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IVFA HITS 10,000 MARK

From the President



The IVFA and I extend sympathy to Mrs. Hood and the Georgetown Fire Department in the passing away of Felton Hood, a dedicated fireman that was permanently injured in a fire truck accident about two years ago. I was privileged, along with other members of our association and the Georgetown firemen, to attend the memorial service at the funeral home, October 18th. It was conducted by our Chaplain, Duane Lantz. Duane and Mrs. Lantz made this trip and back home the same night. It was quite a drive.

With the new year comes legislation, and our association is ready. Our legislation committee is a group of most dedicated volunteer firemen from over the state. They are Charles Jones, Walter Steiger, Verne Konapasek, Sam Bower, and our vice-president, Bill Goodwin.

It is said that we are proud. Yes, we have pride in the fact that we have sought, and in most places gained, the respect of our local community. We are proud in the fact that we are doing a service to the community. We are proud of the fact that we are nearing the 10,000 membership mark. Thanks and a hearty welcome to the new members that are making this possible.

Inez and I extend to all a most safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Carlos Jeffries

Have A Merry Christmas Without A Fire

This Christmas, make sure the red glow of fire has no place in the red-and-green color scheme of your holiday decorations.

Attention to fire safety when setting up your tree, lighting and other decorations can help keep the "Merry" in "Merry Christmas" for you and your family.

Start by paying special attention to two general rules, good throughout the year but especially at Christmas-time: "Never leave children unattended," even for a quick trip for last-minute stocking-stuffers or goodies, and "Have a family escape plan," worked out and rehearsed in advance in case of fire strikes your home.

To keep yours a fire-free holiday, National Fire Protection Association suggests careful attention to these recommendations:

1. For a natural tree, pick a fresh-looking firm-needed one, saw off the butt an inch above the old cut, stand it in water and keep it in water until you dispose of it—which should be soon after Christmas. Don't rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatments; none is truly effective. Locate the tree away from heat and where it won't block escape.

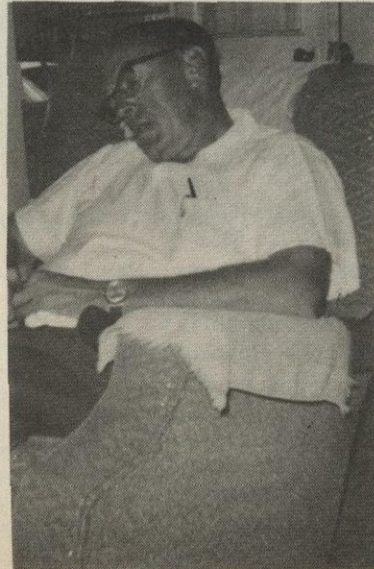
Artificial tree should be clearly marked as made of slow-burning materials. Look for the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label on trees with built-in electrical systems. With metal trees use only indirect lighting to avoid shock hazard.

2. Check lighting strings for frayed wires, loose connections, broken sockets. Replace only with UL labeled sets. Bulbs made in U. S. generally are safer; imported ones may have dangerous hot spots. Electric cord sets with built-in fuses are strongly recommended. For outdoor lighting use only sets UL-listed for this purpose. Always turn off tree and other indoor holiday lighting when you leave the house or retire for the night.

3. Use noncombustible decorating materials—metal, glass, asbestos—where possible. Make sure cotton batting, flock and decorating paper are flameproof. Natural evergreen decorations dry quickly, burn readily, so keep lighted candles well removed from them. Don't use polystyrene foam for candle holders or for table or mantle decorations where candles are also used.

4. Dispose of gift wrappings promptly and safely—the fire place is not a safe place to burn them.

5. Watch for children playing near the tree, and keep matches and lighters out of their reach.



TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF IVFA

It seems that each year the IVFA has something of which to be very proud. This year it is something very special. For a good number of years, the workers and members of IVFA has dreamed of this event. As of this writing we have a total membership of 9,856. With an addition of only 144 more this will make sweet music for all. Soon this year we shall boast about the 10,000 members of the IVFA and let's still keep growing.

To me this is a real nice sound. It sure gives credit to those who have worked long and hard for his fellow firemen and the IVFA. It also gives credit to the principles and service of the IVFA to its members.

When you compare the far advanced progress of Indiana, pertaining to Volunteer benefits; as compared with the rest of the nation; only then can you see that in banding together as one voice we can achieve great advantages.

I can assure you that a suitable crown will be available for the 10,000th IVFA'er and this will truly be a time for back-slapping and congratulations all the way around.

To make this even more of a certainty we have about 17 departments that have not picked up their dues for this year. Many I know have overlooked this as they have always been prompt in payment. When I look back on the months of July, August and September, I wish that I could be as prompt in getting them all out. This office gets numerous letters saying in part, "Sorry I am new at this or did not know". Well, let me place you at ease. No one has to be sorry for anything. This Association being

composed of Volunteers, run by Volunteers, and for Volunteers, can surely recognize strange offices and procedures as they are placed in them every day. No one has to be sorry for being an Officer Volunteer or anything else. It is a proud and important community badge to wear to be among Volunteers and be accepted.

This office is open to and for the benefit of all members. The slightest help I can give anyone is the whole purpose of this Office. When you have a question the next time contact me.

The IVFA sponsored Insurance program, underwritten by Nationwide Insurance Co., will contact all departments that are not presently participating. This will be done in a mailing to all the Fire Chiefs. We shall be most happy to follow up with a personal visit with your department and explain the program in detail to all department members. Some 36% of the departments are now enjoying the fine results of this program.

All who have sent in checks for dues should have received their cards. All dues to date have been processed through this office and each year someone fails to get their cards through a mail foul-up. Please inform me if you have not received your dues cards as yet and I shall get another set on the way.

To wrap up this year I would like to leave this thought with all—From the Ford Family—a sincere wish for Happy Thanksgiving. May your and yours enjoy all the festive goodies along with the many blessings we enjoy daily.

Also from Ford Country a wish for the Merriest Christmas of all, with Peace on Earth and may God continue to shower His Blessings on us each and every one.

Respectfully,
JTF

Wayne Township Volunteers Host Training School

On Saturday, October 5, 1968 the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department graduated the largest class in history from its annual training school. Those completing the standard course and the departments are as follows:

From Wayne Township: Jack Winkler, Michael Dean, Joseph F. Hankins, Paul Walker, Gary A. Thomas, William E. Tull, Harold Short, Jimmy L. Clem,
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Past Presidents Honored At Cedar Lake Meeting

President Carlos Jeffries, IVFA presented Past-President's Pins to Harold "Bus" Brownell of Lowell (Holder of Card No. 1), Cornelius Vander Vaart of Munter and John Kustron of Independence Hill. Through the efforts of John Kustron these men were honored. Host to the District 1 and 2 meeting was the Cedar Lake Fire Department. Standing left to right are: Carlos Jeffries, President, "Bus" Brownell, Cornelius Vander Vaart and John Kustron. Emil Zula of Crown Point was chairman of the combined meeting.



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Past President Says . . .

It's that time! You are reading this now but on the 3rd of November our editor told me he did not have enough news to start printing! Don't tell me you did not have a story! You did! Then why not let the rest of us in on the news.

I'm writing this on the eve of Election Day. In my lifetime this has been the most quiet campaign. I'm praying now that each of you get off your "dead center" and go to the polls. Did you?

We should be ready now to tell our lawmakers what we need to prevent fires and adequately fight those fires we can't prevent.

Right now the Volunteer Firemen of Indiana have the best opportunity to obtain passage of the fire service. It takes unity to accomplish this. We must talk the same language, want the same things and then support the Legislative Committee.

From reports I get, this is a big year for the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association—but let's not stop there. Let's get all the volunteers in our Association.

From the Steigers—Bebs and Walt—Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

NEW TRUCK FOR KOONTZ LAKE DEPT.

Members of the Koontz Lake Volunteer Fire Department voted at a recent meeting to purchase an emergency truck, a 1969 Ford, series E-300. It will be fully equipped. The men on the department will use the money they are allowed for services performed during 1968, which includes clothing allowance to equip this unit.

At a recent meeting of the Koontz Lake Volunteer Fire Department, the members witnessed movies covering the latest in fire extinguishers which included the showing of C. O. 2, dry chemical, carbon tech and other models. It was a very educational showing for the members.



YOUR CHAPLAIN DUANE LANTZ:

St. John Chapter 14, Verse 1 to 8

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

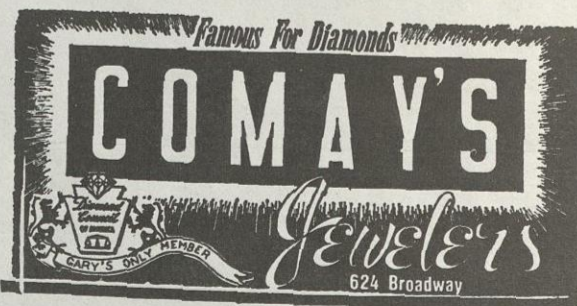
I have enjoyed many of the comforts of life, none of which I wish to esteem lightly; yet I confess I know not any Joy that is so dear to me, that so satisfies my inmost desires, as that which I derive from religion—from faith in God. May this God be thy God, they refuge and comfort, as he has been mine.

Your Chaplain and The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the families, and friends, of the following deceased members.

- Clair Baird — Ben Davis No. 4 Indpls.
- Leland Addington — Union City
- Charles Krueger — Scipio-LaPorte
- Jack Hollabaugh — Spencerville
- Paul Snyder — Portland
- Harold B. Wherry — Union-Coesse
- Charles Jefferson — Bass Lake
- William McNamara — Ellettsville
- Walter Hanauer — Wash. Twp. Ft. Wayne
- George Kelley — Goshen Rubber
- Stanley Kozrowski — New Chicago
- Vernon V. Guthrie — Selma
- Meville "Brownie" Rapp — Fortville
- Samuel W. Dickason — Chester-Poneto
- Paul Anderson — Thorncreek
- Joseph Dekoninck — Poe - Ossian

Christmas Greetings

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.

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JOHN KUSTRON

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District Meetings

The 1st and 2nd Districts met at FOP Hall in Gary for their October meeting due to the remodeling of the Black Oak Fire Station. Adam Benjamin a State Representative from Gary spoke to the men about the service that he rendered to the Gary Fire Department in regards to pensions. He said that he wanted to become acquainted with the problems of the volunteers so he can be of service to them at the next legislature.

A film on gasoline tank truck fires was shown and a discussion followed in regards to the lack of water the volunteers have to fight this type of fire.

The 1st and 2nd Districts held their September meeting at Liverpool-Oregon Heights. Guest speaker Coroner Alexander Williams thanked the volunteers for the cooperation that they have given him since he last spoke to them. He also emphasized the urgent need to have a second medical school in the Lake County area. Senator Brainbridge told the men that he would sponsor The Good Samaritan bill for us. Brainbridge also spoke on the unconstitutionality of some of the tax exemption laws that are on the books.

Emil G. Zula
Chairman District 2

3RD DISTRICT

As you see many people raking leaves you know that summer is gone and smoke fills the air and you know that the fall grass fire season is here. There have been a few reports from some departments that they have been using their back packs.

Fire prevention week came to a close with various departments holding a class at the grade schools. The comments were overwhelming with the education the younger children received.

Center Township Volunteer Fire Department had a celebration honoring their tenth anniversary in the fire service. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years to come in doing a fine job.

Harold King was elected Third District Chairman and James Croy Third District Secretary.

This article in this issue of the paper will wind up the year so to bend your ear a little from all the FIREMEN and their families, and to everyone in the fire service from the Third District we wish one and all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year with many more to come.

CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP CAPTURES 4th DISTRICT ATTENDANCE TROPHY

The 4th District meeting was held on September 20th at the German Township Fire Department. Highlight of the evening was the awarding of the attendance trophy to the Cleveland Township Volunteer Fire Department. This trophy is now retired by the Cleveland men who captured it after three consecutive meetings with the best attendance. The attendance trophy was started five years ago in the District by Duane Thompson of Warren Township Fire Department, and this is the first time a department has been able to permanently retire it.

A bright new department has been organized in St. Joe County. It is Portage Township Fire Department headed by Chief Jack Pritchard.

The November meeting of the 4th District will be held in Elk-

hart County at the Concord Fire Station. A brand new attendance trophy will be presented.

10TH DISTRICT

The 10th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association meeting was held at the Waldron Fire Station on Wednesday night, September 18th. Approximately ninety-five firemen and guests from fourteen departments attended the meeting. They reported 21 Fire, Mutual Aid, and Emergency Runs since the August meeting. Guests included eight retired firemen from Waldron — Dewey Knoll, Kirby Coers, John Mohr, Ed Small, Bernard Wright, Frank Wright, Henry Kelly, and Art Morgason, Shelby County Deputy Sheriff Norman Collins, Shelby County Conservation Officer Joseph Planck, Fire Chief Wayne Williamson and fireman Richard Sebastian of the Shelbyville Fire Department, Ora Wickliff from Shelbyville, and Motorola representatives Jack McNutt, Floyd Walker, and Dick Boaz from Indianapolis.

Tenth District IVFA Chairman Donn Hurst discussed the State Officers meeting held at Kokomo on Sunday, August 25th.

The door prize of an Electric Blender, donated by Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company and its representative Bob McDonald, was won by fireman Art Guyne of Adams.

A very interesting history of the Waldron Fire Department was given by John Mohr from 1947 to 1960 and by Fire Chief Jack Knoll from 1960 to the present.

An interesting talk and demonstration on Communications was given by Jack McNutt featuring his company's products.

Volunteer Fire Departments represented at the meeting were from Acton, Adams, Burney, Clarksburg, Fairland, Flat Rock, Hartsville, Hope, Manilla, Marietta, Needham, St. Paul, Taylorsville, and Waldron.

The Fairland Fire Department hosted the 10th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association meeting at their Fire Station on Wednesday night, October 16th. Approximately sixty firemen and guests from thirteen departments attended the meeting. Guests included Jerry Martin, former New York City fireman, from Indianapolis, Fire Chief Wayne Williamson and Assistant Chief Bob Wendelboe of the Shelbyville Fire Department, Herbert Hazelip, FESCO representative, from Louisville, Bob McDonald, Midwest representative, from Indianapolis, Past State IVFA President Jim Glaub of Manilla, Ora Wickliff from Shelbyville, and State IVFA President Carlos Jeffries of Fountaintown.

Chairman Donn Hurst of St. Paul announced the schedule of meetings for 1969.

The door prizes, donated by Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company and its representative Bob McDonald, were won by Louis Helms of Fairland, Alfred Duncan of Waldron, and Richard Nulliner of Fairland.

A very interesting history of the Fairland Fire Department was given by former Fire Chief Jim Kaster.

Jerry Martin gave an informative talk about the New York City Fire Department.

Volunteer Fire Departments represented at the meeting were from Acton, Burney, Clarksburg, Fairland, Flat Rock, Fountaintown, Fruitdale, Hartsville, Hope, Manilla, Marietta, St. Paul, and Waldron.

Allen Blades
10th District Sec'y

Districts 1 and 2 Meet at Black Oak



Seated left to right: Emil Zula, Chairman District 2; John Kustron, Chairman District 1 and State Treasurer Verne Konopasek. Standing: Chief Albert Strauch, Black Oak Fire Department host to the October District 1 and 2 meeting; Stanley Konefsky, Public Relations NW and Recording Secretary Don Mason of LaCrosse.

11TH DISTRICT

The Pimento Volunteer Firemen were host to the 11th District meeting held September 15th at their fire house.

After a wonderful dinner the meeting was brought to order by Chairman Butch McGill. Fifteen Fire Departments were present to discuss fire problems that they might have. They also had the burning of the mortgage on the Pimento fire house.

The Vigo Company's annual water ball contest was held October 6 at Meadow Center in Terre Haute. Riley Volunteer Firemen won 1st and the Burnett Volunteer Firemen was runner-up. This started Fire Prevention Week. Monday there was a parade downtown in Terre Haute, with Miss and Mr. Flame leading the parade.

Charlie "Butch" McGill
11th District Chairman

14TH DISTRICT

District 14 had an excellent attendance at its September 18th meeting at Charlestown Fire Station. State Officers present were Carlos Jeffries, President; Ray Lester, Sergeant-at-Arms and Andy Van Winkle, Public Relations S. E.

Following the business meeting a chicken dinner was served, compliments of FESCO. (Fire Equipment Service Co.). Jack Becker presented his new sales representative to the group, Hugh Hazelip.

Charlestown firemen were busy showing their new 750 gallon pumper, which they are very proud of.

Following the dinner, Kynard Taff of Taff Gas Service presented a film on Propane Gas and effective control of fire in bulk storage.

The guest of honor would have to be Tom Wolfe, 84 years of age with 62 years of fire service. He is with Co. No. 1, Madison, which claims to be the oldest organized fire department in the state, organized in 1841.

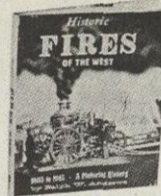
Sellersburg Fire Department held dedication of its new fire house October 19th with an open house on the 9th and 20th. Some 600 guests showed up with representatives from all over the district and neighboring departments in the Louisville, Kentucky area. Chief Garland Oakes, of Jeffersonville, was the guest speaker.

C&NW HALTS TRAINS IN WAKE OF QUAKE

The Chicago & North Western

temporarily stopped operating trains over the Mississippi River drawbridge at Clinton, Ia., to determine whether it had been damaged by the earthquake that shook a 22-state area last week.

Centered near Mount Carmel, Ill., along the New Madrid fault, the quake toppled many chimneys, shattered windows, and swayed buildings, and apparently did the most damage in Missouri, southern Illinois and Indiana. At St. Louis the Gateway Arch, 630 feet high, bounced up and down.



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IVFA GAINS NATIONWIDE ATTENTION

Four months ago Nationwide Insurance of Columbus, Ohio decided to do an article about Mr. Jack Ford our IVFA Secretary. The article below is the reprint from Nationwide's Magazine "Minutes". It has been distributed to some 80,000 policy-

holders throughout the United States. As many of our members know the IVFA sponsors a group policy that is underwritten by Nationwide Insurance and much of the paper work is handled by our competent Secretary Jack Ford.



JACK-OF-ALL TRADES VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

The saga of smoke-eater
Jack Ford who believes in the full life

You'll find him in a cozy frame house on the outskirts of Fort Wayne, Ind. He calls it "Ford country." Or you might find him at the radio studios of WKJG in Fort Wayne. Then again, he might be down the road a piece cleaning fire hose.

His name is John T. (he insists on Jack) Ford. He smokes a pipe and cigar alternately, spices his conversation with earthy humor, and he keeps busy.

Ford is secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. That job alone gives him a lot to do. For one thing, he "administers" a Nationwide group insurance policy for many of his fellow volunteer firemen.

Indiana makes it compulsory for volunteer firemen to carry special insurance.

In the Hoosier state, only about 30 fire departments pay their men. Of some 800 volunteer fire companies, 500 belong to the state association. Nation-

wide covers about a third of these.

When Jack Ford was president of the state association in 1960, he helped put that policy together.

"I didn't know one darned thing about insurance," Ford candidly remarks, "but I did know what the fellows needed. So we worked with the Nationwide people until we got it."

As association secretary, his duties include the insurance paperwork, reports and correspondence, plus studying current legislation and periodicals regarding volunteer firemen.

A do-er? Ford sorta brushes that off: "I don't join anything just to join. If I can't contribute, I don't join."

A typical day finds Jack rising early to report for a full day's work on the maintenance staff of WKJG. If he's lucky, the fire bell won't interrupt him. Wife Ruth has dinner on the table when he gets home.

Ford enjoys a leisurely meal in the comfort of a house which shows his skillful carpentry touch. "Don't know why I bother," he says. "You work for years making your house big and comfortable enough for your family (he has three daughters), then when you get all done they get married and move away."

If it's a Wednesday evening, he'll climb into his red pickup truck with the signal light and police-fire radio and head for the fire hall. That's when he and other members of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department meet to work on their equipment. "We don't have money to buy our equipment, so we beg, borrow, or steal it — almost literally," Ford laughs.

A big generator, for example, was salvaged from a train wreck. "We could power half of Fort Wayne if we had to," Jack boasts. A tank truck sprung an irreparable leak, so they combined talents to build another one.

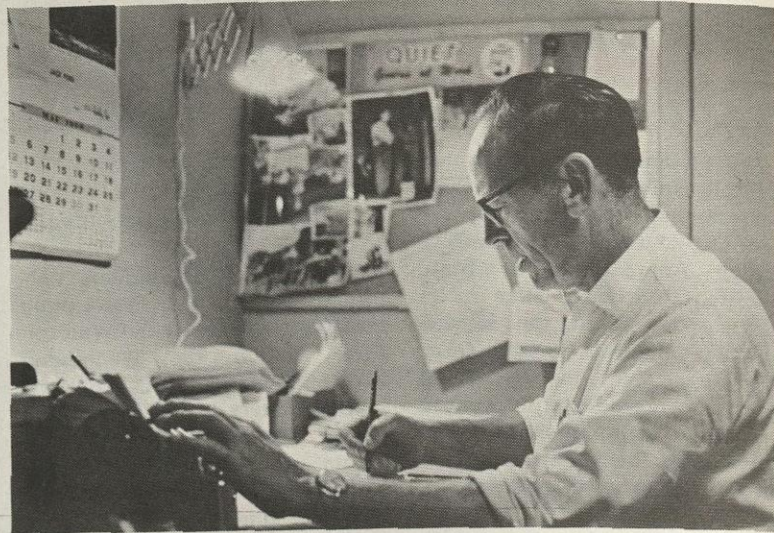
If it's the second Tuesday of the month, the firemen gather for a regular meeting. They tackle everything from mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and what to do about work-shirkers, to planning their clothing budget.

Other fund-raising projects find Jack and his colleagues directing traffic, parking cars at the county fair, operating snow plow, or patrolling a high school basketball game. Once a year, there's the community fish fry, a big money maker. "One of our electricians put in special outlets just for the fryer," says Jack. "And, Joe Muldane is the best doggone fish fryer in the state."

On his "free" nights, Ford is usually at his desk in a knotty-pine den in his home. "I can't do it all alone," he says. "My wife and daughters are a big help. We use the cooperative philosophy. If my friends stop by and want me to go fishing, I just tell them I've got to get so many more letters mailed out by tonight. They pitch in and help and pretty soon Mom hands me the fishing pole."

If Ford has any time left, it belongs to the family, but sometimes they have a hard time getting together. Two daughters live at home, the third is married. And Mrs. Ford has to budget her own time, too.

She runs the house, organizes the girls, works part time at the



Ford keeps a file on each of the association's 10,000 members. The resulting stack of paperwork keeps him close to his desk.

school, helps with Jack's paperwork, and has a few of her own irons in the fire. She's immediate past president of the women's state auxiliary, and her responsibilities include managing the insurance program for the ladies' auxiliary. And she whumps up a mean dish of homemade noodles.

The wives do their share for the firemen in other ways. When the men at a nearby fire company needed new uniforms, their womenfolk put on a drive to sell kitchen shears.

The firehouse is a focal point for the community. It's a social and recreational center. Recently the men completed building a new kitchen. To pay for it, the

women rent out the meeting hall part of the building for wedding receptions, grange meetings, or what-have-you. And for a little extra they'll provide the food.

"It's hard to explain unless you live it," Ford says, "but a volunteer fire department really draws a neighborhood together. You realize that everyone's life and property sort of depends on everyone else."

When his duties for the day are over, Ford crawls gratefully into bed. But 20 years experience has made him a light sleeper.

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October, 1968



Ford and wife Ruth feel as much at home at the fire house as they do in their comfortable little bungalow a few miles away.

16TH DISTRICT

On September 3, 1968 the newly formed New Albany Township Volunteer Fire Department was host to the regular meeting of the 16th District.

The main business of the evening was the election of district officers. Those elected were Chairman, Gilbert Leist; and Secretary, Louis Becht. Mrs. Doris Van Winkle was elected

Chairman for the Auxiliary.

Robert Rupprecht, representing the M & S Fire and Safety Equipment Company, showed a very interesting film on various types of fire extinguishers and gave a live demonstration to emphasize their proper use. Refreshments were served by the host Auxiliary to a packed house. Everyone had a good time.

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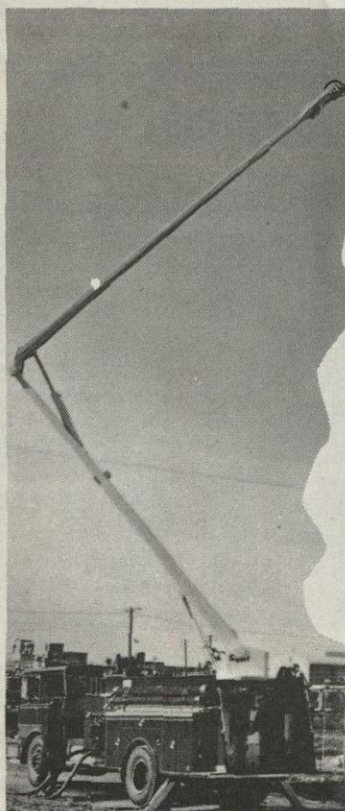
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As we pause for another Holiday Season I would like to wish one and all a

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"A BRIGHT SPOT"

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Some little joy to all I know;
Let these into my life be wrought,
A little faith, a little thought,
A little mirth, a little grace,
To glorify the common place,
Lord, let some little splendor shine,
To mark this earthly course of mine.

YOUR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
MARY STAFFORD

STATE AUXILIARY OFFICERS' MEETING

Rosella Bousman, Vice President, opened the meeting on August 25, 1968 with this in mind, "If The Blind Put Their Hand In God's They Find Their Way More Surely Than Those Who See, But Have No Faith."

Thelma gave the opening prayer and Wanda led the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken with 13 present. Minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1,372.36 on hand. Income of Doe Doll was \$499.30. Expense on doll was \$20.85 leaving a profit of \$478.45. Report approved as read. Bills were presented and a motion made and seconded to pay them.

Thelma reported that she sent cards for six illnesses, 13 deaths and one birth.

Correspondence was read — A

note from Mary Stafford stating her reason for missing this officers' meeting—her son is coming home from the service. Also to remind us of National Waterball September 7 and 8 at Angola. The appointed officers would be the same, except for waterball and that we would discontinue the publicity chairman as was voted on at the last meeting at the convention. A letter was read from Mrs. Ollie Wingate of Gary, stating she received the Lucky Doe Doll from Jean Camp, which she won at Convention.

It was announced the 67-68 convention film was ready and that you could contact Bill Goodwin to get it.

Jo Lantz stated she would like to have a rubber stamp for the checks saying "Deposit Only". Ruth Ford made this motion and it was seconded by Marie Moore. Jo said we only had three State

Auxiliary pins left. 1965 was the last time an order of 50 was placed. Ruth Fairfield made a motion that we order 50 more pins. Seconded by Marie Moore.

Rosella asked if we should continue Lucky Doe Doll. Inez made a motion to continue — seconded by Wanda. Carried. Adjourned for lunch.

District Reports

1 and 2—Jean Camp. The August 12 meeting of our district was held at Merrillville Fire Station. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Gerri Markle, Chaplain. The pledge to the flag was presented by Grace Harding, President. Roll call revealed 27 members present and one guest. Eight departments were represented. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved. We discussed the convention, and I told them I had sold the winning ticket on Miss Waterball and delivered same. We adjourned and Collins Florists put on floral arrangement lessons. After a delicious lunch the floral arrangements were awarded for door prizes.

3—Marie Moore. The meeting was held at the fire station at Washington Township, Starke County. Marie Moore was re-elected chairman and Lillian Babcock of Springfield Township was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Minutes were read and approved, treasurer's report was read and approved. The convention report was given. Refreshments were served and contests enjoyed.

6—Joan Shanabarger. July meeting was held at LaOtto with 30 members present. Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the convention at Jeffersonville were also read. The annual picnic will be held at Wolcottville. There will be waterball for men and women and also hose laying. After the meeting we played several games of bingo and then joined the men to watch the Convention film. We all enjoyed sandwiches and coffee served by the host department.

The August meeting was held August 15 at Adams Township No. 1. Our chairman, Joan Shanabarger, could not be present because her daughter was in the hospital. Ruth Fairfield conducted the meeting. The pledge was led by Donna Cole and roll call was answered by 18 members. Further plans were made for the picnic in September. Activities will begin at noon with a potluck dinner. The afternoon will include waterball and hose laying contests. Trophies will be presented to both men and women teams. At the conclusion of the business session, the ladies enjoyed bingo. We later joined the men, but the program could not be presented because of a severe electrical rainstorm that caused a power failure in the station. We did enjoy coffee and doughnuts served by the Auxiliary with the help of generated power lights. Real exciting and

a bit different.

7—Marjorie Brames. The meeting was held at Reble on July 15 with 13 members present from 5 departments. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the officers' meeting were read and approved. We had election of officers with the same ones being re-elected. Marjorie Brames Chairman. Joyce Nevil, Secretary-Treasurer. We joined the men for lunch.

10 — Mrs. Robert Surber. Adams was host to the 10th District meeting August 19 with 50 members attending. A pitch-in dinner was held followed with a business meeting. Old Fashion School Days was the theme with prizes given according to dress. The program for the evening was two local talents playing and singing school songs hillbilly style. A good time was had by all. Election was as follows: Mrs. Robert Surber, Chairman, Mrs. Charles Hickman, Secretary, Mrs. Ruble, Chaplain. The next meeting will be at Taylorsville November 18.

16—Doris Van Winkle. On July 2nd I went to New Middletown to hold a meeting and an election of officers. There were only three women from three departments, so we could not have a meeting or election. After the men's meeting, the men from New Middletown Department served ice cream and cake.

Ruth Ford suggested that minutes of officers' meeting be put in the Firemen's paper and that the president send a note for each paper issue.

Adjourned with a prayer by Thelma. We then joined the men to see the convention film.

Mary Stafford, Pres.
Pat Wade, Secretary

6TH DISTRICT AUXILIARY

The 6th District Auxiliary met August 15 at Adams No. 1. Ruth Fairfield opened the meeting in the absence of our Chairman, Joan Shanabarger. Roll call (Continued on Page 6)

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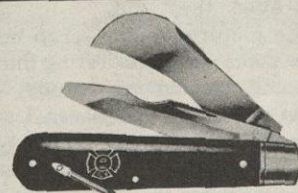
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found 18 ladies representing seven departments in attendance. A picnic was planned at this meeting. The officers' meeting was held August 25th. A few games of bingo were played, but due to a severe storm we adjourned early.

The 6th District picnic was held at Wolcottville Park on September 15th. A delicious potluck dinner was held at noon and there were around 200 in attendance. Waterball contests were held in the afternoon with eight men's teams and four ladies' teams present. Trophies were presented to LaOtto No. 2 ladies, 1st place and LaOtto No. 1 ladies second place. Butler men took 1st place and LaOtto No. 1 second place. Hose replacement trophies were presented to LaOtto 1st place and Wolcottville second.

The 6th District Auxiliary met on October 17, in Angola with 25 present representing 14 departments. The minutes were read and approved.

District events:

Adams No. 1—Christmas supper for firemen and wives on December 14th.

Adams No. 1—Children's party with Santa Claus on December 15th.

New Haven—Annual cookout October 26th.

Thorncreek—Bake donuts November 9th.

LaOtto—Feather Bingo Party November 23rd.

Angola—Rummage Sale October 19th.

Next meeting at Hometown. We then joined men for a film on the Angola Hotel Fire. Refreshments were served by our hosts.

10TH DISTRICT AUXILIARY

"School Days" were in progress as the ladies attended the 10th District IVFA Auxiliary meeting held at Adams on August 19. As the women enrolled at school, signing the register, they were all given pencils and rulers as favors.

There were 50 members and two guests, dressed as "school girls" and eight Auxiliaries represented.

A pitch-in supper was at 6:30 with Mrs. Leonard Schoetlmer giving the invocation.

Mrs. Robert Surber, president, opened the meeting by leading the group in the pledge to the American Flag.

The State Auxiliary membership, is presently 1026, 81 auxiliaries with 43 groups representing 100% membership.

Mrs. John Stafford, Waldron was awarded the door prize which was a cake designed in the shape and color of a school bus.

Next meeting will be at Taylorsville on November 18 at 6:30.

Louis Hamilton and Bob Harrison of Greensburg, provided the musical entertainment program for the evening.

Contest pertaining to school were held and prizes were awarded to different ones attending.

Mrs. Leonard Schoetlmer closed the meeting with prayer.

RALEIGH AUXILIARY

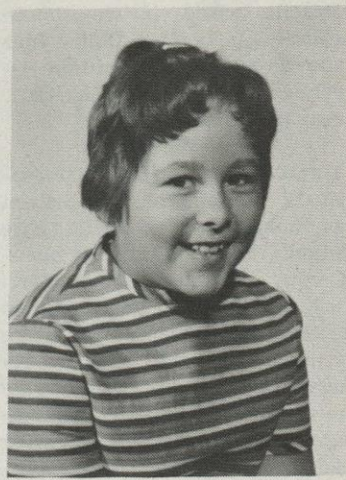
The Raleigh Firemen's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Bernard Ronnebaum Thursday evening, September 12th. Mrs. Dorsey Poer, president, opened the meeting reading a poem, "The Wild Trail". Devotions were given by reading two articles from "Spiritual Pathways" and prayer by Mrs. Crull.

Pledge to the flag was given, followed by the group singing "God Bless America". Roll call was answered with a response of "Where I Started to School". Minutes of the last meeting were given by the secretary-treasurer's report approved and cheer fund taken.

In old business the auxiliary voted to give \$200 on the cost of painting the fire house. Letters were read from the Mental Health Association and March of Dimes.

Benediction by the Chaplain closed the meeting. The hostess and assisting hostess, Delores McBride, served delicious refreshments to thirteen members and two guests.

Thelma Lester, Secretary

10-Year Old Goodland Girl Writes "Fire Prevention" Essay

Miss Cindy Hall, 10-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hall of Goodland, Indiana, entered a contest through her 4-H Club and was sponsored by the Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.

She entered a scrapbook consisting of inspections of 10 barns and 10 homes, newspaper clippings of fires, pictures of herself and fire hazards with the hazards listed and the correction for prevention listed under each picture.

The following essay was contained in a scrapbook, along with an article from the Goodland Fire Auxiliary president stating that the essay had been given before the group, and with it a note of thanks.

A good deal of time and energy was put into this project, according to a letter from her mother which accompanied the essay. It was submitted August 5th and Cindy received word on September 24th that she had won first prize in the girl's division in Newton county. Her award was a \$25.00 war bond.

Mr. Hall is a member of the Goodland Volunteer Fire Department, and Mrs. Hall belongs to the Auxiliary. They are very active in their respective departments, and were quite proud of the accomplishments of their daughter in writing a winning essay. It is as follows:

FIRE PREVENTION BY INSPECTION

Fires do not just happen, they are caused by neglect and carelessness.

Through my fire inspections and various things, I have had to do this for this project, I have become more alert and aware of the things that cause and prevent fires. To me this is the most important thing I learned.

Inspecting houses and barns was no easy thing. I first got permission and then started my task, I found in most cases, the places I inspected were nearly fireproof, but always they seemed to slip up on 2 or 3 points. I tried to suggest ways they might correct them through what I have learned by reading and questioning and seeing ways other people do. Almost everyone said they would try to get the hazards corrected, and later it proved they did.

The pictures in my scrap book show some very interesting things I found during my study, all taken of 2 different places. Carelessness, I would say is the biggest hazard and cause of fires.

In searching through the newspaper, I found many pictures and articles on fires. The numbers of fires each day was many. There again carelessness on someones part seemed to be the main reason for the fires. Many dollars, hard hours of labor and a lot of worry would have been saved in most cases if they would only take a little time in removing the hazardous causes and if they would keep their eyes open.

The final thing I learned in

this project also surprised me. Many homes did not have any fire extinguisher on hand or not charged up!

Even more surprising was the number of people that had them and did not know how to use them unless they read the directions before using them. It really only takes a few minutes to learn, where to place them so they would be handy in case of a fire, and then check them once a week.

I hope I may have helped at least a few people through my fire inspection project. I know I have learned a lot from it and I also found it most interesting as well as fun and profitable.

Cindy Hall
Goodland, Ind.

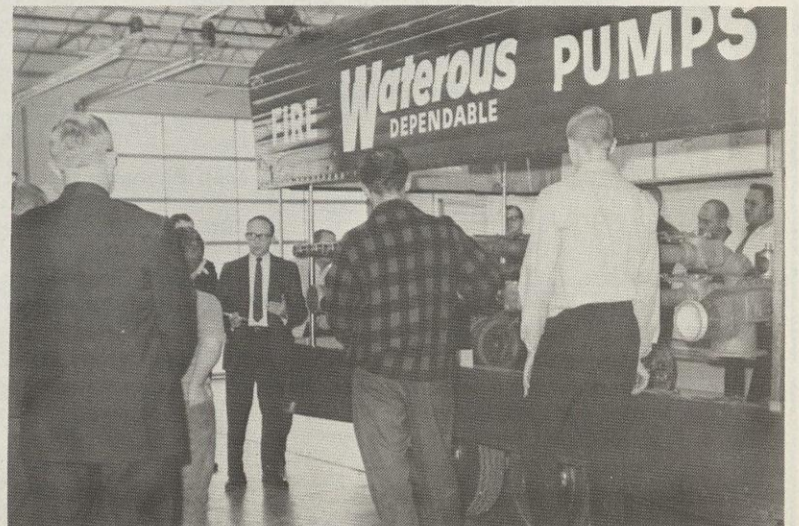
ANNUAL ELECTION OF KENT VOLUNTEERS

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department of Kent, Indiana, elected officers for 1969 at its annual election October 22nd. Roy "Pete" Meier was elected president with Burlyn Jackson as vice president and Herbert Sloan, secretary-treasurer.

Engineer is Foster Chitwood, Messenger, Harold Thompson and Chaplain is W. J. Guthrie.

Fire Chief for the coming year is Herman Barkemeyer, Jr. with Donald W. Shelley serving as Assistant Chief.

Directors chosen to serve three year terms were Ray Smith, James Lynch, and Donald Abbott.

Francesville Host 9B Pump School

Francesville and their chief Edmund Weaver were hosts of District 9B at a Fire Pump School on Sunday, November 3rd. Forty firemen and their wives attended the affair with guests, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steiger, Past IVFA President, Mr. Ray Lester, State Sargeant-at-Arms and his wife, Thelma, State Auxiliary Chaplain, Mr. Paul Fairfield District 6 Chairman and Ruth Fairfield, immediate Past President of the Auxiliary, Mr. Stanley Konefsky, P.R.N.W.

The program was opened by Chief Weaver with introduction of guests followed by an invocation given by Mrs. Thelma Lester. The ladies were then excused so that they might attend the film "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner", as special guests of the local Theater.

The firemen then enjoyed a lecture and demonstration on the internal workings of a fire pump presented by the Waterous Company, Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Waterous Mobil Demonstrator is a trailer unit, 17 foot long by 8 foot wide on which are mounted six waterous centrifugal fire

pumps for display, demonstration, and training.

The pumps shown in the trailer are: A CPK-2, power take-off driven booster pump; a cutaway, CPK-3, power take-off driven, 2-stage, booster pump; a cutaway CPT-4 1000 PSI, 4-stage, high pressure pump; a cutaway CGRF-750 Gpm, front mount pump; a CJMBR-1500 Gpm, 2-stage series-parallel, midship pump; and a cutaway CMB-1000 Gpm, 2-stage, series-parallel, midship pump. The firemen were given an opportunity to closely inspect and operate these pumps. Following this the men assembled outside where demonstration on a portable Floto-Pump was set up in a portable water tank.

Immediately following the Fire Pump School and picture show, a lunch was served by the host Francesville Fire Department at their station.

Congratulations to Chief Weaver and his department on a fine program. This was well received, but it is a shame that more firemen did not take advantage of this fine demonstration and attend.

Still Dedicated after 41 Years

Left to right: Sabe Halsema and Richard G. Seward, Assistant Chief

Two members of the Monon Volunteer Fire Department have each completed 41 years of service as volunteers on the department. Mr. Sabe Halsema, who over the years has served as Chief and Assistant Chief, and Mr. Richard G. Seward, Past Chief and now Assistant Chief of

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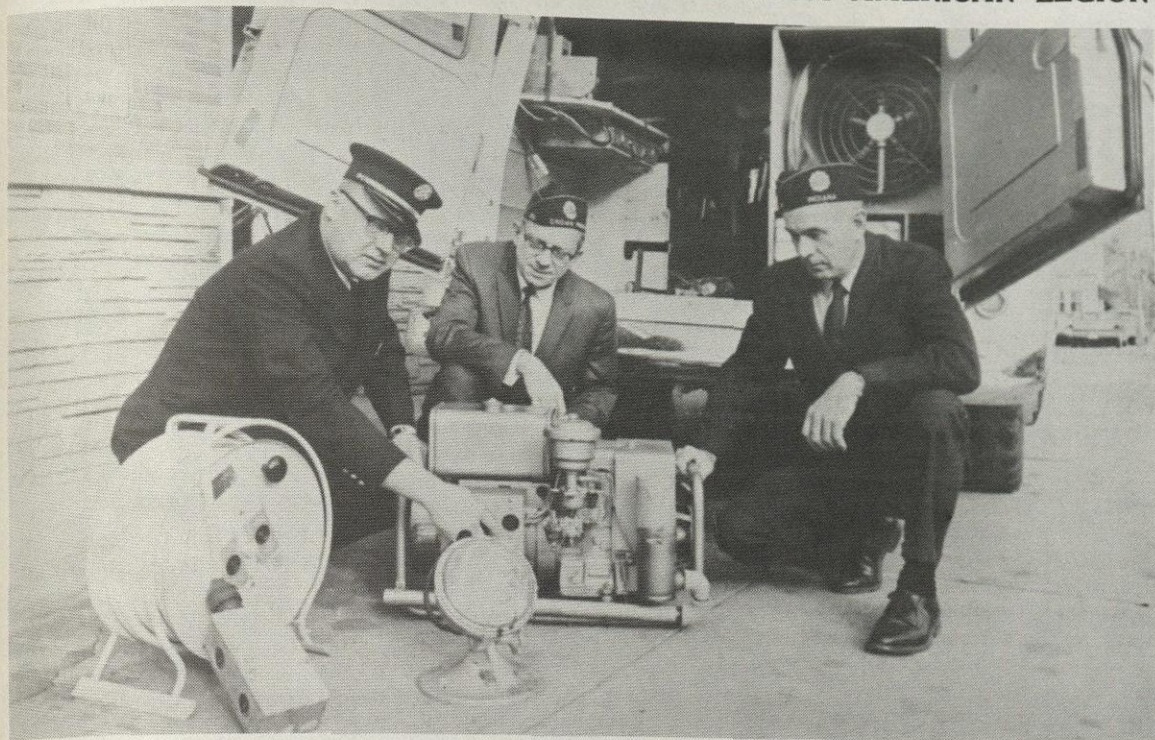
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Letter To The Editor

October 6, 1968

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman
P. O. Box 437
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Dear Sir:

In your recent issue of the Volunteer Fireman I read the article about Anhydrous Ammonia. The last Saturday of April our Volunteer Company made a run to Circleville to help wash away about 10,000 gallons of Anhydrous Ammonia. I got several lungs full of ammonia and all of May I doctored my throat and bronchial tubes. During this time I began to shake. The shaking continued until I shook all over and was hospitalized June 15 at Methodist hospital in Indianapolis. I was there for 16 days and then home six weeks and went to Bluffton Clinic and they immediately put me in the clinic hospital. I was there another five weeks.

Now my question is—has there been any cases of men getting Anhydrous Ammonia and having

trouble shaking, my thyroid went way out of balance (very active). I am still going every two weeks back to the clinic to see the Doctor.

Would you let me know if others have shaken and if they have had any trouble with their thyroid following exposure to Anhydrous Ammonia.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. R. Neil Anderson

P. S. The Doctor doesn't know if the Anhydrous Ammonia could cause this or not. Some think yes, others question it.

P. S. I am a member of Forest Volunteer Fire Department.

SUBJECTS FOR WINTER DRILLS OBJECTIVE

The following is designed to provide ideas to be used inside drill sessions during the winter months. The subjects might sound a bit familiar to some of the readers.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

A. Plan your winter sessions now, using the following subjects. Each of the items listed could cover more than one drill session. Assign each officer in the department one of these subjects for his presentation to the department. Outside drills could also be coordinated with these subjects, as the weather permits.

1. The use of gas masks
2. Hose and ladder evolutions
3. Salvage practices
4. Ventilation
5. Use of power tools
6. Structural fire fighting
7. Flammable liquid fire fighting
8. Safe use and fire control of L. P. G.
9. Fire fighting tactics
10. Arson detection
11. Handling special fires
12. The use of automatic detection and protection devices
13. The principle of leadership
14. A survey of your fire defenses
15. Staff and command operations in your department
16. First Aid courses and refreshers. Outside help if at all possible. A. RC.
17. Civil Defense courses, Survival Course, Medical Self Help, Radiological Monitoring and Rescue. These courses can be had through your County Civil Defense, Coordinator or State Adult Education Office, Indianapolis.
18. Continue pump operation practices during the winter months.
19. Officers 16 hour course, contact State Fire Marshal's Office.

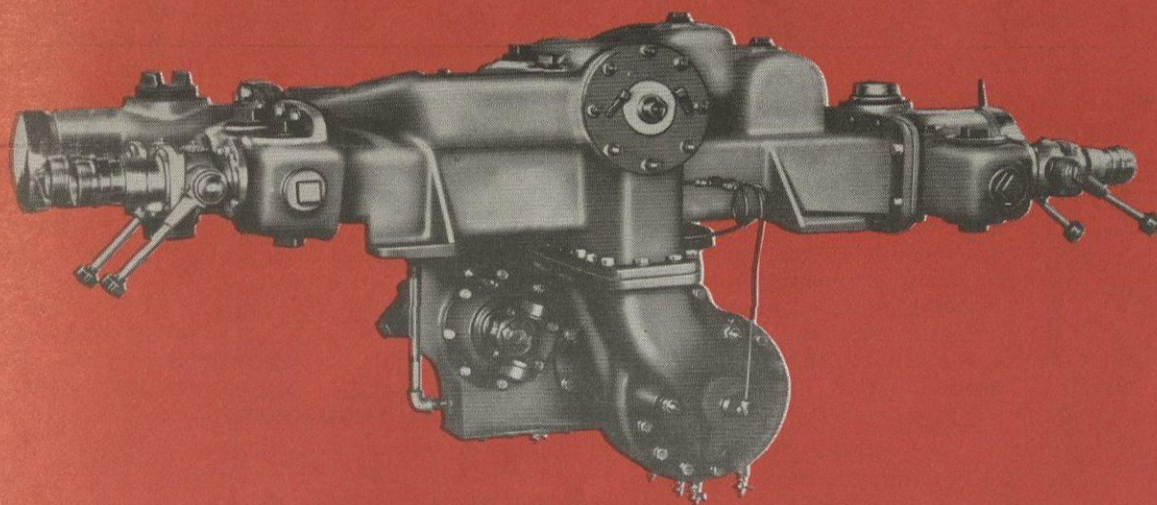
B. Don't pass up a drill session because "we know it all" or because "we don't know what to talk about".

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Jasper Host Parade and Miss Flame Contest



The above picture is a group of all the girls as Miss Flame, representing the 18th District in the Fire Prevention Parade which was held October 13th in Jasper, Indiana. Jasper was the host for this parade which was termed a huge success. A big hand to Mr. Ray Gungelman, Chairman of the parade.

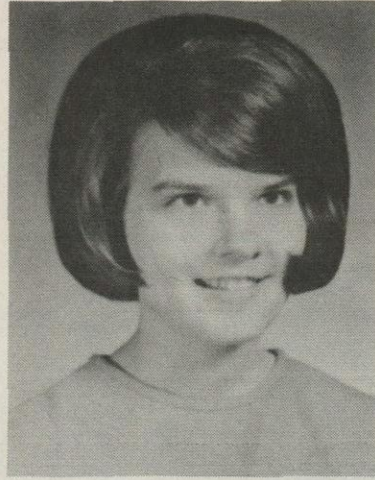


The above picture shows Miss Flame and her attendants. Miss Flame, representing Jasper as Miss Gail Kiefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kiefer, her attendants were Martha Knebel and Carla Knebel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knebel.



A 1927 Fire Truck which was donated to the Jasper Fire Department by Mr. Carl Wallace and Mr. Albert Rudolph. This truck will be used in parades such as this.

CHOSEN MISS FLAME



Miss Rita Niehaus

Miss Rita Niehaus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amil B. Niehaus of St. Meinrad, was chosen "Miss Flame" of the 18th Indiana District Volunteer Firemen's Association at the climax of a parade held in Jasper recently.

Miss Niehaus, chosen as Miss Flame of the 18th Indiana District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, will represent the district at the state convention of the volunteer firemen at Warsaw. Miss Debbie Parteneheimer, of Holland, was the first runner-up and Miss Susie Kalb of Dubois was the second runner up.

A total of ten girls representing that many fire departments which took part in the parade that climaxed a week's observance of Fire Prevention Week, participated in the contest and rode in open convertibles along the parade route.

The queen was presented with a bouquet of long-stemmed roses by Ray Gungelman of the host Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, who was chairman of the parade committee. The new queen was crowned by Miss Debbie Lueken of Ferdinand, last year's winner of the district Miss Flame contest.

Communities represented in the parade were Dubois, Ferdinand, Haysville, Holland, Huntingburg, Jasper, Madison Township, Schnellville, St. Anthony and St. Meinrad.

Judges in the Miss Flame contest were Father Jerome Neufelder, Mrs. Robert Gungelman, Miss Paula Wuchner, Jack Brandt and Dave Eckerle.

Hundreds of persons lined the parade route, some bringing folding chairs from their homes.

In addition to fire engines,

some of ancient vintage, that took part in the parade, the event featured the marching Jasper High School Band and the American Legion VFW color guards.

"Butch" McGill Hero In Kittie Rescue

In a recent trip to southern Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lester visited the Dana Fireman's Festival. They were honored guests of "Butch" McGill and his wife. At 6:00 A. M. Butch was suddenly awakened by a lady who called to have her Kittie rescued from a tree. Being a very conscientious fireman, "Butch" aroused Mr. Lester from bed and with the utmost speed responded to the rescue call. Can you imagine the sight the neighbors must have seen as a bleary eyed Ray braced the ladder for our hero? And can you imagine the conversation between the two as "Butch", our hero climbed hand over hand up the tree to rescue the Kitty? Now we must not forget the assistant hero Mr. Lester who encouragingly shouted "Hey Butch, the best way to get a kitty out of the tree is to shoot it, or better yet why not use the 1 1/2" and blow him out." So went the conversation as "Butch" climbed higher and the Kitty growled louder. Our hero finally reached the clawing Kitty and proceeded down. Upon reaching good old Mother earth "Butch" turned to Ray with those early morning blood shot eyes and both men understood the silent message, if the lady only had a little patience, the kitten would finally come down on its own.

So goes the life of a Volunteer Fireman from Dana and his guest. Surely everyone realizes that these two men are as dedicated "Volunteer Hero's" as you will find.

NEW STATION STARTED

The Goodland, Indiana Volunteer Fire Department has started its new fire hall building recently, and it is hoped to have it completed in the very near future.

NOTICE
New Postal Regulations require the ZIP CODE on all mail that is to be handled by the Post Office Department in the future.

Cal. Court Reverse Two Fire Fighter Awards

California's State Supreme Court has just ruled that the widow of a San Francisco fireman who died of lung cancer should receive a \$17,500 death benefit because his death was connected with his work.

The decision is expected by insurance industry observers here to have a "significant effect" on fire fighter claims for workmen's compensation.

The lung cancer victim was Arthur McAllister, who died in 1966 after 32 years with the San Francisco fire department.

McAllister's widow applied for the \$17,500 benefit, the maximum the law permits, and a state referee ruled that the payment should be awarded. The Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board reversed this ruling.

The Appeals Board ruled that the physician who testified in Mrs. McAllister's behalf had only said that the fireman's inhalation of smoke had been the "probable" cause of the cancer. McAllister, it was reported at the hearing, had smoked at least a pack of cigarets a day.

Justice Matthew O. Tobriner, who wrote the court opinion, said that "in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, probability is enough. As for the cigarette smoking, it may have contributed to his cancer, but so did his fire fighting.

"It is a long-standing rule," Justice Tobriner said, "that a disability may be termed industrial, even if the working conditions only contributed to the disability."

Mrs. McAllister was represented in her appeal to the Supreme Court by San Mateo attorney Joseph W. Cotchett.

In another decision of major importance to the insurance industry, the State Supreme Court reversed a \$1,045,000 verdict in six combined damage suits arising from a 1962 forest fire in northern California's Mariposa County.

In this decision, the Court enunciated for the first time in California a rule that a fire fighter cannot collect damages from the person whose negligence caused the fire he may have been injured in.

Winner, in this case, was the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., whose damaged power line was found by a San Francisco Superior Court jury to have been responsible for the 1962 forest fire.

PG&E had been directed to pay \$1,045,000 to two injured firemen and to the widows of four other firemen. The Court of Appeal, reversing the award, adopted what lawyers call the "fireman's rule."

The decision by the State Court of Appeal quoted a recent New Jersey decision that "probably most fires are attributable to negligence . . ." and ". . . it would be too burdensome to charge all who carelessly cause or fail to prevent fires, with the injuries suffered by the expert retained with public funds to deal with those occurrences.

"Hence", the New Jersey decision continued, "for that risk the fireman should receive appropriate compensation from the public he serves, both in pay which reflects the hazard, and in workmen's compensation benefits for the consequences of the inherent risks of the calling."

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