were only time for Love.

Love Forever To All.

Fire Auxiliary Installs Officers



The LOFS Fire Auxiliary installed officers for 1993. L. to r., Rosemary Smith, Secretary; Erma Kankowski, Treasurer; Penny O'Conner, Vice-president; and Ann Moss, President.

The Ladies Fire Auxiliary held their Installation Dinner at the Ponderosa in January.

Member Sara Gendelman performed the ceremony installing the new officers.

New officers are: President, Ann Moss; Vice-President, Penny O'Conner; Secretary, Rosemary Smith; and Treasurer, Erma

Kankowski.

The auxiliary will not hold a meeting this month -- February. The next meeting will be on March 10 and will be held at the LOFS Fire Station.

Members are reminded that membership dues of \$4.00 are now payable or at the March meeting.



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1992 Successful Year For Morristown Fire Department Auxiliary

The Morristown Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary had a successful year in 1992 after a re-organization in March. The major project was the "1st Annual Flea Market" which was held June 5th. Along with the Flea Market, sandwiches and extras were available for sale.

The crew followed up with a Ring Toss Booth at the Annual Derby Day extravaganza in July, and a chili supper in the fall.

Part of the proceeds from these events were used to buy 2 roasters and a microwave for the kitchen, and a generator for the rescue truck. They also held a breakfast in February for the school basketball teams and Christmas party complete with Santa for the children of the community.

The Auxiliary, with the help of their firefighters, were pleased with the great success of these projects and wish to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to reserve booth space for the "2nd Annual Flea Market" on June 5th, 1993 to call now to reserve your spot. The cost is \$10.00 and reservations should be made thru Agnes Wilcher (317-763-6612) or Connie Carlton (317-763-6153).
Connie Carlton, President

Miss Flame

On Friday, June 11, 1993 nineteen girls age 15-19 from all over the state will compete for the honor of IVFA Miss Flame 1993. They will be individually interviewed by a panel of judges and engage in a conversation and an impromptu question on stage in front of an audience. They will be judged by 3 to 5 people selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. Then the winner and runnerup will be announced at the opening

meeting of the Convention the same evening. A big day for the girls!

The contestants have gone through similar competition in their districts and even their local fire departments to gain the privilege to compete in the state contest.

Now to show our appreciation to Miss Flame, Runner-up and all the contestants, the Miss Flame Committee would like to recommend that local departments honor them by inviting them to their fish fries or other functions and if they attend wearing their banners it would be a nice gesture if you let them and their parents eat free. Also if they come to participate in your parade, it is the responsibility of the host to supply the transportation for the girl.

Now let's all show the girls and their family how much we appreciate them by showing some royal treatment. In other words, some down-home Volunteer Firemen Hoosier Hospitality!

Damage extensive in blaze

By STEVE WHITE
Indiana News Editor

A house on Graham Road was nearly destroyed by a fire yesterday afternoon.

Madison Township and Rykers Ridge volunteer fire companies along with the Jefferson Proving Ground fire department responded to the blaze at the home of Martin Howard.

Robert Black, fire chief of the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Company, said they received the alarm at 2:49 p.m. and were on the scene at 2:57 p.m. to find the house engulfed in flames.

Firefighters moved to knock down the main body of the blaze and then moved around the house to get the hot spots. Because the stairway inside the house was destroyed by the fire, firemen had to fight the blaze in the upper portion of the 1 1/2-story frame home from ladders.

Tankers from all three fire companies shuttled water to the scene from a hydrant at Madison Mobile Homes to battle the stubborn blaze that had a good start.

Firefighters were on the scene until after 7 p.m. to do a thorough check of the house to make sure there were no hot spots that could rekindle the fire.

Black said no one was at home at the time of the blaze, and it

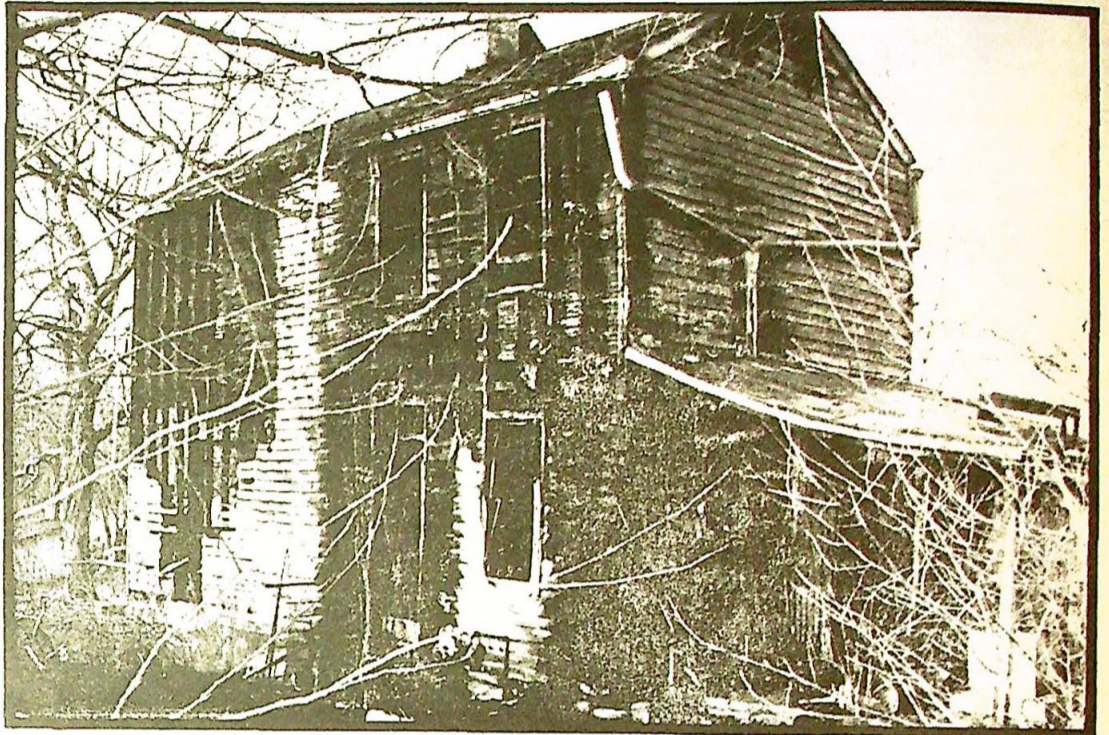
was reported by a neighbor, Rodney Clubb. The house was "pretty well destroyed" by the fire, but firefighters were able to save a few valuables. The cause of the blaze was still under investigation this morning, but it

is believed to have started in the center of the house.

Madison Township and Rykers Ridge each sent three pieces of firefighting apparatus to the scene, while JPG sent two.

The Giveaway

Madison man victim in blaze



Madison fire scene

A man died in a fire at this residence at 306 W. Sixth Street. The blaze broke out shortly after 6:30 p.m. The cause of the fire is under investigation. (Staff photo by Steve White)

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer

Flames of an undetermined origin resulted in the death of a man yesterday at about 6:41 p.m. at a Madison residence.

Although there has not been an official identification of the body, the victim is believed to be Andrew C. Wells who lived in the home.

The body was found in the kitchen of the house at 306 W. Sixth St., according to Madison Fire Chief Steve Horton. Death was determined to be due to asphyxia from smoke inhalation, according to Jefferson County Coroner Andy Lytle, who said the body has not been positively identified at this point.

A 911 transfer call came from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department to the Madison Police Department at 6:41 p.m., and the alarm was paged out to Madison firefighters, Horton

stated.

Assistant Fire Chief Dave Bell said he was hurrying to his car from the engine house at Walnut Street Fire Co. No. 4 when dispatcher Rosie Burns re-paged the alarm, telling firefighters that the house was "fully involved"—that is, engulfed in flames. He said Burns looked out the window of the police station and could see the blaze from there. Sixth Street intersects with West Street directly across the street from MPD.

Bell was the first firefighter on the scene, and he said he found the building fully involved as Burns had said.

"Neighbors informed me when I got there that there was a victim inside the back door, so we (a crew from the Fours) made an initial rescue attempt through the back entrance of the house." But he said there had been a misunderstanding by firefighters

of what the neighbors meant by "back door," as it was actually a side door which was meant.

Bell said the neighbors told him they had tried to get into the house to rescue the man, but were driven back by the intense heat.

The house and contents were severely damaged by the fire, Horton said. He said no dollar estimate of the loss has been made as yet.

Horton said the cause of the fire is under investigation. He said there is no suspicion of arson at this time.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Tom Hinkle is assisting in the investigation, the chief said.

All four downtown fire companies and a large number of firefighters responded to the alarm, Horton said. He said the flames were nearly extinguished by about 7:25 p.m.

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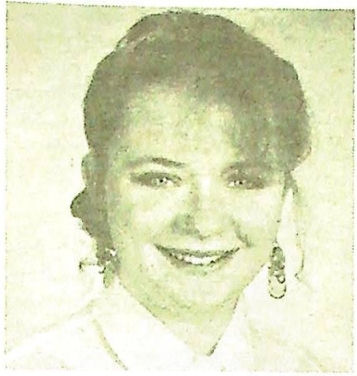
Remember to buy your Doe Doll Tickets. Prizes to be awarded at the State Convention on June 13th in French Lick.

First Prize: \$100.00, Second Prize: \$50.00 and Third Prize: \$25.00

1993 MISS FLAME CANDIDATES



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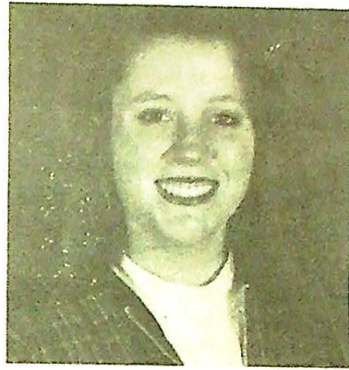
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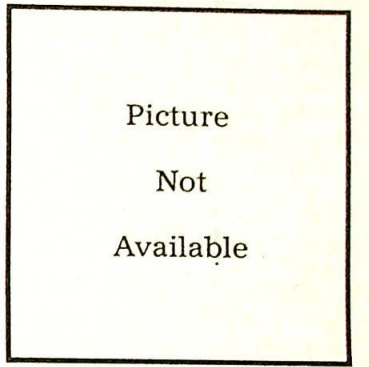
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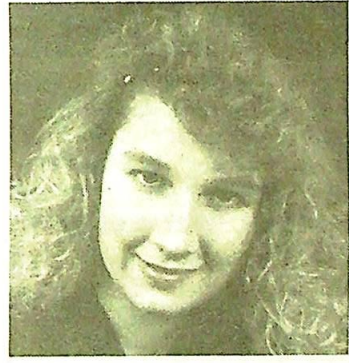


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CONGRATULATIONS

District Miss Flame Winners

The district Miss Flame contests are now over and there are 19 lovely girls going to the state convention.

The Miss Flame committee is looking forward to meeting you at Convention. We are there to help and guide you thru those few exciting days.

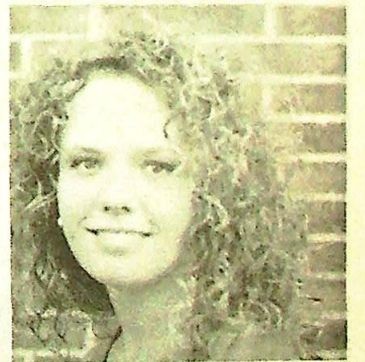
Again congratulations and good luck at Convention.

Barbara Parker

Miss Flame Chairman



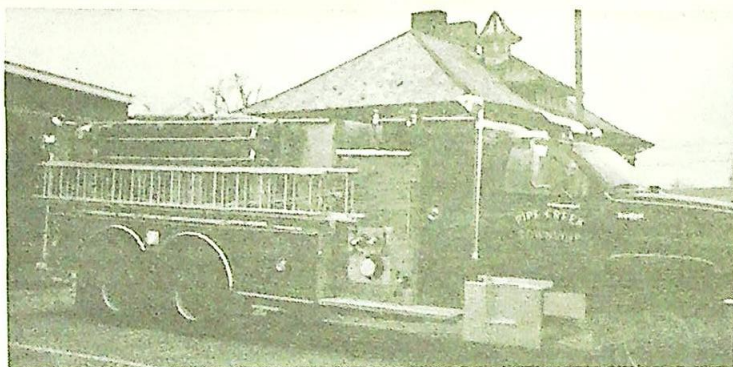
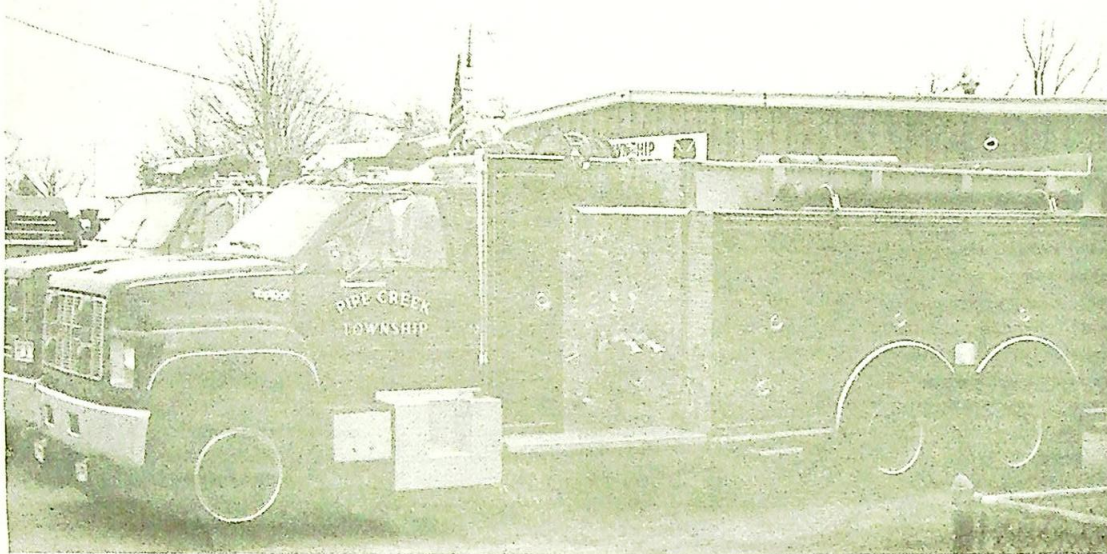
Sharon K. Lister
District 21



Jennifer L. Hambrick
1992 Miss Flame
District 19

History of Pipe Creek Township

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The present Pipe Creek Twp. VFD and Fire Station was made possible largely due to the efforts of township trustee Waldo Canaday. A two bay concrete block structure was started in 1959 and completed in 1960. The structure was built on the northeast corner of

the Red Corner school grounds located on State Road #28 one half mile east of state road #37. This location has been the home of the Pipe Creek Township VFD since 1960.

The first meeting was called to order on October 18, 1960 at 7:30 pm. in the Red Corner School basement. The meeting was opened with Mr. Canaday bringing everyone up to date on the status of the protection to the rural residents of Pipe Creek Township. John R. Brown was appointed Fire Chief with Ed Underriner as the Assistant Chief. Robert Stevens was the Recording Secretary and seventeen members were appointed later.

The equipment at this time was an International 750 gallon pumper truck purchased from the Howe Fire Apparatus Company in August of 1960. The pumper was housed at the Elwood Fire Station until November 1960. It was then put into service at the Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Station for rural fire protection.

The Elwood FD was, and still is, the dispatching point for all fire alarms. This was first done by means of 20 plectron receivers purchased in February 1961. Several years later new Motorola receivers were purchased through donations and are still in service.

On July 11, 1961 the department was incorporated as the Red Corner Volunteer Fire Department of Pipe Creek Township, Inc. Also in July of 1961 a 1957 GMC Semi tractor/trailer was purchased from Acme Iron and Metal Company. This truck was used to transport 2000 gallons of water to rural fires.

In July 1971 the department began plans to enlarge and modernize the station. A new four bay aluminum sided building which included the original two

bay cement block building was started. The addition would provide a complete kitchen and spacious meeting room. The construction of the fire station was completed in June 1972 at an approximate cost of \$40,000.00.

In 1972 another valuable piece of equipment was added to the department. A 1972 International four wheel drive pickup to be used as a grass fighter. The truck was equipped with a 250 gallon tank built by Howe Fire Apparatus. This truck is still in service with the department.

On Nov. 13, 1973 a 1961 Chevrolet step van was purchased for the purpose of a rescue unit. The cost of the van was \$450.00. The funds to purchase the van were provided by the members of the department. The van needed to be completely renovated to make serviceable. The department members spent many hours in fund raising and work installing cabinets and mechanical repairs to the truck. The rescue van was completed and presented to the township in March of 1976.

In March of 1974 an International Semi tractor was purchase by the township to replace the 1957 GMC semi. This 1974 semi tractor pulled the 2000 gal. tanker/trailer to rural fires. In 1978 the tanker semi frame was lengthened and a 2000 gal. stainless steel tank was added to make a straight truck.

In 1978 the twp. purchased a new pumper from the FMC Company of Tipton Indiana. This truck has a 750 gallon tank with a 750 gpm pump.

In 1980 the township purchased a chevrolet all steel step van to replace the 1961 rescue van. The van was purchased from McCarroll Chevrolet of Elwood and cabinets for the rescue equipment were installed by Scott's Construction of Elwood.

Pipe Creek Twp. purchased a new van GMC truck in 1987 for use as a tanker. The truck was purchased from Duke GMC of Anderson and S&S Tank of Fairmount installed a 2500 gallon all stainless steel tank and cabinets. This was the first diesel truck with an automatic transmission for Pipe Creek to operate.

Three years later the township purchased a 1990 chassis from Duke GMC. This truck was a diesel with automatic transmission to be used as a pumper. The chassis was sent to S&S Tank of Fairmount. The truck was equipped with a 1500 gallon booster tank, 1250 gmp pump, deluge nozzle, foam eductor, diesel generator, Scott air packs and a hose bed equipped with 1000 feet of 1 1/2" and two 200 feet rubber 1 inch hose reels. This truck was put in service in 1991 and the 1960 International pumper was retired from service.

The last 32 years have brought many changes to the Pipe Creek Township VFD. The twenty members are all state certified except 2 who have completed training and are ready to apply for 2nd class. 13 are 1st class certified, 3 are 2nd class, 2 are tactics and investigation by training and 1 is 1st class instruction.

The department has been a member of IVFA and the Madison County Mutual Aid for 32 years.

Firemen Receive Class II Certification

Fowler-Center Twp. FD just completed 40 hours of fire-fighting theory and skills. All twenty-two of the dedicated volunteers participated in training classes held twice a week, each being three hours in length, from Mid-Jan. through Feb.

The techniques achieved, should not only assist the community in maintaining their insurance rating, which is equal to cities such as West Lafayette, but also to aid in an emergency of yours!

Theory portion was taught by Class II Firefighter and Instructor, Dennis Fleming. Class I Firefighter and Instructor, Bob Mauck, concluded with the practical "hands on" skills.

Each of the vol. firefighters will receive State of IN Certification, and be awarded embroidered patches for their distinctive achievement.

Kohn Kutz,
Fowler-Center Twp. VFD

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Contestant Entry Blank

Hose Replacing Contest Water Ball Contest Cart Race

Our Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests:

Water Ball, Hose Replacement or Cart Race

French Lick, Indiana on Sunday, June 13, 1993.

An entry fee of \$10.00 in each contest. The \$10.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

Dept. Name _____

Signed _____

Chief or Secretary

NOTICE

All contest entry blanks should be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1993, to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$10.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to:

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Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Friday night, June 11 after the open meeting.

Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.

1993 CALENDAR OF NFPA MEETINGS, SEMINARS AND EVENTS ANNOUNCED

JUNE		
2-3	* Oxygen Enriched Atmospheres,	White Sands, NM
7-9	* Alternative Protection Option to Halon	Baltimore, MD
14-16	Automatic Sprinkler Seminar	Nashville, TN
14-17	National Electrical Code Seminar	Nashville, TN
15-18	Life Safety Code Seminar	Nashville, TN
16-18	* Automatic Sprinklers	Myrtle Beach, SC
21-23	* Correlating Committee (C/C) Life Safety Code	Baltimore, MD
21-23	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Columbus, OH
21-24	National Electrical Code Seminar	Columbus, OH
22-25	Life Safety Code Seminar	Columbus, OH
JULY		
21-23	NFPA Standard Council Meeting	Vancouver, BC
AUGUST		
16-18	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	New York, NY
16-19	National Electrical Code Seminar	New York, NY
17-20	Life Safety Code Seminar	New York, NY
SEPTEMBER		
13-15	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Towson, MD
13-16	National Electrical Code Seminar	Towson, MD
14-17	Life Safety Code Seminar	Towson, MD
21	NFPA Regional Meeting	Hamilton, Ontario
23	NFPA Regional Meeting	Chicago, IL
27-29	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Philadelphia, PA
27-30	National Electrical Code Seminar	Philadelphia, PA
28-10/1	Life Safety Code Seminar	Philadelphia, PA
OCTOBER		
3-9	National Fire Prevention Week (Theme: "Get Out, Stay Out: Your Fire Safe Response")	
4-6	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Braintree, MA
4-7	National Electrical Code Seminar	Braintree, MA
5-8	Life Safety Code Seminar	Braintree, MA
7-8	Fire Alarm Systems Seminar	Braintree, MA
7	NFPA Regional Meeting	Stamford, CT
11-13	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Oak Brook, IL
11-14	National Electrical Code Seminar	Oak Brook, IL
12-15	Life Safety Code Seminar	Oak Brook, IL
14-15	Fire Alarm Systems Seminar	Oak Brook, IL
14	NFPA Regional Meeting	Dover, DE
14-15	NFPA Standards Council Meeting	Kansas City, MO
25-27	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Denver, CO
25-28	National Electrical Code Seminar	Denver, CO
26-29	Life Safety Code Seminar	Denver, CO
28-29	Fire Alarm Systems Seminar	Denver, CO
NOVEMBER		
1-3	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Bellevue, WA
1-4	National Electrical Code Seminar	Bellevue, WA
2-5	Life Safety Code Seminar	Bellevue, WA
4-5	Fire Alarm Systems Seminar	Bellevue, WA
8-10	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	LaJolla, CA
8-11	National Electrical Code Seminar	LaJolla, CA
9-12	Life Safety Code Seminar	LaJolla, CA
11-12	Fire Alarm Systems Seminar	LaJolla, CA
15-18	NFPA Fall Meeting (Theme: "Moving Toward a Fire-Safe Society")	Phoenix, AZ
DECEMBER		
6-8	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Atlanta, GA
6-9	National Electrical Code Seminar	Atlanta, GA
7-10	Life Safety Code Seminar	Atlanta, GA
9-10	Fire Alarm Systems Seminar	Atlanta, GA
13-15	Automatic Sprinkler Systems Seminar	Lake Buena Vista, FL
13-16	National Electrical Code Seminar	Lake Buena Vista, FL
14-17	Life Safety Code Seminar	Lake Buena Vista, FL
16-17	Fire Alarm Systems Seminar	Lake Buena Vista, FL

NFPA Member Advisory Council (MAC) Meetings are held at every Fall Meeting (always on Mon.) and Regional MAC meetings are held on the evening before every Regional Meeting. For more information on the Regional, MAC, Fall and Annual Meetings, please contact Kenneth E. H. Backman, Assistant Vice President for Member Programs, NFPA, One Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.

For more information on NFPA Technical Committee Meetings, please contact Linda Fuller, projects coordinator/standards, at NFPA.

Approaching its 100th Anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association has led the way to fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services.

DISTRICTS 1,2

March 17, 1993
Location: Union Twp.
The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman Joe Komoscar at 8:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests introduced: Included Past President Ivan Nevil, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe, Township Trustee Rich Herzog and Bob Frye from Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Department History: Given by Chief Daryl Lawless and Lt. John Kepshire. A presentation was made to William Stowers by Ivan Nevil for his 20 years of service to the Union Township Fire Dept.

Roll Call: District #1-65 members from 14 dept. & District #2-22 members from 7 depts.

Program: Past President Ivan Nevil reported briefly on the following issues: the Sprinkler System Bill, the fire chief orientation classes, the Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy in Maryland, National Accreditation, the Public Safety Training Institute, State Certifications, O.S.H.A. policy toward firing fire dept., the need to send your roster lists & fire reports to the Fire Marshal's Office, the Ben Franklin Coin Law, the VIP Program at the National Academy, the Death Benefit Insurance Funds and the Spiller Pays Laws. He also announced that Gene Goddard, Joe Kimbrew, Jerry Hauer and himself were planning to attend next month's meeting in Shelby.

Minutes of Feb. meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: P.R.N.W. Bill Howe reported on the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund, the upcoming convention in French Lick, and the current legislation. A motion was made, seconded and passed that all District #1 & #2 Fire Depts. go on record as opposing House Bill #1767 concerning fireworks, and that each district secretary send a message to our

state Senators stating our position.

Old Business: The 1996 convention steering committee reported that it will be meeting with the Lake County Tourism Committee as soon as an appointment can be arranged.

New Business: Announced that there will be five resolutions to be voted on at the convention.

Held a moment of silence for department District #2 IVFA member Joseph Baker of Lake Hills.

Good of the Order: Announced that the next month's meeting will be held on April 21st at Shelby.

Announced that pancake breakfast's will be held at Porter Twp. on April 4th, and Washington Twp. on April 25th.

Announced that Open House will be held at Burns Harbor on April 10th.

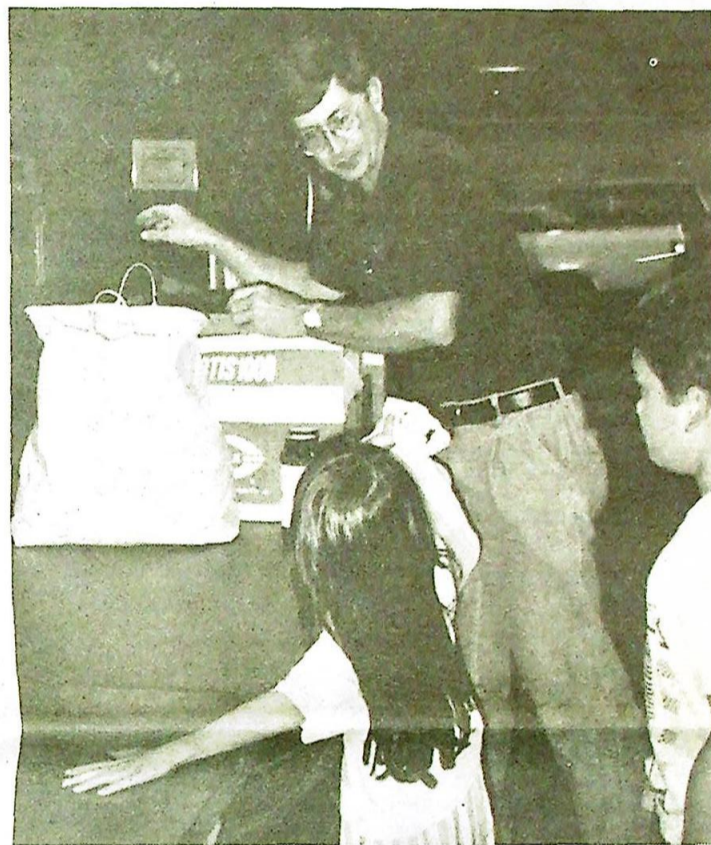
Announced that Independence Hill will be holding its Annual Bluelight Ball on April 17th.

50/50 Drawing winner: George Frencl of New Chicago - \$56.00.

Attendance Trophy Winners: Dist. #1-New Chicago, Dist. #2-Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed at 9:50 PM. Jerome P. Schmitt, Dist. 1 Sec.

Pershing Twp. Helps Hurricane Andrew Victims



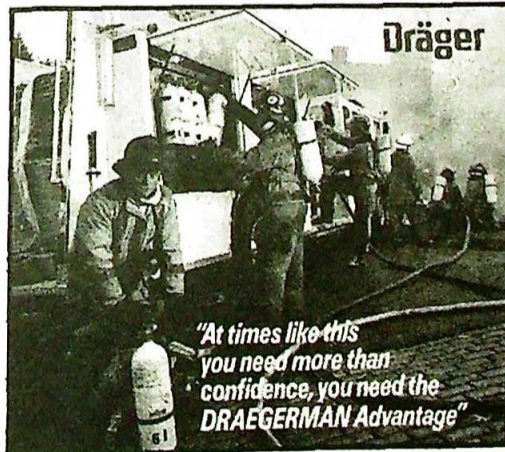
Pershing fireman Mike Rudolph accepts gifts for hurricane Andrew victims given by Freetown Children. The fire department joined the township trustee in collecting relief supplies.

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The most exciting event in the fire service last year, the FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE, is back and expanded for 1993. The competitions begin with the Southeast Regional hosted by the Florida Training Improvement Conference in Orlando on January 12. This is the first of ten Regional events leading to the National Championship at the IAFC convention in Dallas on August 29. Other CHALLENGE sites include the FDIC in Cincinnati, the CFIW in San Jose and the Congressional Fire Services Institute meeting in Washington, D.C., all during April. The complete schedule is listed below.

Firefighters everywhere are invited to compete. Three- to five-person teams perform the CHALLENGE in NFPA approved turnout gear, including SCBA. The CHALLENGE is a series of five firefighting tasks representing what firefighters perform in the line of duty.

The tasks in order are:

- Task 1. Stair Climb with High Rise Pack
- Task 2. Hose Hoist
- Task 3. Forcible Entry
- Task 4. Hose Advance
- Task 5. Victim Rescue

An acceptable time on the test is 7:00 minutes, corresponding to a Silver Award, while an excellent time is 5:00 minutes or less for the Gold Award. Times of three to four minutes are typical during the competitions.

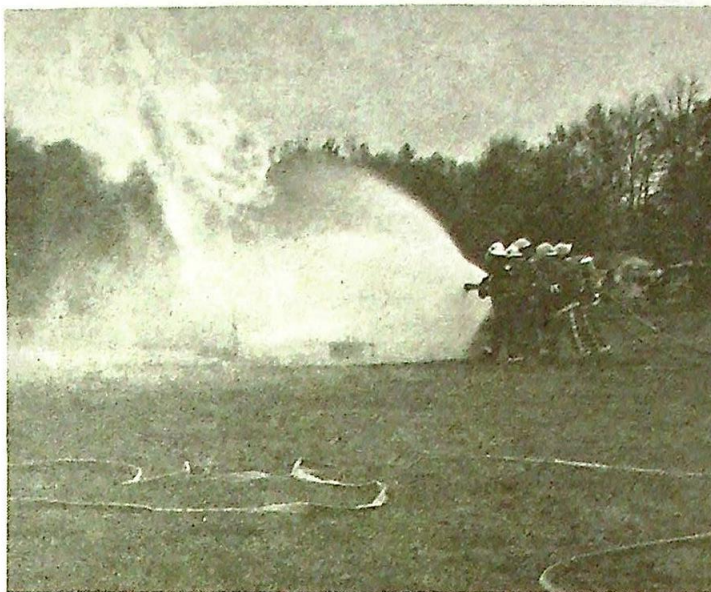
The CHALLENGE is based on the validated physical performance test developed by ARA to measure the fitness level of firefighters. The competitions provide the opportunity to demonstrate for the public the physical skills and tasks required for firefighting and spend a day of camaraderie with fellow firefighters. Awards are given for: Best Team; Best Individual - First, Second and Third; Best Female; Best Over 40; and Best Chief. All participants receive awards and the Regional winners qualify for the National Championship held at the IAFC.

The CHALLENGE was created and is administered by ARA/HUMAN FACTORS. Major sponsorship is provided by DU PONT, INTERNATIONAL SAFETY INSTRUMENTS, and the VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE SERVICES. To enter a team or receive information, call ARA/HUMAN FACTORS at 1-800-878-3466.

1993 FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Date	Region	Competition Site
June 20	Northeast	New England Association of Fire Chiefs
Sun	Boston, MA	Trade Center, Marlborough, MA
July 10	Rocky Mt.	Aurora/Denver Fire Depts., Rocky Mt. Fire Aca.
Sat	Denver, CO	Missouri Valley Fire Chiefs Association
Aug 29	National	International Association of Fire Chiefs
Sun	Dallas, TX	Dallas Convention Center

WCTVFD Fire School (Propane)



Wadesville Center Township Volunteer Fire Department and Mays Township Volunteer Fire Department, both of Posey County, IN, recently jointly hosted a Propane Gas Fire Class and invited other fire departments in Southern Indiana.

The class was paid for by money from Emergency Planning Commission of Posey County and Posey County Fire Chiefs Association, and was taught by Experts from FerrellGas, Inc. of

Evansville. Training consisted of Four (4) hours of class room and Four (4) hours of hands-on propane fire fighting.

Ironically the training was put to almost immediate use. About a week later, very high winds blew down a building at the Posey County Farm Bureau breaking a valve of a large propane storage tank. Luckily there was no fire, however, the attack basics are the same.

Roger Strickland, Lt., Public Information Officer WCTVFD

instructors.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES..... the selection of Joyce Miller-Schmitz as the institute's deputy director. Joyce comes with extensive experience in adult education and safety. She served as an air traffic controller in the Air Force for six years and then financed her way through college as a certified welder. She completed a BS in psychology and is working toward a Masters degree in adult education and executive development. Joyce is enthusiastic about working with the fire service as well as the other public safety entities to help each realize their educational needs and desires. She looks forward to meeting with each of you as the future unfolds.

INSTRUCTOR/TRAINERS TO PROVIDE A "REDBOOK"..... of Minimum Training Standards for Firefighter Certification to each student during the Instructor 2nd Class course as authorized by the Board of FFPS&E. It is helpful to student/instructors to receive copies of the forms they will be working with, have the rules explained for certification and the correct way to fill out applications. Instructor/trainers are to contact the Board program coordinator to order quantities of Redbooks and forms for approved classes.

Clearing the Smoke

APRIL 1993 ISSUE

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION UNDER REVIEW . . . Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education through the assistance of State Fire Marshal Gene Goddard. Three members of a "site team" from International Fire Service Accreditation

Congress interviewed the Board and State Fire Marshal's staff on Friday, March 26th, regarding the hazardous materials category. They visited a testing procedure in Vincennes on Saturday, March 27th with Board member Scott Garrett, and Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Dan Lee. The IFSAC decision will be received in a few weeks after review of the Board's hazmat program.

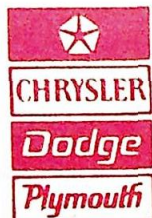
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE LOOKING AT GRISSOM AIR FORCE BASE..... as a very viable site according to Bill Seagraves, executive director. Possibilities are quite evident. Hangars are spacious enough to accommodate "outdoor" training regardless of weather. Classrooms are ample and adjustable, secured areas are already in place, student housing is even superior to NFA. PSTI is attracting other agencies wanting to utilize some of the facilities on the 135 acres, i.e., Dept. of Corrections, law enforcement, and Dept. of Natural Resources training divisions. Mr. Seagraves and his deputy director met with the Board to discuss Master Firefighter training approved by the Board which can be taught at the institute by certified

SOUTHERN MEETING OF BOARD AT FRENCH LICK..... on Friday afternoon, June 11, 1993 in conjunction with the IVFA annual meeting. The Board members want firefighters in the area and at the convention to use this opportunity to talk about their interest in the future of the certification program and international accreditation.

BOARD MEMBERS ALSO ATTENDING STATE FIRE SCHOOLS..... to be available to answer questions. Tom Adams will be in Indianapolis and Lafayette, Paul Covington will attend New Albany, Michael Brooks will serve Vincennes and Tom Loraine will be available for Fort Wayne, as well as already attending Duneland

BLUE ALERT..... to certified firefighters who have moved from one fire department to another in the past year! The Board of FFPS&E needs to move your personnel folder into your correct department. Let us know your former department and the current one. See the Fire Marshal's memo in this mailing for additional explanation.

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30th Anniversary Open House



1992 marked the 30th year for the Wadesville Center Township Volunteer Fire Department in Posey County, IN. They had a Open House celebration in July with free lunch and refreshments for all their friends that stopped by.

According to Ty Strickland, Chairman of the Open House Committee, all of the businesses in their district donated door prizes which were given to the many people who attended.

Indiana State Police Sergeant Don Jackson was there to do Finger Printing of the children and instruct parents how to keep records in case their child would ever become lost or missing.

Trooper, Bob Helfrich brought Lakesides Tristar, "Try", for

short. A beautiful black labrador trained to locate drugs. He loved showing off for the crowd by finding drugs hidden on the fire-trucks by Trooper Helfrich. "Try" was truly amazing and enjoyed his work, as much as the crowd enjoyed him.

Firefighters demonstrated such things as the proper use of fire extinguishers, extrication of accident victims and gave a slide show on the history of their department.

The News Media was there and gave us some nice coverage in the papers and on TV news that evening.

The Department received a letter of congratulations from President George Bush and Congressman Frank McCloskey

stopped by for lunch and spent a few hours talking with firefighters and their friends.

Strickland said the entire affair came off without a hitch and thanked the other firefighters for their help, with a very special thanks to their Ladies Auxiliary without whose help the Open House would not have been successful.

Roger Strickland,
Lt. Public Information Officer
WCTVFD

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The information in this highly-interactive program meets or exceeds OSHA requirements for Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials as identified in 29 CFR 1910.120, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emerg. Response, Final Rule of March 6, 1989.

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logical terminology and behavior; and more.

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Kent firefighters hope to buy new 'pumper-tanker'

By LAURA HODGES
Courier Staff Writer

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

That could be the motto of the Kent VFD. Its 25 members make themselves available day or night when someone in the community needs their services.

Of course, that could be said of all Jefferson County's volunteer firefighters. In Kent, however, the fire department is one of the only institutions that binds the community together. The Kent fire district is composed of Smyrna and Republican townships, both rural townships with widely scattered populations.

The Kent Fire House serves as something of a community center for those who live nearby. On any night of the week area residents can be found shooting pool or watching television inside. On weekends its available for wedding receptions, yard sales,

or whatever.

The fire company made 24 fire-related runs in 1992. But it responds to other community needs as well. Last year the company raised \$8,000 for the WHAS Crusade for Children—more than any unit in the county. A number of area families received Christmas baskets as a result of another project

Founded in 1964, the fire company has operated with a procession of used equipment purchased from other companies. Now it faces its greatest challenge ever as it tries to raise money to buy a new "pumper-tanker" that will cost at least \$140,000.

In recent weeks members of the company have visited homes in the community to complete a survey that's part of the application process for a Community Focus Fund grant from the Indiana Department of Commerce.

They report that some of their

neighbors were understandably perturbed at being asked about their income level for the survey, but the survey was a necessary part of the application process. Grants go only to those communities that can prove they have at least 51 percent of their residents in the low-to-middle income brackets. Smyrna and Republican townships qualified.

Now the fire company is waiting to see if it will receive \$112,000 from the state to buy the new pumper-tanker.

Even if the grant is received, the fire company must match it with \$28,000 it raises on its own. Members are planning a series of fundraisers, such as a chicken-fish fry on Sunday, April 4, to make up the difference.

For a company that operated at a loss of \$1,721 in 1992, \$28,000 could be an insurmountable goal. The fire company operates on an annual budget of approximately \$15,000. Nearly \$6,000 of that amount is contributed by the townships through the county budget. Much of the rest comes from donations and fund-raisers.

Modern firefighting—even in a rural area—is expensive. "The general public doesn't know the cost of firefighting," commented Jocko Wiley, a member of the company. "The approximate cost to outfit one firefighter in safety gear that consists of pager, fire retardant coat, hood, bunker pants, suspenders, boots, gloves, helmet, face shield and self-contained breathing apparatus, is about \$3,000 per fire fighter."

He also pointed out that tanker trucks are very important in rural areas because of the lack of fire hydrants. About 95 percent of the water Kent uses must be hauled to the scene.

The truck the firefighters want to buy will have a 1993 International chassis with a generator system for lighting at the scene of a fire. It will have a 1,000-gallon tank with a 1,000 gallon per minute pump. It is "basic, not flashy," according to the firefighters. Nevertheless, it will double the company's

pumping capacity and eliminate the kind of breakdowns they've been experiencing due to aging equipment.

Their current firefighting equipment includes a 1970 Ward LaFrance pumper-tanker, a 1972 International Harvester tanker, a 1976 Chevy 4 x 4 brush truck and a 1983 GMC tanker.

Although this equipment has some age on it, it has replaced even older items. The original firefighting apparatus purchased in October, 1964, was a 1946 Chevrolet pumper. In the early 1970s the company had purchased a 1956 Ford pumper from Hanover.

The fire house itself is the original 30-foot by 30-foot block building built in 1966. The land on which it sits is leased from the Jefferson County Commissioners for \$1 per year.

The firefighters are grateful to the commissioners for their cooperation in applying for the Community Focus Fund grant. "Without their name on the top line, ours wouldn't be on the second line," commented Jim Stanley, a member of the fire company.

Stanley further commented, "People in this county don't know what service they're getting. If people had to pay for this fire service through their taxes, they'd have cardiac arrest. The people of

this county don't realize what they're getting for almost nothing."

Stanley is a 22-year veteran of the Kent Fire Company. He said, "I've seen every kind of fire you can see."

Although firefighters see the good, the bad and the ugly, Stanley is proud of his service. He cited one incident as an example.

Kent had responded to a house fire. The residents of the house had been evacuated and after 45 minutes the fire was under control. Then the seven-year-old resident of the home noticed that her dog wasn't with her. "She just totally lost it," remembered Stanley.

The girl's father, another firefighter and Stanley re-entered the home and found the dog unconscious behind a couch. They carried him out, removed their own oxygen masks and placed them near the dog's nose. He revived.

"When we turned around and gave that dog to that little girl, the look on her face made it all worthwhile," said Stanley.

Just as the Kent VFD has served the community in the past it needs help from others to reach its goal of providing a new tanker-pumper. Odds are that the community will respond as it did in the past.

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Madison crash . . .

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"The car left the ground and tumbled in the air just like a cream can, end-over-end, in front of the truck," Nolan said. "Gasoline was pouring out and burning all this time. The rig went up and hit the car again and knocked the car in front of it again, then hit it a third time, before it got slowed down enough that it started pushing the car. When he got the speed down slow enough he started pushing the automobile over the road.

"I ran down there and tried to pull the old woman out of the window of the car, but I couldn't get her seatbelt unfastened, and the door was jammed," Nolan said. "All the time there was fire burning underneath the automobile, and I knew the thing was going to blow.

"I shook the lady and tried to talk to her, and there wasn't any life in her at all. I'm confident that both of them were dead.

"My wife was up in my car screaming for me to get out because it was going to blow up, so I got the hell out of there," Nolan recalled. "All the time the truck driver was trying to do all he could to break the windshield to get the old man out.

"The truck driver was hollering for a fire extinguisher to put the fire out," Nolan said. "But there was nobody in all the cars that stopped that had a fire extinguisher.

"I would say a fire extinguisher wouldn't have saved those people, but it might have kept them from burning," he went on. "I spent at least a couple of minutes trying to get the woman out, then I left because I didn't want to see them burn. But I'd say that anyone that had a fire extinguisher would have had time to put the fire out."

"I went out this morning and bought a fire extinguisher and put one in my car," Nolan declared. "I'm a trucker myself and trucks are required to have a fire extinguisher on board. The trucker was trying to get a side panel open on his truck, so he may have had one in there and couldn't get to it.

"The trucker did everything anybody could have possibly done to get them out, so you can't fault him there," Nolan said.

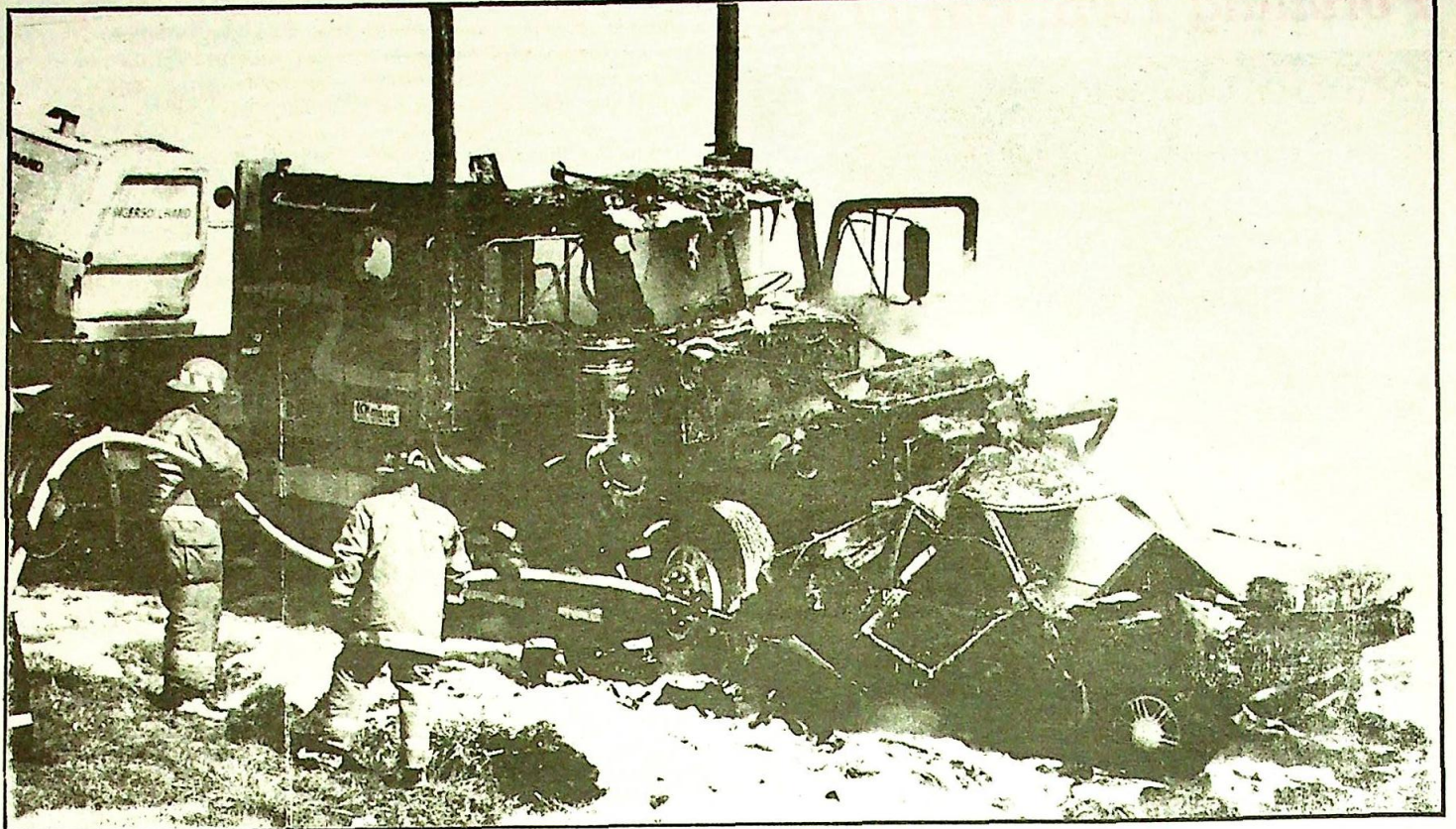
Jefferson County Coroner Andy Lytle said this morning that he has not made a ruling on the exact cause of death of the Hellers, pending autopsies by Dr. George Nichols, Kentucky medical examiner. He confirmed the identities of the dead couple.

Officers from the sheriff's department were dispatched to the scene as soon as witnesses reported the accident, and the Madison Township and Ryker's Ridge Volunteer Fire Companies also were dispatched.

Moments later, Madison Fire Chief Steve Horton gave permission to the Madison Police to dispatch firemen from the District 2 (Hilltop) Madison Fire Companies.

"Madison Township and Ryker's Ridge received the alarm that there was a car trapped under a rig, with people inside," said Madison Township Assistant Fire Chief Robert Black this morning. "The Jefferson Proving Ground Fire Department heard the traffic on their scanner, and Fire Chief Tom Wolfschlag authorized them to roll a crash-rescue truck and a rescue truck to the scene."

Wolfschlag said a Township engine was the first on the scene, and personnel set up a dump tank for collection of water from



Hilltop accident scene

Two people, a couple from Dearborn County, died in this crash of an auto and a tractor-trailer rig yesterday. The accident happened at the intersection of State Road 62 and U.S. 421, about a half-mile east of the

Madison city limits. The auto caught fire after being struck from behind by the tractor-trailer. (Staff photo by Mark Campbell.)

portable tanks and began the initial attack on the fire.

"I was at Riverview Drive and State Road 56 when we got the alarm, and I turned around and came back," said Black. "I could see the smoke from there."

Black said the JPG trucks are equipped with mounted water- and foam-nozzle guns, and that the guns were activated and spraying foam onto the fire while the trucks were still a good 40 feet from the scene.

"They dumped foam and water on the fire while we were preparing the dump tank."

"They knocked it down quick" he said of the combined fire companies on the scene. "We had the fire out completely within 20 minutes."

A reconstructionist from the Indiana State Police was working to reconstruct the scene of the accident, and ISP motor carrier

inspectors were inspecting the truck for any mechanical defects, road worthiness and necessary permits.

An ironic aspect of the accident was that the one passenger in the van driven by Lacey — Hilden Heller, 76, Lawrenceburg—is Elmer Heller's sister.

She was being taken to the King's Daughters' Hospital for medical treatment when the accident occurred, Shelton said. He said he did not know whether Miss Heller knew at the time that her brother and sister-in-law were in the car which was struck, or that they had been killed.

Shelton said Hilden Heller was given the medical treatment she had been en route to KDH for, then released.

Sheriff Richard "Buck" Shipley told this reporter earlier that a brother of the two Hellers

telephoned his department last night asking for information about the accident. He said when he told the brother that Elmer Heller had been killed along with his wife, the brother said that Elmer and Zella Heller always followed the van when his sister, a handicapped person, was taken anywhere for treatment.

The tractor of the rig was gutted by the fire, as was the car, Shelton said.

He added that having the JPG trucks with their water-foam guns available was "a godsend — without them it would have been a lot harder to do the job."

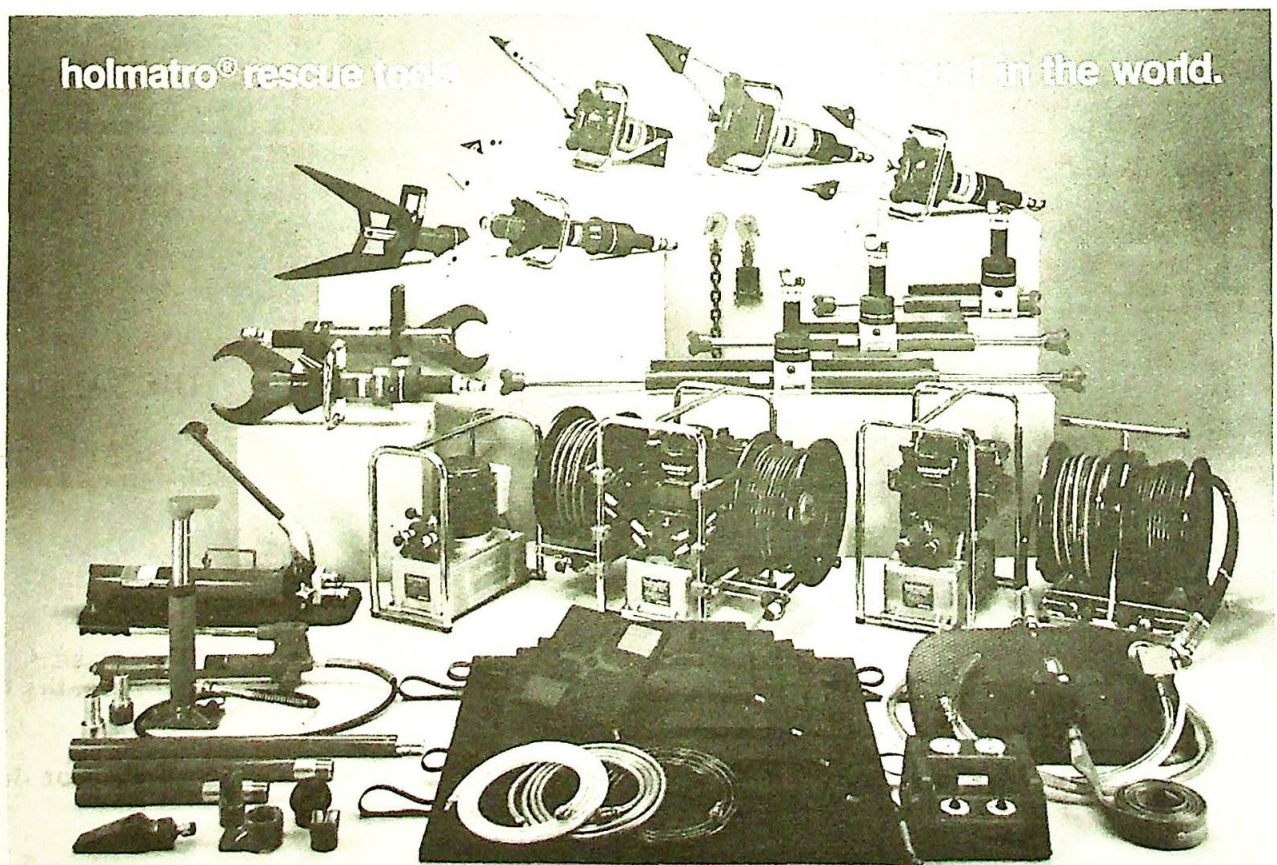
In addition to Shelton and Shipley, a number of other officers from the sheriff's department, the Indiana State Police, the Madison Police Department and the Hanover Police Department assisted at the scene.

Black of Madison Township said there were a total of nine fire engines and about 40 firefighters which answered the alarm.

"It seemed to all be coordinated really well," Black said. "Everybody worked well together. It was amazing having that many people there and yet having everything go so well."

Lytle agreed, saying. "The accident scene was handled 100 percent properly" by the police, firemen and ambulance personnel involved. "It was the best-handled scene I've been involved with in 15 years of association with the coroner's office. It was a very difficult and sensitive scene, and everybody was very cooperative and fully professional. The public also cooperated fully, staying back when they were asked to and letting us do our jobs."

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SG	June 5 & 6	Ventilation	John Streeter
SH	June 6	Breathing Apparatus	Larry Shots
SI	June 6	Forcible Entry	Mark Hinzy
SJ	June 5	Salvage & Overhaul	Sonny Pinkstaff
SK	June 6	Alarms & Communications	Kelly Updike
FA	June 5	Basic Fire Apparatus	TBA
FB	June 5 & 6	Water Supply	Faron Livingston
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FG	June 5 & 6	Basic Fire Prevention & Inspection	Cliff Weaver
FH	June 5 & 6	Sprinklers & Standpipes Detection	John Anderson
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SP C	June 5 & 6	First Responder Update	Karla Smith
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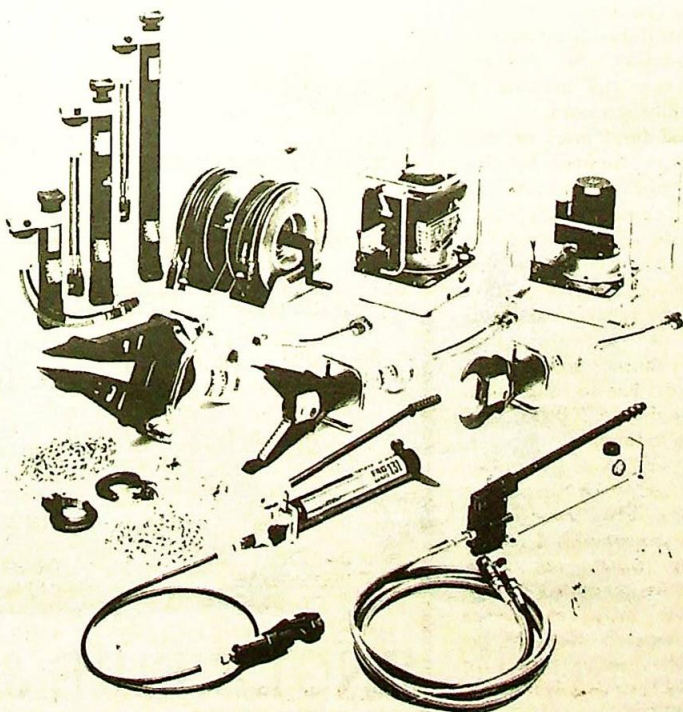
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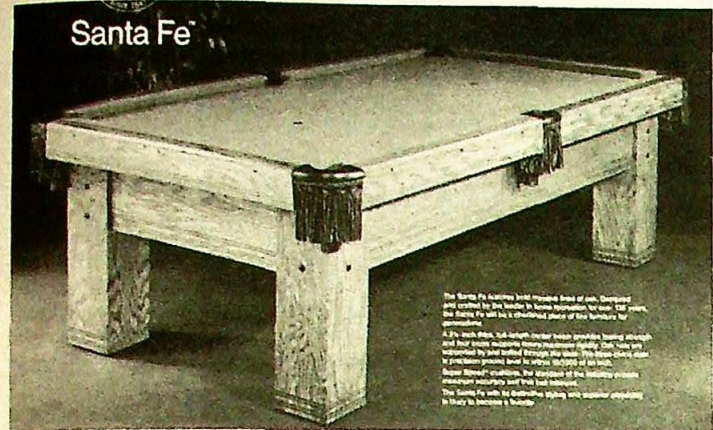


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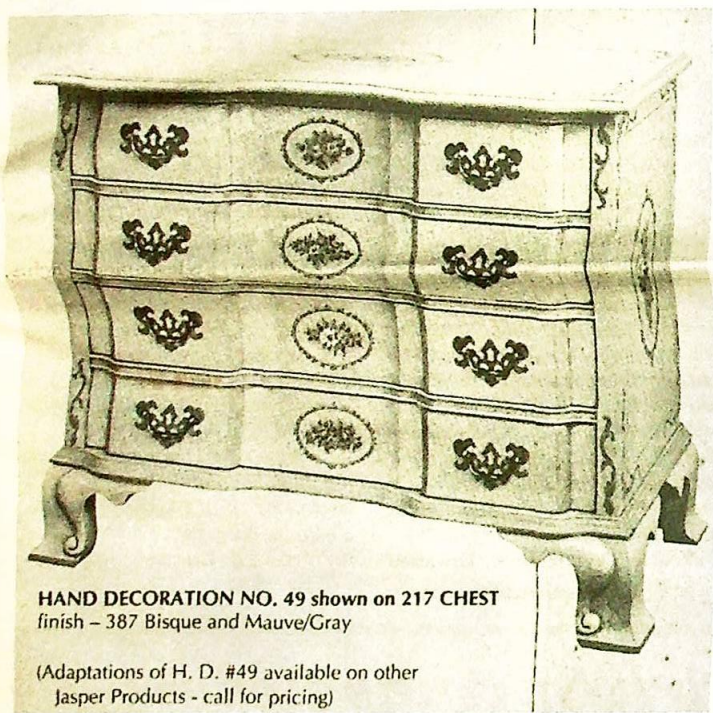
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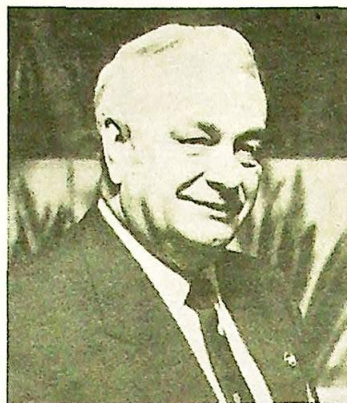
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Bill Kinsey

What's new from Northeast Indiana? In today's fire service only Change is certain.

Are you aware that 3 "Friends of Volunteer Fire Service", Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) and Representative William Ford (D-MI) introduced bills S.575 and H.R. 1280 to include the United States, any State and political subdivision of a State, which could be interpreted to include volunteer firefighters in an OSHA reform move? The National Volunteer Fire Council advises all volunteers to contact their Senators and Representatives to ask that volunteer firefighters be excluded from any reform bill. We all want firefighters to be protected and have the safest working conditions possible, but it is rather difficult to have a safe work place when you're inside a burning building attempting to extinguish the fire. If the International Association of Fire Fighters is successful in getting this reform passed, volunteer fire chiefs could be held personally liable if a firefighter is hurt or killed and there were fewer than four men involved in interior firefighting, according to Larry Adams of the National Volunteer Fire Council. Someone better pay

attention.

The National Fire Service Caucus dinner has just passed. The volunteer fire service comprising a major portion of the paying attendees and supporters. It was interesting to note that a very impressive video was shown that was nothing but an unpaid commercial for the "Professional Firefighters Union." The National Fire Service Caucus is a very worthwhile endeavor that is critically important to the U.S. fire service. We need to have a voice stating what is good and what is bad for the fire service as a whole. It is sad that whoever was responsible for the format and content of this dinner allowed it to be turned into a lobby for the paid fire service. Our association needs to voice it's dissatisfaction with this performance.

One of our fire departments was destroyed this past week. An explosion destroyed a fire department near Elkhart. Fortunately no one was injured. The entire building, contents and apparatus were destroyed. TV commentators stated that the fire department told them that they had gasoline leaking from a piece of portable equipment that probably caused the explosion.

The 1993 convention should be one for all members to attend this year. The convention committee has worked hard, so I hope there is good attendance to make the important decision regarding the much needed dues increase. You need to be present to voice your opinion on the vital matters that come to the floor for action guiding our association into the future. You need to be vocal. You need to present and active in the association. The fire service is in a tremendous period of change. Stay up with what is happening that directly affects you.

FIRE DAMAGES MOBILE HOME

A mobile home at 603 1/2 E. Mulberry in Fort Branch caught fire on Thursday morning at 8:38 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White resided at the building which was owned by Myrtle Robb.

Fort Branch Fire Chief Chuck Lewis said no one was home when the fire started in the kitchen area.

Captain Jeff Hinman was assisted by Captain Larry Sprinkle and "did an excellent job in controlling and commanding the incident," Lewis said. Two firemen were treated for heat exhaustion, Lewis said. Haubstadt Fire Department and Gibson County Rescue Service assisted the Fort Branch firemen who were on the scene for 2 1/2 hours. Sigeco and the Fort Branch Water Department also helped with controlling the utilities.

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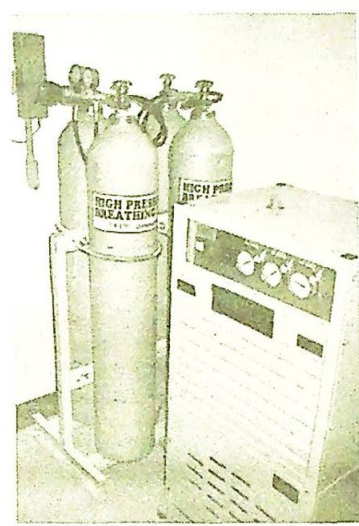
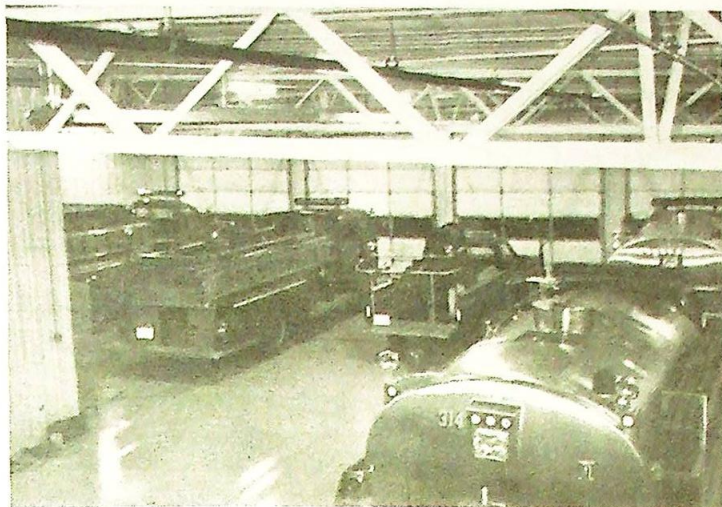
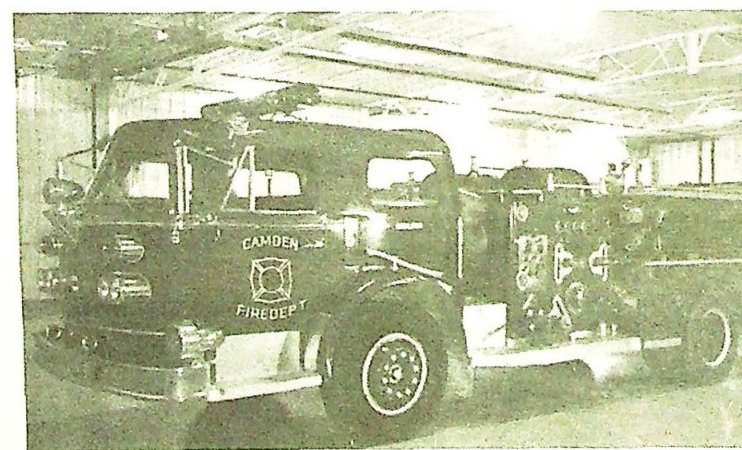
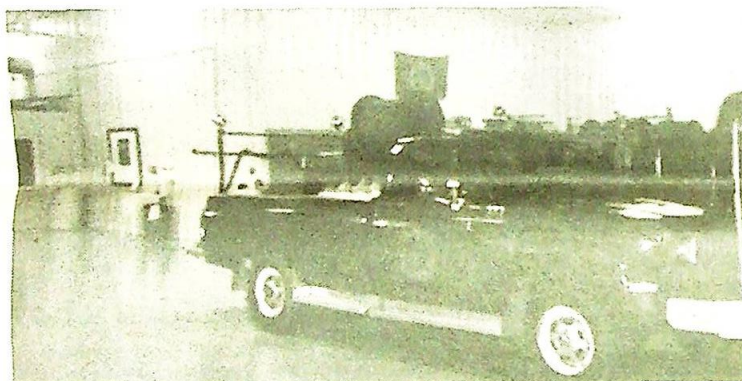
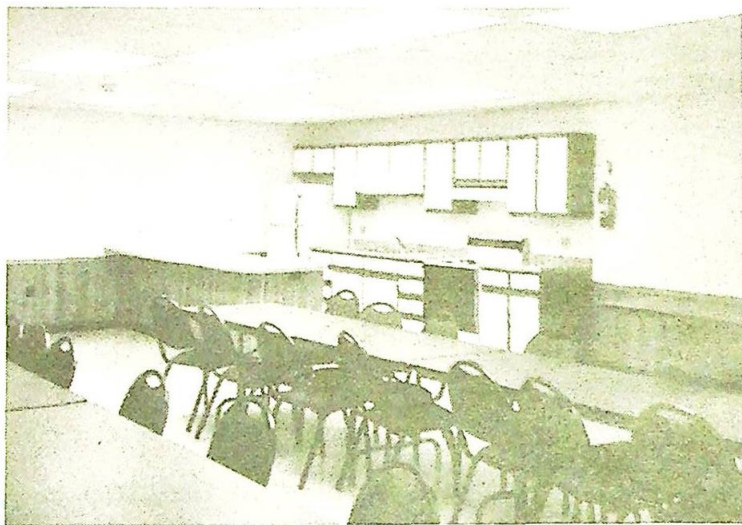
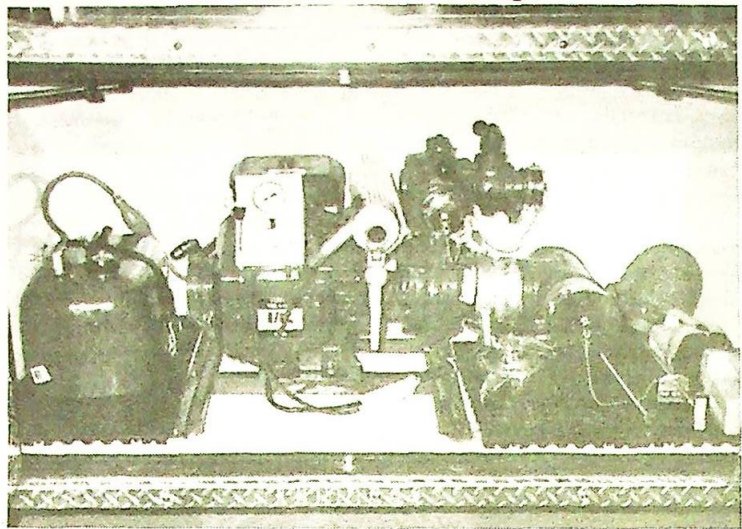
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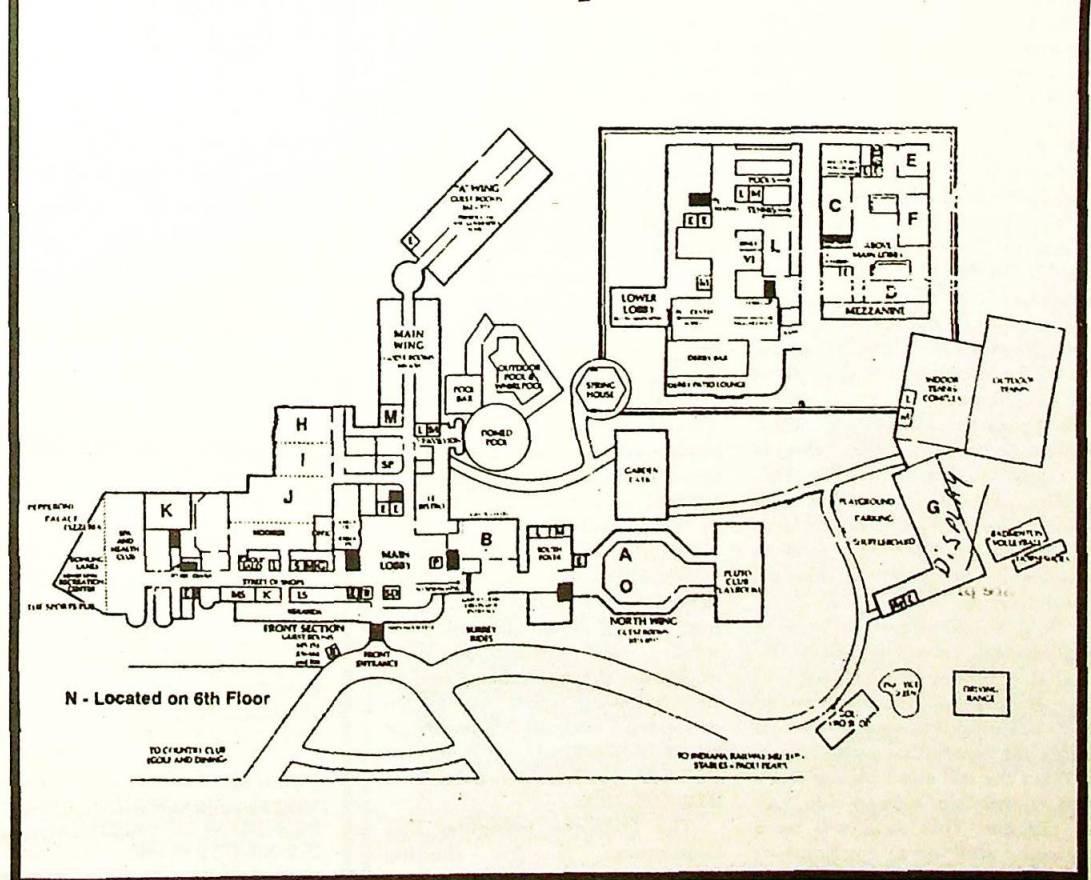
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CONVENTION MINUTES

46th Annual Convention Meeting
 Friday, June 19, 1992
 Clarksville, Indiana

President Nevil: "I call to order the 46th Annual Convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. At this time, we will all stand for the Pledge to the Flag led by Vice President Parish."

Vice President Parish: Pledge to the flag.
 President Nevil: "Chaplain Lantz."

Chaplain Lantz offered prayer.
 President Nevil: "At this time, we will call for the reading of the minutes of last year's annual meeting."

Bill Howe: "Mr. President."

President Nevil: "Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "I move that we suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as published."

President Nevil: "A motion has been made that we suspend with the reading of the minutes and accept them as published. Is there a second?"

Fred Esserman: "I second the motion."

President Nevil: "Fred Esserman, District 1 seconds the motion. All those in favor signify by saying aye."

Audience: "Aye."

President Nevil: "Contrary to same. Motion carried. Mr. Stofer are you ready for the treasurer's report?"

Treasurer Stofer: "Yes, Sir. I really do not like to start this report. I believe that it is the first time since I have been treasurer we have ever spent more money that we have taken in. Times are getting tough and it is getting tougher as we go. Interest rates are going down. We probably made \$12,000.00 less this year in interest. We do not have a program book any more because of the publicity of bad taste in program books, selling ads so we lost about \$15,000.00 there. The insurance program is down about \$10,000.00 so we are going to start looking for another way to bring in some money. Mr. Stewart, who is our CPA says 'To the Board of Directors, We have audited the financial statements (Modified cash basis) of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. As of and for the year ended May 31, 1992, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance

about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. as of May 31, 1992, and its statement of revenues and expenditures and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in note 1. Signed Robert L. Stewart, Certified Public Accountant. Thank you, Mr. President."

President Nevil: "Chairman of the Board, Dick Glant, do you have a report from the auditing committee?"

Dick Glant: "As Chairman of the Board we went through this financial statement and we found no problems."

President Nevil: "Thank you, Dick. We need a motion to accept the financial audit. Do I hear a motion to accept the audit?"

John Ferro: "I make a motion that we accept the financial audit."

President Nevil: "John Ferro made a motion to accept the audit, do I hear a second?"

Max Harrah: Max Harrah, District 11A, I second the motion."

President Nevil: "Max Harrah, District 11A seconded the motion. All those in favor signify by saying aye."

Audience: "Aye."

President Nevil: "Contrary to same. Motion carried. At this time, the Convention Chairman, Bob Stewart has a few comments to make."

Bob Stewart: "Here are a few things we need to talk about. Tomorrow morning, the games will be on the driveway in the small parking area just the other side of the helicopter pad. We have put up traffic cones. If you have an auto parked in this area

we ask that you move it from this area. For the bus loading for the memorial services this morning, the busses will be staged on the roadway heading towards the backside of the tent. Let's load the first bus in the line so we can get it on its way. Over at the church we will do the same thing. After the memorial service please board the first bus in line. The same rules will prevail for the boat ride tonight. We will load in the same area and in the same sequence. The last bus will leave at 9:20 p.m. the first bus will not leave until 8:40 p.m. because no one will set foot on the boat until 9:00 p.m. per the captain. We will move you in a timely manner. Coming back tonight we will do the same thing. We will load the first bus first, some of the busses will have to make more than one trip. Please do not leave the wharf area. There is no parking available at the boat. The parking garage at the wharf house leaks and will damage your automobile. If you have children between the ages of 8 to 16 and you have not registered with us for the pizza party tonight please do that either at the noon break or when you go up to board the busses for the memorial service. We need the child's name and the age so we know just how many pizza's to order. We still have boat tickets for sale and they will still be on sale until 4:00 p.m. We still have banquet tickets for sale, the hotel has agreed to extend that, we still have people registering this morning so we are extending the banquet ticket sales until 12:00. Are there any questions about the logistics here today? Thank you."

President Nevil: "We are honored at this time, we have some guests coming in the back door so Eula would you like to come forward and make the introductions?"

Eula Bush: Presentation of Miss Flame and her court.

President Nevil: "At this time, we will move into the officer's reports. The first one I will start with is Chaplain Lantz. He has a little duty this morning so Duane."

Chaplain Lantz: "Thank you, Ivan. Throughout this past year, I have traveled a little over 11,000 miles. I have had 32 funerals or memorials. We have had 72 deaths and I hope we have everybody who passed away in our association this year. Fellows, I will see you at the memorial service."

President Nevil: "My report, First of all, I would like to thank,

this past year has been one of the most memorable ones in my short life span. I have enjoyed serving you as your president. The many friends I have made, the places I have been, the memories cannot be replaced. Since I have joined the staff of the Fire Marshal's office, I will no longer be a candidate for the president of this association. Also, I have resigned as chairman of the EMS commission. However, at the governor's blessing at this point in time, I will remain as a commission member and will serve you in that capacity. I personally take no credit for the work of all of the officers of this association. We have reached over 17,500 members this year. With the help of everyone, we saw the first successful Indiana Fire Institute and Caucus dinner become a reality in November of 1991 with over 500 supporters of the fire service in attendance. Plans are underway for a Fire Expo in Indiana. This is a project that is long overdue and should be supported by all fire service organizations in Indiana. I feel the time has come that the organization take a long hard look on how we operate. In Treasurer Stofer's report, some tough decisions are going to have to be made by you, the firefighters in the districts and other elected officials on what direction to go. We can no longer operate as we have in the past for 46 or 40 years depending on which figure you use. What association you started in. Again, I have enjoyed serving you as your president during the past year. I thank you for everything that you have given me. Thank you again. Vice President.

Vice President Parish: "It has been a pleasure and a honor to serve you as your vice president of this organization. One of the greatest organizations in the state of Indiana. At this time, I would just like to say that I will be a candidate for the office of president and I would appreciate your support, thank you."

President Nevil: "Okay, Willie. Secretary, Lee Kissell."

Secretary Kissell: "Good morning, everyone. I will make a short report, too. As you probably heard, our membership this past year has increased again. The final count, I think Gene had it yesterday, but it is right about 17,700 and I would expect this year we will probably see 18,000 the way dues are coming in. Last year we had 731 departments paid; the previous year we had

maybe 710 so we picked up a number of new ones last year. 652 of those were paid on time which means in my office by July 31st and 79 of those were late which means their people were not eligible for the Bridgeport funds. So far this year we have 6,846 members paid at this time, 293 departments. Again, I appreciate serving as your secretary for the last five years and if it works out that way I will be happy to again next year. Thank you."

President Nevil: "Thank you, Lee. Treasurer's report, Mr. Stofer. Do you have anything else?"

Gene Stofer: "No, I'll pass. President Nevil: "Recording Secretary John Davies."

John Davies: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I have enjoyed being your recording secretary for the last year. Somebody's got to do it and I have enjoyed doing that, and I look forward to serving you again next year in this capacity. Have a good convention. Thank you."

President Nevil: "Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush, also Mr. IVFA 1992."

Bill Bush: "This is going to be short and sweet, guys. I appreciate your confidence. I will be a candidate for State Sergeant-at-Arms again. Thank you."

President Nevil: "Past President Pete Lockhart."

All Past Presidents in attendance passed. All PR Directors in attendance passed. All District Chairmen in attendance passed.

President Nevil: "At this time, I will call on Gene Stofer for a report on the National Fire Council, a report on the Congressional Fire Institute and also if he wishes at this time, he may give his legislature report, Gene."

Gene Stofer: "Fire Service Institute. We went to Washington a little over a month ago. The National Fire Institute is growing and going. There are some problems. We did get the one thing killed that would require you people before you were able to leave the barn you would have four men on an engine or they were going to try to put an amendment and I did hear someone speak on it last night. The brush fires killed more firefighters last year than they did on structural firefighting. Now where is the safety?"

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The Volunteer Fire Council, the Volunteer Fire Council also adopted the policy that we would oppose the manning of four people to go on an engine. Gene also spoke of many problems on the national level. He talked of what is being done on some. On legislation he made a report that was published in an earlier addition of the paper."

President Nevil: "Thank you, Gene. The Mileage and Credentials: 18, 17B, 21, 6, 2, 11A, and 16. Lee says he is ready for his, also: 7, 1, 8A, 9A, 13B, and 20. We need a representative from each one of those districts. At this time why doesn't everyone just stand up and take a stretch for a couple of minutes."

"I want to recognize one of the past presidents who was a late arrival. Charlie Jones, any comments? Charlie will pass, also. Thank you.

At this time I would like to introduce Marshal Goddard."

Marshal Goddard: "Thank you, Ivan. Good morning, everybody. I would like to bring you up to date a little bit on some of the things that have happened since your last convention, a few of the changes that have been made. Dan Lee, back in September of last year, came on board as the chief deputy, a position that was open for about nine or ten months. We did get our hazardous material section back to three people like it was originally and have been able to purchase *somewhere* in the neighborhood of \$115,000 worth of equipment into those vans. Tim Thomas is here and has one of the vans here.

The last two people to go on board was, of course, Ivan Nevil who is now in the Training Division, and Joseph Kenbrew who is in the Inspection Division. We are in the process of having two additional people in the Inspection Bureau which will be north and south supervisors. Ivan, I am sure, is going to relate what his attempts are going to be to do in the training division and I don't know if he intended to speak on the purging of the records but I think that is one of the biggest undertakings that the State Fire Marshal's Office has done in a long, long time. I have tried to explain what we are attempting to do is to upgrade the records that we have in our office that have not been upgraded or purged since 1976. Without the cooperation of every fire department in the state of Indiana, we will not be able to do that job. At some point in time, and I had set it as July 1 but I see that that is really unrealistic, the ones that haven't reported after a certain date, and I will take Ivan's word and advice on when we are going to do that, we are going to stop the mailings to the departments who haven't responded. Maybe that will be the final catalyst that will make that department realize that they are going to have to get their information into the Fire Marshal's office. A lot of fire departments don't report, probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 300, don't report to us on a regular monthly basis. There is nothing in the law that says I can do anything to those that don't report, but you have got to understand that the type of atmosphere that we are in today. The legislature is depending on the Fire Marshal's office to get them statistics as to what the fire situation is in the state of Indiana. They don't want NFPA statistics. They want to know how many fires we have got in the state of Indiana; they want

to know how many fire injuries we have in the state of Indiana; they want to know how many fire fatalities we have in the state of Indiana. If we don't get that information we cannot give it to them. It is one of the biggest stumbling blocks that they used against us on the fireworks legislation.

The bottom line will be if we don't get good records we are never going to be able to convince them that we have got a problem. It is like that with anything.

One of the pieces of legislation that we are going to try to get introduced this year is a retrofitted sprinkler bill for all high rise buildings. We have had a report from fifty counties out of ninety-two and in that group there is 43 buildings in the state of Indiana that do not have standpipes or sprinklers in the buildings at all. There is 240 that do have either sprinklers or standpipes in them already. I was encouraged by that. The bill will be over a period of five years for the largest building. It is almost impossible to fight a high rise fire by any fire department in this state. This will be another bill that is going to take a lot of flack, it is going to take a lot of pressure, it is going to cost a lot of money. The end result is how much is it going to cost. Take the time to find out who your legislator is, take the time to find out if he or she will support the fire service, and if they don't we are going to have to do something about it. I hope all of you will take the message back home. I am concerned about what happens to the fire service. I think our office has a lot of dedicated people but we can only do the job that you give us the authority to do. Firefighters, fire service people, ought to run the Fire Marshal's office. The fire organizations have been very supportive of our office and I don't think we would have some of the things today if it wasn't for all of the fire service organizations. We are really going to have to be vigilant. There is enough gossip out there to take care of all the stirring up I could ever do in my lifetime. Some of the gossip isn't true but it is always a little scary when you hear different things and you begin to piece it together. I hear them and I think probably you do too, that there is some talk of putting the arson division in the State Police, that there is some talk of putting the training division in the now Public Safety Institute. That there is some talk of putting the certification into the EMS because they are doing the same thing that we are doing. And there is some talk of combining inspection bureaus or letting local inspectors do the state inspecting for us. If you have heard all those rumors like I have and you put them all together into a package, what is left of the Fire Marshal's office? The Fire Marshal? That would be neat, he would just be a figurehead and come to all the parties and say hi, but what good would that do the fire service?

So I don't know who is going to be standing here next year representing the Fire Marshal's office, but I hope it is who you want, not who they give you. Thank you."

President Nevil: "Thank you, Gene. At this time, we will recess until 1:00 p.m. We will start at 1:00 p.m."

AFTERNOON

President Nevil: "At time, I want to introduce a good friend of mine, Mike Garvey, the EMS Director."

Mike Garvey: "Thank you, it sure is my honor to be here. If I

could say one thing, the truth is you guys are the most important resource that we have in EMS. Our EMS system in the State of Indiana currently runs about fifty or sixty percent pure volunteer service. So if it was not for the volunteer service, the EMS would be non-existent. Thank you, again and have a good convention."

President Nevil: "Thank you, Mike. At this time, Larry Curl, President of the Indiana Fire Service Institute has a few words for us, a little direction of the institute."

Larry Curl: "Thanks, Ivan. It is a pleasure for me to be here as a member of our association and a delegate from Wayne Township Fire Department and as President of the Indiana Fire Services Institute. Nearly a year has come and gone since the birth of this organization. Many items that were a dream in February 1991 are now a memory and a part of the Indiana Fire Services history. We have laid a solid foundation from which to begin to build a very sound and great future for the Indiana Fire Services Institute and the Indiana Fire Caucus. We have, in the same short period of time, come together with ten of our largest associations or emergency associations if nothing more than the ability to sit down at the conference table and discuss or have conversations about matters that pertain to all of us. At this point, I have got to reiterate to get the point across, we are not in a position to try to consolidate. We are not in a position to try to take away from. We are not in a position to try to do for other than the good of all associations for what is common for all of us. We have seen in the first year of our existence in the institute, the first annual fire and emergency services dinner turn out to be a very successful event. With more than five hundred people in attendance for that. At that particular dinner, we brought in leaders from all over the country, from the political arenas to the leaders of the fire service. I thought it was pretty good that we were able to bring together five hundred people for our first annual dinner. On the other hand, I fully anticipate that is going to be a very small number for this next year coming up. We deserve to have an expo in the State of Indiana. Look around all over the country, there are all kinds of vendors displaying their wares and their equipment. We are not a second class state to

anybody. We spend our money just like anyone else. We need to have an expo in the State of Indiana. I think that together we can do that. It could become very productive and very promising for us. The institute is alive and well. The caucus is doing great. There are a lot of us that are excited about it. We are real excited about being here and being a part of the Indiana Fire and Emergency Services. Thank you."

President Nevil: "Thank you, Larry. Is Tim Downey in the audience? At this time, I will call John Shanks, our lobbyist to the front."

John Shanks: "Thank you, Ivan. I have never been introduced as only having a few words. You cannot make any money being a lobbyist or a lawyer if you only have a few words. The guts of the bill is that as a volunteer firefighter, should you be killed in the line of duty. Your dependents will receive a seventy five thousand dollar death benefit. This amount is not payable to your estate but only payable to your dependents. This is somewhat like a death benefit in worker's compensation. There are not sufficient monies in the death benefit fund which is administered by PERF to pay all outstanding claims should there be multiple deaths in a particular year before the fund is built up. A partial benefit will be paid, with the remainder to be paid as the funds come in. The part that has been most confusing is where will this money come from? It will come from the governmental units served by the fire company. All governmental units served by volunteer fire companies contribute to a collective fund and they will pay one dollar per firefighter per month. Twelve dollars per year. This will go into a special fund that PERF will administer. The contributions are paid to the auditor of the state by the governmental units not the volunteer fire companies by the fifteenth of January and July fifteenth for the preceding six month period. That is what this form is designed to do to determine on January first and on July first, how many volunteer firefighters there are in each department. The payment is based on the number of members in the fire company. This requirement contributed to the fund will expire on December thirty one in the year two thousand and three. Only a governmental unit can pay a

contribution to the fund. If a contract exists between the unit and the volunteer fire company, the contract must provide for the contribution at an additional amount the cost of services. If a volunteer fire company serves more than one governmental unit, each unit shall share equally in the payment to the fund. Who qualifies? This fund for volunteer firefighters will assist the families of persons who are volunteer firefighters to receive no compensation or who receive nominal compensation under the statute, within the boundaries of the unit to which the firefighter is assigned. This also includes runs where cooperative agreements and so forth.

The firefighter must be a bona-fire member of a fire company in order to qualify. OK, thank you very much."

President Nevil: "Fire school, training, awards, Vice President Parish."

Vice President Parish: "We will get right into the training of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. We had six PR schools this past year. These schools were on stress management. We had very poor attendance in the whole association when we had less than two hundred people attend these six seminars in the State of Indiana. The next thing on the agenda is the historical update committee. We appointed a permanent six year committee last year. We are working hard, we are going to shift into another gear this next year. We got about all the information we are going to find. On to the awards. Gentlemen, last year I ask you to send in on the Ollie Sandburg award and we did get an increase. We got fourteen letters on the Ollie Sandburg award. Tonight, I will present that award. As far as the Midwest Award, I personally contacted some of the district chairmen by phone and we did have twenty six Midwest Awards. That is very nice. Tonight, we will present five of the Midwest Awards that will be announced and the rest of them have already been passed out yesterday. Thank you."

President Nevil: "I would like to call John Shanks back to the podium again. I asked him a question and he is going to clear it up."

A lengthy discussion was held again on eligibility and

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qualifications of the volunteer fire fighter death benefit fund.

President Nevil: "Lawrence Swartz, Bridgeport."

Lawrence Swartz: "The committee has chosen two applicants this year for the fifteen hundred scholarship. We did have thirty four applications this year. Six of them were eliminated for member disqualification by the guardian or the spouses or one or the other. So that meant that there were twenty eight left, of those twenty eight we did select two. In past years we have only notified the winners. This year, I sent the applications back with a letter explaining why they were not selected urging them to try again. I think maybe there is a mini misconception in the field that you only have one chance to apply. Therefore, this year we took the liberty to send them all back with a letter explaining the reason for the return. It is a pleasure to work with all of you. Thank you."

President Nevil: "Maynard Masters, President of Fire Instructors. He passes. Standards and Education. Dan."

Dan Lee: "On December 31, 1991 the terms of all the members of that board expired. There was a new board appointed by the governor, there are some new members on the board. Three members were retained, the rest of the members are new. One of the things they are working towards at the present time is getting the state of Indiana in a situation where we can become or have available to us a national accreditation for training. We have been working very closely with Oklahoma State University and the National Fire Service Accreditation Congress to that end. Just a quick note on the certification process itself. We are working very hard to try to clear up the backlog that has been there for quite a while. Ivan is going to speak to that. We are getting caught up, we are making great strides in all the areas to get your certifications to you in a more timely fashion. If you have problems please don't hesitate to let us know what those problems are. Thank you very much."

President Nevil: "At this time I will open the floor for 1993 convention sites. Is there anybody that is interested in

hosting the 1993 convention?"

John Ferro: "Mr. President, the fourth district would like to have the 1993 convention in the northern part of Indiana again. We had it in '83 and it was the place to be; we would like to have it in '93 and the place to be again. It would be in St. Joe County at the Civic Center as far as we know right now. That is St. Joe, South Bend."

President Nevil: "Okay, we have one request."

Barry Winger: "Mr. President, Barry Winger, District 18. We would like to nominate French Lick and French Lick Springs Hotel and we have a presentation we would like to given whenever it is convenient to the floor."

President Nevil: "We would be glad to have it at this time."

French Lick Lady Representative made her sales presentation.

President Nevil: "I have a couple of questions and I don't know if they can answer today. John, District Four, do you have any idea what the room rates would be? I know that it one of the first things asked."

John Ferro: "I have no idea at this time."

President Nevil: "French Lick. What would be the room rates?"

Susan Bower: "\$59, single or double."

President Nevil: "I am not pitching one way or another, but I have been to French Lick several times for EMS meetings, etc. They were in the process of renovating the facility. All apparatus displays would be inside, there is 25,000 square feet I believe it is."

Susan Bower: "We have 485 guest rooms, we have a 600 car parking lot, we have got a 25,000 square foot air-conditioned exhibit center with drive-in capabilities for those exhibitors who do need that; we also have lots of recreation and plenty of meeting space. Yes, we can provide the train rides."

President Nevil: "Does anybody else have any questions? Barry Winger, do you have any comments you wish to make? He is saying that District 18 can supply the manpower to make the convention go if the vote goes that direction."

President Nevil: "Any other questions? Does anybody have any questions for John Ferro and District 4? At this time I will entertain a motion as to the

location for the 1993 convention. Does anybody care to make a motion?"

Max Harrah: "Max Harrah, District 11A. I make a motion that we go to South Bend for the 1993 Convention."

??, Cleveland Township, District 4: "I second that."

President Nevil: "We have a motion and a second to go to Elkhart in 1993. Or South Bend, same difference. Any questions? All those in favor of going to South Bend, raise your right hand. Hold them up while we get a count. We have a total show of hands of 54 to go to South Bend."

Virgil Henisen, District 18: "Mr. President, I make a motion that we go to French Lick, Indiana."

President Nevil: "We have a motion to go to French Lick, Indiana. Do I hear a second? Okay, I stand corrected. At this time your motion is out of order, District 18. All those against going to South Bend raise your right hand. Okay, South Bend is out. Now, I will entertain a motion. Virgil."

Virgil Henisen, District 18: "Virgil Henisen, District 18. I make a motion that we go to French Lick."

President Nevil: "I have a motion that we go to French Lick. Do I have a second?"

Pete Lockhart: "Mr. President, Pete Lockhart, District 17B. I will second the motion."

President Nevil: "Pete Lockhart, District 17B, seconded the motion. All those in favor going to French Lick raise your right hand. All those opposed going to French Lick raise your right hand. French Lick is awarded."

Mike Mackin: "Ivan, Mike Mackin, District 6. Normally we have always gone two years for a convention. Could we maybe get a site set for 1994 in case this Expo does not take place? And if so, I would like to make a motion that if South Bend will take it that we go there for '94."

John Ferro: "The 4th District will take it in '94."

President Nevil: "I need a second on the motion that the '94 convention be awarded to South Bend and I will open it up if anybody else wants to be considered."

Fred Esserman: "Fred Esserman, District 1, I second the motion."

President Nevil: "Fred

Esserman, District 1, seconds the motion. At this time I will open it up for any other cite selections for the 1994 convention. Is there anybody else that would like to host the '94 Convention? Is there anybody else that would like to host the '94 Convention? If not, all those in favor of going to South Bend in '94 raise your hand. All those opposed? South Bend 1994. At this time before we get into the nominating, I will call on Mr. Tim Downey for a few comments."

Tim Downey: "Good afternoon. Glad to see you. We have had a great year. If you have any problems or if we can do anything for you or do it to you, you know we are here. Come see us, thank you very much, and Ivan, good luck on your new job."

President Nevil: "At this time I will call Pete Lockhart, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, forward."

Pete Lockhart: "Thank you, Mr. Nevil. The Nominating Committee was Lawrence Swartz and Carl Bruns. The Nominating Committee nominates for President, Willie "Mitch" Parish."

President Nevil: "You have heard the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Are there any further nominations for the office of president? (Repeated three times) Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot?"

Secretary Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous ballot for Mitch Parish as President of the IVFA for the next year."

Mitch Parish: "Thank you gentlemen and ladies."

Pete Lockhart: "For the Office of Vice President, the Nominating Committee nominates Richard Glant."

President Nevil: "Are there any other further nominations for the Office of Vice President?"

Joe: "I would like to nominate Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "No."

President Nevil: "Bill Howe has declined the nomination. Don Johnson."

Don Johnson: "Don Johnson, District 12. I want to nominate John Davies for the Office of Vice President."

John Davies: "Decline."

President Nevil: "John Davies declines the nomination. Are there any further nominations for the office of vice President (Repeated three times) Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast a unanimous vote for Richard Glant as Vice President of the IVFA for the upcoming year."

Pete Lockhart: "Richard, do you want to say a few words?"

Richard Glant: "Thank you, and I will do everything I can to deserve this position for you. Thanks."

Pete Lockhart: "For the office of secretary, the Nominating Committee nominates Lee Kissell."

Ivan Nevil: "Are there any further nominations for the office of secretary? (Repeated three times) Mr. Vice President."

Mitch Parish: "I cast one unanimous vote for Lee Kissell as secretary of the IVFA for 1992-93."

Lee Kissell: "Thank you."

Pete Lockhart: "The Nominating Committee nominates for Treasurer Gene Stofer."

President Nevil: "Are there any further nominations for the office of Treasurer? (Repeated three times) Mr. Kissell."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA, here we go again, I cast one unanimous vote for Harold "Gene" Stofer for Treasurer for the upcoming year of the IVFA."

Gene Stofer: "Thank you." Pete Lockhart: "The

Nominating Committee nominates for Recording Secretary John Davies."

President Nevil: "Are there any further nominations for the office of Recording Secretary? (Repeated three times) If not, nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for John Davies for recording secretary for the incoming year."

John Davies: "Ladies and gentlemen, Thank you once again."

Pete Lockhart: "For the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, the Nominating Committee nominates Bill Bush, Mr. IVFA 1992."

President Nevil: "Are there any further nominations for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms? Are there any further nominations?"

Last time, are there any further nominations? Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms next year."

Pete Lockhart: "The Nominating Committee nominates for the Office of Chaplain, Duane Lantz."

President Nevil: "Are there any further nominations for Chaplain? (Repeated three times) I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA it is my pleasure to cast one unanimous vote for Duane Lantz for Chaplain for the incoming year."

Duane Lantz: "Thank you, fellows."

Pete Lockhart: "This will be his 30th year as Chaplain. For PR Director Northwest, the Nominating Committee nominates Bill Howe."

President Nevil: "For PR Northwest, are there any further nominations? (Repeated three times) Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Howe, PR Northwest."

Pete Lockhart: "For PR Northeast, the Nominating Committee nominates Bill Kinsey."

President Nevil: "Are there any other nominations for PR Northeast? (Repeated three times) Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Kinsey for PR Northeast for the incoming year."

Pete Lockhart: "The Nominating Committee nominates for PR East Central Larry Jackson."

President Nevil: "Are there any further nominations for PR East Central? (Repeated three times) I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Jackson, PR East Central."

Pete Lockhart: "For PR West Central the Nominating Committee nominates Toddy Michl."

President Nevil: "Are there any further nominations for PR West Central? (Repeated three times) Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary once again I cast one unanimous vote for Toddy Michl for PR West Central."

Pete Lockhart: "For PR Southeast the Nominating Committee nominates Paul Hildebrand."

President Nevil: "Are there any other nominations for PR

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Southeast? (Repeated three times)Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary.

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for Paul Hildebrand for PR Southeast."

President Nevil: At this time, always in the past it has been a shoo-in for the PR Director Southwest. The gentleman has decided not to run for this coming year so at this time I think we all owe Carl O. Davis a big round of applause. Carl.

Pete Lockhart: "The Nominating Committee nominates for PR Southwest, from McCutcheonville, Indiana, Jack Kerney."

President Nevil: "Are there any further nominations, PR Southwest?"

Jack Zeeks: "Mr. President, Jack Zeeks, District 17B. I would like to nominate Don Trester."

President Nevil: "Don Tresler has been nominated for PR Southwest. Are there any other nominations for PR Southwest? The Districts involved: District 17A, 17B, District 18, District 15. Don Trester, will you please stand? Jack Kerney, will you stand?"

Treasurer of District 4: "Mr. President, Treasurer of District 4. At this time I would like to present a motion on the floor that the IVFA help support a motion that will read as follows."

President Nevil: "Before you go any further I think it would be more palatable if it was a recommendation rather than a motion."

District 4 Treasurer: "Fine, I will make this a recommendation, and it is stated: If a municipality proposes to annex property and 51% or greater of the property owners of the affected area to be annexed petition against the annexation, then the annexation will not become valid."

President Nevil: "Mr. Stofer, any comments?"

Gene Stofer: "I fully support what you have said but there is a law on the books on any annexation. The City that is annexing into the area shall show that they can give within five years the city services. That is already on the books and that is what they are using today. In fact, one annexation was stopped because the City could not prove they could comply with that ruling. But I agree with the rest of your motion. The thing that you are going to have to have, remember we are going to be fighting and I will tell you the Township Trustees Association have also backed this same motion, maybe not that exact words but the same thing, that we are going to be fighting cities and counties associations. We can't do it with your lobbyists alone. We need support from all these areas, not only those areas, it could happen to any of us sitting in here, and I will second the man's recommendation."

President Nevil: "You have heard the recommendation and you have heard the second. All those in favor of supporting the recommendation through legislative action signify by saying aye. Contrary same. Motion carried. Results of the election: Jack Kerney, PR Southwest. Congratulations, Jack. Any comments? At this time I will release all appointed committees with the exception of the games committee for the year 1991-92. Does anybody have anything for the good of the order? Does anyone else have anything for the good of the

order? Bill Kinsey."

Bill Kinsey: "Bill Kinsey, PR Northeast. It is my recommendation that the President appoint a task force or a committee to make serious investigation to a new type of organization within the IVFA in the form of an Executive Secretary that would take care of the full time duties of the Association as well as the lobbying and the management. An Executive Secretary could be involved in that same type of work on a full time basis. I would like to make that recommendation or would you entertain a motion to that affect?"

President Nevil: "Since I am President only until tomorrow when the parade and games are over that I will defer that and let the incoming president have a decision made at the upcoming board meeting the first of August, whatever the dates he decides on. Take it back to your districts, PR directors, members, whoever is there, talk about it and bring the recommendations at that level back to the board of directors."

Mitch Parish: "At this time I think we will wait until the Officers meeting in August. At that time we will make a decision on that with the task force."

President Nevil: "One speaker just came in, bring him up, at this time I want to introduce Bill Seagraves. Bill."

Bill Seagraves: "Like Ivan said, my name is Bill Seagraves and I am the Executive Director of the Public Safety Training Institute. In 1990 the legislature saw fit to pass a bill, #290, that basically established the Public Safety Training Institute. Under that Institute we are looking at the fire services, medical services, environmental management, search and rescue, building codes, and emergency management agency. What we are trying to do is set up a training program that will bring the training to your location. If there are any questions, my number is 317-232-3987, give me a call and if I don't have the answer I can certainly get it through Marshal Goddard's office."

Ivan Bausman: "Ivan Bausman, District 8B. Where is all the money for these volunteers who are giving up their jobs, etc., how are they going to be able to afford to take all this training? How are we going to keep surviving?"

Bill Seagraves: "One of the things that was written into the bill, and this is something you need to keep in your mind, is the fact that all the training that we are going to provide is advanced training and it is optional. That means if you don't want to take the training you don't have to. That is the way the law is written right now."

President Nevil: "At this time we are winding down. We have got through the good of the order, we are going to go to Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "The next issue of the paper is due out the first of August."

President Nevil: "At this time I will call on Bob Stewart, Convention Chairman for any updates. Bob."

Bob Stewart: "Three months ago I thought this date was a long way off. Now it is about over. There is no one more thankful than I am, I can tell you that. I am happy to report that at last count we have 416 people registered for the banquet tonight and two old soreheads."

Bob gave an agenda for the rest of Friday and all day Saturday.

President Nevil: "Have we had a motion to adjourn?"

Bob Esserman: "Bob Esserman, District 1. I make a motion to adjourn."

?? District 6: I second it. President Nevil: "Meeting adjourned. Thank you, gentlemen. It has been the policy in the past to close the meeting with the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz. I would like for the Chaplain to close the meeting."

Benediction: Father Lantz. Transcribed by: John Davies

ADDENDUM:
AWARD WINNERS: MR. IVFA - Bill Bush; LOIS BOAZ - Joann Hays; PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Tim Downey; OLLIE SANDBERG - Frank Martin; BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Jody Lyn Beuttner, Mary Ellen Reidenbach

Greene County Firefighters Association Elects Officers

On January 11, 1993 the Annual Meeting of the Greene County Firefighters Association was held. Elections also took place at this meeting.

Greene County Firefighters Association is a group of twelve fire departments who have joined forces together We would like to welcome Linton Fire Department to the Association.

Secretary Kallie Rehmel read a list of accomplishments for '92. Fire Marshal Gene Goddard and wife attended a meeting Soo-Line Railroad sponsored a Ten Hour Hazardous Materials Class, bought a smoke machine for training, received a DNR grant towards training tapes, field day games were moved to Linton, just to mention a few.

President Glenn Miller read the by-laws for the association before elections took place.

Officers for '93 are: President: Glenn Miller, Center Twp.; First Vice: Johnny Johnson, Richland-Taylor; Second Vice: Henry Mercer, Linton; Secretary: Kallie Rehmel, Wright; Treas.: Diane Harrison, Lewis Twp.; Training officer: Bryan Husband, Lewis Twp. Publicity Officer: Bruce Porter, Switz City.

Greene County Firefighters Association is looking forward to even a better year in 1993!

New Truck Dedicated to Retired Chief

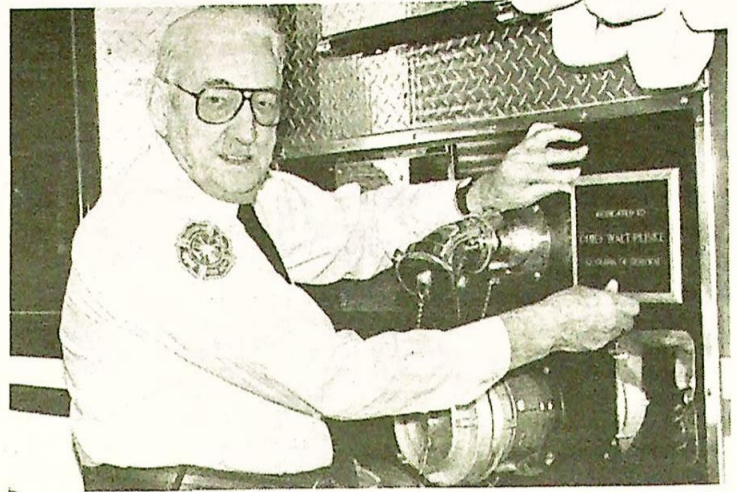


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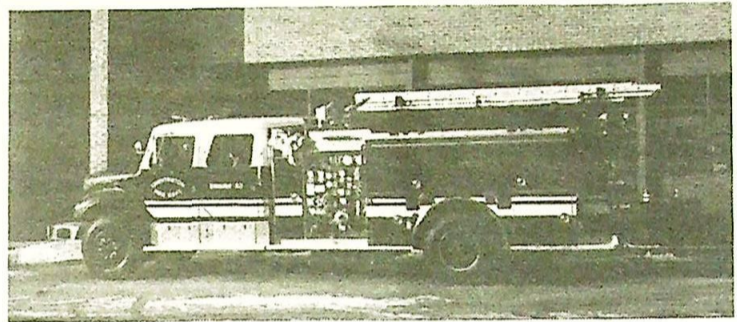


Photo by R. Lawson

At a brief ceremony, the Chesterton Fire Dept. dedicated its New Navistar/Pierce Engine to Retired Chief Walt Pliske.

Chief Pliske joined the Fire Dept. in 1938 and retired in 1990. At the time of his retirement Walt was probably the most senior active Fire Chief in Indiana with 52 years of service.

During the ceremony it was noted that Chief Pliske's wife Kathleen should also be commended for putting up with 52 years of missed meals, disrupted family plans and late night calls.

A cast aluminum with black background plaque is permanently affixed to the truck. The new Engine 52, which went into service on January 1, 1993, has a 4 Dr. 5 Man Cab, 300 Hp. Engine, and Automatic Transmission.

When Chief Warren "Skip" Highwood took office one of his stated goals was to standardize as much firefighting equipment as possible. This new Engine is nearly identical to Engine 58 from the back of the cab to the tailboard. Engine 52 has a 1250 G.P.M. Waterous 2 Stage Pump, 750 gal. water tank, and 50 gal. foam tank. The foam is delivered thru a FECON around the pump proportioner. Some of the other features include a hydraulic ladder rack, 5000 watt generator, a 4" discharge and a front mounted trash line. This Engine responds with 1000' of 5" supply hose, 300' of 3" and 500' of 1 3/4" pre-connected lines. This Engine is first out on all rural calls, vehicle fires and accidents. A compliment of Hurst extrication equipment is also on board.

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Dianne Harrison Named Firefighter of the Year



On December 13, 1992 the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas dinner. A delicious meal was enjoyed by 47 department members and their families, which was catered by Tom Ridinger.

After dinner, Chief J. D. Fagg reviewed the past year's activities and honored members for their long hours of training and dedication, as well as their hard work on fund raiser activities.

Dianne Harrison, Captain, was named **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**, as voted by the members of the department.

She joined the department as an active member in 1980, during which time she has held the offices of assistant chief, captain, lieutenant, and executive board.

Dianne has certifications in the Masters category, Tactics, Investigations, holds Technician in hazardous materials, and is a First-Responder.

She has been a valuable asset to the department with her untiring efforts in the fund raisers that she has administered with long hours and hard work.

The department would like to extend many thanks and applaud her for all accomplishments at the department as an example of a firefighter.

Master Firefighter - Hazardous Materials Flow Chart of Certification Process

1. Application is made to the Board of Firefighting, with notification made to the SFMO when the Final exam is scheduled. The instructor shall also submit a resume stating their qualifications to teach a HazMat class. Application and approval must be completed prior to the start of the course. Written Test available after Jan. 1, 1993

2. Board reviews application/ resume. If approved, Course Number is issued by Board. If

there are questions, further information will be requested from the instructor.

3. Instructor receives approval by mail from the Board to conduct class.

4. Start the course. Instructor/ Class understand testing will be over NFPA 472-4.

5. SFMO acknowledges/ establishes test date with instructor.

6. Instructor confirms test date 30 days prior to requested test date with SFMO.

7. Practical exam completed and passed with the approved state documentation signed by the Lead instructor and other course instructors.

8. SFMO proctors written test of 150 questions. A list of candidates who have successfully completed the practical exam shall be submitted by the Lead instructor to SFMO proctor prior to start of written exam.

9. SFMO grades test with a goal of 30 day turnaround of results.

10. Test results mailed to instructor by SFMO.

11. Instructor issues certificates of completion to students who have received a grade of 80% or higher.

12. Application for Master Firefighter, Hazardous Materials submitted to Board by instructor or student. Mailing shall include an application form with course number and copy of the certificate of completion. State Fire Marshal's Office

Pershing Twp. Easter Egg Hunt

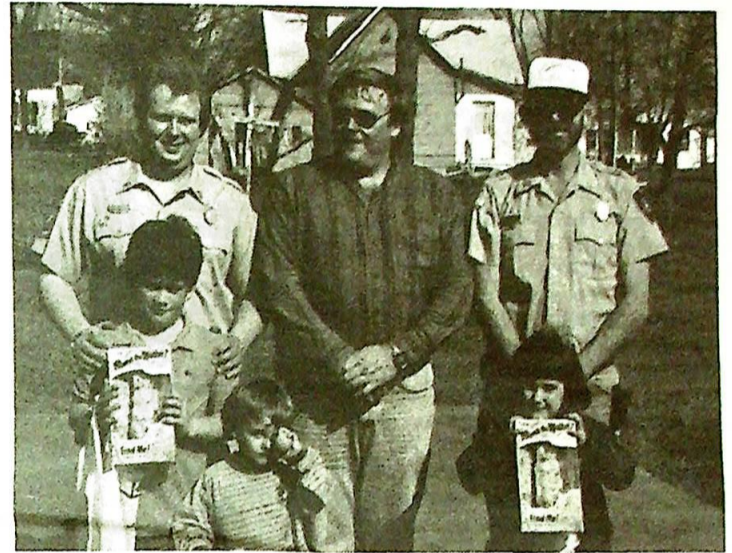
A pure success is what Pershing Township firefighters are calling their '93 Easter Egg Hunt and Fire Prevention Open House. Approximately 100 youngsters aged 12 and under crowded into the Freetown Park to hunt 90 dozen brightly colored eggs. Prize eggs were hidden in each of the three hunting areas set aside according to age groups.

Following the hunt children and parents hurried to the firehouse for candy from the Ladies Auxiliary and fire equipment demonstrations.

Junior firefighters laid out a large tarp and taught youngsters how to properly Stop, Drop and Roll if their clothing should catch fire.

"It was wonderful watching the kids descend like a cloud of locust, they snatched up every egg, every piece of candy and lots of fire prevention coloring pages." said Rebecca Scott, Assistant Fire Chief and Public Education Officer. "We had kids climbing into firetrucks and rolling on tarps, I only hope they remember the day as fondly as we will."

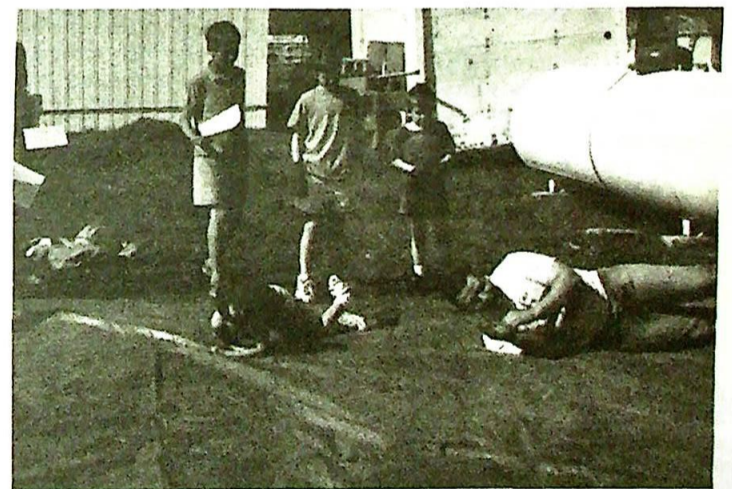
Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department.



Prize egg winners pose with Pershing Twp. firefighters Joe McDumid, Greg Sutton and Bud Wayt.



Pershing Firefighter Bobby Anderson checks his watch as he guards the entrance to Freetown's Easter Egg Hunt.



Pershing Twp. Junior firefighter Shane Loper teaches children how to Stop, Drop & Roll.



Pershing Captain Bud Wayt mans the candy unit at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Under One Roof.



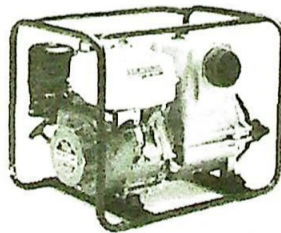
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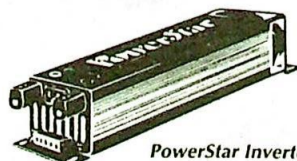
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Two suffer injuries in house fire

By WAYNE ENGLE Courier Staff Writer

Flames of an undetermined origin resulted in critical injuries to a father and son early Saturday on the East Upper Dry Fork Road, north of Brooksburg.

Alvin Whitham, 53, and his father, Clarence Whitham, 90, were listed in critical condition at Humana Hospital University in Louisville yesterday, according to Milton Township Fire Chief Aaron Heath. A later check with the hospital's patient information officer this morning revealed the two are now in serious condition in the burn unit.

Heath said they received severe, second- and third-degree burns when the home they shared caught fire from an unknown source shortly before 4 a.m. Saturday.

Heath said both Whithams were able to escape the home owned by the younger Whitham, and that they went to the home of a neighbor, Tony Earls, across the road. He said Earls took them to the King's Daughters' Hospital in his car. Because the Earls family has no telephone, Earls' wife drove down the road to another home to report the fire.

"When we arrived at the scene at 4:19 a.m., the house was fully engulfed in flames," said Heath. He said it was a single-story, woodframe dwelling.

Heath said a truck parked near the home also had caught fire, but was extinguished by the firemen.

He said firefighters had difficulty reaching the fire in the rear section of the home due to the construction of the ceiling, but finally were able to bring the fire under control. Heath said three walls and a portion of the ceiling were still standing when the fire was finally brought under control, about an hour and a half after they arrived.

Heath estimated damage to the house at \$5,000, and to the contents at \$10,000 to \$15,000. Damage to the pickup truck was \$5,000, he said. An antique coin collection and two guns belonging to Alvin Whitham were saved from the flames, Heath said.

"When they paged out the alarm, they said the fire was due to an exploding kerosene heater," the chief said. "But after Tom Hinkle of the Indiana Fire Marshal's office investigated, he ruled that out. So he's still investigating for the cause."

Heath said he and other firefighting personnel were on the scene investigating until 1:30 p.m. yesterday. He said the investigation is continuing.

The Moorefield Fire Department in Switzerland County dispatched a tanker truck and four-man crew to the scene in response to a request from Milton Township, Heath said.

The Madison Courier

A Competent Job

To the Editor:

Just a year ago, we had the misfortune to have a fire which destroyed the front part of our house.

During the aftermath of reconstruction, we seemed not to find the time to acknowledge and say how we appreciated the efforts of the Madison volunteer

firefighters.

Madison should be very proud of its volunteer fire departments. These men were called out for us at 2 a.m. and were at our house in a matter of a few minutes.

In the three hours or so necessary to bring the fire under control and put it out, they also found time to rescue furniture and ornaments, and to check on our welfare.

When they were finally ready to leave to return to their engine houses, we found one last dear man sweeping out masses of debris from the living room just by the light of the fire trucks in front.

No professional fire department could have, or probably would have, done a better or more competent job.

We are very proud of our volunteer fire departments and very grateful for the dedication displayed by the volunteer firefighters.

Our hats are off to our volunteers.

Audrey and Carroll Forrest

The Madison Courier
Saturday, March 6, 1993

Decatur Twp. VFD of Marion County is on the move



We are growing by leaps and bounds. In the last year we have purchased a new station and 4 new pieces of equipment.

The new station and the new apparatus are in this photograph.

The fire department would like to thank all the people and the committees for their help.

If you attended the FDIC Conference in Cincinnati you may have seen our new tanker and rescue. They were on display there. Also our new ambulance was featured in *Firehouse Magazine*.

We the members of Decatur Township Volunteer Fire Department wish to thank the IVFA for the clock presented to us at the dedication of the new station. "We Do Care"

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Lewis Twp. VFD Celebrates 25 Years



Top Row L-R: Harold Harrison, Max Husband, Cindy Husband, Charolette Duncan. 2nd Row: Billy Fagg, Glenda Fagg, Marshall Nuckolls, Rod Harbin, Vernon Burris, Jeff Burris, Gerald Hardesty, Bud Ewer, Alvin Nuckolls. 3rd Row: Victor Burris, John Fagg, Gerri Husband, Diane Harrison, Paul Duncan, Bryan Husband. Not pictured: Gene Husband, Don Nelson and John Fagg Jr.



Chief John Fagg presented Rev. Harold Thomas with a plaque in appreciation for years of service as Chaplain.



Honored for 25 Years Of Service: Marshall Nuckolls, Joe West, Gene Husband and Don Nelson.

This year's Annual Open House to celebrate fire prevention was extra special. On October 10, 1992, we also celebrated 25 years of service to our community.

Special awards were presented to four members who have served the department for 25 years: Marshall Nuckolls, Joe West, Gene Husband and Don Nelson.

Chief John Fagg also presented Rev. Harold Thomas with a plaque honoring him for his services as our Chaplain through the years.

Chief John Fagg and Assistant

Chief Gerri Husband presented name plates with the year the individual joined the department to each member.

Darren Sluder from Southwestern Indiana Emergency Equipment presented Chief Fagg and Assistant Chief Husband on behalf of the department with a plaque honoring the department for 25 years of service.

Asst. Chief Husband and Lt. Bryan Husband presented awards to the winners of the coloring and poster contest for grades one through six who are students of Shakamak Elementary. Each

student received a medallion and coupons from local restaurants.

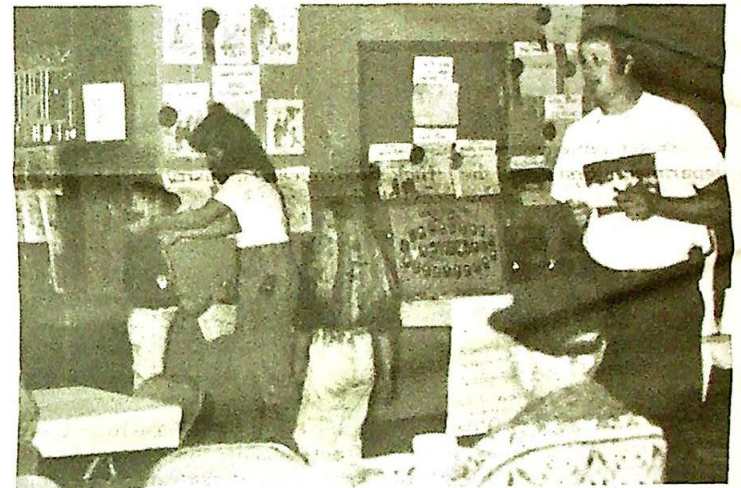
Greene County Ambulance Service and Clay County Ambulance Service each brought an ambulance to our open house. They answered many questions and took blood pressures. Their attendance was greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank District 11-A Chairman Bob Hayes and wife Jo Ann for their attendance.

Diane Harrison



Winners of the Coloring and Poster Contest. Back Row L-R: John Anderson, Meredith Creasy, Theresa Donis, Tawni Miller, Barry Krackenbener. Row 2: Chelsie Culler, Nicole Richards, Jana Sexton, Erica Hobbs, Kendra Bohnert, Kristina Kelly, Nathan Mahan. Front Row: Bryce Netherlain, Jill Passen, Nikki Marlow, Jennifer Scott, Larry Watters. Not pictured: Bryce Thompson and Brittany Secret.



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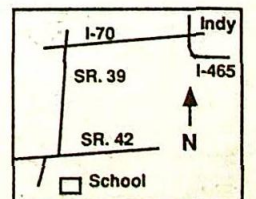
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From Harris to Taxco, Mexico, with love

BV SHERRI A. LIVELY
Hometown writer

As the bright orange pumper left the Harris Township Fire Station and drove off into the night, Norm Crocker said goodbye to one of his favorite fire trucks.

In June, the 1962 Chevrolet pumper will roll into Taxco, Mexico, a charming city nestled in the mountains between Mexico City and Acapulco, where 19th century Spanish homes line cobblestone streets. The city, once famous for its silver mines, is in need of firefighting equipment. That's where Crocker and the Harris Township Fire Department come in.

As fire chief, Crocker said he learned from the State Fire Marshal's office that the North Liberty Lions Club was looking for a fire truck to drive down to Taxco.

In an informal farewell ceremony at the fire station last week, Harris Township Trustee Sue Dylewski turned the truck over to the North Liberty Lions Club, which presented her with a framed certificate in appreciation.

The old Chevy had been sitting idle at the station ever since a new truck took its place five years ago, Crocker said. It could have been cannibalized—the parts were still good and there was plenty of interest in the engine, Crocker said.

Crocker remembers when the department first got the truck three decades ago. He had grown attached to it and couldn't bear to think it would be carved into parts. He is happy to know it will still be fighting fires. Harris Township threw in a 700 foot and a 500-foot hose, as well as nozzles, ladders and axes.

The truck is operational Crocker said. "All they have to do is add water and go firefighting."

Bill Blankenship, the North Liberty Lion spearheading the trip to Mexico, said a team of Lions will drive the pumper along with a rescue truck donated from an Indianapolis fire department.

Indiana Lions Club members started making annual trips to South America in 1984 with donated firefighting equipment and medical supplies. After establishing a support line to Guatemala, the Lions added Mexico last year, Blankenship said.

In June, Blankenship's team will drive medical supplies across the border with the fire trucks. An estimated 6,000 citizens will also receive used eyeglasses, clothing and new shoes, and the Lions will hand out stuffed animals to orphans.

Included with medical supplies being donated from sources in Michigan are a dentist's chair from Naperville, IL., a hearing test unit from Chicago and an electroencephalogram — a machine that measures brain activity—from St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend, Blankenship said.

The first thing the folks in Taxco will do to Harris Township's orange pumper is paint it lime green to match their other emergency vehicles, Blankenship said. And they will use the truck to deliver fresh water to villages when they aren't fighting fires.

South Bend Tribune

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CHEMTREC® Resources for the Fire Service

Chesterfield has new fire department

CHESTERFIELD, Ind. (AP)—Chesterfield has a new volunteer fire department, one day after it fired the old department in a

dispute over financial problems.

The Chesterfield Town Council met in a called meeting Thursday night and approved 16 volunteers who will comprise the newly formed Chesterfield - Union Township Volunteer Fire Department.


Danny Butler, who resigned as Chesterfield Fire Chief at the end of August, will head the new department during its startup.

The agreement with the 16 volunteers comes a day after the council adopted a resolution ending fire and ambulance service with the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

Council President Donald Carpenter said the old department recently filed for bankruptcy over problems arising from a bingo operation.


Some firefighters tied the action to a rift with the council over its recent appointment of officers in the department, saying the officers lacked leadership and were appointed for political reasons.

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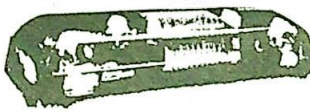
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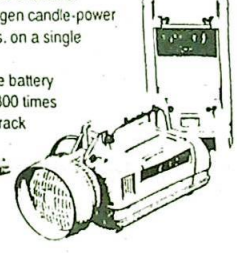


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Ice Rescue Program for Noble Twp.



Conservation officers with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources conducted an Ice Rescue program for Noble Township Fire Department and Noble County EMS-3 personnel last Sunday at Bear Lake Public Access. Shown here are Conservation Officer Rod Clear, drivers Officers Mark Hines, Andy Runyon and Mike Fodor, and Jerry Grosenbacher at far right. In back is fireman Jim Pancake, and at far left holding the rope is Ed Anderson. There were two drowning deaths and one ice rescue in Noble County waters during 1992. (photo by Darrell Resler)

hoses, while the tank trucks are driven to water sources to be re-filled and returned to fill the dump tank again.

Higgins said that despite being from three different counties, the firefighters worked well together and kept a steady stream of water flowing onto the fire.

Correction due to a reporter's error, it was stated in a news report of a house fire on Scott's Ridge appearing in Thursday's edition that the house was "leveled" by the blaze. In fact there were rooms in the front still standing, but the house was considered a

total loss, according to fire department officials.
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Jack Kerney

Thanks to all the departments and districts that have sent me notices of their meetings, special training sessions, and social events.

After having surgery in February, I was not able to travel during that month, but have been glad to get back in the groove again.

Green County District had a good meeting at Eastern Fire Dept. in Solsbury. Beth prepared a delicious spaghetti supper for those who attended. Those departments who were present discussed their concerns about new laws, how they could work together to improve their communications between departments and areas. If you don't attend your district meetings, you will not be able to contribute to changes that are pertinent to your department. It is important that you get ideas and what is happening in the fire service back to your personnel.

District 15 had a very interesting meeting at Mt. Vernon in March where the C 130 plane crash was discussed. The program was presented by Sherman Greer, who heads the Emergency Management Agency in Vanderburgh Co. Programs of this nature will help all of us to be better prepared if an emergency of this nature should ever arise again. All agencies should be aware of the needs if and when they are needed.

This week I will be attending a district meeting in Bloomington Township. This is a district that I have not been to yet in my travels, so I am looking forward to meeting with them.

Don't forget about the upcoming convention. Make your plans now for a great time in June.

A group of firefighters from District 15 went to Cinn. for the show there. We saw a lot of new equipment, new ideas that could help make our departments a more progressive one. New safety features were shown that could help us up-date equipment if we don't have funds available to purchase new. Be sure and visit any of these shows that you can as well as reading about new concepts in the fire service in the many publications that are available to you.

Let me know if I can be of help to any of your departments or districts.

13 engines, 27 firemen fight blaze

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer

Firemen from two other counties came to the assistance of the Canaan Fire Department at the site of a house fire early yesterday afternoon.

The house, the former Harold Jones residence at the north end of Scott's Ridge, was destroyed by the blaze which was attributed to a still-smoldering trash fire from the day before which was blown into a shed by yesterday's high winds.

The present owner, the late Harold Jones' son, Larry, was preparing the house to rent it to Rob and Brooke Foley, according to Canaan Fire Chief John Higgins.

"The Foleys were burning some old wallpaper and other trash Tuesday on the lot. They thought at the time the trash fire was out, Higgins said this morning. "But it was near a shed on the property, and hot embers from the fire were blown into the shed and caught it on fire yesterday."

The initial alarm was paged to the Canaan firefighters at 12:57 p.m. yesterday, and Higgins was the first fireman on the scene.

"When I arrived the shed was fully involved and had fallen in and the fire had spread to the house 10 or 12 feet away," said Higgins. "I radioed to the sheriff's department for assistance from all Canaan units, and requested mutual aid from Moorefield (in Switzerland County)."

Higgins said that when the alarm was paged to Moorefield, it was heard by Milton Township volunteer firemen, who radioed with an offer of assistance with tank trucks.

"I accepted their offer," he said. "Then the Bear Branch Fire Department, in Ohio County, also radioed that they had heard the alarm and offered tankers, so I accepted their offer too. I knew we would need all the water we could get to maintain a steady flow onto the fire."

At the height of the battle

against the flames, 13 fire engines and 27 firefighters were engaged in fighting the fire, Higgins said.

All their efforts were to no avail, however, and the house and shed were leveled by the blaze. Higgins estimated the total damage at \$50,000. He said the only item of contents, a refrigerator, also was damaged beyond repair. No one was injured.

"We pumped more than 16,000 gallons of water onto that fire," he said. "The tankers were re-filled at the old schoolhouse at Pleasant, and we used dump tanks because when you're fighting a fire like that you're basically pumping with one engine."

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