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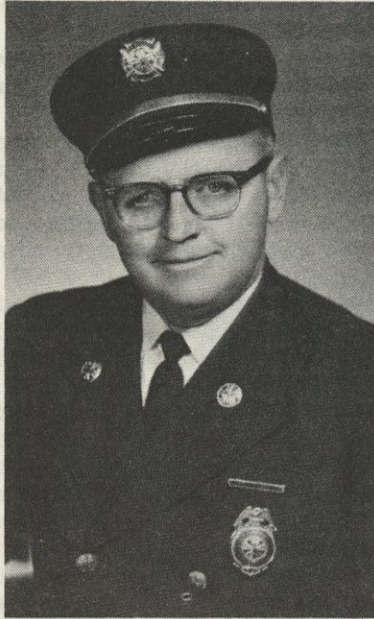
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As I approach the half way mark of our year as your President, I must say it has been quite an education. The frustrations have been many, the disappointments have been heavy to bear at times, but the rewards and experiences have more than made up for all of the problems.

Many miles were driven, long hours were spent in finding a convention site for 1970 but I honestly believe the worry and the wait was worth it. I am sure that Carlos Jeffries, Don Hurst and District 10 are going to give us one of our finest conventions ever in Shelbyville next June. The accommodations look real fine, the enthusiasm is great, it is centrally located, and the Shelbyville welcome mat is out. Plan now to attend. I have appointed Bob Suber of Acton as games chairman. I'm sure he will do a great job and will have some surprises for you.

It was with a very heavy heart that we traveled to Koontz Lake to pay our respects to a man that has done so much for IVFA. Harry Fries always had the association at the top of the list in the wonderful life he lived. His mark on IVFA will live on forever. To his partner and devoted wife, Kathryn we extend our deepest sympathy.

Our Vice-President, Bill Engle is now on the mend from a very serious illness.

The news that hit like a bomb from the Fire Marshal's office was very disturbing and created problems for many of you. This action should force each and every one of us to pledge to redouble our efforts in legislative

Death Claims Harry Fries

work, to put the Fire Marshal's office on a basis of being able to provide the service our great state is entitled to. Let us hope that the people responsible for this action assume their responsibility in its reorganization.

Much time and effort is put forth each year in making training available to you, the firemen of Indiana. We have the responsibility to furnish the best fire protection to our people. Are we doing this? Is your department assuming its responsibility?

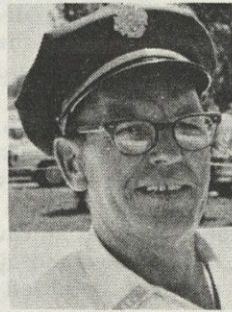
We were very impressed with the graduation of over 120 new Volunteer Firemen from comprehensive Fire School in Wayne Township Marion County. Many communities could take a lesson from this very fine department.

The membership is now over the 10,000 mark. This was only possible because of many hours of hard work by the finest group of officers a President ever had the privilege of working with.

As we enter into the Holiday Season let us redouble our efforts to take care of our fellow man.

It seems that time is a thing we never have enough of and since we can't get out to see all of you, Janet and I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you, and all of those dear to you, The Merriest of Christmases and the most prosperous New Year of all.

A Tribute to Harry Fries



JACK FORD

TO OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IVFA
Gentlemen:

Death to well known and hard working ex-state officers has come only three times so far in this area since incorporation. First it was Glen Bare.

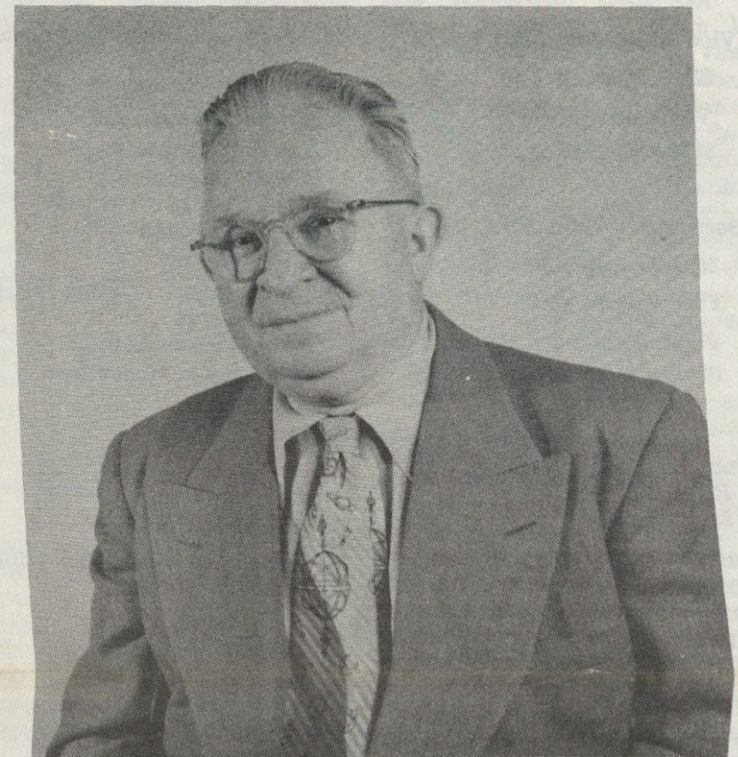
He was the Sargeant at Arms and a very hard worker. Some probably remember him as being honored for some time with the Glen Bare traveling Trophy for water-ball at our conventions. Second was Francis McBane a past president with a flair for the uncanny ability of getting things done with the least amount of discomfort to all and even making them like it. He was a hard working officer and traveled the state getting things done. These gentlemen and all the others prepared the way for the IVFA of today.

The latest member of this hard working group passed away on October 29th. There have been men that held the same office as the deceased both before and after he did. Even they will agree that He did one great job and placed the IVFA many years ahead with his unflinching work and doggedness in getting the job done. He has left in the office of secretary a symbol to be recorded with and to uphold. This, one could sense when entering the front door of the funeral home and then walking by the casket and seeing the many friends and relatives. They had true sorrow for the death but also a true appreciation of the man himself and all that he did and stood for during his life here on earth. Among the men assembled here, there was no difference between fellow postal worker, volunteer fireman, friend or relative. They all had one purpose to honor and thank this man for the contribution that he had given them all.

To the State Officers in attendance as well as the firemen of Koontz Lake his foremost object was to convey to the family and friends, as well as the whole outside world, that here was a man worthy of knowing and honoring as they did. Yes, the firemen came from all over the community as well as all over the state. Those that were unable to attend I am sure were there in spirit. All with one purpose, and that to pay their last respects to this man and his family.

His Fire Department helped all they could to make his last days on earth as pleasant as possible and to ease the burden on the faithful and ever loving

Long Time IVFA Secretary



Harry L. Fries, 76, rural route 3, (Koontz Lake) Walkerton died Sunday, October 26th. He was born August 1, 1893 in Chicago, Illinois and went to the Koontz Lake area 32 years ago.

He was married on April 21, 1914 to Catherine Hendricks, in Chicago, who survives. He was a retired supervisor of the Englewood Post Office at Chicago, and was a former correspondent for the Independent News and the Plymouth Pilot. He was a member of the St. Patrick's Church, Walkerton; past secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and was a past secretary of the Oregon-Davis fire department. He was a former secretary of the Koontz Lake Conservation

Club and the County Council of Conservation.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Harry J. Fries of Chicago and Leonard R. Fries of Tinley Park, Illinois; one daughter, Mrs. Joan C. Lowman of San Antonio, Texas; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a. m. on Wednesday at the St. Patrick's Catholic church in Walkerton with Rev. Anthony Letko officiating. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

The rosary was recited on Tuesday evening at the Rannels Funeral Home in Hamlet and the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association's Chaplain Duane Lantz held a Memorial Service.

wife, who insisted on taking care of him herself. Yes, we all at one time or another thought that we should visit him, but just never got around to making that last visit. I feel quite sure that this man as busy as he was during his time was also pressed for time as we are and would be the last to censor any one for not making that last visit. Time simply runs out on all of us and we should not fret on the time

that has passed but try to make the time in the future do all it can for us. I too was guilty of this good intention that never did happen.

The IVFA has at this time some 10,100 paid members with an outstanding unpaid membership of about 1,000, and certainly this is a tribute to this man. When he was secretary the whole membership of IVFA (Continued on Page 8)

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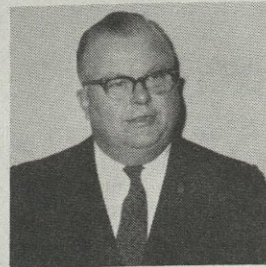
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF IVFA

Once again the holiday season is upon us and I suppose that each of us in our own way is not as ready for it as last year. Yes, the chance to do more things and the fast changing times have led us down that road to never getting everything done that we want. This year the Ford Family wishes the Best Ever of Holiday Greetings to everyone in the IVFA. We wish that your turkey, ham and dressing is much better than last year—Santa has to hire a truck to fill your stockings—and the Grace of God fills you and your families with all the goodness possible throughout the coming year.

November 22th will find the radio and television promotion we have so long talked about in the mail. Give the stations time to consider and schedule the information and then expect to see and hear it. We know that one can catch more flies with sugar etc. Well you can catch the fancy of the broadcasters too with just a little card of thanks for their cooperation. This I would say is a must to keep this program going. A lot of work has gone into this and just a little help from each of you directed to the broadcaster will insure its success. If one does not see or hear it in your area then that too should be brought to the attention of the broadcaster and ask why. Not just one station in an area is enough. All should air at some time or other. Please be reminded that this is not a saturation program it is just a good steady plug. Don't look for it on all the time just at infrequent intervals. We are figuring on changing copy every three months so that it will again call for a renewed thanks for assisting in our program. The ground work has been done now the success or failure of it all is up to the membership as to how they react to these efforts. This is one job George cannot do all by his self, he wants your help.

Another items that comes to mind right now is the turn over of personnel of the individual fire departments throughout the state. I have stated for years that this turn over will come to 250 each year. This has been real short, as this year I am keeping track as best I can, and have so far come up with more than 500. That means we have to get 500 new members in the IVFA just to keep even in total membership each year. Then add the steady increase in membership that we enjoy each year and we come up with a figure that will amaze the most ardent admirer of the IVFA. Now who is taking the blunt of this burden—only the local department. They must recruit men in their locality to replace those that do drop out. Yes, there are a number of very good reasons for dropping out, and I am sure that some drop out not for any one of them at all. This however does not change the problem at all. The main problem is; what does one offer to the volunteer firemen to belong to the fire department. The prospect of being thanked for getting out of bed in the middle of the night will not appeal to many as will the thrill of getting cats out of trees appeal to the rest. Yes, this is a most ridiculous comparison but the idea stil remains, what do you have to offer.

With people moving from the



YOUR CHAPLAIN DUANE LANTZ:



As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies. "Blessed are thou who give without remembering and receive without forgetting."

How often we are inclined to dwell upon the things we do to help others and perhaps feel we are not appreciated as we should be! A better practice is to count the blessing that come our way and be thankful for them. Some of the chaplains blessings for this year were; my many kind friends, return of my son from Viet Nam, a son-in-law into our family, a loving wife and family. Most of us have many things we take for granted and neglect to be thankful for them. Are we really thankful for freedom to worship God and to do so in the way we choose.

In this world we see so much suffering and want, we can show our thankfulness by helping others who are in need. It has been said that a kind word or deed is the sign of a grateful heart.

Last year all of our children were home for Christmas morning except our son overseas. Our daughter prepared a small church service with parts for everyone in the family. We gathered around the dining room table and each took a part in worshipping the Christ-child. Try this at your house and you will find it more rewarding than all of your presents.

Our heavenly Father presented His supreme gift in a stable and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths. It was impossible, and would have served no purpose, to find an abode and wrappings that could begin to approach the value of His gift.

It is just as impossible for God to find hearts and lives pure and beautiful enough for His divine abode. Some deny Him admittance because they confess their lives are too impure for so great a gift.

The good news is that God does not demand a worthy life: He asks for a repentant heart and faith to believe in Him, to open the door of the heart and invite Christ in.

Prayer: Dear God, we turn to thee with thankful hearts and praise. Thee in words for all thy goodness toward us. Help us to express out thanks also by helping others in every way we can, in Jesus' name we pray.

To every volunteer fireman and his wife and to every body in our fair state of Indiana a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

In Memoriam

Carl Kleins—Franklin Township, Acton
Herman Dierkes — Decatur
Glen Bell — Mexico
Richard Clark — Porter
John Huppenthal — Schererville
George Hendriks — Madison Township
Elmer E. Beck — Chesterton
Henry Radiger — Chesterton
Harry Fries — Koontz Lake
William Oren — Gas City

large cities to the smaller ones, they are moving into the volunteers territory. For each family that moves it creates an added burden for the volunteer department. An added burden means more help needed and once again we are right back to—what do we have to offer a recruit?

Seems that all we can do is appeal to the mans sense of Charity towards his fellowman. This is indeed strong in some and very hard to uncover in others, but please do not dismay as we all have it buried in us somewhere. However we can not wait til someday. The time and need is now.

So the next time someone says that the local firemen are doing a fine job believe it with all that is in you. If you think that finding some 500 men each year is easy, especially 500 with only the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping their fellowman in trouble as a reward. One thing we have to keep from them as they will find out soon enough, is how many hours they have to spend in training, maintaining and the many other jobs that require time to be ready for that occasion when one can help his fellowmen.

Well, we have brought enough to the minds of the recruitable

people, now we had better quit or we won't get anyone to help.

Once again thank you for the many favors granted this office and we wish all the best of the New Year and this Holiday Time.

Respectfully,
J. T. Ford, Secy.

SIXTH DISTRICT ENJOYS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Once again the Sixth District descended on Wolcottville to hold its annual picnic. As in the past, there was a terrific turnout. Somehow food has a way of getting people there. After enjoying the delicious potluck, the afternoon was spent playing waterball with plenty of action from both men and ladies teams. Our special thanks go to Chief Ray Eisman and his wife and the other members of the Wolcottville Department who put in so much work to make this annual event the success it is.

Convention Films Now Available . . .

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

The August meeting was held the 20th at the Ainsworth-Deep River Fire station. Fifty-five men from 17 departments answered roll call. Guests present were, Verne Konopasek, Treasurer; Duane Lantz, Chaplain and Harold King, Public Relations NW.

Chaplain Lantz led a memorial service in respect to Alan Cooper of Merrillville who passed away August 7th.

A demonstration was held in back of the station. This was presented by Stan Konefsy, distributor for W. S. Darley Co., and men of the host department of their new Darley grass fire truck that was delivered to them that afternoon.

Lake Hills won the monthly traveling attendance trophy with nine men present. This year's trophy was donated by Comays of Gary.

Treasurer Konopasek (Mr. IVFA 1969) gave the latest financial report of the association and discussed a resolution to have the convention city picked 2 years in advance. The resolution was then voted on and approved.

Chaplain Lantz reported on the news from his office and the Districts 1 and 2 picnic at Shelby and the tour taken thru the local sunshine resort.

A history of the host department was given by their Chief Herman Buchfuehrer.

The meeting was adjourned and the convention film was shown and a delicious lunch was served by the Ainsworth-Deep River Auxiliary.

The September meeting was held the 17th at the Beverly Shores Fire Station. Roll call was answered by 56 men from 16 departments. Guests present were: Verne Konopasek, Treasurer; Duane Lantz, Chaplain; Harold King, Public Relations NW; John Kustron, Past President and Thomas Hayes of The Reliable Fire Equipment Co.

Treasurer Konopasek gave an association financial report and discussed a resolution for the public relations men to be nominated and voted on only by the area that they represent. The resolution as presented was to be reworded and brought up at the next meeting.

Chaplain Lantz conducted a memorial service in memory of Richard Clark of the Porter Department who was killed in an auto accident September 14th.

Harold King gave a report on the news from the other districts in his area.

A second place 1968-69 attendance plaque was presented to the Griffith Department.

We were glad to have District 2 Chairman Emil Zula back after his hectic trip to California in August — better luck next time Emil.

Tom Hayes then showed a film on the uses of high expansion foam and with the aid of the men of the host Department gave an interesting demonstration of the foam on a gasoline and tire fire in back of the station.

Chief William Stanley told about his department and his men served lunch.

Bob Esserman
Dist. 1 Chairman

10TH DISTRICT NEWS

The 10th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association meeting was held at the Hartsville Fire Station Thursday night, September 18th. Approximately sixty-five firemen and

guests from sixteen departments attended reporting twenty-two Fire, Mutual Aid, and Emergency Runs since the August meeting. Guests included Bob McDonald, Midwest representative, from Indianapolis, Forrest Lowden Director of the Burney Fire Department, and the immediate past State President of the IVFA, Carlos Jeffries of Fountaintown.

District Chairman Donn Hurst of St. Paul and Past President Jeffries gave a report on the upcoming 1970 State IVFA Convention.

Host Fire Chief Don Hedricks gave a report on the new addition to the Hartsville Fire Station and a new Tanker Fire Truck.

The door prize of a Fire Hatchet, presented by Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment Co. and its representative, Bob McDonald, was won by fireman Ralph Streeval of Marietta.

The host department showed a movie from the Sinclair Refining Company entitled "Miracle in Paradise Valley" which pertained to farm safety.

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

11TH DISTRICT

The 11th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen Association met at the Coalmont Fire House with the Hymera Fire Department as Co-hostess. After a delicious dinner and a pretty decorated cake saying "Welcome to the 11th District", Chairman McGill called the meeting to order. Fifteen Departments answered roll call. Two guests were present, Sgt.-of-Arms, Ray Lester and Jack Allen, Fire Chief from Linton Fire Department. Mr. Allen commented on their new Squirt which Linton purchased a few months ago. Jasonville also brought their new truck over so we could all see it.

The Pimento Fire Department was presented with an award for the best attendant to District meetings for last year.

The meeting was dismissed by Chaplain Pete King.

Next meeting will be at Fillmore Fire House.

We have had several Fish Frys and Chicken suppers in our District.

Fairview Volunteer Firemen will have their annual Firemen Ball November 15th.

Charles "Butch" McGill
11th District Chairman

16TH DISTRICT

District 16 held its District meeting November 4 at New Middletown at 8:00 p. m. with 35 members present.

Guest speaker for the evening was Chester Melton, Floyd County Deputy Sheriff. He gave a short talk on the State Statue pertaining to the use of blue lights, siren, speeds of vehicles and right of ways.

Election of officers was held with the following men elected: Chairman, Gilbert Leist
Asst. Chairman, Louis Becht
Sec.-Treas. Paul Kraft

Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of New Middletown.

The next meeting will be held at New Albany Township Volunteer Fire Department on January 6, at 8:00 P. M.

Gil Leist

Thank You From Mrs. Fries

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the kindness of sympathy for the beautiful Holy Bible and Floral tribute, and very thoughtful personal Memorial Service extended by the Chaplain, Duane Lantz of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association.

A special thank you to all the State Officers for their kind remembrance to Harry and also to our local Fire Department of Koontz Lake for all the help they have given to Harry and myself all through his illness. I shall always be very grateful to each and everyone who thought so very much of Harry.

Ever so grateful,
Catherine R. Fries
and children

Public Relations North West

As your Public Relations NW I am pleased to say I have had many invitations to attend District meetings. District 9A, 9B, 1 and 2, Etc, and I have attended and answered a few questions, and enjoyed the fellowship of many firemen.

District 1 and 2 held their meeting at Deep River and Beverly Shores District 4, at Wyatt, and I have attended all of District 3 meetings.

Charles Sutton, Ed Weaver, Bob Esserman, Emil Zula, Charles Gardner and Norman Crocker all have been very busy getting things organized since convention.

I have been attending Department meetings also on invitation. What wonderful Fire Apparatus at these Departments, and good man power to do a good job.

We are still hoping for better attendance at District meetings, and each Chairman has been coming up with some very good ideas. This is one way of being on the ball.

We at Scipio Township lost a big cattle barn and several head of milking cows. Now that Fire Prevention Week has passed let us remind ourselves and our public to practice Fire Prevention 52 weeks a year.

Our rains have kept our grass fires down and this is good.

I vote for every officer to have

WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIREMEN HELD OCTOBER 18 GRADUATION

The Wayne township volunteer fire department graduated its largest class in history Saturday, October 8. Ceremonies, included a dinner dance at 6 p. m. at the UAW hall, 2320 South Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, for 125 firemen from central Indiana who had completed the 7-week fire course sponsored by the Wayne township volunteers.

Firemen who have completed the standard course and their departments are as follows, including men from Eel River township and North Salem fire department. Men from Cartersburg and Hazelwood fire departments completed the advanced course.

From Wayne township Co. 3, Jerry Buher, Joseph Hankins and Jim Flanigan; Wayne township Co. 4, Karlin Fatch, Turney Meadows, Robert Scaggs, Linda Wineman, Lester Archer and Virginia Harold; Wayne township Co. 5, Edward C. Moore, Jr., Sherrie Moore, Barbara Shoaf, William Durham and Roger Bligan.

From Wayne township Co. 6, Bill Ball, Noel G. Thompson, Ronald Davis, Duane Smith, Ronnie Heflin, Daniel Norrick, Dallas Minton and William E. Moore; Wayne township Co. 7, Carter Huff, Leonard Pence, Jr., Orville Meyers, Jerry Lee Bush, Paul Mellinger and David Bellinger; Wayne township Co. 8, Larry Curl, Don Johnson III, Dewey Wood, David Willis, Don Dehart and O. T. Anderson.

Men from Co. 9, Wayne township are John Mulry, Michael Lenz, Donald Ray Wittman, Charles Corya, Paul David Poland, Mike Estridge, Russell Baxter and Chess Hearon; from Co. 14, Wayne township, Homer Morganson, Bernice Sircy, Mark Allen Jones, Randy Hamilton, Raymond Eaker, Fred Cloud, Patsy Moore and Peggy Shelley.

Those from Bargersville fire department are Dale Donahue and Bobbie Lee Burton; from Weir Cook airport, Thomas Alte; from Acton fire department,

a item for each edition of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman. What say men!

Harold L. King P. L. N. W.

James Utley.

From Eel River township, Hendricks county, are Leon Edwards, Steve Clark, Greg Bowden, Gerald Cougar, Larry Page, Darrell Davidson and Bob Russell, and from North Salem fire department, Harvey C. Chastain.

Those from Paragon fire department included Ben Lopossa, Gary Vickery, O. A. Storch, M. G. Guy, Jr., S. Gene Robinson and Richard L. Finney; Kenneth Morgan from Bakalar Air Force base; Don Cory, Robert Wehrman, Art Barr and William Cecil, White River township fire department.

Firemen who have completed the advanced course included Jack Winkler, Robert Koehn, Jerry Buher, Joseph Hankins and Jim Henniger, all from Co. 3, Wayne township; Robert Scaggs, Lester Archer and William Wakefield, from Co. 4, Wayne township; William E. Tull, Morris Shoaf, Cecil Vansardale and Barbara Shoaf, Wayne township Co. 5; Charles Hefflin, Billie G. Long, Carl Lowe, Wayman Waites, Thomas Annes, Ronald Davis, Stanley Warren and Gary Crawford, from Co. 6, Wayne township; and Dave Mellinger, Paul Mellinger, Gerald St. John, Leonard Pence, Jr. and Orville Meyers, from Wayne township Co. 7.

Those from Co. 10, Wayne township are David Fleck and Norman Hause; George Schakel and Mackey Moore from Wayne township Co. 14.

From the Cartersburg fire department are Ronald Tharp, Robert Phillips, William Johnson, Harold Vangundy and Robert Bloomer; from Hazelwood fire department, William Kershaw, Donald Lippincott, S. J. Salsman, Dale Armour and Edward Nelson.

Others are Robert Crouch, F. M. C. Corporation, Link Belt division; Edward Harold, Federal Aviation Agency; Kenneth Morgan from Bakalar Air Force Base; David Kleeman, Thomas Alte and Michael Cassidy from Weir Cook airport; Richard Werhman; and from Jefferson township, Jerry Hacker, Ray Sutherlin Gene McCammack, Max Nichols, Wendell Goodpaster and A. K. Nichols.

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MR. "I. V. F. A." FOR 1970

We, your final committee to determine the Mr. I.V.F.A. for 1970, earnestly solicit your recommendations and endorsements for this high honor which is to be conferred upon one of our members at the 1970 Convention at Shelbyville. So far we have carefully noted that James Heaton of Winona Lake has been cited for outstanding Volunteer Fireman service in Kosciusko County. Certainly throughout this great state of Indiana, in your District, in your County or in your own local area you have someone to recommend for this the most outstanding award of this Association. Please let us hear from you so that we can make the best decision possible. Thank you very much.

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- The Erie Lackawanna Test Department at Meadville, Pa. should also be notified.

Curiosity Almost Kills

It is said curiosity killed the cat, but in the case of Eugene Battaly, a Warren Township fireman, someone else's curiosity nearly killed him.

Battaly, 29, a fireman for six years and the department's public relations officer for the past three years has been flat on his back for more than three weeks after being struck by a semitrailer truck and knocked over a bridge railing. Both wrists, his right arm and shoulder and his back were broken when he fell 21 feet to the ground along East 21st Street.

Battaly and an off-duty Indianapolis policeman, Sgt. William Myers, and two women were injured when an unthinking motorist stopped on an interstate 70 ramp to look at an accident.

The curious man's car didn't actually strike Battaly, but if the driver had heeded his directions to keep moving, what happened next probably would not have.

Battaly, a volunteer captain, told this story from his bed at Community Hospital:

"I was dispatched to assist at a personal injury accident at 21st and I-70 and when I arrived at the scene a semi-trailer truck was lying across 21st Street after crashing to the pavement from the I-465 exit ramp to I-70.

"An ambulance was on the scene and sheriff's deputies were giving the driver first aid and asking for traffic assistance.

"Sgt. Myers and I climbed up the embankment and started kicking debris from the right-of-way and directing traffic.

"A car came down the ramp from I-465 and stopped to see what was going on. The police sergeant and I asked him to move on but he refused. Two women in a second car were forced to stop due to the narrow width of the ramp.

"Sgt. Myers and I were yelling at the first car's driver to move on when a truck started down the rainslick ramp."

The truck driver hit his brakes to avoid striking the two vehicles but the rig jackknifed and skidded, slamming into the rear of the women's car and brushing the policeman and Battaly, police said.

Battaly said "The last thing I remember before blacking out was a loud roar. I believe the noise was the truck's engine and tires.

"I was told later I was tossed over the guard railing to the ground below the ramp. When I regained consciousness, I had grass in my mouth.

"I was told later I might have been killed if it had not been for my fire helmet, raincoat and boots. The helmet saved me from any head injuries."

Battaly, a WLWI television engineer, has casts on both wrists and his right arm. He underwent surgery September 23 and a pin was placed in his shoulder.

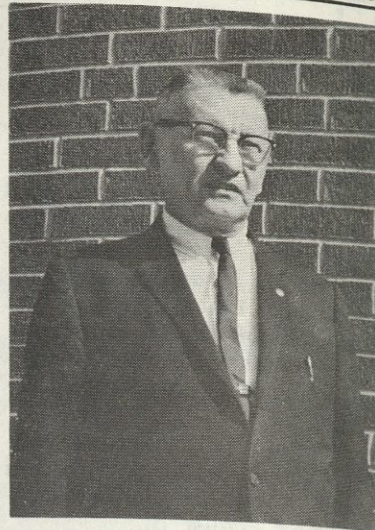
Doctors expect a complete recovery with the chance of a slight disability in his right arm.

Battaly's family is being helped by the Warren firemen and the department's insurance is covering his hospital bills.

He and his wife, Phyllis, said they both wanted to thank all the firemen and other persons who have helped them or have offered to help.

Battaly concluded, "I would not be in this bed if the curious driver had heeded my directions to move on. A lot of accidents are caused by curious people."

A Letter

from the
Treasurer

VERNE KONOPASEK

I beg to submit the following which includes Rept. No. 14 from the Secretary (covering a paid membership count at this time of 10,039).

FUNERAL FUND	\$46,612.80
GENERAL FUND	\$23,019.83
CLOTHING FUND	\$14,884.37
DONATION FUND	\$ 1,841.34
TOTAL	\$86,358.34

(21 Deaths since last Convention at Warsaw)

You will note that there has been set up in the Treasurer's office a new account known as the "DONATION FUND". No dues will be credited to this account.

Only funds as indicated in our Articles of Incorporation under item "I" (To accept donations or gifts of money) shall be entered into this account.

The U. S. Treasury Dept. requires that we must only spend our dues money received from the membership on expenses of which we have been qualified with our Secretary of State thru our Articles of Incorporation on file with and recorded in the office of such Secretary of State.

For the information of the membership of our Association; Your Treasurer therefore desires to reprint for you our Articles of Incorporation as filed with "THOMAS E. BATH" Secretary of State (State of Indiana) on the 6th day of December, 1946 — AS FOLLOWS:

THE NAME OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE
"INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC."
THE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT IS FORMED ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

- (a)—An organization not for any pecuniary gain to any member.
- (b)—To foster and promote unity and harmony among the several voluntary fire departments through the State of Indiana.
- (c)—To help, aid, and assist the mobilization of all volunteer fire departments or associations wherever situated in the State of Indiana, more especially in cases where fire, or fire hazards, may be beyond the facilities of any one independent association or department.
- (d)—To foster and promote various educational activities in the art of fire extinguishment and fire prevention.
- (e)—To cooperate with all law enforcing agencies pertaining to public safety in fire matters.
- (f)—To uphold, enforce and promote all laws pertaining to public safety with respect to fire hazards.
- (g)—To foster and promote all legislative measures which tend to improve the safety of the public in general and the working conditions of the members.
- (h)—To provide a meeting place for members.
- (i)—To accept donations or gifts of money.
- (j)—In general, to foster and promote any and all matters which may prove beneficial to the separate and several volunteer fire departments in the State of Indiana.
- (k)—To acquire, hold, own, maintain, mortgage and sell real estate for and of the purpose herein expressed.
- (l)—To foster and promote a funeral fund not exceeding \$500.00 for any deceased member.

Treas. Note: The above has been copied from our original Articles of Incorporation which were written in 1946 and filed with our Secretary of State on 12-6-46.

Your officers at that time took a great deal of care, with legal advice, to properly write these purposes.

Your Treasurer, being one of the pioneers of this Association, further notes that in his opinion down thru the twenty-three years of this Association existence there has been NO violation of these Articles under which we were chartered from the beginning; however should there come up; some expenditure of which our board would approve; that should not qualify as a membership DUES expenditure we would have this new fund "RESERVE - DONATION FUND" from which to take the cost—Therefore we now have 4 funds instead of 3.

Further this fund in the future will serve very well under Item (k)—To acquire, hold, own, maintain, mortgage and sell real estate for and of the purposes herein expressed. All of us I believe should begin to think about acquiring a permanent HOME and HEADQUARTERS within our great State.

Our Articles of Incorporation cover a great deal of scope and permits a lot of purposes, thanks to our founding fathers.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

I beg to remain, Sincerely,

Verne Konopasek, Treas.

FORMER ST. JOSEPH FIRE
CHIEF STRICKEN WITH
SLIGHT STROKE

Byron Evard who served as chief of St. Joseph Fire Department through the years 1958 to 1966 recently suffered a

slight stroke. He is presently a patient in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. From all the members of St. Joe Twp. department and all the other volunteers who know him, we wish Byron a speedy recovery.

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Jet Nearing Weir Cook Airport Hit by Plane

Eighty-three persons perished in the collision of a jetliner and a small airplane piloted by a student high above Indiana farmland about 14 miles southeast of Indianapolis September 9th. There were no survivors.

The jetliner, Allegheny Airlines Flight 853 with 78 passengers and a crew of four, was preparing to land at Weir Cook Municipal Airport.

The student pilot was identified by Indiana State Police as Robert W. Carey, 34, 4408 North Caroline Avenue.

It was the worst plane accident in Indiana and the third worst involving two planes in American aviation history.

The plane had made stops at Baltimore and Cincinnati and was scheduled to land at Indianapolis at 3.38 p. m. It was then to leave for St. Louis.

Numerous persons along Interstate 74 and in the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park, a mile south of London in northwestern Shelby County, reported seeing the small plane fly into the side of the big jet.

Many watched in horror as parts of bodies and wreckage and broken suitcases plummeted. Some of the bodies and wreckage landed in the mobile homes court.

No one was injured in the mobile homes court but several trailers were shaken, with many of them having shattered windows.

A large oxygen tank from the jet crashed through the roof of one trailer, barely missing a 5-week-old girl being diapered by her mother.

The fuselage of the jet gouged a hole 10 feet deep and plowed across a soybean field about 50 years north of the trailer park.

Other parts of the plane, including its tail section and the small craft, a Piper Cherokee 140, crashed about a mile to the east, some of it near the Penn-Central railroad tracks.

Witnesses told reporters and police the small plane headed south, flew into the right rear section of the jetliner which was flying northwest.

The collision was followed by an explosion with a louder blast when the fuselage of the DC-9 slammed into the earth. There was no fire.

State police said Carey was on a solo flight that had started from Brookside Airport near McCordsville just northeast of Indianapolis.

More than 150 policemen from various agencies were dispatched to the crash site area to keep out the thousands of curious who caused a large traffic jam.

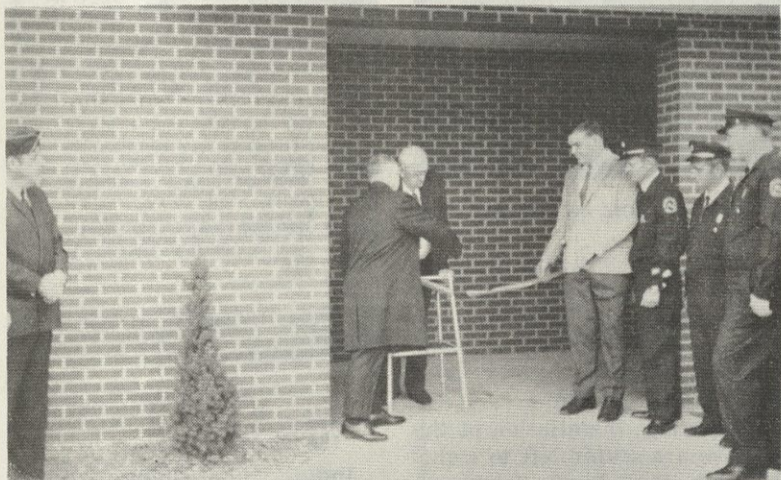


Initial ground impact was made where an engine of the Allegheny DC-9 settled (above) with the remainder of the wreckage scattered in a southwestern direction almost back to a mobile home unit in Shelby County. The accident occurred 14 miles southeast of Indianapolis. A small airplane clipped the airliner as it was approaching Weir Cook Airport Indianapolis for a landing, causing the collision which resulted in the death of 83 persons. (Pictures at the plane crash scene are by Courier-Times photographer Ernest Klotzsch)

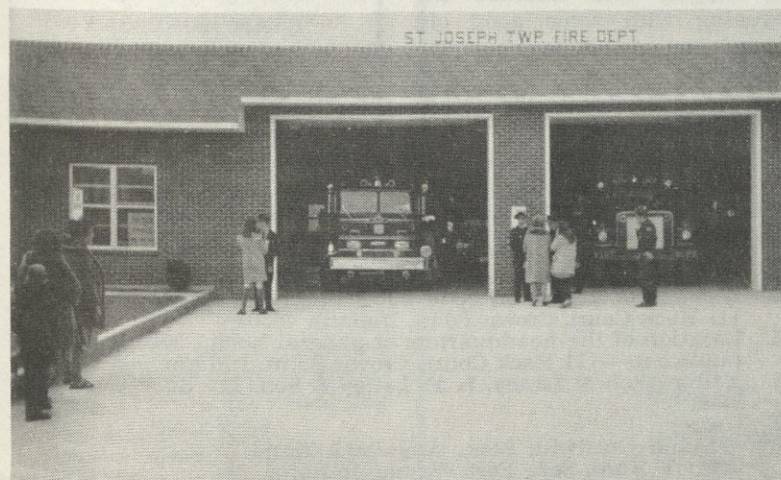


State Police and other investigators sift through wreckage strewn over 200 yards following the crash September 9th of an Allegheny Airliner and a small airplane in northwest Shelby County. There was little to be found after the midair collision which killed 83.

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP DEDICATES NEW ADDITION



The St. Joseph Township Volunteers Fire Department on Sunday, October 26th, dedicated an addition to the township fire station and a new community meeting hall at 6300 Maplecrest Road. The structure, built at an approximate cost of \$110,000 with appropriations from township fire department funds, is shown at left. At right are fire department and township officials who participated in dedication and open house. They are, left to right: John Dehner, township trustee; Arnold Lahmeyer and James Ross, township advisory board members; Fire Chief Richard Dirrim, Sr.; Assistant Chief Bill Kinsey and Richard Walling, department president.



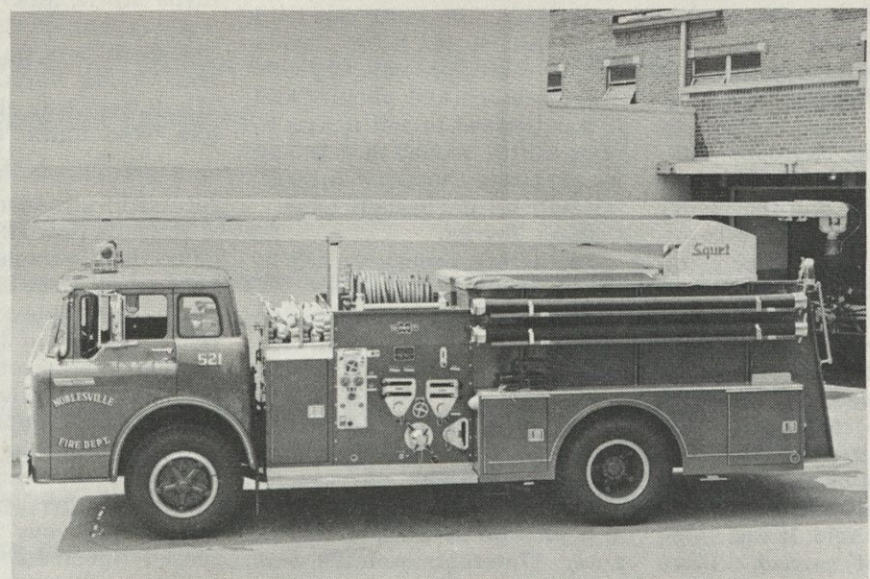
FORMER SCHNEIDER CHIEF HONORED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

Ex Chief Russell of the Schneider Volunteer Fire Department and long time member and organizer of the IVFA recently was honored on his 80th birthday by friends and acquaintances. Mr. Russell

served the Schneider Department for 46 years and 31 of those years as its Chief.

Among those in attendance were long time friends Arthur Ryan Ex Assistant Chief and a member of the Gary Fire Department for 29 years and Frank Parilla another longtime Gary fireman.

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3RD DISTRICT NEWS

District 3 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary met on September 30 at Stillwell, Pleasant Township. The meeting was opened by Chairman Mrs. William Pulliam. Mrs. Duane Lantz led the group in prayer and the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call was answered by thirty-three members, representing seven departments. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were given. Mrs. Pulliam read the minutes of the officers meeting. She also explained the insurance covering Auxiliary members.

A discussion on the subject of Grave markers for Auxiliary members was held. It was voted upon and not carried. State Chaplain Mrs. Duane Lantz was guest speaker. She also presented past district chairmen pins to Mrs. Gerald McCarty, Mrs. Gerald Cohen, Mrs. Richard Van Kasky, and Mrs. Roy Moore.

The Auxiliary was started in 1960 by Mrs. Kenneth Peting and Mrs. Duane Lantz. Next meeting will be in Springfield Township with the date and time to be announced. Mrs. Lantz offered the closing Prayer. Refreshments were served. Attendance prize winners were: Mrs. Vernon Gaw, Mrs. Cecil Freet, Mrs. Fred Harder, Mrs. Duane Lantz and Mrs. Raymond Tarnaw.

It is nice to be handsome but far nicer to be nice.

6TH DISTRICT

The August meeting was held at the Adams No. 2 fire station with 11 ladies present. A picnic was discussed and planned and it was decided to sell tickets to raise a little money to help pay for expenses. Our October meeting will be at Pleasant Lake. Coming Events:

Thorncreek going on a trip to Albion and Kendallville.

The ladies played bingo and joined the men for a film. Refreshments were served by our host.

The 6th district held their picnic at the Wolcottville park on September 14th. A very delicious potluck dinner was held at noon with over 200 in attendance. Waterball contest's were held in the afternoon with 15 men's teams and 6 women's teams. The men teams competing were Stroh, LaOtto 1 and 2, Ashley, Kendallville, Wolcottville 1 and 2, LaGrange, Garrett, Butler, Avilla, Churubusco, South Milford, Pleasant Lake, and Wayne No. 1. The winner's were Butler first and South Milford second, for the men.

The ladies teams were Wayne No. 1, Wolcottville, Kendallville, Churubusco, LaOtto, and Avilla. The winners were LaOtto first and Kendallville second.

Everyone then went up to the fire station for hose replacement. The winners were LaOtto first and Butler-South Milford second.

Everyone then departed for their homes after another very

Ferdinand Firemen's Auxiliary Installs 1970 Officers



Pictured left to right: Lovella Nigg from Haysville, who installed the new Auxiliary officers; Margie Spayd, President; Shirley Olinger, Vice President; Ardella Lubbehusen, Secretary; Mary Francis, Treasurer; Hermina Hoppenjans, Chaplain; Laverne Uebelhor standing in for Kathy Siefert as Sgt.-at-Arms.

15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT WAYNE TOWNSHIP NO. 1



Wayne Township No. 1 Auxiliary of Fort Wayne celebrated their 15th anniversary at their September meeting.

The Auxiliary was formed in September of 1954 and still has eleven of the original members active in the Auxiliary. They are as follows: Mrs. Raymond DeClercq, Mrs. Delmar Green, Mrs. Alfred Kiefer, Mrs. Ralph Laisure, Mrs. Kenneth McCague, Mrs. James Mason, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Audie Murdock, Mrs. Clyde Myers, Mrs. George Prince, Mrs. Herman Smith.

Along with celebrating the 15th anniversary, installation of the 1969-70 officers was held. Pictured above are seated left to right: Mrs. Gerald Harman, Vice-President; Mrs. Paul Reed, Secretary; Mrs. Robert Schrock, President; Mrs. Lynn Kissinger, Treasurer and Mrs. Wm. Stark, Chaplain.

successful 6th District picnic.

The Wolcottville Auxiliary gave their firemen \$800.00 to help buy a grass buggy. They made their money from an auction and a 4th of July event.

The October meeting was held at the Pleasant Lake fire station. There were 9 ladies present. Minutes of the picnic meeting were read and approved.

Grave markers were discussed and voted to buy them for deceased members. Our next meeting will be at New Haven. Coming Events:

Floral demonstration at next Auxiliary meeting at Kendallville.

Kendallville also going to visit the Woodshed in Fort Wayne on December 2.

LaOtto Feather bingo November 22.

Joan read a few poems as we waited until time to join the men for a film and also a talk from Mr. Goodwin from Fort Wayne. Refreshments were served by the host.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP NO. 2 FIREMEN HOLD HALLOWEEN PARTY AND HAYRIDE

Twenty-three volunteers and their wives enjoyed the well planned party recently given by

Wayne No. 2. Weather for the hayride was perfect . . . just enough "nippy" temperatures to make all enjoy the weiner roast with all the fixins. After being thoroughly "stuffed", we bobbed for apples and finished the evening with some good old round and square dancing. Incidentally, the men also made two fire runs during the height of the festivities.

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

ROBERT E. LANEY

EAST GARY AUXILIARY SPONSORS CARD PARTY

The East Gary Firemen's Auxiliary is sponsoring a Card and Bunco Party. It will be held at the Virgil Bailey School, 2100 Union Street, East Gary, Indiana on December 3rd at 7:30 P. M. There will be Door Prizes, Turkey Raffle and Free Refreshments. Donation will be \$1.00 so come and enjoy yourself. Maybe you will be the lucky winner of a turkey for Christmas.

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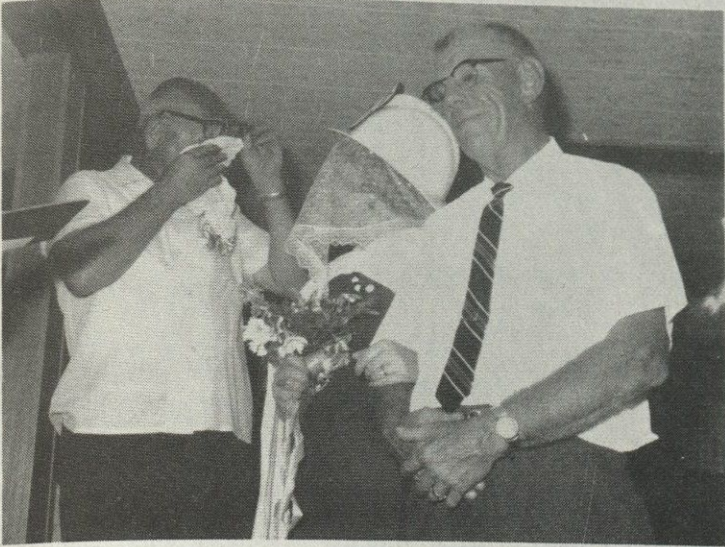
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Was It Really That Sad Bill!! Goodwin's Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary



An open house celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Janet and Bill Goodwin, Angola was held on Saturday evening, October 6th at the Goodwin's home. All day festivities of the International Waterball Championship were held Saturday with the open house following that evening. Highlight of the evening affair was the mock wedding ceremony pictured above in which Chaplain Lantz conducted the service accompanied by the outstanding singing of Jo Lantz and Thelma Lester. The evening was one of rare humor and one that the Goodwins and all will remember for years to come.

NAME JAMES HEATON FIREMAN OF YEAR IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

James Heaton, Jr., 309 7th St., Winona Lake, was named the recipient of the 1969 County Fireman of the Year award at a dinner meeting of the Kosciusko County Volunteer Fireman's Assn. at the local fairgrounds Thursday night, October 16th.

Heaton has been a volunteer fireman for the Winona Lake Fire Department for more than 25 years. The veteran firefighter was completely surprised by the award, although he is a member of the committee that selected this year's winner.

Officers of the association review letters of recommendation from throughout the county concerning prospective candidates and then take a vote to determine the winner. The other three members of the committee Norman Banghart president, Bruce Howe, vice president and Bob Zimmer, treasurer, went along with Heaton's choice for the award, but unknown to Heaton, had already made their own selection. Heaton is secretary of the organization.

NEW OFFICERS

New officers will be installed next month for 1970 with Banghart, Warsaw Fire Chief, returning as president. The new vice president is Garland Kiefer of Burket with Art Wise, also of Burket, serving as secretary and Tom Strickler of Syracuse, serving as treasurer.

Heaton an employee of NIPSCO, at one time served as clerk-treasurer for Winona Lake and has been active in public affairs. He is described by fellow workers as a good family man and active in his church. A son, Ted, is also a member of the Winona Lake Department.

HONOR PAST WINNERS

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of gold badges to former winners of the County Fireman of the Year award. The Warsaw Times-Union Executive Editor, William Mollenhour, made the surprise presentations.

Former winners were: Howard Swihart of Silver Lake in 1968; John Huff of Burket in 1967; Joe Hughes of Syracuse in 1966; Robert Hay of Winona Lake in 1965; Tim Rovenstine of Atwood in 1964; William Walgamuth, Sr., of Warsaw in 1963; Garland Kiefer of Burket in 1962; and Arlo Friesner of Mentone in 1961.

The presentation of a gold badge to the winner of the

award will become an annual affair.

Mayor Paul (Mike) Hodges and other local and county officials were on hand for the well-attended dinner meeting. Entertainment was provided by the "UP With People" singers from Warsaw under the direction of Robert Brennan, recently named Warsaw's "Man of the Year."

UNION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS DELIVERY OF A NEW PUMPER

The Union Township Volunteer Fire Department of Witley County, Coesse, Indiana recently accepted delivery on a new 750 G.P.M. Pumper truck. The chassis is a F-750 Ford truck with a 391 cubic inch engine and was purchased from Buchanan Ford Sales in Columbia City, Indiana. The apparatus was purchased from the Howe Fire Apparatus Company of Anderson, Indiana, and includes a (2) two stage midship pump. A 500 gallon booster tank, electric reels and other equipment.

The occasion was celebrated with an open house on Sunday afternoon, October 19th. Approximately 250 people enjoyed refreshments of cookies, punch and coffee served by Mrs. R. D. Smith, Mrs. Lester Arnold, Mrs. Robert Bird, Mrs. Glen Pumphrey and Mrs. Tom Boardman, past and present fire chiefs wives and Mrs. Harold Wherry, the Blu-Lite Auxiliary president.

The new pumper was purchased by the Township government, but was financially supported by the firemen and Blu-Lite Ladies' Auxiliary treasurer.

In addition to the new unit, the Department also has a 500 gallon per minute pumper and (2) two 1300 gallon tank trucks making our four year old station full.

Officers of the Department are Tom Boardman, Jr., Fire Chief;

Robert Gardner, Asst. Chief; Robert Bird, Secretary-Treasurer.

The 6th District IVFA meeting will be held at the Union Township Fire Station on January 15, 1970.

We invite you all to come and see our station and equipment.



L-R: Chief Tom Boardman, Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Bird, Bert Moser.

HARRIS TWP. COMPLETING NEW ADDITION

The Harris Township Volunteer Fire Department is building a much needed addition to their present building. The new part will add 2400 Sq. Feet (40' x 60') to the existing facilities.

The Department found that their present building with three bays is adequate for the trucks, but it left little or no room for any meeting space. The addition will add two new bays for future expansion, and will allow more room for community meetings.

As the addition was being

built, the Department with the help of the Harris Township Improvement Association decided to build a second story to the addition being constructed. The second story will be used for all community functions, such as Boy Scout and Explorer meetings, Department meetings, and all other civic functions. The second story is being built completely with donated funds and with volunteer help from the community. Present outlook for completion is sometime in the latter part of 1970.

BANQUET HELD FOR INTERNATIONAL WATERBALL TEAMS

A banquet for all International Waterball Teams was held on October 18th at the Three Kings Tavern in Hoagland, Indiana. There were fifty-one men and women attending from seven departments in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan.

A cocktail hour preceded the chicken and swiss steak dinner. Drinks and refreshments were served during the entertainment hours. Games, euchre, and pinochle were enjoyed by all during this time.

We wish to say thank you to all who helped to set up this event and especially to "Jake" at the Three Kings. We will be looking forward to seeing these same people as well as many more next year.

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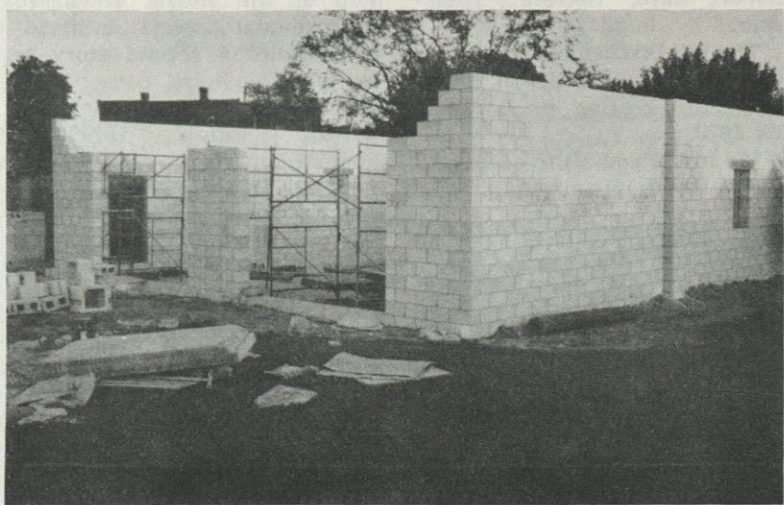
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Birdseye VFD Constructing New Station



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**A HISTORY OF THE ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

In the fall of 1952 the members of the St. Joseph Township Civic Association concurred unanimously that the need for organization of a volunteer fire department existed in St. Joe Township.

Fire calls in the township were responded to by neighboring volunteer fire departments when called. The cost per run was \$100.00. In many instances of bad fires they simply could not respond fast enough because of distance to be traveled. It was learned that over a six-year period the fire losses exceeded a value of \$90,000.00. Further study revealed that cost of necessary fire fighting equipment could be paid for from money increasingly spent for neighboring township fire ser-

vice. Also, Washington Township stated they could not guarantee indefinite future service because of growing residential development and demands for adequate service in their own township.

Nine attempts had been made in the past to get a fire department organized in St. Joe Township. This tenth attempt succeeded. St. Joe Township was starting its first year of more than ten of being the fastest growing residential developing township in the State of Indiana. The need for adequate fire protection was increasing just as fast. So a "Rural Volunteer Fire Department Project" was launched. The St. Joe Township Fire Protection Association was formed in December, 1952 to do

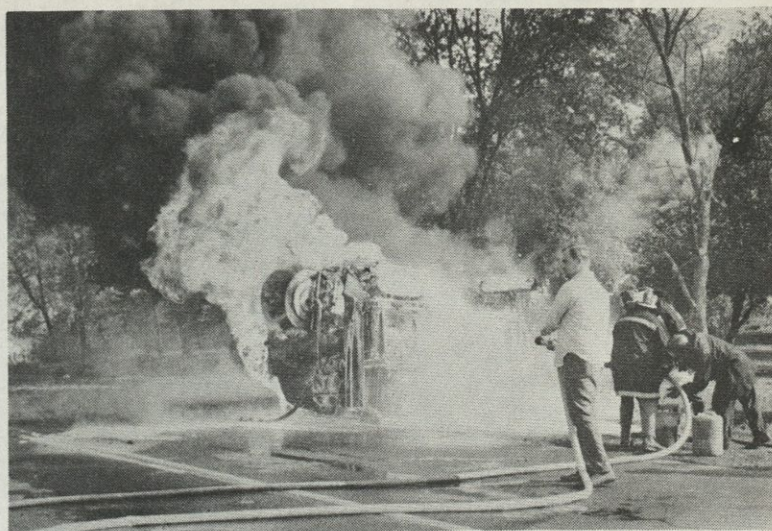
whatever necessary to get this project under way. Kirby Baker was the Township Trustee at the time. Many meetings were held and a good number of concerned residents were active members of this Association. Many problems were discussed and solved such as resident cooperation, financial, housing for fire equipment, need for and training of volunteers to man equipment.

Mr. Kirby Baker, the Township Trustee agreed to cooperate in helping with the project of securing necessary fire fighting equipment. Other organizations interested in the forming of an adequate fire protection system were, St. Joseph Township P.T.A., the Statewood Association and the local Farm Bureau. Each made its views known to the Trustee. Mr. Baker then proceeded to insert in the Budget the necessary funds for purchase of two fire trucks. A remonstrance by a minority group was filed and action was delayed for a time. However, sometime later, township funds were made available and equipment was ordered. The State Board of Accounts would not then approve of a tax levy to finance cost of housing for a fire station. The Fire Protection Association agreed that through solicited contributions from the residents and volunteer labor, they would proceed to see that proper building would be erected.

A survey questionnaire was mailed out to residents in the Township to get information who could and would be willing to take training which would qualify them as volunteer firemen. Response was good. At a meeting of the St. Joseph Township Fire Protection Association held on February 4, 1953 it was decided that a group of men be appointed to get a volunteer fire department organized and head up a training program for volunteer firemen. With 22 men in training there was soon included a First Aid Course. Also the volunteers were benefited greatly through the training services extended by the Fort Wayne Fire Department under the able direction of Training Chief, Ralph Ellenwood.

It was from the membership of the Fire Protection Association that nearly all the volunteer firemen were recruited and in future developments and projects, both groups worked together as one effective force to

GASOLINE PERILS FIREMEN



This Cities Service delivery truck rolled over and over on SR 55 North of Crown Point October 1st. The driver, Peter H. Cult of 1010 North Elmer, Griffith, and his passenger, John Thomas of Joliet, Illinois, ran away from the flaming truck but were taken to Our Lady of Mercy Hospital at Dyer. The truck traveling towards Crown Point had struck a car. Independence Hill and Crown Point fire departments subdued the flames in half an hour with 50 gallons of foam before the entire load had been consumed. Smoke billowing high into the sky could be seen from all points in Crown Point. The highway was closed for more than an hour from Summit street in Crown Point to 93rd avenue.

accomplish the needed work to be done to have a good fire department. Finally, through means of funds collected and volunteer labor from the members and other sources such as the brick layers union, the building was completed under the direction of McCombs Construction Co. for approximately \$10,000. The two fire truck were delivered as ordered and weekly training periods were held starting August 26, 1953. A schedule was set up to have a fireman stay at the station each night (taking turns) so that quick response to fire calls could be made.

In 1955 the firemen took on the project of the house numbering of all dwellings and mercantile buildings in the township. This was done to help identify and locate scenes of fire calls in this rapidly growing residential community. Signs were erected at Inter-sections naming roads, drives, lanes, etc. All roads were measured and a number assigned to each building address. This was done in cooperation with the U. S. Postal Service and in compliance with their numbering practices and regulations. Credit must be given to Mr. Mike Chapin of the Postal Service who was of great help in this endeavor.

The original equipment con-

sisted of a 750 G.P.M. Pumper and a 1200 Gal. tanker. As the Township grew in size, more pieces of equipment were needed and purchased. These pieces included a 4000 Gal. semi-tanker, grass fire rig, another 4500 Gal. semi, 1000 G.P.M. Pumper, and last of all, a rescue unit fully equipped.

Since the growth of St. Joe Township has continued, it was necessary to add two new bays and a township meeting room. This building was completed and dedicated on October 26, 1969.

Present Chief of St. Joseph Township is Richard Dirrim with William Kinsey serving as Ass't. Chief.

**A TRIBUTE TO
HARRY FRIES**

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was 1,000 or may be a little more. This will give you some idea of the work that he and others have put into the IVFA and why they are so justly proud.

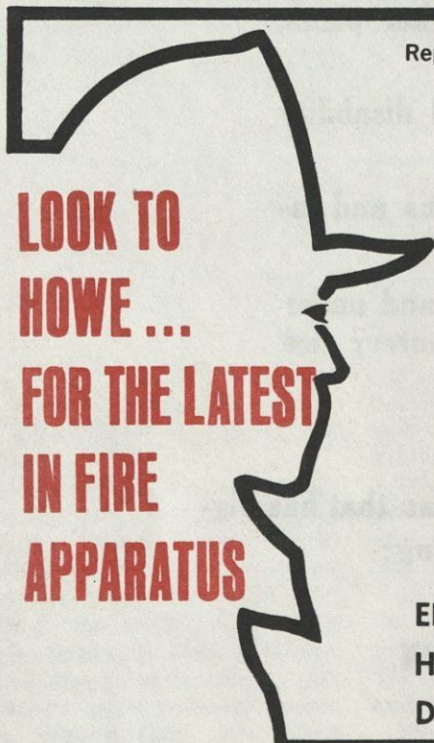
The many friends that he had acquired during the many years of work was certainly exemplified by the many in attendance at his Funeral. We shall miss him as will the Firemen of the Koontz Lake Fire Department. We will all be looking for someone or something to fill the void that he left. Of course life being but the fleeting moment that it is will erase this stain of regret from our memories in but a little time. However, his memory and what he has done for his fellowmen, as well as what he had done for his community, will go on forever.

Yes, we have paid honor and tribute and have laid to rest a man who as secretary for some ten years has taught each of us much. His name shall be forever remembered in the halls of the IVFA, HARRY FRIES.

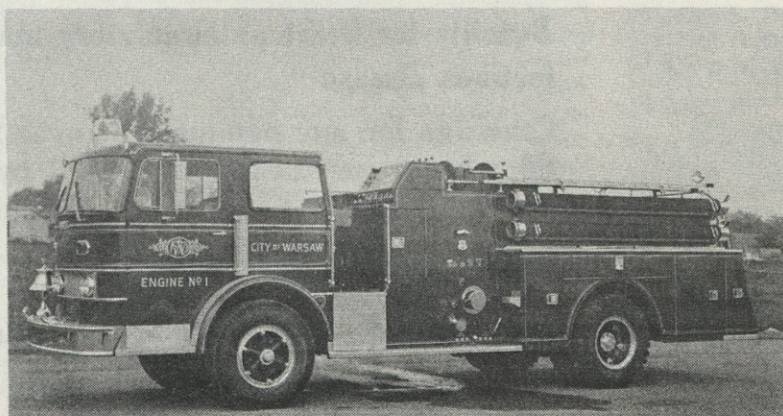
Respectfully
John T. Ford Secy.

Miss Flame 18th District

The 18th district recently honored Miss Jackie Alberts of Ferdinand at their annual parade held October 18th at French Lick. Over 12 departments took part in the parade with their equipment and candidate for Miss Flame. Following the parade the candidates were judged, and the winner announced. Miss Bobbie Dermiook from French Lick and Miss Karla Kaebler from Jasper were selected as runners-ups.



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