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From the President



It's later than you think. 1967 is drawing to a close. Thank-giving is upon us. Time to give thanks for our many blessings and if we will take time to reminiscence over the past year, there are many. Then comes the festive season. Let's take time to remember the many things we the fire departments recommend to make this a happy and safe Christmas. Remember to practice what we preach, and make our own holiday a pleasant and safe one.

I have just received word from our secretary, that is most gratifying. The membership as of this writing stands at 9200. We have many new departments for whom we are most happy. I am sure you will not regret this decision. Welcome aboard. To the faithful and dedicated who over a period of years, have made the association what it is today, thanks for your sincerity. You have been most helpful.

1968 is not a legislative year but we should invite senators and representatives to attend our district meetings. We have nothing to ask, but it makes for good public relations. The better these honorable citizens become acquainted with the volunteer firemen over the state, the better they will understand our problems and needs. They will be more able to do us justice in 1969.

Another Fire Conference was held at Linton, Indiana, October 21 and 22. This makes the second since the convention. One was held at Warsaw, September 9 and 10. These were both very good and well attended. Hosts Chief Banghart and Chief Allen are to be commended for a job well done. I had the pleasure of attending the Richmond confer-

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Mr. IVFA of the Year

What does it mean? Who is eligible to receive the honor? What does it mean to receive the honor of the year, "Mr. IVFA"? How do you become eligible? These and many other questions have been asked about the honor or award of "Mr. IVFA".

Mr. IVFA means the outstanding fireman of the year to a committee that chooses the person. Any volunteer fireman who lives in Indiana is eligible for the award, if he is chosen by the committee.

Speaking as one of the past Mr. IVFA of the year winners, it is the greatest award that a volunteer fireman can receive, and you will hold the honor high after one is called to step in that position. To become eligible to be a Mr. IVFA you just have to be a good fireman, do your duty that you have proclaimed that you would. Between you and me, just be yourself!

I—Stand for Indiana, the state you must reside in.

V—Stand for volunteer, the one who gives of himself to those who are in trouble and need help.

F—Stands for fireman. You must belong to a volunteer department as well as to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

A—Stands for Association—the organization that we belong to as the group that stands behind us as individuals, as well as a department for law and order. It is a group that is growing every year, and a group who has associated themselves together for the purpose of dedicating themselves to help others who are in need and distress.

A Recipient of Mr. IVFA

All letters of past application for the Mr. IVFA award have been destroyed. Please send this year's letters of application for the award to Mr. Andy Van-Winkle, R. R. 1, Borden, Indiana 47106. Be sure that all letters are sent not later than April 1, 1968.

From The Secretary



Gentlemen:

With the passing of another quarter I am pleased to report your membership is increasing towards the 10,000 mark.

As of now we have enrolled about 9200 names. This is way ahead of previous years by comparison. This will obviously denote all the work that your chairman and officers, with the prodding from the membership, have been doing.

Did you ever wonder just what the IVFA offered for \$3.00? Where can you come close to getting a funeral benefit and clothing benefit like we offer? No need to mention any other benefits because after all there are some people who think that this is not possible and can not be kept up. Well just show them the Treasurer's report.

Yes, just lately, I had a report that the IVFA had long ago gone defunct financially and was no more. This deserved more than a giggle so I gave it a good laugh, of the horse variety. With all due respect for past officers I must say from my observations the present officers are taking ahold of things in fine fashion already this year. I'd say with six new departments registered and only about 19 departments as yet delinquent, is as good a position as we have held so far.

This office has discovered during the past quarter that some of the rank and file do not know just what all the benefits of the IVFA are. Funeral Fund and Clothing Fund being the ones that are in need of explanation. Seems that some don't know the funeral fund is available at all and others think that the clothing fund will replace anything at any cost no matter how long

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Let's Have "Fire Safety" This Christmas

(Editor's Note: The story below is a timely one this Christmas time and should be widely distributed to everyone. Perhaps it would be a good idea to have it published in your local paper so that all persons could be warned of fire hazards at Christmas time.)

This Christmas don't let the "jingle bells" you hear in your driveway be those of a fire engine!

Failure to pay attention to fire safety in regard to Christmas trees, lights and other decorations can inject tragedy into this traditionally joyful season. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that in the U. S. in 1966 there were 1,029 accidental Christmas tree fires. The cost a total of \$3.1 million, or an average of \$3,023 to each family whose home and furnishings were damaged or destroyed by fire. In terms of hardship and physical suffering, the price of holiday fires—like any other fire—remains incalculable.

As Christmas approaches, NFPA cautions mothers not to leave small children at home without supervision, even though tempted to "run to the store for just a minute" for a few more gifts and goodies. Don't relax the rule "Never Leave Children Unattended," even during the busy Christmas season.

With the reminder that "Fire Never Takes a Holiday", NFPA offers these suggestions for keeping home fire hazards at a minimum this Christmas:

1. When selecting your Christmas tree, choose a fresh one. Saw it off at a sharp angle at least an inch above the original cut. Stand the tree in water from the time you buy it until you dispose of it. Don't rely on do-it-yourself "flameproofing" treatments—none is reliably effective. Place the tree well away from radiators and fireplaces, and out of the escape path in case of fire.

If you choose an artificial tree, be sure it is made of slow-burning materials and carries a tag indicating it is "flameproof." Metal trees conduct electricity, so use only indirect lighting on them; strings of lights on a metal tree can create a dangerous shock hazard. If your tree has a built-in lighting system, it should carry the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label.

2. Decorative lighting requires the utmost care. Before using, check strings of lights for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Never use wax candles on or near the tree, or with polystyrene foam candle holders or decorations. Turn off all tree and other holiday lighting before leaving the house or retiring. For outdoor lighting, use only sets listed for outdoor use by Underwriters' Laboratories.

3. Use noncombustible decorating materials—metal, glass, asbestos, etc.—as far as possible. If materials which burn easily—such as cotton batting, flock and paper—cannot be avoided, be sure they are marked "flameproof," which indicates they have been treated to make them flame resistant.

4. Dispose of gift wrappings promptly and safely. Never burn them in an indoor fireplace.

5. Be extra careful about smoking near the tree and other decorations.

Most important of all, NFPA urges, plan in advance the escape measures and exit routes needed for the safety of your family in case fire should strike.

Annual East Indiana Fire Conference Held

Nearly 400 Industrial, Paid and Volunteer Firemen, from 64 Indiana Communities, 19 Ohio Communities, and five states attended the Eastern Indiana Fire Conference in Richmond October 7-8. The Conference is sponsored jointly by Wayne County Firemen, Richmond Fire Department and Richmond Independent Insurance Agents.

Planners of the Annual Conference changed the format of

the Convention to provide a broad base for the discussion of the emotional, psychological and physical impact of Fire Fighting as well as practical knowledge in providing aid and assistance in the fringe areas that border the fire community.

The fringe area speakers, as well as those who opened the conference on an inspirational note, and those who spoke on

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From The President

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ence which was outstanding as usual. The IVFA, Inc. was well represented from the northern and southern parts of the state, by officers and members.
The member departments will be receiving a letter from the civil defense in the near future. This will be an informative letter as to what the civil defense has to offer in the way of free training. As volunteer firemen are becoming more involved, it is our obligation to ourselves and our community to be well informed and trained in this phase. Therefore the officers of the IVFA, Inc. suggests and recommends we avail ourselves of all information possible. No expense to the association or departments.
Inez and I wish you a most enjoyable holiday season and a Happy New Year.
Carlos Jeffries

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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it has been used or how old it is. These have not been very serious problems as yet but why have them at all when it can be remedied.
I would suggest that all District Chairmen denote a little time during the meetings to explain some part of the workings of the IVFA. At the next meeting maybe explain just a little more and before long all shall have the information to reap the benefits of the IVFA.
Thanks for the help afforded me by the many departments over the past months and please keep in mind if I can be of any help let me know. I shall do my best to see that all requests are handled promptly and efficiently to your satisfaction.
Respectfully
John T. Ford
Secretary

BREMEN ELEVATOR DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Bremen Elevator, owned by Marshall County Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc. was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin on September 23rd. The loss was estimated at more than \$10,000. Officials have not yet established the damage caused by the fire, which is partially covered by insurance.
Bremen residents in the area of the elevator were without electric current for a period of time due to city electrical workers rerouting the transmission lines which served the elevator and that area of Bremen.
—Farmer's Exchange

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

Griffith, Indiana - October 23, 1967

GREETINGS

Your Treasurer desires to make the following stipulated paid membership report. Comparative over the past five years—showing our constant growth during this period also showing the fine co-operation received from the membership in that compliance with Article VI Section 1-A Page 12 of our Constitution and By-Laws—Dues being paid not later than September 30th—which the following count represents, to-wit:

Remittance reports received by your treasurer from the Secretary — As follows:

Table with 6 columns: Kind of Member-Ship, Secretary J. Kustron Report dated, Secretary J. T. Ford Report dated, Secretary J. T. Ford Report dated, Secretary J. T. Ford Report dated. Rows include ACTIVE, INACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, INDUSTRIAL, PAST-PRESIDENTS, ARMED FORCES, 50-YR. MEMBERS, and TOTALS.

*NOTE The actual paid membership count up to and including September 30, 1967 (this year) is 80 additional because 3 additional Departments have sent in their dues but 2 of the checks had to be returned for signature and 1 other Department had not sent in their membership listing. This would make the count as of September 30, 1967—8820. Please accept our thanks for your fine cooperation.

By the end of our present fiscal year (which does not end until 6-30-68) we should again show quite a substantial increase in membership which final counts were as follows:

Table with 5 columns: TOTALS, 6-30-64, 6-30-65, 6-30-66, 6-30-67, 6-30-68. Values: 8393, 8719, 8928, 9128, ???

Respectively submitted, Verne Konopasek, Treas. 145 West Elm St., Griffith, Ind. 46319

In Memoriam

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

- Harold O. Trout — Wayne Township No. 10
Chris Dannaman — Monon
Oliver Cooley — Kingsbury
Hattie Davis — Burket
Clarence Wright — Clinton
Richard L. Constable — Goodland
Frank Richards — Liverpool Oregon
Geason Bundy — Royal Center
John Zucca, Sr. — Clinton Township
Lawrence Kelsa — Wawne Township No. 8
Herman Wilson — Metz
Harley L. Ellis — Bicknell
Virgil D. Davis — Forest
Harold H. Fryback — Poe
Carl Kaufman — Land
Joseph Carlisle — Nabb
Otis W. Towne — Clay Township
Merrill McGriff — Portland
Frank Wyland — Koontz Lake

Fire Call???? Anything To Oblige????

New Haven, recent host for the yearly convention, was host for a District 6 meeting.
The turn out was very good with ladies and men showing up from all over the district. Fire Chief from Fort Wayne's GE plant gave some interesting comments on plant fire protection and New Haven Chief Charley Brown saying things were quiet in New Haven gave the meeting the usual note of satisfaction and pleasure for all.
At least that's what all were led to believe, until the meeting broke up and some one charged through the door saying whose license plate is number blah-blah-blah. Being a bunch of professional non-excitable firemen no one seemed to care, until he said your car is on fire. Smoke pouring out of all cracks and crevices.
The place emptied out in a hurry and sure enough there was the car and it was on fire. The New Haven Fire Department under the direction of Chief Charley Brown came to the rescue. Not much damage, burned the right half of the front seat out.
The big question is? Did Chief Floyd Barkey of Helmer, want to help Charley Brown? or did he wish to make his riders feel real good by making them sit in the back seat and be chauffeured home by him?
Anything To Oblige?

LAOTTO VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. DEDICATES BUILDING

A note from Larry Hershberger, president of the Laotto Volunteer Fire Co., Inc., of Laotto, Swan Township, Indiana tells of the dedication of a new fire building at a ceremony held November 12th. An open house followed the dedication ceremonies with refreshments being served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

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District Meetings

Sixth District Picnic at Wolcottville

Wolcottville firemen were hosts to the Sixth District picnic, held in September at the Wolcottville park. There was an attendance of over 200 firemen, their wives and children. The noon potluck, which was handled by the ladies, included every mouth-watering thing you could think of.

Waterball contests were held in the afternoon with 24 teams, 16 men and 8 ladies. Butler men won the first place trophy, and South Milford, second.

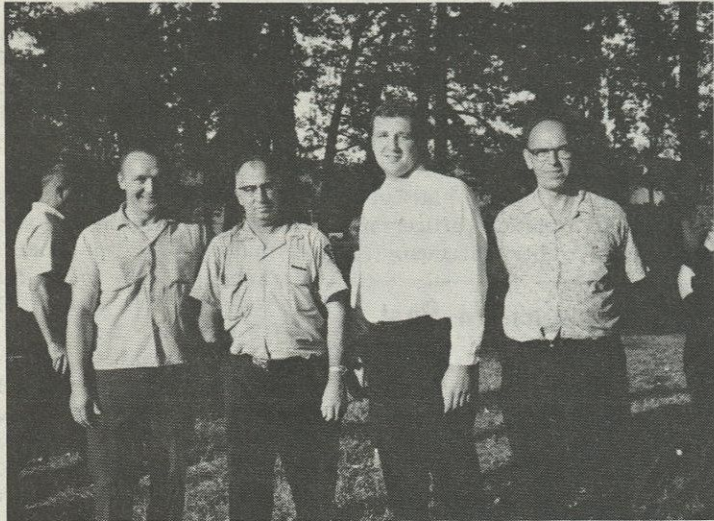
Ladies' first place went to the St. Joe team, and the Laotta ladies took second. Our very able officials included Don Hug, Pete Pratt, Joe Hinkle, and Jack Ford.

In October the meeting was held at New Haven. The program included a talk by Robert Gebhard, Fire Chief at the Fort Wayne General Electric plant.

Helmer firemen will host our meeting in November.

Paul Fairfield
District Chairman

Waterball Officials



Don Hug, P. Pratt, Joe Hinkle and John Ford.

Butler Men First In Waterball



South Milford Captures Second



St. Joe Ladies Place First



Laotta Ladies Second



District 3 News

Through the fire service there is hard work and hardship, but throughout the District it is indeed gratifying to know that a little extra is being put into action. Here are a few of the happenings:

Koontz Lake Fire Department and Springfield Township Fire Department have new roofs over their heads. The new buildings are just one outward visible means that the men are doing a great job and deserve a pat on the back for a good job well done.

Bass Lake Fire Department has purchased a new chassis and is going to add a new piece of equipment to its department. Congratulations are in order.

A zero in grade school means that your grades are at the bottom and you do not pass. But the zero that the Third District received means that we are 100% enrolled in the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Even though fire prevention week is only a week long and now over, and looking over the fire records in other departments, it is plain to see that the departments are instructing the people of these areas and in so doing are having fewer fires and 52 weeks of fire prevention. With this in mind and the fire service they provide, there is no word to explain of the great job they are doing.

Mr. Wilton C. Rowlett of the David E. McDaniel Co. showed slides and gave a talk on automatic sprinklers which was very educational.

Thanks to everyone for the cooperation and help. And at this time I would like to wish everyone, for myself and family, and from everyone in District III, a very merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

James B. Croy

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The 11th District News

The Eleventh District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met at Centenary, Indiana on September 17th with the Clinton Township firemen as hosts. There was a nice crowd there but we would like to have more departments present.

The host firemen and their wives served a delicious meal including a big decorated cake for myself, Charles "Butch" McGill, Jr., the new chairman, and Emery Swander, the past chairman for the 11th District.

After several fire problems were discussed, Pete King, program chairman, showed a film on fall-out shelters, which was very interesting.

The wife and I have been trying to attend as many of the fire departments' annual festivities or suppers as we can. They were all

real nice, and the food delicious.

We here in Dana had a real good three-day festival. I want to thank all the other fire departments who attended and helped us to a big success. We missed "Pop" and Lois Boaz and Jim and Pauline Glaub as they were unable to make it this year. We'll be looking for them next year.

Our District was saddened with the death of John Zucca, Fire Chief of Clinton Township Fire Department, who suffered a heart attack while on a fire call. Also, a few weeks later Clarence Wright, a member of the Clinton Department, passed away.

The next District meeting is scheduled for New Goshen on November 19th.

Charles "Butch" McGill, Jr.
11th District Chairman

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT JEFFERSONVILLE

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A \$5.00 deposit per room must accompany reservations.

New Home of Indiana Safety Inc.



The new modern facilities of Indiana Safety Inc., 640 S. Chapin St., South Bend, Indiana provides a showroom for firemen to shop for equipment and a large warehouse area for the storage of the many items demanded by the fire service.

Indiana Safety Inc., 640 S. Chapin St. in South Bend, is the fastest growing fire equipment company in the Nation, according to its president, Robert G. Binder. "Our growth is due to many factors", Mr. Binder stated. "The most important of these are; (1) We stock items in demand, (2) We provide faster service and delivery on equipment, (3) we do not have the expense of many salesmen, therefore, we can extend better prices, (4) we sell only the highest grade products, (5) we have a complete line of equipment, and (6) we sell only to preferred accounts."

Indiana Safety is the agent for the AMERICAN FIRE APPARATUS COMPANY in the northern part of Indiana. The sale of apparatus is handled by Mr. Binder personally. Recently Indiana Safety Inc. was appointed a direct factory distributor for the American LaFrance Corp. "The decision of the American LaFrance Corp. in asking us to be their factory distributor in the state of Indiana is evidence of their belief that we can supply their many customers with the ultimate in service", Mr. Binder stated.

Indiana Safety Inc. can supply any item from a band-aid to a fire truck. They encourage firemen to visit their new facilities to see, "first hand", how they can provide the fastest service at the lowest prices on any brand name product on the market. "Those departments that are thinking of specifications on new fire trucks are encouraged to take advantage of our company airplane", said Binder, who is a licensed pilot. "I would be happy to arrange a flight to our plant in Battle Creek, in order that the latest innovations on fire trucks can be seen and incorporated in the proposed specifications", he concluded.

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FIRE CONFERENCE

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major fire-fighting procedures were of national and international calibre, and very competent to speak in their field.

Following the usual amenities of Fire, Political, and Religious leaders, the Conference was really kicked-off in fine style by William V. Wyss, Secretary of the Police and Firemen's Insurance Association, of Indianapolis, whose challenge to take self-analysis and really look at our obligations to our communities, our people and ourselves, did not come amiss in these troubled times.

The practical side of fire-fighting was then discussed in three separate phases by H. V. Hodnick, internationally famous fire expert and lately, safety engineer for General Electric. He is just now with the F. M. C. Corporation in San Jose, California. Hodnick's personal experiences "Behind the Iron Curtain", in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, where 600,000 people are protected from one fire station, coupled with his technical know-how of "Fire Protection for Chemicals", and "Extinguishment of Acetylene Cylinder Fires", provided a real "know-how" pace lap for the hard driv-

ing Conference that was ahead. However, the hungry fire-eaters could not yet partake of the bounteous meal always set out by the Food Committee of the E. I. F. C., because food for knowledge must come first, and W. J. Eckert, Director of Firemanship Training, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, offered a fire fighter's repast with his "Four W's of Ventilation", —What, When, Where, and Why.

Following lunch, members of the East Central Indiana Heart Association had timely messages to tell the group, to supplement the informative pamphlets that they had provided for the fat-pocketed folders given to each registrant by the Conference Committee. Edward Le Blanc, of the fire prevention bureau of Shaker Heights, Ohio struck an important note in our growing world of manufactured gasses, with his admonishing discussion of "Just How Dangerous can L. P. Emergencies Get?"

Saturday afternoon was completed by once allowing Chief Edmund T. Valiquet, of the Bureau of Fire Investigation in the City of Chicago to unload the whole load. Chief Ed's display of Chicago arson devices; his slides and working models of fantastic propellants and methods of ignition, along with

his lurid tales of the twisted minds and greedy fingers of the Arsonists of the Windy City, and his personal experience fighting them for over three decades, held the men spellbound until he chose to close, showing a short film where an arsonist had completely fired a huge factory building in Chicago.

The Chemistry of the Sunday morning weather, predicted that the outdoor demonstrations, always provided by the Conference and friendly huksters (Akron Brass, Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company, John Bean, FESCO, Fire Fighter, etc.) was in trouble. However, within the comfortable protection of the National Guard Armory, following Religious Services conducted for the firemen by Reverend Father Minton, Holy Family Church; Neff S. Dykes, of Public Service of Indiana, in Plainfield, cleared up a lot of cloudy thinking within the minds of the registrants. Western Acturial Bureau's Kenneth Stanton, always a hit with the fire-fighters, gave the Paid and Volunteer Firemen valuable information in procedures to follow to aid and assist their industrial counterparts in, "Fire Department Support of Sprinkler Systems". This Chicago speaker's clear, informative slides, accompanying his lecture, held attention, and made note taking quite practical. "Radio Active Material and Fire" by George Yantosik, of the Savanna Army Depot suffered as a result of "one of those things" always endangered by the word "Army". George was ordered overseas just prior to the parley. Charles E. Carter, agent for State Farm Insurance in Richmond came to the rescue admirably with State Farm's Tornado film, "The 8th of June 1966".

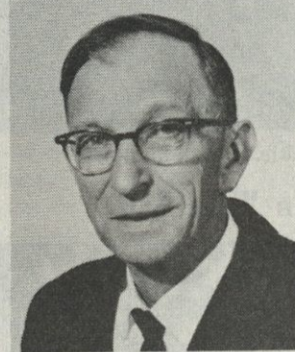
A passing remark by Chief Kenneth Allen of the Hagerstown, Indiana Volunteers, provided the impetus that produced the concluding, and climatic session. His question, "Why don't we have some Doctor on our program to explain about burns and things," budded and blossomed into a full-fledged panel of nationally known physicians concerned with the problems of the fireman.

Introductory presentations were made on, "The Psycho-

logical Stress of the Fireman's Job", by Dr. James R. Guthrie, physician, "The Fireman's Role in Resuscitation" by Dr. Glen A. Ramsdell, physician; and the Importance of Care to the Burned and Injured", by Dr. Charles H. Loomis, physician; and "What is Heart Disease", by Dr. John F. Ling, physician, of Richmond. Dr. Ling is past State President of the Indiana Heart Association and presently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Organization. Supported by slides of actual hospital scenes, and hand drawings, all in the language of the fireman, the Doctors proved so popular that even though a Fall Indiana downpour washed out the demonstrations on the Training Area, the registrants kept them on the podium until the final siren sounded an end to the Fourth Annual Eastern Indiana Fire Conference. Many voices of tribute were raised to, "The Doctors".

The Conference was Co-Chairmaned by Chief Malvern Price of the Richmond Indiana Fire Department, and Don McCullough, Public Relations officer of the Wayne County Firemen.

What Happens To Past Presidents?



those benefits we need to do a better job.

To do a better job we need further education with the every day increase in chemical fire and explosion hazards. With the transportation of these touchy chemicals, our highways become death traps as well as the railroad right of ways and factories. We need the information to properly control, confine or just get the "hades" out of there.

Unless we can inform our government of the hazards we face (and not only the fire-fighters but also all the citizens of Indiana) we will never obtain the Fire Academy. Even if the present executive and legislative people are interested, we must get that interest fired up to action. I remember the old steam pumper. The driver urged his horses even faster so the increased air movement would fan the coals—a good driver had a head of steam when he arrived at the fire. We need this head of steam so not only the legislation knows but every taxpaying voter of this State knows that he has been "short-changed".

Improvement in the fire service will make for added benefits to all taxpayers. One is the insurance rate for fire losses. Back in 1913 the State Legislation did recognize the need for well trained fire fighters. A Fire Marshal's office was brought into being with more than sufficient funds for its operation—what happened to this allocated monies? The answer to this question will interest fire fighters in the State of Indiana!

Walter F. Steiger,
Past President

Congratulations Are In Order!!

BILL ENGLE, 17th District Chairman on his election to Chairman of the Board of the I. V. F. A.

JIM BAKER, Chief of Greenfield V. F. D. on his election to Chairman of 13th District of the I. V. F. A.

JEROME (JIM) DAUNHAUER, Ass't Chief, Ferdinand, on his election to 18th District Chairman. Also for his excellent handling of his first meeting at Ferdinand in their new firehouse with a brand new 750 GPM combination pumper.

SAM BOWER, 14th District Chairman. His district meetings are showing increased attendance, and more important, many of the members are also active in the meetings being held in Jeffersonville in connection with the I. V. F. A. 1968 Convention. Looks like it is going to be the biggest and best of all!

GILBERT LEIST, on his election to 16th District Chairman. Gil has had excellent training for the job. He has served as a very excellent Secretary under previous Chairman Gil Boaz.

VINCENNES TOWNSHIP V. F. D. for the excellent progress they are making on their new fire house and progress in building the Department.

CARLOS JEFFRIES, PRESIDENT. The "prez" is making more meetings in the Districts now than he made when he was "vice prez" bucking for the job. He is also catching up with new food ideas as he travels around and seems to approve every new idea he finds. Goes on easier than it comes off.

Madison Twp.—Odon has a new 750 GPM pumper.

Ferdinand V. F. D. a new 750 GPM pumper and a new fire station.

Petersburg V. F. D. has a new 1000 GPM pumper.

Milan has a new 1500 gallon tanker, 750 GPM front mount pump on a tandem GMC.

This question never bothered me until now. It was something vague, undefinable, illusive, non-existent. Why worry about past presidents anyway?

Time moves on and in its motion it gains speed. How fast today becomes yesterday and tomorrow, today?

But no one is so fickle that he counts his todays as yesterdays and speeds up the coming of tomorrow. What does the past do? Maybe I write too soon. Chairs, the comfortable kind, engulf the carcass and "rest the eyes".

There is a sort of heavenly peace to be a past president. There are very few problems. Few problems because the TEAM is in there and progress is being made. Out there in the field—left or right—a fellow officer is taking the signal from another quarterback and this year will be a greater success than the past year.

Seriously, this past president wants to thank every member, every department, every fellow officer of this Volunteer Firemen's Association. Your invitations to meetings, parties and just get-togethers has taken away the loneliness that comes with "nothing to do".

Fellow Volunteer Firemen — this is the year to go. Someone out there can get the extra members. We are going to need them and you know they already need us. If we are banded together to save life and property, let's also bear in mind we should all be banded together to help our fellow firemen. In unity there is strength.

In talking strength, I'd like to point out that a single strand of thread is easily broken. You can not pull a fire truck with a single strand of thread; but if you make a braided rope of sewing thread, you can pull the biggest snorkel. This is the kind of strength we need — this will obtain for us



H. V. Hodnick, safety engineer for General Electric, addressing the group at the Saturday session.
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District News

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17TH DISTRICT NEWS

The September meeting was held at Loogootee with a ham and bean supper being served to those attending.

Chairman Engle stated that the IVFA was officially dropping out of the Life Insurance business.

Good of the Order: How to get more members to attend District

Meetings as attendance to District 17 meetings are terrible.

Paul Becker gave a short talk on 1968 convention to be held at Jeffersonville.

Chairman Engle presented H. D. (Bill) Cooper a lifetime paid up 50 year Membership Gold Card.

Film of the Vincennes Convention was shown and the next meeting was scheduled to be at Odon on November 16th.

Part Of Crowd At 18th District Meeting



A large crowd enjoyed the delicious chicken dinner and social gathering at the new Fire Station in Ferdinand following a meeting of the 18th District Volunteer Firemen.

merich, Ferdinand Mayor Don Seufert and board members Al Jochim and Leo Krampe.

State President Jeffries gave a short talk on the annual Volunteer Firemen's Convention which will be held at Jeffersonville on June 13, 14 and 15.

Ralph Daum, Deputy State Fire Marshal complimented the hosting Ferdinand Fire Department on their equipment and members.

Township Trustee Dilger explained how "Taxes and the Township help the Fire Department".

President Daunhauer asked the organization to adopt the policy of having fires with \$50 damages or more reported by the chief in charge only.

A discussion was held concerning the closing of Fire Prevention Week with a big parade to be held in the city of Huntingburg. A motion was made by French Lick delegates and seconded by Gentryville delegates to hold this parade and the members voted in favor of it.

Each department was asked to report the death of members as well as those who are sick or disabled, so that cards can be sent to the member or family.

A committee was appointed to organize the next meeting which will be held at Holland in November. Frank Meyer, Joe Lloyd and Robert Darnieah will serve on this committee.

Following the business session, lunch and refreshments were served by the hosting department.

SOUTHWEST PUBLIC RELATIONS SIGNS NEW DEPARTMENTS

The South West Public Relations Director announces that he has signed two new departments in District 17. They are:

Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department of Knox County, with Chief William H. Hoops of Monroe City.

Bean Blossom Township Fire Department with Chief Jerry Parrish of Stinesville.

Death Claims Bicknell Fire Chief

The Bicknell Volunteer Fire Department suffered the loss of a dedicated member, Fire Chief Leo Ellis, who passed away at his home September 27th. Chief Ellis had been a member of the department for 38 years, and Chief of the department for the past 26 years.

Mr. Ellis and son Larry operated a garage on South Main Street in the city. The son is assistant chief of the department. He was a dedicated servant to the people of the community.

Vincennes Township Award Jr. Firemen's Badges



Pete Gardner and Ernest Waldrop of the Vincennes Township Fire Department, presenting Junior Fireman's Badge to Nancy Weidman of St. Vincent's Home. Sister Sharon is the interested onlooker.

Ernest Waldrop, who serves as inspector for the Vincennes Township Fire Department, and his assistant, Pete Gardner, presented Junior Firemen's Badges to the 17 children who serve as fire wardens at St. Vincent's Church and Home. At the time of inspection there were 110 children in the home.

A fire drill is held at each inspection and it took just 38 seconds to clear the building of children. Fire wardens were out in 45 seconds. This is very good timing of the size of the building, according to the inspectors.

All of this team work is made possible through the guidance of

Sister Sharon who believes in fire prevention every day. The children are drilled several times a month, not only in day time but at night so they will know what to do in case of fire.

The department is very glad to have such a person as Sister Sharon and her fire wardens, as the children know every part of the building. They know where certain children are during the day and night, and could counsel firemen in case of a fire. Due to the size and construction of the building a fireman could very easily become lost in smoke. The wardens also police the home and grounds to prevent fire materials from accumulating.

Eighteenth District Volunteer Firemen Held Meeting At Ferdinand To Plan Fire Prevention

Members of the Eighteenth District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held their regular meeting at the new Ferdinand Fire Station at 8 p. m. Thursday, September 21. This was the first meeting conducted by the new 1967-68 officers and was called by in-coming chairman Jerome S. Daunhauer of Ferdinand.

Ninety members and sixteen guests were present at the meeting which was labeled as the biggest firemen's meeting ever held in the area.

Guests present at the meeting included state president Carlos Jerries, Deputy State Fire Marshal Ralph Daum, Ferdinand Township Trustee Ted Dilger, Huntingburg Mayor Dale Hel-



Left to right: Hilbert Graman, St. Meinrad, secretary of 18th District; Jerome Daunhauer, Ferdinand, President; Ben Mundy, Ireland, Sgt.-At-Arms; Edgar Nigg, Haysville, chaplain.

Burket Volunteer Selected As Kosciusko Fireman Of The Year



Left to right, Bruce Howe, of the Winona Lake Fire Department, presenting John Huff of Burket the Kosciusko County Fireman of the Year Award. Looking on is Al Rovenstine, Vice President of the Kosciusko County Association and a member of the Atwood Fire Department.

John Huff of the Burket Volunteer Fire Department was recently honored as the 1967 Kosciusko Fireman of the Year. He has been a member of the Burket Department for the past 10 years and is the Assistant Chief. John is a man who is

always ready to lend a helping hand to others.

I would like to thank all the officers of the IVFA who attended our annual fish fry. We had over two hundred firemen there.

Garland Kiefer
Burket, Indiana

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AUXILIARY PUBLICITY

Officers and Members Ladies:

Publicity is the life line of your Auxiliary. The attitude of not letting people know what is going on is an easy way to fail in any endeavor that you may try.

Blowing your own horn these days is not considered of good taste SO send your activities to the Publicity Chairman.

As Publicity Chairman I shall see that your activities are read state wide through the IVFA newspaper.

Any Chairman can only work with what is on hand. This is definitely a case where no news is NO NEWS. A full page has been devoted to the Auxiliary so send me the necessary information to fill it. If I can be of any assistance feel free to contact me for help.

Don't wait, send right now your views, your activities, your meetings, and don't forget your pictures.

REMEMBER if it happened its of interest to some one.

Thank You
Catherine Mason
2414 Alma Ave.
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DISTRICT 10 AUXILIARY

Once again the 10th District Fireman's Auxiliary is proud to have another State President from their Auxiliary. Mrs. Paul Stafford of the Waldron Auxiliary is the new State President and we are all very proud of her.

The last District meeting was held at Manilla on August 21 with nine departments represented, 60 members and four guests. Flat Rock had three guests and Mrs. Thelma Lester,

State Chaplain was also present and had the invocation for our meal.

Mrs. William Stevens had the devotions and also dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Mary Stafford made a short talk and several announcements were made pertaining to the activities of the local Auxiliaries and fireman.

Some of the women were dressed to represent the name of a song and the door prize was awarded to Edna Smock of the Acton Department.

The next District meeting is scheduled at Waldron on November 20 with each member to take a covered dish and table service.

DISTRICT 12 AUXILIARY

Since Convention time at New Haven, District 12 has promoted two ladies' water ball teams. In competition play at Marion County Fair, Acton was first; Bridgeport, second; Mickleyleville, third; Bridgeport and Mickleyleville are District 12 teams.

At Acton Invitational meet, Bridgeport took first over Mickleyleville ladies by eight seconds, so 12th District ladies placed first and second.

Catherine VanArsdale
District Director

WALDRON FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our new officers took their places in June. Our new President is Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Knoll. We are all sure she'll make us a very good president. Our Auxiliary is proud to have the State President as one of our members. Mrs. Mary Stafford has been a very good worker for us.

We had a very good time at Manilla in August at the 10th District meeting. We had 12 members that attended.

Our family picnic, which is held annually in Jack and Shirley Knoll's back yard, was held in August with about 65 members and families present. Everyone enjoyed a delicious supper and social hour.

On the 26th of August we held an ice cream social. We had a bad day and not much profit but we're hoping for better luck on our "Chilli all day" held at the Fire Station on November 4th.

We are working toward getting new tile put on our kitchen at the Fire Station.

Plans are being made to hold the next 10th District Fireman's Auxiliary meeting at Waldron on November 20th. We are planning to try something new in place of the gift exchange. Everyone is asked to bring the 50c they would have given for a gift and combine the 50c's into a fund and the total amount sent to the Ruth Lyon's Christmas Fund with it being designated to go to the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital.

So you see we've been busy.

Maurita Neeb
Cor.-Sec'y.

RIDGEVILLE FIREMEN HOST WARD DEPT. AND LADIES

The Ridgeville Firemen and the Auxiliary played host to the Ward Twp. Firemen and Auxiliary on Sunday, September 24, at a carry-in picnic. A bountiful meal was enjoyed in the Lions' club building at the noon hour.

The afternoon was spent with water ball teams competing.

Those enjoying the day were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heston and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bouxman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warren and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kessler and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fields and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Daly and family, Mrs. Joyce Lindsey and children, Duane Kiser and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stewart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Antrim and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Richy and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bailey and family.

Others joined the group, along with several spectators in the afternoon.

Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people for their get-well wishes, letters, prayers and visits extended to me during my recent illness. With friends such as you to back me and God's help, I feel sure I'm going to be in good health soon. Thank you again. They mean so much.

Inez Jeffries
Past President
IVFA Auxiliary

VINCENNES NEW

FIRE HOUSE

The Vincennes Township's new firehouse was 90 percent completed as this was written, and firemen hoped to move in the new station within the next 30 days.

State Auxiliary Meeting at Kokomo

Y. W. C. A.
August 27, 1967
Kokomo, Indiana

The first officers meeting of the 1967-68 year was called to order by President Mary Stafford at 10:00. The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt.-at-arms Wanda Stuerzenberger and Thelma Lester, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

Mary stated that we had a membership of 805 State Auxiliary members last year, and she would like to see it grow to 1000. With the help and co-operation of every gal now in, Mary is sure that we can make it. If each local could contact someone that is not in the state Auxiliary now—we could possibly do it. LET'S ALL TRY!!

Roll call was taken with 16 officers and 10 guests present. Pat Wade read the convention minutes and they were approved as read. Pat Wade, Recording Secretary, is trying to set up a card file system for membership. She will have it in such a way, that each lady will have her own card listed under the department name. Please send your names and correct address on the sheet provided, so this can be compiled right the first time. You may get it back, if it isn't on the form. This will delay you—as well as Pat. District Chair-

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

September 18

Dear Robert Laney:

I wonder would you do me a great favor? Would you please send Harry a copy of the last edition of the IVFA paper if you have an extra copy? Ours must have gotten mislaid with the other papers as I can't seem to find it and he keeps asking me for it. He has a hard time reading so would appreciate if you have a copy to send him. I know how much he thinks of the paper as he keeps all the copies and this one is missing. I know he wants to continue looking it over. He still has a fighting battle; has been confined to bed since the 3rd of January and it is hard for him not being able to get out of bed. He sure misses not being able to attend the meetings, as well as myself.

Sincerely,
Catherine R. Fries

man, pass the word and the forms on!! Ruth Ford made the motion to accept this file system, seconded by Ruth Fairfield. Carried.

Thelma reported that she has sent 11 Get well cards, 7 Sympathy cards and 3 Birth congratulations since Convention. Please send names and address of illness, death or birth to: Thelma Lester, R. R. 3, Box 98, Rushville, Indiana 46173.

Jo Lantz, Treasurer, gave her report. As of August 28, 1967, there is a balance on hand of \$1948.75. She has received \$186.00 in membership dues. There was a profit of \$522.98 from the Doe Doll, and she was won by Mrs. Stella Pope of Waldron. Bills were presented and paid for the following: Pat Wade \$6.56 (card file and postage) Carolyn McCarty \$6.90 (printing and postage) Catherine VanArsdale \$9.83 (doll, insurance letter and postage).

Letter in regard to insurance was read by Mary Stafford. This was to clarify any misunderstanding that there could be in our minds about the five members needed. A letter from Ruth Ford made the facts more clearly understood. Also, the letter from Catherine VanArsdale and Ruth Fairfield was read.

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This was in regard to the insurance that was approved at convention.

The following were appointed by Mary to serve on committees for the year:

- Ruth Ford—Insurance
- Shirley Knoll—Waterball
- Verta Engle—Lapel Pins
- Pauline Glaub — Installing Officer
- Catherine Mason—Publicity
- Janet Goodwin, Vica McGill and Libby Leist—By-Laws.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 and 2—Jean Camp, Chairman. District 1 and 2 meeting was held on August 15 at Independence Hill Fire Station with 51 members and 1 guest from 11 departments present.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance by the President of Independence Hill Fire Department, Mrs. Helen Pinkston leading. Prayers were given by their Chaplain Mrs. Janice Douthett. A discussion was held on having a district Chaplain, but as most of our departments have their own, it was decided to leave it as it has been.

I explained about the resolution on insurance from convention. There has to be 5 paid members in order to qualify for insurance.

At the last meeting it was decided to give \$50.00 away from our 50-50 fund as door prizes. We did this during the meeting so we would not interfere with our hosts entertainment.

Activities — Ainsworth-Deep River will have a card party October 18 at 8:00 P. M. at their fire station.

Pine Township will have a Halloween Dance on October 28.

Black Oak Fire Department is having a free Public Picnic on September 2 from 10:00 to 8:00 P. M. at Delta Grove in Black Oak. A color T. V. will be raffled off. Bingo, children's games, food and dancing.

Next host department will be Lake Dale Carlia in October.

Films were shown of the Vincennes Convention which were enjoyed by all. Independence Hill Auxiliary had a delicious lunch and gave some very nice door prizes.

Our District 1 and 2 had their annual picnic August 13 at Caston Pier at Cedar Lake. I took the opportunity to visit with the ladies that were there in order to invite them to join us. Also, visited New Chicago Fire Station on August 9 at the invitation of their men, but through a misunderstanding did not get to see the ladies, as they had installation of officers at some restaurant that night, and the men didn't know where they were. Betsy Howe and I will try again next month.

District 3—Marie Moore. The meeting was held at Scipio Township Fire Station on June 28. The meeting was called to order by Chairman VanKosky with 29 ladies representing 4 departments. The pledge and prayer were given by Scipio's new chaplain, Ethel Hibner.

Reports were given from the state convention at New Haven by Van. Each auxiliary reported on recent activities.

Election of officers were as follows: Marie Moore, chairman; Jean Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Duane Lantz installing officer. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

District 6—Joan Shanabarger. July meeting was held at Stroh with 16 ladies from 11 departments. It was decided to have the family picnic in September and to have a district waterball meet with trophies for both men

and women. The location for the picnic will be decided at August meeting. We joined the men for film on the Palm Sunday tornado and also the 1967 Convention film.

The August meeting was held at Columbia City with 14 ladies from 8 departments. Further plans were made for the picnic September 17 which will be held at Wolcottville. It was decided to try having a small program each month in hopes to increase attendance. We joined the men for rolls and coffee.

District 7—Marjorie Brames. Met in July at Liberty Center with 19 members present. We joined the men for an interesting meeting on electricity and what to do if we came in contact with a high tension wire. We then went to our own meeting and elected Marjorie Brames as Chairman and Joyce Nevil as Secretary and Treasurer. We then joined the men for lunch.

District 10—Shirley Knoll. The 10th District met August 21 at Manilla Fire Station. 60 members and four guests representing nine auxiliaries were present.

Mrs. Ray Lester, State Chaplain, and 3 ladies from Flat Rock were our guests. It was announced that Acton Auxiliary won the state convention waterball contest.

Everyone was dressed as a song title and we were to guess the song. Bingo was enjoyed with a lot of nice gifts won, except for the District Chairman, who won a booby prize.

We were glad to announce at the meeting that Mary Stafford is our new State President and we enjoyed a talk from her. Next meeting will be held at Waldron on November 20.

District 12—Catherine VanArsdale. Joint meeting held August 6 at Mickleville Co. 5 Station. Reports of convention were given and enjoyed by all. Election of officers held with Catherine VanArsdale as director and Ada Haines as Secretary. After a lovely lunch the water ball team had their first practice. The next meeting has not as yet been set up.

District 16—Doris Van Winkle. The regular meeting of the 16th District was held at Elizabeth Fire Station on July 11, with 13 women present from 4 departments. After the business meeting the election of officers was held for 1967-68. Chairman, Doris Van Winkle, Secretary, Gladys McCollum and Chaplain, Lois Boaz.

Refreshments were served to all present by the host department. The next meeting will be held at Martinsburg on September 5.

A new amendment should be presented to the Secretary (Pat Wade) before the next meeting to the effect that we would like to have a deadline as of September 30 for dues. (Now State dues may be sent in until May 1, and this is an inconvenience to all—because of the added bookwork just before convention.) The men have this deadline and we would like to have ours correspond with theirs. Please, chairmen, take this back to your districts and talk it up at your meetings so someone will send in a resolution to be adopted.

Rosella Bausman, Vice-President, told of the doll to be raffled off next year at Convention. She is dressed in full fire attire (boots, coat and hat) and will have the money in form of a fire rose. She will be known as "Miss Waterball". Jean Camp made the motion to accept her as dressed. Seconded by Marie Moore. Motion carried.

A discussion was held to raise the gift price to men at conven-

tion. In the past we have given \$150.00 toward the film used. The men have to pay the balance of the money, as this is not enough. Maybe some districts will have an idea; if so, chairmen please bring them back. We adjourned for a delicious dinner with the men. Officers were introduced by President Jeffries and President Stafford. Guests were also introduced and we heard several speeches from the men.

Back to business after dinner. Bill Goodwin of the Angola Department came in and told us about the National Waterball Contest to be held in Angola on September 9 and 10. This is open competition for men and women and open to teams from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Wanda says, "It's fun and you are never too old to play."

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Weaver from Francesville displayed some beautiful articles that can be made from rose petals. Your chairman can explain!!

More discussion about the men's gift and Ruth Ford made a motion that we table this until a later date. Seconded by Rosella. Motion carried.

Cards were circulated to the men and women to be sent to Inez Jeffries, Harry Fries and Emory Swander. Our best wishes and prayers go to all of them for a speedy recovery.

Our meeting was closed with a prayer from Thelma.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Stafford—President
Pat Wade—Secretary

Pat and Ray Wade are moving September 6. Their new address will be:

Pat Wade
3559 Cossell Road
Indianapolis, Ind. 46241

Please send your dues to her, on the required form.

From The Treasurer

This may come to you too late to print but I have just completed and mailed to all officers an acknowledgement from the Secretary of his Report No. 11 of the present fiscal year ending June 30 showing a total paid membership in this Association at this time of 9217.

It is as follows:	
Active	8674
Inactive	507
Industrial	4
Associate	4
Past-Presidents	4
Armed Forces	21
50-Year members	3
Total	9217

These figures represent a record total for the Association. These figures also represent the highest paid membership total ever recorded this early in our fiscal year.

There are still seven months remaining in this fiscal year and I know that the reader hereof could know of some member or member-department in his neighborhood that are not members of this great Association. If so, won't you please pick up their \$3.00 dues and send them in to Mr. John T. Ford, Secretary IVFA, 3005 Lincolndale Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46808.

Your officers thank you very much for your interest and cooperation in getting your dues in promptly—extending to all the greetings of the season, I beg to remain.

Sincerely and fraternally
Verne Konopasek
Treasurer

Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Ford, State Secretary of Fort Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bousman and daughter Rojena of Saratogo, attended the District 8A meeting held at Gas City recently.

St. Joe County Holds Election

The St. Joseph County Association held its election in October. Officers elected were Norm Crocker, Harris Township, President; Charles Schaffer, Lakeville, Vice President; Duane Thompson, Warren Township, Secretary; Harvey Ludwig, Penn North, Treasurer; Dave Mikel, Bob Crocker from Centre Township; Ed Sowell, Clay Township, Roger Gill, Osceola on the Board of Directors.

The next meeting of District 4 is scheduled for Centre Township Fire Station, South Bend, on November 30th.

The County Board presented a

fire ordinance code to the St. Joseph County Commissioners. Robert Ham of the Indiana Rating Bureau, helped set up the proposed ordinance. The St. Joseph County Commissioners are on the move with these ordinances and action will be taken before spring fire season.

The proposed ordinance as submitted to the commissioners, is printed here with the idea that other departments could use it or parts of it for adoption by other county commissioners in the state.

Harvey Ludwig
District 4 Chairman

COUNTY FIRE ORDINANCE

Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 3, 1967, known as Act No. 1524, the Board of County Commissioners of _____ County, State of Indiana, adopt the County Fire Ordinance in the interest of public safety, and is designed to promote the general peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of said county.

Section I—Applicability

The ordinance provides for the control of fires, the burning of trash, rubbish, leaves, cut grass and weeds, domestic and industrial combustible wastes, building material waste during construction and remodeling of buildings.

Section II—Securing Permission to Burn

No person, partnership, firm, association, corporation builder or contractor, shall within the limits of _____ County set, or cause to be set, burn, or cause to be burned, at any time any old building, dwelling, hotel, shop, barn, stable, garage, or any finished or unfinished, occupied or unoccupied structure whether owned by said person, partnership, corporation, etc., or another, within the County of _____ unless under the supervision of the Fire Department having jurisdiction, or with written permission of the chief of that fire department, or his duly authorized representative.

This section also applies to the burning of brush, trees, etc., on any lot or parcel of ground within the said county.

This does not apply to Section IV—Domestic Fires.

Section III—Commercial and Industrial Combustibles

No person, partnership, firm, corporation shall set, or cause to be set, burn or cause to be burned, any paper, trash, rubbish, leaves, cut grass or weeds, unless confined within a fireproof container constructed of metal or masonry, and having an approved spark arrester with openings no larger than three quarters of an inch.

Burners of the steel drum or portable type shall not be located less than fifteen (15) feet from any building, or less than five (5) feet from the adjoining property line.

Masonry or heavy metal constructed burners shall be constructed to withstand the heat of 1200 degrees Fahrenheit, and shall be located not less than three (3) feet from a combustible building or property line.

Masonry or heavy metal burners or incinerators shall be constructed with an attached suitable stack, the top of the stack to be at least three (3) feet above the eave line of adjacent buildings, or not less than fifteen (15) feet from the building. All stacks to be properly capped with approved spark arrestors.

Hours of burning of industrial and commercial combustibles shall be from sunrise to not later than 9 o'clock P. M.

Section IV—Domestic Fires

The definition of domestic fires means a fire around the home or dwelling or the curtilage of the dwelling. No permission shall be required from the fire department for such fires.

Materials to be burned shall be placed in a debris burner constructed of metal or masonry with an approved spark arrester with openings no larger than three-quarters of an inch.

Burners of the metal drum or portable type shall not be located less than fifteen (15) feet from any building or less than five (5) feet from the adjoining property line.

Section V—Burning of Leaves

No person, partnership, firm or association shall be permitted to burn leaves on any public street, alley or thoroughfare.

The burning of leaves on other lands shall be permitted between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. providing the leaves are in a metal container or piled loosely in a cone-shaped pile and lighted at the top. All leaves burnings must be attended at all times.

Section VI—Accumulation of Combustibles

No person, partnership, firm or corporation shall permit the accumulation of waste paper, hay, grass, weeds, straw, litter or combustible and flammable waste of any kind upon roofs, in any court yard, vacant lot or open space. All weeds, grass, vines or other growth, when same endangers property, or is liable to be fired, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the property thereon.

Section VII—Banning of All Fires

The chief of the fire department having jurisdiction has the right to ban all fires covered in this ordinance at any time he deems it necessary from a public safety standpoint.

Section VIII—Penalties

Any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation who shall set or start an open fire, or be in violation of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof, be subjected to a fine or penalty of not less than \$10 or more than \$100, or by imprisonment in the _____ County Jail not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both; or who sets an open fire which necessitates calling the fire department, shall pay to _____ County all costs and charges incurred by said county or fire department. The County of _____ may sue in any court of competent jurisdiction for civil damages and may recover such costs and expenses.

Section IX—Effective Date of Ordinance

This ordinance of _____ County, State of Indiana, shall become effective on the _____ day _____, 19_____.

HELMER FIREMEN SELECT OFFICERS

William White has been elected president of the Helmer Community Fire Department.

Mr. White and other officers were named during the department's annual meeting.

Assisting the president during 1967-68 will be Robert Hartman,

vice-president, and Boyd Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

Floyd Barkey has been re-named chief, William White is assistant chief and Bud Johnson is captain.

Board members during the coming year are Carl Ely, Harold Barky, Kenneth Deetz, Lawrence Wright and Walter Beckbarger.

MINUTES OF I. V. F. A. OFFICERS' MEETING
AUGUST 28, 1967
KOKOMO, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A. M. by President Carlos Jeffries. Vice-president Bill Goodwin led the Pledge Of Allegiance to the flag. Chaplain Duane Lantz offered prayer. The president introduced the state officers and the district chairmen. Some districts have not yet had their elections. Zula moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with; this motion was duly seconded and carried.

There were no communications or committee reports at this time. The life insurance question was then discussed as unfinished business. The insurance committee chairman, Ed Weaver, outlined some life insurance plans and made a comparison of premiums. This included a new plan from Nationwide Insurance Co. which had been requested at the board of director's meeting at New Haven. The premiums seemed too high and the plans all seemed to terminate at the age of 70. These features were unacceptable. A motion by Zula and seconded by Waldrop that the mandate for a life insurance plan adopted at the Rensselaer convention having been properly pursued with no acceptable results be dropped at this time was carried. Thus, one of the most popular resolutions ever passed on the convention floor expired with nothing gained.

The president in his report said he was pleased to be elected to the position and pledged his full efforts toward doing a satisfactory job. He asked that anyone having any suggestions for the betterment of the association submit them to him. He mentioned having a meeting with the new president of the I. F. A. and expects better relations between the two groups.

The secretary read a letter from the office of civil defense. This letter extended an invitation to all volunteer firemen to participate in the instruction program offered by the office of civil defense and asks that the I. V. F. A. adopt their program of instruction. This letter also requests a membership list of the association. These requests were granted by motion. Belatedly, some of the officers indicated very poor cooperation with the local civil defense groups. Mr. Spencer, the state director, will be invited to an officer's meeting to clarify these situations.

The treasurer passed out copies of his report to the officers at the meeting and asked that it be made a part of the minutes. It is as follows:

Balance in General Fund	\$ 17,995.43
Balance in Funeral Fund	44,389.94
Balance in Clothing Fund	8,443.81
Total	\$ 70,829.18

This report includes dues reported on secretary report No. 8 and covers dues for 1976 volunteer firemen.

Some dissatisfaction of the officers' meeting at the convention at New Haven was expressed. Motion by Zula, seconded by Stofer, that only association officers be present at the meeting held in conjunction with the convention was carried. A motion by Ford, seconded by Jostes, that the May officer's meeting be held in a central location rather than in the convention city because of added expense failed to pass.

At this time the meeting was adjourned for a board of director's meeting and also dinner.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
AUGUST 28, 1967
KOKOMO, INDIANA

Chairman Konefsky called the board of director's meeting to order at 11:15 A. M. The first matter of business was the election of a new board chairman. Bill Engle was the only one nominated and the recording secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Engle.

Some objections to copies of various reports from the state secretary were voiced. The condition is sometimes poor. The secretary excused some of his work. He also stated that no new equipment is needed to improve the quality of his work. He thinks the present supply of stencils will help.

Chairman Engle took over at this point. He asked the chairmen not to be bashful but to speak up on any matter concerning the association.

Chairman Wade of District No. 13 said his employment will force him to move from the district limits and a new chairman will be chosen.

More copies of the guide for district chairmen are needed. Some revision was also discussed. Motion by Jostes, seconded by Leist, to have additional copies made by the printer was carried. The printer will balance the number against the cost to determine the quantity ordered.

Inclusion of district secretaries' names in the association paper was discussed. Such an entry would naturally cut down on space available for news, photos and advertising. A motion by Ludwig, seconded by Knoll, to include the telephone numbers of the officers in the paper was carried.

Motion by Weaver, seconded by Knoll, to supply the district chairmen and officers with name cards was carried.

Motion by Stofer, seconded by Coghill, to adjourn was carried at 11:40 A. M.

DINNER

President Jeffries opened the afternoon meeting at 1:00 P. M. to a full slate of officers. Brief reports were heard from the past president, chaplain and the four public relations men. The chaplain reported 10 deaths since convention.

The travel accident policy on all officers while on official duty is due for renewal at this time. A motion to renew same was made by Konefsky, seconded by Sutton, and carried.

The association decals were discussed. It seems many of them are spoiled during application. The type used now cost \$70 per thousand. If at least 20,000 are purchased at a time they can be bought for \$37 per thousand. A pressure sensitive type of decal—one that is applied to the outside of any surface—can be bought for \$55 per thousand in lots of 20,000. A motion by Ludwig, seconded by Stofer, to change to the new type of decal was carried. A change in type of some of the forms used by the officers was discussed. Where 4 or 5 copies are required the present method of using ordinary carbon paper is not satisfactory. These forms can be purchased in the "NCR" line where no carbon paper is required to make the required several copies. A motion by Weaver, seconded by Ludwig, to change to this type was carried. The state secretary states that the membership list is on file only in his office. The possibility of destruction is ever present so a motion by Waldrop, seconded by Hoagland, to use a 3-copy "NCR" type of form for membership list was carried. A satisfactory distribution of these 3 copies will be made.

The secretary asked for comments on the inclusion of an "In Memorium" column in the association newspaper. The editor will establish such a column in conjunction with the chaplain's report. The editor still wants more news items and photos. More classified advertising could be used. Those departments buying new equipment were reminded to urge the suppliers to do some advertising in the paper.

The sergeant-at-arms had no comment.

District chairmen were asked for their reports. A motion by Jostes, seconded by Sutton, to dispense with these reports was carried.

Sam Bower reported on the progress being made on the 1968 convention at Jeffersonville. Dick Wherle whose address is 216 Shirley Avenue in Sellersburg, 47172, is housing chairman and Bob Brewer is contest chairman.

Ludwig asked that the \$5.00 contest entry fee not be returned to

each department for show-up but retained by the association and used for more trophies for each contest. He is also interested in getting local people to judge the parade and having the judges briefed by the officers; these ideas will be discussed in each district and brought back to the next officers' meeting.

Paul Fairfield has been appointed chairman of the grave marker committee. The weathering of some of the markers was discussed. Two markers are being returned for inspection. The question of whether non-members of the I. V. F. A. were entitled to these markers was raised. Are former members any different than firemen who were never a member? A motion by Jostes, seconded by Keifer, to allow our type of marker for non-members was tabled by a motion by Lester and seconded by Konefsky.

Robert Laney was named editor in chief for the association's newspaper for the ensuing year.

The president is of the opinion that the public relations men are in a good position to ferret out information on convention sites. The Northwest and Northeast public relations men will work with Bill Goodwin on the 1969 site and the Southwest and the Southeast public relations men will work with Carlos Jeffries on the 1970 site.

It is hoped that the convention minutes will be in the hands of the publisher much earlier next year.

A motion by Keifer, seconded by Hertle, to invite all past presidents to association officers meetings was carried.

A resolution presented to the I. F. A. convention and one presented to the Indiana Fire Chief's convention asking for the establishing of a fire academy were quite similar to the one adopted at the New Haven convention.

Letters nominating someone for Mr. I. V. F. A. should be in the hands of the committee not later than May 15th before convention. Some were received too late for consideration this year and should be resubmitted again.

The next officer's meeting will be November 19, 1967 at Kokomo if the arrangements can be made.

A motion by Jostes, seconded by Stofer, to inquire into arm patches with the association emblem was carried. The president named Waldrop chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Secretary Ford Replies to Article Condemning
Volunteers

October 21, 1967

Arthur H. Motley, Pres.

Parade Publications

Dear Sir:

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association is composed of volunteer firemen from the entire state of Indiana for the betterment of all volunteers and their communities. We are almost ten thousand strong in membership and growing each year.

During the past months quite a resentment toward your publication has been growing. It has been mentioned at the annual meetings of all Fire Service Organizations throughout the state, these discussions being on the negative side. The Western Actuarial Bureau will tell you that volunteers man better than seventy percent of all fire equipment and combat an equal percentage of fires throughout the United States. In Indiana, volunteer fire departments number about 700, while city-supported paid fire departments will number an approximate 30; therefore, National Statistics make it difficult to believe volunteers are an untrained or unreliable group.

This resentment was brought about by your article in the April 16th issue of Parade Magazine of this year, concerning volunteer fire departments. We, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, knowing full well the capabilities of the volunteer fire departments in Indiana, wish to protest very strongly. We do not know how your sample poll was taken, or how you reached your conclusion, but we in Indiana, feel it to be unfair.

For people that donate their time in buying, housing, maintaining, and training personnel on the equipment, as well as spending hours training the various fire evolutions, plus raising money to help keep these departments going to save life and property, these people deserve a better break than your April issue gave them.

We are also quite sure that if you investigate, you will find that the volunteers of Indiana are very far ahead of the average in benefits, this being made possible by the Fire Services of Indiana throughout the many years.

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association would be proud and happy to have you inspect any of the volunteer departments, or question any of the volunteers of these departments

of Indiana, and if you so wish, to attend one of the quarterly meetings of this Association, to see how dedicated and advanced the volunteers really are. If you desire to do this, contact John T. Ford, Secretary, and we will arrange the date of such a meeting. We feel that you, as well as all volunteers, would get a boost in morale from the results of a research study of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman.

In closing, again an expression of ire and disappointment on the conclusions of your article in the April 16th issue of Parade Magazine concerning volunteer fire departments. Please have it understood we are not condemning P. M. itself, as it enjoys wide circulation and has many satisfied readers in Indiana — only the article in question.

Thank you for your time, and we would be most happy to answer any and all inquiries you may have.

Respectfully,
John T. Ford
Secretary

October 30, 1967

Mr. John T. Ford

Secretary

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association

3005 Lincoln Dale Avenue

Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46808

Dear Mr. Ford:

Your letter of October 21 addressed to Mr. Motley has been turned over to me.

Parade is sorry that your organization feels resentment over its article last April 16 dealing with the state of the nation's fire protection. But we would like to clear up one misconception. The article did not "condemn" voluntary fire departments.

In attempting to assess many of the weaknesses in the overall fire protection situation we pointed out a number of examples of deficiencies and problems existing not only among volunteer departments but in paid departments as well, mentioning Akron, Ohio, specifically. We also pointed out that only a handful of municipalities have overall adequate protection — including factors such as manpower shortages, building codes, and lack of proper fire prevention and inspection programs.

We pointed out that volunteers "deserve more credit than they get" and suggested that a core of full-time, paid professionals be on duty around the clock to insure that initial response to an alarm be quicker than is often the case, particularly during the daytime in suburban and rural areas where many volunteers are at work elsewhere. And we called for much more extensive training and instruction programs as a prerequisite to more efficient operations.

Obviously the situation varies from area to area, state to state. The good situation in Indiana finds its reverse in many other states. In its article Parade was making a sober, general evaluation backed up by months of careful research, with the object of calling attention not only to inadequacies, but to the necessity of citizens and communities providing more support and attention to their fire fighting services.

Sincerely,
Edwin Kiester, jr. EK:amm

Merry
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Christmas

FROM



Hi Fellows:

It's almost Xmas time again, time to buy that special gift for your loved one. Don't forget that I have a big savings for all Volunteer Firemen and their families. Just present your I.V.F.A. Card and you will get a discount on anything in the store. We have a store in Hammond also. So for your purchase of diamonds, watches, luggage, radios, dishes, silverware, jewelry and records, come to one of our stores and receive your discount.

MERRY XMAS

JOHN KUSTRON

2 Convenient Locations

WOODMAR SHOPPING CENTER in Hammond
and DOWNTOWN GARY, 624 Broadway

Firemen Ask Special Law For Protection

A panel of firefighters told a Senate hearing recently their men are "sitting ducks" for snipers, rock throwers and bottle tossers during city riots. They urged a special Federal law to protect firemen.

They told the Senate Judiciary Committee of the new hazards posed by the summer's turmoil in the cities. Among the incidents they related were:

1. In Bridgeport, Conn., an engine house has been named "Fort Apache" because "it has been under siege all summer long."
2. In Newark, N. J., three companies of firemen were pinned down in a station house by sniper fire described as "unbelievable . . . it was like a battlefield."
3. In Cincinnati 30 children gathered in a circle around an injured fireman and chanted "die baby, die baby."

Albert E. Albertoni secretary-treasurer of the 129,000 member International Association of Firefighters led a group of firemen from Detroit, Cincinnati, Newark, Bridgeport, and Cleveland in asking for Federal protection.

Albertoni endorsed a House-passed bill making it a Federal crime to cross state lines to foment a riot but he asked inclusion of an amendment making it a Federal crime to fire at, injure, intimidate, or interfere with a firefighter.

"WE PLEAD and beg the Congress for some immediate and remedial action in this current situation," Albertoni said.

The testimony of the firemen completed the hearings by the committee on the anti-riot bill which developed into the first major congressional inquiry into racial violence.

Albertoni said that in 11 cities surveyed after riots, it was found that four firemen were killed; 418 injured; and fire damage in eight of the cities which responded was \$206,978,000.

He said the attitude of ghetto dwellers toward firemen has worsened over the last four years.

"As a direct consequence of this unexplainable change in attitude, the firefighters have been exposed to the most vicious kinds of attacks and harassment," he said.

Heavy Loss Sustained At Warsaw Fire

More than 125 volunteer firemen from Warsaw and surrounding communities waged a four-hour battle on the night of October 12th, when the three-story Moose lodge and four business places were destroyed in downtown Warsaw. Other sections of the downtown area were threatened, but the many departments that answered the call for help were able to contain the blaze.

Fire units from as far away as Columbia City and Churubusco came to the aid of local departments. Firemen also were made to dodge heavy voltage power lines that were being snapped off like match sticks as flames consumed the building.

The disaster was described as probably the most damaging in the city's 113-year history. More than a million and one-half gallons of water were poured on the blazing inferno by nine pumpers. A total of 11 pumpers and five tankers were on the scene. Water was pumped on the building at a rate of 100 gallons a second.

At the height of the blaze flames shot skyward for more than 150 feet and were easily visible for a distance of nearly 20 miles in all directions from the city.

Origin of the blaze has not been definitely determined, City Fire Chief Norman Banghart

stated. However, from witnesses it has been determined that the fire began at the building's west end, possibly from the second floor.

Only seconds after an alarm was turned in by a lodgeroom bartender, a heavy explosion tore out the west wall, blocking the adjacent alleyway with piles of brick, debris and twisted telephone and power lines. Shock from the explosion was felt within an area of three to four blocks away.

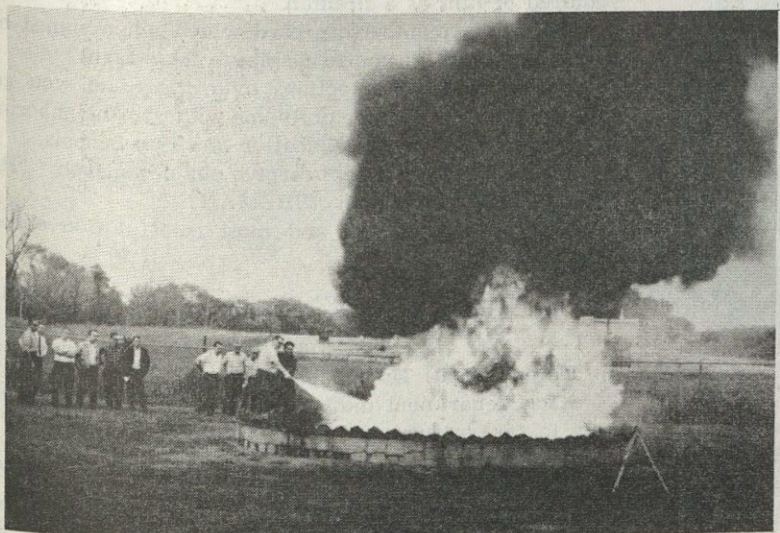
The alarm was received at the city fire station at 9:30 p. m. Only two other persons were in the lodge at the time. They were Robert Dougherty, and Robert Roberts, both of Warsaw. When the trio spotted the blaze, the entire west wall was in flames.

Following the explosion the south section of the city to its limits at Walnut Creek was blacked out without electrical power for sometime. Power lines serving nearby rural areas to the west and south of the city also were severed, causing blackouts.

County units answering Warsaw's call for assistance included departments from Winona Lake, Claypool, Silver Lake, Mentone, Leesburg, Atwood, Syracuse, North Webster, Burket, Milford and Etna Green.

—Times-Union

Warsaw Fire Conference

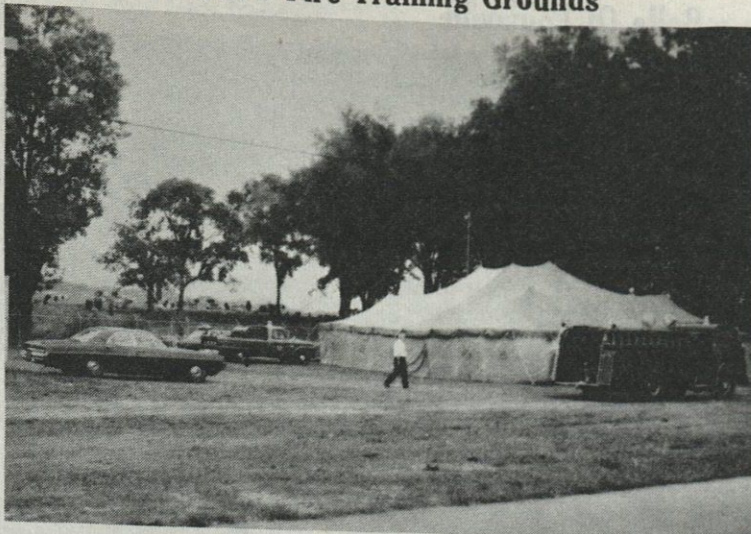


The Warsaw Fire Conference was held on Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10, with an exceptional list of speakers and good demonstrations. Approximately 90 men attended the con-

ference. Warsaw should be proud of its training accommodations that are located near the city limits.

The ladder evolutions and big pit fires were cancelled on ac-

Warsaw Fire Training Grounds



count of the high winds that blew toward the tent that the sessions were held in.

The Arson Detection program by Edmund Daliquet, Division Fire Marshal of the Chicago Fire Department, was like the ad for the candy bar "Undescribably Good." It is impossible to believe the fiendish ways that man can devise to set an arson fire. He also spoke on the time and money that is spent by Chicago to get evidence on arsonists so they can be prosecuted. The Chicago Fire Department has a large board that contain the various devices used by an arsonist. Actual devices that were used by an arsonist in Chicago were shown.

If the average citizen would see these weapons of an arsonist the fire departments would be on the run day and night. Arson Photographer George Schuller of the Chicago Fire Department spoke on picture evidence to be used in a court of law and how to prevent a sharp defense attorney from finding loopholes in your evidence. Schuller told the conference that Chicago has three

cars cruising around the clock with two cameramen in each vehicle that answer all fire calls.

Jack Renaldi of Chicago spoke on inhalator, resuscitator and aspirator operations of rescue squads. If you have not heard Renaldi speak on breathing apparatus everyone should try and make the next session that is available when he is in your area. He holds his audience spellbound and also injects a little humor with his talk, according to the report of the session.

Ed Geerts of Elkhart gave a very good informative talk on smoke masks.

President Jeffries of the IVFA talked and showed slides on the Nursing Home Fire in Fountain-town. He spoke on the wonderful cooperation that he received from the area fire departments, sheriff's department, State Police, local people and the Fire Marshal's Office. Ward Storm, Chief Inspector for Nursing Homes, spoke on how to conduct inspections on your local nursing homes.

Every fireman in the State of

Indiana should take the opportunity to attend these fire conferences that are available in their part of the state. There is so much to gain from talks and demonstrations put on by these outstanding men that are brought in to conduct the conferences.

If a tape recorder is available to your department, you could play it back to the men that could not make the fire conferences. I recorded the speeches of Renaldi and Daliquet and used them at our practice sessions.

Emil G. Zula
Chairman District 2

EDMUND WEAVER RECUPERATING FROM OPERATION

Edmund Weaver, District 9B Chairman is at home following an operation at the Pulaski County Memorial Hospital in Winamac. Any cards would be appreciated and may be sent to Edmund Weaver, Francesville, Indiana 47946.

PAUL BECKER HOSPITALIZED

Paul Becker, father of Jack Becker of FESCO, was recently confined to the hospital in Dayton, Ohio following an Emphysema attack. Any cards may be sent to FESCO, 868 S. 21st Street, Louisville, Kentucky and they will be forwarded.

NOTICE

New Postal Regulations
require the ZIP CODE
on all mail that is to be
h a n d l e d by the Post
Office Department in
the future.

The Fire Chief

By EMMETT R. PHIFER

Have you ever thought about the job of "Fire Chief," and just what it entails? What are the duties and responsibilities of a fire chief? I believe that few people realize how big the job is.

Consider, if you will, a business which represents a minimum investment of \$50,000, even in a small town. In most towns and cities the figure is much higher. We are not talking now about building and equipment cost alone, but must include insurance rates, economic value, and other considerations termed "intangible assets," for lack of a better definition. This is a BUSINESS, and in most cases it is BIG BUSINESS. If good management is a requirement in a small business, then it is even more necessary in a business of this size and scope.

The Fire Chief is, or should be, a number of things: Manager, Administrator, Personnel Man, Public Relations Man, Inspector, Director, and Leader—all rolled into one! He must be informed and able to recommend what is best for his city in the way of improving its Fire Codes and Ordinances; for he will have the responsibility of administering them.

When we talk about "economic factors," we realize that much of the business conducted today relates to credit and loans, resulting in the need for insurance protection which, in turn, must rely on adequate fire service to be effective. This theme could be carried a great deal further, but I think this will give you some idea of the size and scope of the "Job of Fire Chief."

If the above statements are true, then it must follow that great care and thought need to be exercised in selecting a man to fill the office of fire chief.

In most towns and cities, a vote of the fire department membership is the sole basis for selection. When a member exercises his vote, he has a grave responsibility to the citizens of his community, and he should realize that far more is involved than a popularity contest, for this vote reflects his judgment, or lack of it. Qualities of leadership with the emphasis on ability must form the basis for selection, rather than seniority, popularity, or a mere whim; remembering, too, that age doesn't necessarily indicate wisdom.

In the case of a civil service commission conducting a promotional examination for this office, without a merit system for reference, their selection is about as effective as the efforts of a blindfolded person attempting to pin the tail on a donkey.

If you were a stockholder in a large corporation, you would vote for the board member or officer you felt would do the best job. A fire chief should be selected just as carefully.

Following the selection by the membership, final approval must usually be secured from the city council; but in most instances, this is just a formality. Actually, however, the man selected should be sworn in by the council; as this act passes on to the chief the official mantle of responsibility and authority.

If you have a man in your organization who possesses just a sprinkling of the qualities mentioned, your department will benefit from making use of his talents.

On the other hand, if you have already found such a man and succeeded in persuading him to become your chief, then you are indeed fortunate.

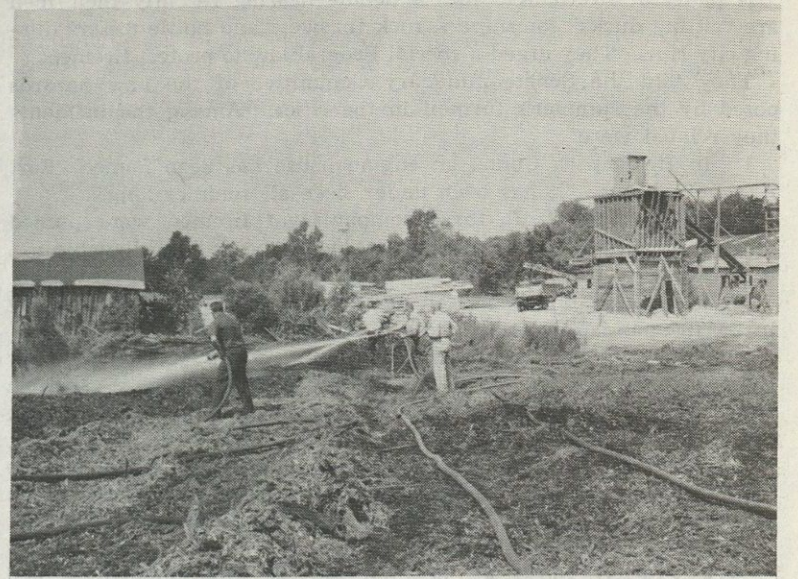
—Reprinted from Minnesota Fire Chief

Belle Of Louisville

Fremont Department Has Stubborn Bark Fire



Location of Dance for 1968 Jeffersonville Convention.



On August 21st, the Fremont Firemen were called to the Pat Alwood sawmill in Fremont when a huge pile of bark was on fire. They were called to the fire three times, the last time lasting several hours. The next day it was discovered to be burning deep in the huge pile. Firemen worked all that day and the next before the fire was completely extinguished. A bulldozer was used to push the smoldering bark to where the firemen could pour water on it. Firemen in the picture that are spraying the bark pile are Robert Vaughn, Don Palmerton, Earl Greenamyer and Dale Pifer, all members of the Fremont Department.

Mrs. Lois Greenamyer
Fremont, Indiana

By **HARRY OHLRICH**

Fire Service Training, University of Cincinnati

From the Ohio Fire Marshal Newsletter

In most situations the words "train," and/or "training," are used in a broad sense in terms of their application to describe or functionalize the operation and maintenance of an all important area in an efficient fire department operation. But did you ever take the time to analyze or determine the specific virtue and meaning of these words?

In all probability you have not!

Like all humans, each of us has a tendency to accept the more common interpretation and overlook the variety of applications. Consequently, because of the wide variance in breadth, effectiveness, application, programming and purpose in which "training" is applied to fire department methods, let us examine the true meaning of these words more closely.

Webster's Dictionary has been used as a reference because of its simplicity, clarity, and understandability. The following words are appropriately defined:

TRAIN—1. To cause to grow and improve as desired. 2. To form by teaching. 3. To teach so as to make capable or skillful. 4. To instruct. 5. To fit or be fitted for a certain responsibility.

TRAINING—1. The act or action of a person who trains. 2. To improve the condition of one who has trained. 3. The training of the young or novice. 4. To show the effectiveness of one who has trained.

Do you not agree that plainer or simpler words to adequately describe the true intent and purpose of a well organized and oriented training program in any fire department, regardless of size or scope, would be difficult to find?

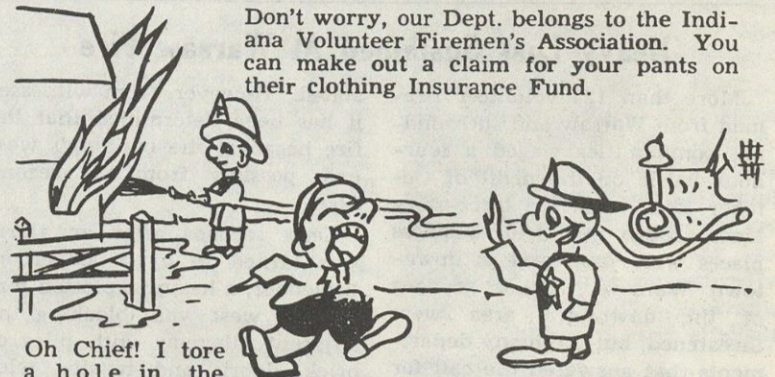
Now, let me raise another question. Isn't it the responsibility of each and every firefighter to protect the life and property of the people in his community? When you take a member of your family to a doctor, go to a garage for auto service, or send your children to school, you expect the best in treatment and care because, hopefully, you can rely upon the excellence of the training of those responsible for the service. How about the people in your community who rely upon the fire service to protect their life and property? Are they getting the best? Remember fellows, the firefighter can only fulfill this all important duty and obligation to the extent of his skill and knowledge which may be gained only from an effective training program.

A famous general was asked to define a well trained soldier. He replied, "A well trained soldier is the one who returns after the battle." How about substituting "firefighter" for "soldier," and "fire" for "battle"? As you learn how to save and protect other people's lives and property, remember, also, that you are learning how to save and protect your own. The slogan, "THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN," is taken seriously by the well trained and skillful firefighter. What could be a better motivation in your goal to achieve the BEST in firefighting?

Think it over!

**The
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Don't worry, our Dept. belongs to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. You can make out a claim for your pants on their clothing Insurance Fund.

Oh Chief! I tore a hole in the knee of my pants.

DID YOU KNOW THIS? By joining the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association your clothing is insured up to \$100.00 for each loss at a fire, or at any customary duties required of you as a fireman!

In the paragraphs below, I have tried to outline briefly, the benefits and purposes of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Please read carefully, and if there are any questions, please feel free to write me for clarification.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE I. V. F. A.

- ANSWER:**
1. The purpose of the I.V.F.A. is the promotion of good fellowship between members of different volunteer fire departments.
 2. To help one another in case of fire beyond the facilities of any one department.
 3. To foster and promote various educational activities in the art of fire extinguishment and fire prevention.
 4. To foster and promote all Legislative measures which tend to improve the safety of the public and the members of the I. V. F. A.
 5. To offer our member departments a low cost accident insurance program with increased benefits.

QUESTION: WHAT DIRECT BENEFITS DO YOU GET FROM JOINING THE I. V. F. A.?

- ANSWER:**
1. You get a Funeral Fund, based on the number of years you are a member.
 2. You get a \$100.00 clothing insurance coverage, that covers each member while he is enroute to and from a fire, at a fire, or while he is on any customary duty required of him as a fireman.
 3. You get a membership card which when signed by your Chief, entitles you to display a Blue Light.
 4. Through District meetings over the State, you get to meet and discuss your problems with your neighboring departments plus visual education and Fire Schools.
 5. 4 times a year you will receive our newspaper, "THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN".
 6. You get the biggest and most colorful Convention ever held.

QUESTION: FOR ALL THESE BENEFITS, WHAT ARE THE DUES TO BELONG TO THE I. V. F. A.

- ANSWER:**
1. Three (\$3.00) Dollars per member per year.
 2. Each department must have five (5) paid up members to take active part in the Association.

QUESTION: HOW DOES MY DEPARTMENT JOIN THE I. V. F. A.

ANSWER: BY LISTING NAME AND CORRECT ADDRESS OF EACH FIREMAN THAT WANTS TO JOIN AND MAIL WITH REQUIRED MONEY TO THE STATE SECRETARY.

JOHN FORD
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MAIL YOURS TODAY!!

Acton Invitational Waterball Tournament

An invitational waterball tournament was held Sunday, August 13th at Duchess Lake, near Acton in Marion county. The entries included 10 men teams and five women teams.

The men teams included Parry Township, Warren Township, Washington Township No. 1, Washington Township No. 2, Wayne Township Co. No. 5, and Wayne Township Co. No. 7, all in Marion Township; Penn North and Center Township in St. Joseph County; Waldron VFD, Shelby County, and Randolph Township, Englewood, Ohio.

The women teams were Wayne Township Co. No. 5, Wayne Township Co. No. 7, Washington Township, all from Marion County; and Randolph Township, Englewood, Ohio.

Winners of the tournament were Center Township, first; Penn North, second; Washington Township No. 1, third; Randolph Township, fourth and Washington Township No. 2, fifth in the men's division. The women winners were Wayne Township Co. No. 7, first and Wayne Township Co. No. 5, second. All winners received trophies.

There were no entry fees, funds for the day of fun was raised by sale of tickets for door prizes contributed by "friends of Acton V. F. D."

Bob Surber, Captain of Acton's Men's Waterball Team, served as Chairman of Tournament. He was ably assisted by all members of the department and the Acton Ladies' Auxiliary, who are enthusiastic waterball competitors. A committee consisting of Bob Surber, Sally and Jack Bohn picked up the prizes and contributions from the merchants and friends in the area, who contributed generously.

Following the waterball competition, everyone on hand was invited across the river, to enjoy the weiner roast and "goodies" prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary and served by the Fire Department.

Acton V. F. D. thanks everyone who attended this year and is looking forward to a bigger attendance and more competition next year.

William (Bill) E. Carmen, President, Acton V. F. D.

Fire Training Course Ends

The Raleigh Community and Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Departments in Rush County of District 13 recently finished a ten-hour fire training course.

The three sessions were given by Harvey Hacker, fire educational director from the State Fire Marshal's office. The school consisted of instruction on ladders, ventilation, pumps and nozzle pressure.

Two night session were held at the Raleigh Fire Station and one at the Jackson station. The last night each department took a truck to the Perfect Circle Dana Corporation north of Rushville for fire hydrant training and refilling the tanks.

The Raleigh Department also recently installed a turbine pump at Custom Farm Service Fertilizer Plant at their neighboring town in Mays for water supply for the fire department when needed.

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

ROBERT E. LANEY

CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

- Hose Replacing Contest Water Ball Contest

Fire Departments will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests: Water Ball, Hose Replacement, at Jeffersonville, Ind., on Saturday, June 15, 1968. An entry fee of \$5.00 for entry in each contest not to exceed 2 teams from one department entered and will be forfeited, if we do not compete. We also understand the fee of \$5.00 will be refunded by the Association for each contest we compete in where a deposit has been made. Please check in each square of contests entered by your department.

Signed.....
Chief or Secretary

NOTICE

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1st, 1968 to be eligible. All Departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks and accompany same with \$5.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department, Box 235, Charlestown, Indiana 47111. Please bring your own rain gear. Trophy for both Water Ball and Hose Replacement. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday evening, June 13 at Officers' meeting.

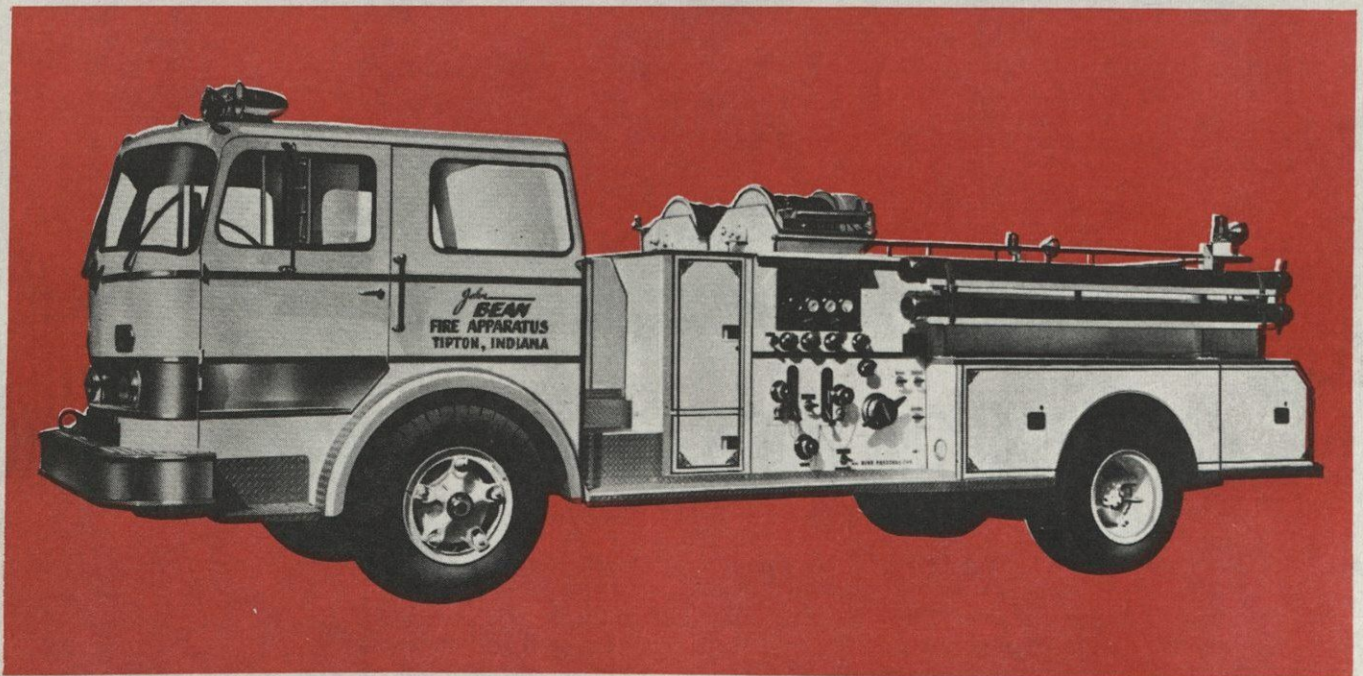
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District Firemen Parade In Observance Of National Fire Prevention Week



Left to right, Hilbert Graman, Secretary; Jerome Daunhauer, Chairman, and Edgar Nigg, Chaplain.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION ID NO. 35 602 6503

Griffith, Indiana - October 15, 1967

The following is a history record from the Treasurer's records showing the Presidents of this Association since our incorporation:

1. Harold Brownell	Lowell	Pres. signer of Art. of Inc.	12- 6-46
2. Cornelius Vander Vaart	Munster	" Elect at Black Oak	6-27-48
3. Ray Pattee*	Union Mills	" " " Crown Point	6-19-49
4. John Kustron*	Indian Hill	" " " Kingsford Hg.	6-25-50
5. Dennis Dunn*	Crown Point	" " " Lowell	6-24-51

Note: Dennis Dunn only served a short time because he elected to surrender the position and honor to the Northern Indiana Volunteer and Industrial Association, with whom we merged at an agreement meeting of the two Associations Boards held at Bremen on 7-21-51—at this meeting officers were elected to carry on until the 1952 Convention - therefore.

6. Waldo Neal	Geneva-Adams Co.	Pres. Elect. at Bremen	7-21-51
7. Bob Widmar	Bremen	" " " Hartford City	6- 7-52
8. Leonard Kuntzler	LaCrosse	" " " Rensselaer	6-20-53
9. Bert Moser	Bluffton	" " " Rushville	6- 4-55
10. Francis McBane*	Flat Rock	" " " Munster	6- 7-57
11. John T. Ford	Fort Wayne	" " " LaPorte	6- 6-59
12. Bernie Jostes	(Schererville)New Elliott	" " " Warsaw	6- 3-61
13. James Glaub	Manilla	" " " Angola	6-13-63
14. Walter Steiger	Benton	" " " Rensselaer	6-11-65
15. Carlos Jeffries	Fountaintown	" " " New Haven	6-16-67

* Pattee Deceased 4-8-57
 * Dunn Deceased 8-18-62
 * McBane Deceased 3-4-66

Respectfully submitted,
 Verne Konopasek, Treasurer

Beautiful weather in Huntingburg made it a perfect day for over 5,000 spectators to witness the Eighteenth District Volunteer Firemen parade in observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

Bands from Holland, Huntingburg, Springs Valley and Ferdinand high schools participated in the parade, along with fire fighting units from Haysville, Dubois, Schnellville, St. Anthony, Ferdinand, Ireland, Holland, French Lick, West Baden, St. Meinrad and Huntingburg.

Also in the parade were ten contestants for the title of "Miss Flame" for the district.

Starting at the high school, the parade wound its way down Fourth Street and on to the Dubois County Fairgrounds where the crowning of the queen and public addresses took place.

Crowned as "Miss Flame", was lovely Miss Debbie Lueken, daughter of Fireman and Mrs.

Merlyn Lueken of Ferdinand. The honor of crowning the queen went to District Chairman Jerome Daunhauer, also of Ferdinand.

Harvey Hacker, Educational Director of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office was the principal speaker at the fairgrounds. He commented on the fine quality of fire fighting equipment which protected this area and realized that this was just 1/3 of the equipment. He also spoke on the importance of a volunteer fireman and also the importance of Fire Prevention.

Senator Emil Schmutzler and Representative Dennis Heeke also gave brief talks. Dale Helmerich, Mayor of Huntingburg, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Adding humor to the parade was "Sloppy, the Clown", who's fire unit was of unknown origin or value. It was reported that he was a renegade from the Huntingburg Fire Department.

Miss Flame Of District 18



Left to right, Miss Pauline Fuhrman representing the Haysville Fire Department and Rose Ann Schmutzler representing the Huntingburg Fire Department who were chosen as runner ups in the Miss Flame contest. At the right is Miss Debbie Lueken, Ferdinand Fire Department, who was chosen as Miss Flame for the 18th District IVFA.

Ferdinand Fire Department's New Home



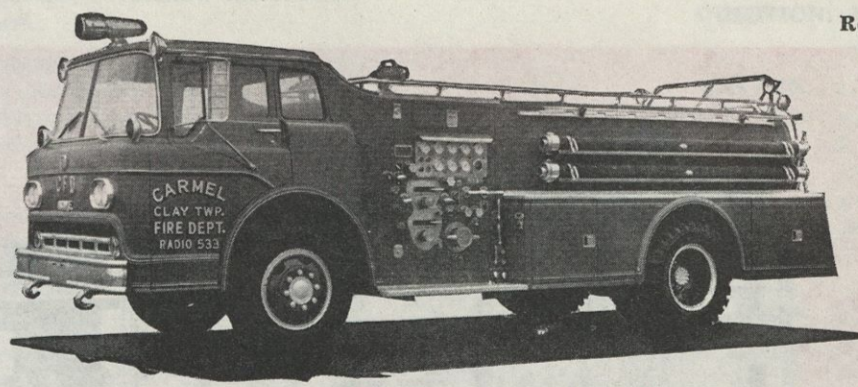
Members of the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department extended a cordial invitation to all citizens of Ferdinand and Ferdinand Township to attend an open house recently of the new Ferdinand Fire Station.

The station is located at the corner of Fourth and Carolina Streets where firemen demonstrated the various pieces of equipment used in modern fire fighting. Included in the demonstration were the proper use of fire extinguishers, smoke masks, resuscitators, Salvage covers, Quick-aid Splints, Jet-X Foam unit, First Aid Equipment, portable pumps and the two fire trucks were also in operation.

Since the completion of the station in May of this year, there have been two volunteer firemen on duty every weekend. The fifteen members of the department take turns on this duty.

Members of the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department are: Chief Jackson Meyer, Asst. Chief Jerome Daunhauer, Secretary-Treasurer Cletus Lubbehusen, Leo Pund, Doc Schniedes, Vic Oser, Alfred Spayd, Merlyn Lueken, James Olinger, Edwin Hoppenjans, Ralph Albert, Jerry Durlauf, James Uebelhor, Wayne Seufert and Bill Hoge.

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