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## A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON

From the President



year as we have had in the past, but don't wait too long to check it out. I shall be glad to have your help to keep the records straight.

IVFA is again enjoying the same steady pace of build-up that we have had in the past. Over 12,000 members will be the composite total for this fiscal year. Several new departments have joined and we are even getting letters from departments asking for information and how much are the dues because they want to join. I suppose that you can say that would certainly indicate that we have arrived.

With the holidays coming up I feel this is a good time to sort of sit back and reflect on the things that we as an organization have been able to accomplish in this past year and be thankful for all the blessings we have received. Sometimes progress is slow but we can always look forward to another day to try again.

Christmas is the time of giving, and giving of your time and energy in the protection of your community is truly a gift without comparison. No amount of money can replace a gift that is given out of a real concern for your fellowmen and our service is abundantly blessed with that concern. Unfortunately this can also be a tragic time of year. With the Christmas lighting and decorations comes the danger of fire because of faulty equipment or its use. I hope everyone will make fire safety at Christmas his own special project, not only at home but in his community.

My family and I want to wish each and everyone of you the Merriest of Christmases and a new year that is filled with all the best.

Bill Engle

### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IVFA



The Office of the Secretary at this time of the year is catching up on the back log of work caused by the influx of work over the past five or six months. If any department has not as yet received an answer from any dues payments or requests please contact me again. All correspondence has been completed and you should have your answers. There has been a few cases of US Postal trouble this

IVFA bonds a group together with a common interest - a common goal, that of helping your neighbor when they are in need. Now isn't that just what this Holiday Spirit is all about? It comes to many only once a year  
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### A COMMUNITY LETS ITS PRIDE SHOW



The 18-member Lowell Volunteer Fire Department held open house observance of Fire Prevention Week.

The event was held with the best good will for the community in which it devotes its talents to fire fighting and life protecting.

As 180 families signed the guest book in the first hour of the three hour period, Chief Leon Lump told

of his pride in his department. "We are attempting to add enthusiasm to the department and to show good will to the children. If we can make friends when they are young, they won't fire bomb us and attack us when they're in high school," he explained.

As huge crowds milled in the station on Fremont Street eating donuts, drinking soft drinks and

viewing Walt Disney cartoons, members of the all-volunteer force displayed equipment — old and new — and showed expertise in its operation.

This was the first such event for the department. Without a doubt it was deemed a success. People gazed at the shining and well-kept equipment, and little ones climbed on the fire trucks and felt the cold

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### TAKE A DEEP BREATH . . . . .



Lt. Edwin Snell tells Paula Karlsson who is trying out the respirator equipment used by Lowell firemen. Lt. Dale Smith stands by to

help, while Mike Stultz and Anthony Everett edge up to the action, hoping to learn more about the vital equipment. —Citizen photos

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NORTHWEST

I pass along to my fellow firemen a pamphlet on arson, given to me by a fellow fireman who has had much experience. I have attended many of the district meetings in the Northwest and helped to solve some small problems. Have seen and listened to many speakers, all of whom are very good and also interesting. I hope my presence at these meetings has been fruitful.

I urge all district chairmen to continue these types of meetings and may we all take some information back to our home departments and pass this information along to our fellowmen. With falling leaves and the picking of corn reminds us to be more careful of fires in these times. MEN, WE AS OFFICERS, ALL URGE YOU TO DRIVE YOUR EQUIPMENT WITH MORE CARE, the life you protect may be your own. A sad note on the death of Mrs. Bud Johnson. I did attend the funeral. Our editor asks us fellows to come up with more news and pictures. Our men of Scipio treated their wives to a feast of prime rib. This was a good get together, well done men.

Have been with the Chaplain on several memorials and these are the things that must be done. Let's all work to boost our attendance at meetings of all kinds in the future.

Harold L. King

FROM THE SECRETARY

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but to the volunteer firemen, very unfortunately it comes more often. The Volunteers will continue to help their fellowmen in need and will be waiting a call to do everything they can to assist. They care not about race, color or creed, care not about poverty or riches, care not about distance or weather, only care that some one needs help and let's do it. Yes indeed they are a PROUD group and have earned every right to be so.

Your Secretary considers it a privilege to serve such a group - an honor to be able to work with such a PROUD group. No words can express my feelings for those of you that call me a friend that think I have helped in some large fashion when it seemed so little to me.

IVFA has given many Blessings to me, so to each and every one of you - from my wife, Ruth, daughter Becky and myself, we wish the very BEST OF HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOURS.

John T. Ford,  
Secretary

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SPEEDWAY CHIEF ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT  
OF FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



Fire Chief Edward R. Sowell was elected Second Vice President of the Indiana Fire Chief's Association, during the 46th Annual Indiana Fire Chief's Association Conference that was held in Evansville, Indiana, August 25, 26, 27, 1971. This is quite an honor for the Town of Speedway for having

their Chief to hold such a high office in the Chief's Association. This is one of the very few times a Chief from such a small town ever held this position.

Chief Sowell is very well known throughout Indiana for his interest in the fire-fighters training needs and promoting professionalization in the Fire Service.

COMMUNITY PRIDE

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black leather interiors.

"This is the opportunity for the people to know what their tax dollar is going for," Lump commented. He explained that the annual St. Patrick's Day Dance proceeds (between \$2,000 and \$3,000) go toward the purchase of new and up-to-date equipment.

The department has five pieces of equipment — a 1968 Dodge pumper owned by Cedar Creek Township, a 1962 Chevy pumper owned by the Town of Lowell, a 1962 tank truck with a 1,500 gallon capacity owned by the incorporated fire department, and a 1956 International grass truck and a 1964 Chevy station wagon emergency unit, both owned by the department.

The Lowell department is unique in that it is a three-way operation with funds coming from Lowell, Cedar Creek Township and the corporation.

Recently purchased are a \$600 resuscitator, a \$150 oxygen unit, several face masks and hundreds of dollars of wreck-extracting equipment.

The new resuscitator, explained fireman Ed Snell, has a safety valve which prevents damage to a child's lungs, thus alleviating the fear of many residents. The old resuscitator weighed 87 pounds as opposed to the new one which weighs only 27 pounds. In addition, the old one had to be operated manually.

The Lowell men take care of 20 miles of Interstate 65, and that it is partially due to this that the department has entered a new phase of rescue work — removing trapped people from wrecked cars. Among the new pieces of equipment are bolt cutters, metal saws and pry bars.

The department not only owns these often lifesaving devices, but

is quite adept at the use of each. Members are constantly being kept on their toes by practice sessions and advanced training at various fire fighting schools within the state.

Applications are always welcome from town residents 21 and over, with a real interest in the community and a desire to really do something worthwhile, Lump said. "We can't seem to get people to put in the required amount of time," adding that it's not too surprising to find his men working 16-18 hours at a stretch.

Even while out of town fighting a fire, the department is prepared to protect others in case of a simultaneous disaster. At least 10 members are always left in town.

Some residents have complained of the blowing of the fire whistle and have considered this a nuisance. Lump reminds citizens that this is really a safety alarm which in essence says, "Get out of the way and remove the kids from the street." Because Lowell is in the midst of a growth area, the men answer close to 200 such calls a year.

Lump has served as chief since January of this year, and can really be called a "fire station baby." He explained that he was actually born in the Crown Point fire station. His father was a fire truck driver for 18 years as well as having served as deputy state fire marshal, and as fire marshal for U.S. Steel for several years.

"Fire fighting is my blood," Lump said, as he related his longtime interest was stymied for several years because of not living within the town limits. He is District 2 chairman of the volunteers and serves as director of the state's 12,000-member Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.



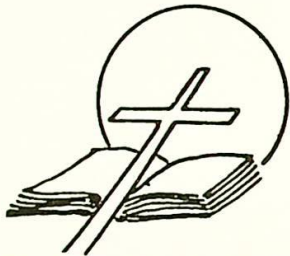
# In Memoriam

William P. Stoll—Cedar Lake  
 James Burkhart—Kingsford Heights  
 Ralph Senneff—Madison Twp., Odon  
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 Wymond Ritter—Pleasant Lake  
 Barry Klepinger—Pipe-Creek Twp., Bunker Hill

Harry Thibo—Wayne Twp. No. 8 Indianapolis

George Butts—Arcola  
 Martin Steiner—Monroe  
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 Charles Stouse—Flora  
 Donald Burgess—Hartford City  
 Richard Doud—Mentone  
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 George Cuskaden—Waldron  
 Alvin Guske—Crown Point  
 Lawrence Smith—Mt. Etna, Warren  
 David Rosenbaum—Independence Hill,



## GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

In reading our newspapers and watching news on TV, we become very depressed with war, violence, accidents, disasters and death.

The good news is that there are millions of U.S. citizens who did not commit criminal offenses last year. There are over 4,000,000 college students who were not involved in riots or demonstrations and also millions who did not use illegal drugs.

However, for really good news—the best news of all—we must turn to the Bible. When Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, the angel said to the shepherds: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Many hearts have been saddened by deaths in our association. The death of David Rosenbaum of Independence Hill was especially tragic. However, you can see God at work even here—giving strength and power to families and friends at the time of their loss. God has blessed the families left behind. Our association extends its sympathy to all these families.

Matthew 1—Verses 18-25:

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son; and he called his name JESUS.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

--Duane Lantz, Chaplain  
 and  
 Jo Lantz, Recording Secretary

## DEATH CLAIMS EARLY FOUNDER OF IVFA



ALVIN GUSKE, 64, one of the founders of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, died in his home at 117 North Jackson, Crown Point, November 3. Associated in interests directed during his entire lifetime to the betterment of his community, he leaves countless friends to share a deep sense of loss.

A graduate of Crown Point high school with the Class of 1925, he participated during his school years in school athletics and played varsity basketball and football. As a young man he devoted much time to work with the Boy Scout organization, in which he attained the rank of Eagle Scout and later continued as a troop leader. Mill work took him for two years to Youngstown Sheet and Tube company in East Chicago, where he was a member of plant protection with the fire department as a fireman. In business afterward in Crown Point, he was associated in the gasoline and tire business at the Guske and Pounds service station on South Court for some time before turning to the operation of his own well drilling business. Guske served eight years as Crown Point city councilman and was completing 17 years as justice of the peace of Center township at the time of his death.

Crown Point firemen held a memorial service for their former member Friday night in a local funeral home. He had been on the local force and helped organize the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's association. He was also an active member of the Izaak Walton League.

Dieting breaks the pound barrier and doesn't let things go to waist.

## TIPS FOR FIRE SAFE YULE

Christmas trees, lighted candles, arrangements of evergreen sprigs — traditional decorative touches which spread the holiday atmosphere throughout the home — can also spread the horror of fire unless great care is taken.

This is the warning which urges everyone to keep fire safety high on the list of important things to remember this time of year.

Follow these suggestions when planning Christmas trees, lighting, decorations, wrappings and gifts:

**TREE** -- Select a firm, fresh one, and put it at once in a cool place with its base in water. Before setting it up, cut about an inch off the base to help the tree absorb water, then place the tree in a sturdy stand containing water. Be sure the water level stays above the cut — check it daily. Locate the tree away from heat and where it won't block exits. Take it down as soon as possible after Christmas — the more it dries out, the more of a hazard it becomes. Don't rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatments.

**LIGHTING** -- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near any evergreen decorations. Check sets of electric lights closely, for worn insulation, broken plugs, loose bulb sockets, and use only sets with Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) or Canadian Standards Association (CSA) label. Use extension cords sparingly. Never hang sets of lights on a metallic artificial tree — to avoid shock hazard, use only indirect spot lighting on such a tree, which should carry the UL label if it has a built-in electrical system. Turn off all indoor tree and decorative lights when leaving the house or retiring for the night. Outdoor lights should have special wiring.

**DECORATIONS** -- Use materials which are non-combustible, such as glass and asbestos, or which are flame-retardant. Keep natural evergreens and polystyrene foam decorations away from candles, fireplaces, other open flames. Be sure holiday costumes and masks, such as Santa suits and whiskers and children's pageant outfits, are flameproofed.

**WRAPPINGS** -- Pick them up while opening gifts and put into covered trash containers. Never burn wrappings, cartons, etc., in the fireplace.

**GIFTS** -- To meet safety standards, electric toys should carry

## MISS FLAME CROWNED AT FARMLAND FESTIVAL

Debbie Halstead was crowned Miss Flame of 1971 at the annual Fire Prevention Day festivities at Farmland, October 2nd. The crown was placed on Miss Halstead's head by Miss Debbie Stonerock, last year's Miss Flame.

Following the crowning, a parade, comprised of high school bands, fire equipment (new and antique) from area departments, antique cars, twirling units, pony riders, American Legion color guards and drill teams and representatives of civic organizations moved through downtown streets.

AN AUBURN 1935 Speedster, owned by Walker Funeral Home, Montpelier, received first in the antique car division, and a 1941 Packard, owned by Rufus Tucker, R.R. 1, Selma, was second. In antique fire equipment, an International truck, owned by Larry Harbert of Mooreland was first, and second place was captured by Cecil Slick of the Portland Antique Car Club. Equipment shown by Ward Township Fire Department received first place for the best overall display.

BILL PURSLEY of Parker provided organ music during the morning program and the afternoon program was comprised of free rides for the kids on fire trucks from Redkey and Farmland, drawings, music by Mooreland Firemen, games and contests.

Farmland Fire Department was assisted with the day's events by the Ladies Auxiliary, which served food throughout the day.

UL or CSA label.

General holiday reminders include these: keep children from playing under or near the Christmas tree, to avoid the danger of it falling over; be especially careful with matches and smoking materials; and review the family's home escape plan for quick exit in case of a fire emergency. Also, even with the pressure of last-minute shopping and errands as Christmas nears, never leave children alone or without proper supervision.

TO ALL MEMBERS IVFA AND AUXILIARY

## THANK YOU ALL

This just does not seem enough to express how sincerely grateful I am to such wonderful friends.

After being hospitalized for 23 days, because of major surgery, I returned home on Thursday, October 21, 1971, and am gaining strength little by little.

The lovely cards, flowers and surely prayers; I know did wonders for me. I truly appreciate it more than I can express with mere words.

Thank you kindly.

Mrs. Verne (Julia) Konopasek  
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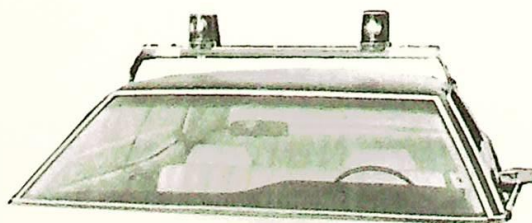
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# LAKE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMAN KILLED ON "GRASS FIRE" RUN



David Rosenbaum, age 27, an Independence Hill, Lake County, Indiana, fireman, was killed November 6th when the truck he was driving on a grass fire run hit an auto broadside then rolled over the victim's body.

Police, who investigated, said -- Post Tribune Photos

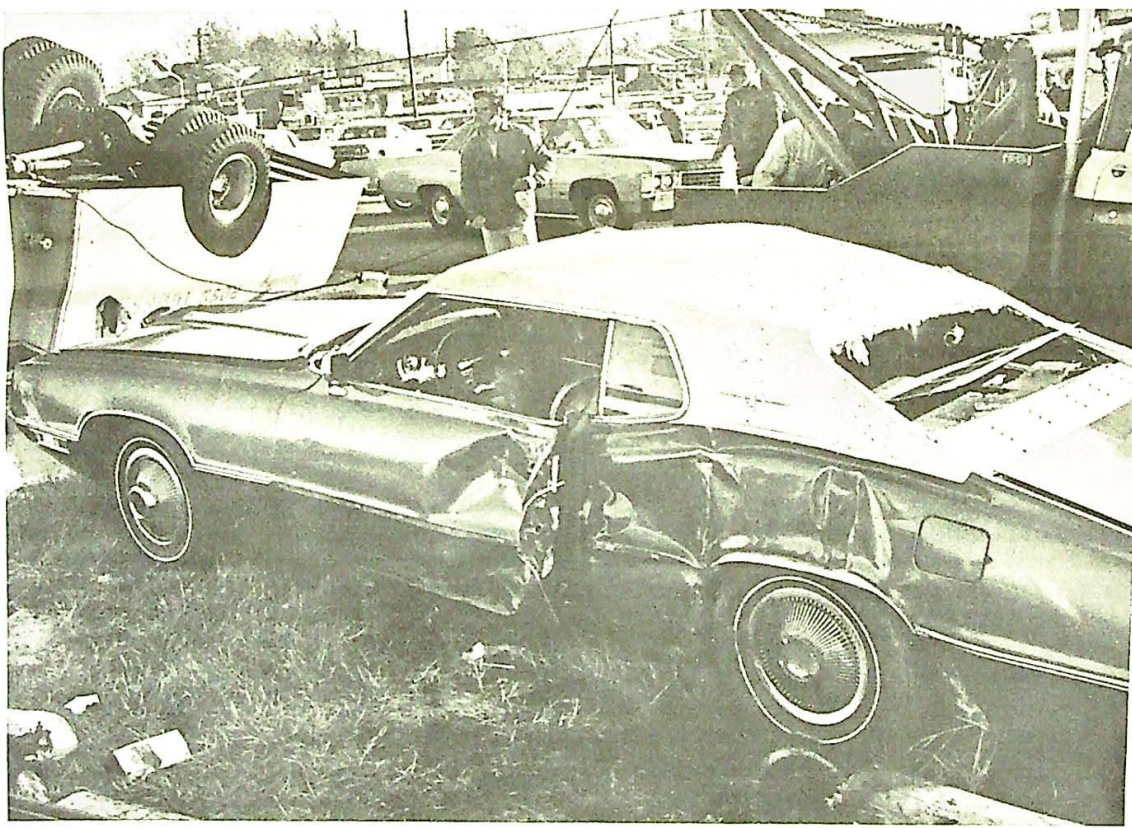
the fire truck was south-bound on Indiana 55, with emergency signals working, going through a red light at the intersection with U.S. 30 when it hit the auto broadside.

Apparently, police said, Rosenbaum swerved to miss the

car and the truck rolled over, throwing the three occupants from the cab of the truck.

The car was driven by Michael Winski of Bloomington, Indiana. His wife, Pamela, age 22, who was on the side of the car where the fire truck struck, passed away the

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# IVFA Officers' Meeting

AUGUST 22, 1971  
KOKOMO, INDIANA

Meeting was opened by Prayer by Chaplain Duane Lantz. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Stofer. Motion by Paul Fairfield to delete the reading of the previous minutes. Seconded by Sam Bower and motion passed.

President Engle thanked all those that attended the Funeral of Bud Johnson.

The following appointments were made by President Engle: Past President Bill Goodwin member of Advisory Board; Robert Laney as Editor; Public Relations Director, Southwest, Ned Hep.

President Engle stated that he would like to see Fire Training continued throughout the State, and if anyone had any problems within his area, he asked that it be brought to his attention.

Vice President Harold Stofer stated that he has been pretty busy. He had four meetings to attend the following day. He has also attended other activities throughout the State. The 1972 Convention has developed a few problems but as Co-Chairman of the event he is working hard on them.

Treasurer's Report as follows: Given by Verne Konopasek: Clothing Fund Balance is \$8,673.45; Donation Fund Balance is \$18,010.72; Funeral Fund Balance is \$46,326.13; General Fund Balance is \$19,374.95. Equals a grand Total of \$92,385.35.

Verne stated that the 25th Anniversary Book would be ready by the next Officers Meeting in November.

Secretary Ford reported he had received a letter asking the minimum age for a volunteer fireman. It was advised by the body to stick with the 21 year olds. He also had a request for the average number of firemen per department in the State. He was unable to furnish this information. He asked all Directors and Officers to write letters of thanks to Radio and TV Stations for the support of IVFA Public Service Promotion. Ford further stated that all dues cards had been sent back to departments as of this date and that the office would remain closed until after Labor Day.

Chaplain Lantz informed the group that the company that furnishes the Memorial Bibles had just recently burned out. However, they are again back in operation. We would have had difficulties if a good supply of these Bibles had not been on hand. He reported that he had conducted Funeral Services for Bud Johnson and a fireman at Pleasant Lake. Chaplain Duane Lantz was especially proud to have received an invitation to conduct Funeral Services at Monroe, Wisconsin.

Past President Goodwin thanked all members for their fine cooperation in helping him carry out his duties as president for the past two years. He reminded the group of the coming International Waterball Contest at Angola on September 11 and 12.

Ray Lester, Sergeant-at-Arms, reported that the Association needed a new American Flag.

Bob Laney, Editor, said the latest issue of the IVFA Paper was out, and it was the largest he had ever printed. He was on a one-half hour radio program talking of the last convention and suggested that more of this be done by the rest of the body. He thanked everyone for the fine cooperation displayed for the Crown Point Convention. He also asked that all departments and or members send in stories and pictures for the next issue of the paper. Bob was given a big hand by all in attendance for his excellent work on both the IVFA Paper and the Crown Point Convention.

President Engle stated that he felt the Association should draw up a set of guidelines for future conventions so as to better eliminate some of the problems experienced in the past.

Verne Konopasek, Historian, asked the group how they felt about his handling the sale of the 25th Anniversary Book from his office. Orders would be placed with his office and mailed out from there. The group OK'd this fine offer and more details will appear in the next issue of the Paper.

Northeast Public Relations Director, Garland Kiefer, said he was disappointed in the attendance at the Fire School held in Fort Wayne. A lot of effort went into this good training program offered the group. It was discouraging that more firemen did not take advantage of this school.

Southeast Public Relations Director, Paul Kraft, commented that he has been working on the coming Fire School, and he is hoping for a good attendance. He has received much good comment on the new Blue Light Law.

Northwest Public Relations Director, Harold King, said he has been very busy with training programs and they have a National Camper's Association. Meeting with approximately 10 to 15,000 people attending for which they are setting up fire protection with volunteers throughout the area.

Southwest Public Relations Director, Carl Davis, says we need two Directors to bring up the strength of the Association in the Central part of the State.

Meeting then recessed for a Board of Directors' Meeting after which Dinner will be served.

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**OFFICERS' MEETING**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Recommendations were made by Bill Goodwin to have better control over the Hospitality Rooms at Conventions, to which Chairman of the Board, Harold Stofer, answered: A uniformed guard will be posted at each hospitality room for the next convention. The Convention Committee will sit down with the apparatus companies to talk over control problems.

Chairman Stofer had a letter on a death benefit that the Secretary had mistakenly paid. Motion made by Sam Bower, seconded by Charles McGill, Jr., Association assume cost of this mistake. Motion passed.

Jack Ford discussed some problems of Nationwide Insurance. Seems that many feel present statutory laws say full coverage for firemen is a must. It is only for Accident and Injury and this is what is covered by law, some exclusions and additions have been offered over and above the law by the Association's Nationwide Program. He also stated that if full coverage is what is wanted then legislative action should be taken to insure this for all volunteer firemen.

Chairman Stofer discussed the yearbook being prepared by Verne. Price is to be \$4.80; \$1.30 higher than originally planned. Norman Crocker made a motion to add \$1.30 to cost of book - seconded by Ed Weaver and duly passed. Charles McGill, Jr. moved to let Verne handle distribution of book - seconded by Bob Esserman and duly passed.

A committee was appointed by Chairman Stofer to study insurance problems with Nationwide. Committee will be Leon Lump, Chairman, with Ivan Bousman, Edmond Weaver, Bob Esserman and Norm Crocker as members.

Stofer also recommended that more time be allowed for Board of Directors' Meetings. Bob Esserman questioned why no one else has a duplicate record of the Treasurer's records. A committee was appointed by Stofer to study the office of the Treasurer.

Appointments as follows: Charles McGill, Jr., Chairman, Charles Sutton, Sam Bower and Bub Holscher as members.

Motion was made by Norman Crocker to nominate James Baker for Chairman of the Board Election, seconded by Charles Sutton. Robert Esserman nominated Charles McGill, Jr., seconded by Jim Baker. Election was held, ballots counted, and James Baker was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Board meeting was then adjourned.

**PM Session of Officers Meeting Resumes**

A report was given by Vice President Stofer on the meeting of the Board of Directors and the actions taken.

**District Chairman Reports**

1. Robert Esserman said the recent fire at a fire station in their area was definitely arson. The department lost everything they had.

2. Leon Lump was very pleased with attendance in his district. There were 140 members at the last meeting.

3. Jerry McCarty reported attendance good and had an air crash program at the last meeting.

4. Art Wise had no report.

5. Norman Crocker was very pleased with State Officers attending his last District meeting.

6. Paul Fairfield reported that there was attendance of 250 firemen at the two day session of the Fire School in his District. Also reported a very fine Rescue School sponsored by the State Board of Health. This was put on by the Special Services & Supply, Inc., of Normal, Illinois.

7. Ivan Nevil invited all to Poe Days to be held at the Hoagland Hay Loft, Hoagland, Indiana.

8A. Ralph Hertle, absent account of sickness - no report.

8B. Ivan Bousman reports very good attendance at the last meeting in Portland.

9A. Charles Sutton further commented on Fire School in his area.

9B. Edmund Weaver commented on a recent arson fire in his area. He announced a Fish Fry coming up September 15th with Waterball, everyone invited.

10. No report - everything going in good shape.

11. Butch McGill says Dana Days was a great success, and thanked all the officers for attending.

12. Robert Gentry, Vice Chairman, reported for Charles Jones that new departments are coming in but right now Charlie is busy at the State Fair selling HOT DOGS.

13. James Baker reported on a recent house fire that was arson, being set by two boys.

14. Sam Bower stated that it takes a good program to get attendance at District Meetings. Reported very good attendance at his Scottsburg Meeting.

15. Billy Coghill absent - no report.

16. Gilbert Leist reported a very good program set up for their Fire School and hopes for a very large attendance.

17. Bub Holscher announced Fire School for the Southwest, October 16 - 17th. Also stated that false alarms were very prevalent and as a result of one a fire truck was wrecked.

18. Frank Meyer absent - no report.

President Engle stated that he would attend all meetings he possibly could. If he could not attend he would call on one of the Past Presidents to pinch-hit for him.

He further announced that the next Officers meeting will be in Kokomo, November 21, 1971, at 10:00 A.M.

No further business, meeting adjourned 3:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Fairfield, Recording Secretary Pro-Tem

**KOSCIUSKO FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS**

Officers of the Kosciusko County Firemen's Association were elected at the August meeting, held August 19th at Leesburg. They are President, Norman Banghart; Vice President, Rex Mast; Secretary, Art Wise, and Treasurer, Frank Hoffer.

The annual fish fry was held October 21st at the Women's building at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds.

Some powder goes off with a bang, other kinds go on with a puff.

**ACCIDENT CLAIMS FIREMAN**

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next day in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, where all the victims were taken following the accident.

Two other Independence Hill firemen were thrown out of the truck were Dennis Calhoun and Virgil Hoshaw.

Witnesses said that all of the other traffic on U.S. 30 was stopped except for the Winski auto, and it is estimated that the driver of the car did not hear the siren or see the flashing signals of the fire truck as it approached U.S. 30.

Mrs. Rosenbaum related she and her husband were putting up storm windows on their home at 7509 Independence St., when the fire alarm came. Rosenbaum got off the ladder, leaving the windows and equipment as were, and rushed out to the car, waving goodbye to his wife at the window.

Rosenbaum's death was the first on-duty fatality in the 28-year history of the Merrillville and Independence Hill fire departments.

Independence Hill Fire Chief Don Yaros bemoaned the death as "needless" because the truck was on a run to a grass fire. He said if people wouldn't burn leaves and let the fires get away such runs would be unnecessary and in this instance would have saved a life.

Yaros said the victim had been a member of the volunteer department for more than five years, and was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Memorial services were conducted November 8th by the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Chaplain, Duane Lantz, where more than 250 volunteers attended. Funeral services were held November 9th at the Independence Hill Presbyterian Church, with burial in the Calumet Park Cemetery. The cortage of fire trucks were assembled for the funeral from fire companies from a wide area.

Rosenbaum is survived by his widow, Bonnie; two sons, David, 4, and Mark, 1 year old; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rosenbaum of Merrillville; a brother, Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Marguerite Miller and Mrs. Leah Rae Wilburn, both of Merrillville.

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**ROSENBAUM MEMORIAL FUND**

DAVID ROSENBAUM

A memorial fund has been established for the family of David Rosenbaum, which included the widow and two small sons. Contributions are being accepted in his memory in recognition of his service to the community, and may be sent to the Commercial Bank at 115 South Court Street, Crown Point, or at the Independence Hill Branch, U.S. 30 and Route 55, Merrillville 46410.

**SIXTH DISTRICT FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC**

The annual picnic of the Sixth District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association was held at Ashley recently with 59 families participating. Host Chief was Maynard Sanders.

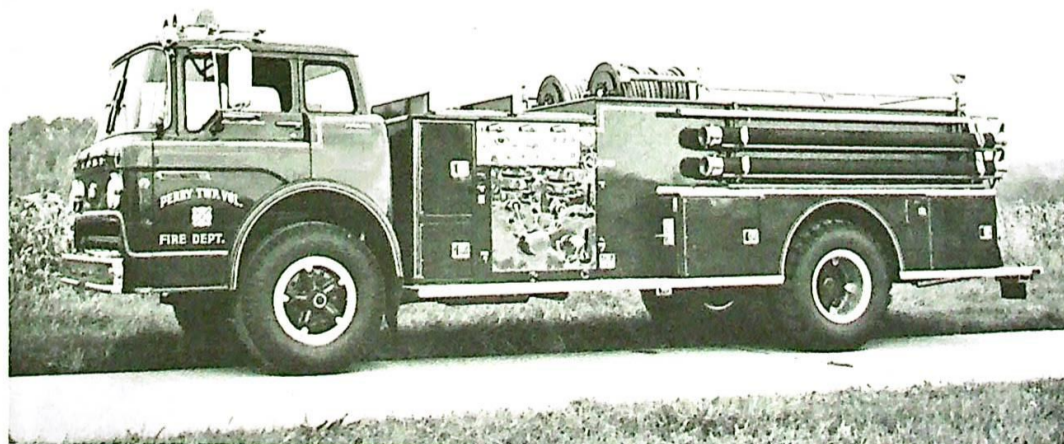
In the afternoon's events, the waterball contest was won by the national champs, Butler, with Wayne Township No. 1 placing second. The winning team included Jay and Larry Moore, "Bounce" Miller, Robert Cline and "Bert" Gearhart.

Bucket brigade contests were entered by seven teams, with Butler's team first and Ashley, second. The hose replacement contest was won by LaOtto's state

champ team of Larry Hersberger, Kenny Ryan, Jim Seckler and Harry Traxler. Pleasant Lake placed second in the nine-team event.

Wayne Township No. 1 ladies' waterball team won over five teams. The team consisted of Sandra Kiefer, Waunita Kiefer, Elsie Kiefer, Barbara Schrock, Janet Yoder and Jeanette Laisure. Ashley placed second.

In the ladies' bucket brigade, Wayne Township No. 2 was first in the four-team event with Ashley second. Winning team members included Sarah Birch, Karen Gebhart, Gloria Fulk, Georgia Walker, Kay Riegel and Linda VanBlarcum.

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Ray W. Poindexter, 64, Odon funeral director and Volunteer Fireman, died from a heart attack at his residence in Odon.

Mr. Poindexter was a lifetime resident of the Odon community and a respected leader in the community activities.

He was born December 15, 1906, at Epsom. He was educated in the Odon-Madison schools and became associated with his father

in the funeral home business.

Mr. Poindexter was a member of Odon United Methodist church, Moore Lodge No. 303, F & AM; Washington Elks No. 933; Odon Lions Club; Indiana Funeral Directors Association; National Funeral Directors Association; Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association, Odon Businessmen's Association, and had been a member of the Odon Volunteer Fire Department for 45 years.

He was married April 19, 1930 to Opal Yarbrough and she survives with one son, Richard, of Odon; 4 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and four brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Trinity United Methodist church in Odon with Rev. Charles Wogman and Rev. Ivan Steed officiating and burial in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The loss of Ray Poindexter from the Main Street scene will leave a strange emptiness. Ray spent a lifetime on the Main Street of Odon. For many years he was in the furniture business and his store was a favorite gathering place for all and after leaving the store, the funeral home on West Main became a focal point for many activities.

Ray's friends are legion, his credits were many. He stood ready to assist in any kind of emergency or need.

His front porch has been a favorite spot for the great and the small. He extended the same courtesies to everyone he met and his genuine interest in people won him a long list of devoted friends. He accepted people for what they were and respected their opinions. He always had time to talk to his friends — never distinguishing between those with influence and prestige and his old friends, regardless how ordinary their lives might be.

Men like Ray Poindexter need no memorials — for they have built their own through their friends.

FORMER CEDAR LAKE FIREMAN FINDS EXCITEMENT IN RESPONDING TO FIRE CALLS



**FIRE FIGHTERS**—There are many jobs to be done when the fire alarm sounds at East Naples Fire Station. Chief Bill Washam, right, depends on volunteer workers to pitch in and help. Charles Rattray, 85, has made fire fighting his hobby and although he no longer rides the truck or fights fires he takes volunteer duty in the station handling phone calls during emergencies.

Chasing fires as a part of his duties with the telephone company in Chicago, Ill. developed into a hobby for Charles Rattray and at 85 he's still responding to the fire alarm.

"I'd be in bad shape if I couldn't work with the fire department," Rattray said. "I've done it for so many years I can't think of anything else I'd want to do."

Because of his age Rattray no longer rides the fire trucks or fights fires but when the alarm sounds at the East Naples Fire House he's in his car heading for the station to man the telephone.

"We get all kinds of calls. Mostly curious people wanting to know where the fire is and what's happening," he said. "Then there are always several people calling to report the same fire and I tell them it's under control." He also monitors calls from the firemen on the job when other help is needed and calls are to be made.

Rattray first became interested in fire work when he worked for

the telephone company. He would go to the fire site and gather the telephone equipment. "If we didn't pick it up immediately it would be gone especially if it happened to be a pay box. It would be broken and the money gone."

Rattray retired from the telephone company after 37 years of service but his fire consciousness became a motivation for continued activity, he said.

The Rattrays moved from Chicago to Cedar Lake, Ind. in 1942. Cedar Lake had no fire department at the time so Rattray gathered a few neighbors in his home and presented the idea of a volunteer fire department.

With proceeds from dances, card parties and annual dues Cedar Lake soon had a fire truck. The department to this day is operated on a volunteer basis, Rattray said, and is funded by donations and benefits.

"Cedar Lake now has a beautiful little fire house, two fire engines and emergency equipment. The city wanted to take it over but the people didn't want to give it up."

Rattray told about soliciting funds door-to-door in Cedar Lake. "I was new to the community and didn't know anybody. All I needed was an introduction and I could go from there. A very well known town woman said she would introduce me to anybody I wanted if I would do all the talking, so we went from house to house and everyone soon wanted the fire department and was willing to help."

Until 1963 Rattray served on the Cedar Lake fire department.

"When I came to Naples all I thought was fire department. I'd just sit and twiddle my thumbs if I couldn't get involved with fire work. The fire department is my hobby," Rattray stated.

Mae, Rattray's wife of 60 years, said she doesn't worry so much now as when he used to ride the trucks. "Now I worry if he doesn't come home when he should and there have been times during the recent wood fires that he was at the station all day. A few times it was midnight before he came home," she said.

Rattray said he has no idea of the amount of time he has spent on duty at the East Naples Fire House. "I don't keep track of hours. When there is a fire, I go."

The Rattrays started coming to Naples during the winter, 1962. Mrs. Rattray said they came for a two-week vacation and stayed for four months and for several years after they came for six months and went back to their home in Cedar Lake for the remainder of the year.

They now reside in a mobile home at Harmony Shores, a short distance from the fire house. They have one son, a coordinator for building steel mills in the states and foreign countries; twin daughters in Indiana.

MADISON ONES CELEBRATE 130TH BIRTHDAY

Old Neptune, the hose carrier, the great 1886 firemen's tournament, Fred, the firehorse who didn't know progress had passed him by — was nostalgia time again when the men of Fair Play Fire Company No. 1, the oldest volunteer fire-fighting unit in Indiana, celebrated their 130th anniversary.

Madison officials and members of other fire companies joined Ones president Bob Kalb, vice president John Burkhardt, secretary Bill Goebel, chief Earl Davis, and the other thirty or so Ones, both active and retired, for the celebration.

They were surrounded by reminders of the past and present — Neptune, bought in 1851, standing next to the yellow truck bought in 1969; the old stalls now converted to a game room; old record books and an up-to-date guest register for those persons who savor a bit of history when they visited the home of the Ones.

Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 was founded in September 1841. Its first officers were J. D. Taylor and Joseph Todd. Four years later, Todd and M. A. Gavitt were appointed to write the company's constitution and apply for a charter from the state.

When the constitution was adopted and the charter granted, new officers were elected: John Kirk, president; M. A. Gavitt, vice president; Joseph Todd, secretary; and George Short, secretary.

According to the old minute books, in its early years Fair Play No. 1 received from one to four new applications for membership at every meeting. Later, memberships were so prized that those who were accepted were likely to have friends or relatives who already belonged. Tom Wolfe, 87, a member of the Ones since 1907, followed an uncle, his father, and his grandfather into No. 1.

In January 1846, the city council recognized Fair Play No. 1 as a regular fire company. Two years

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MRS. (BUD) JOHNSON PASSES AWAY



Mrs. (Bud) Johnson, 56, 325 Main street, Rochester, died unexpectedly at 3 a.m., November 4th, in Woodlawn hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was admitted to the hospital at 7 p.m. the day before.

Born July 13, 1915, in Fulton, she was the daughter of Clyde and Ruth Marsh Leavell. Her marriage was September 21, 1932, in Rochester to Virgil F. (Bud) Johnson. He preceded in death July 1, 1971. Mrs. Johnson had resided most of her life in the Rochester and Fulton communities, with the exception of nine years spent in Valparaiso. She had assumed the work of her late husband as state sales representative for the America LaFrance Fire Equipment company and the Hoosier Fire Equipment company.

Final rites were November 6th at 2 p.m. in the Zimmerman Brothers funeral home. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery in Rochester.

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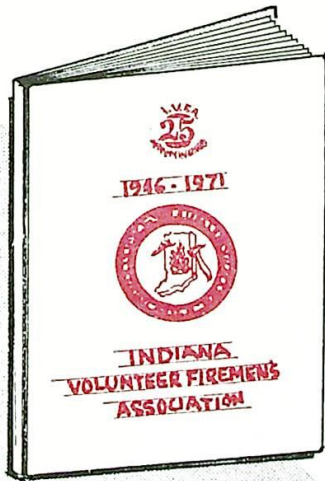
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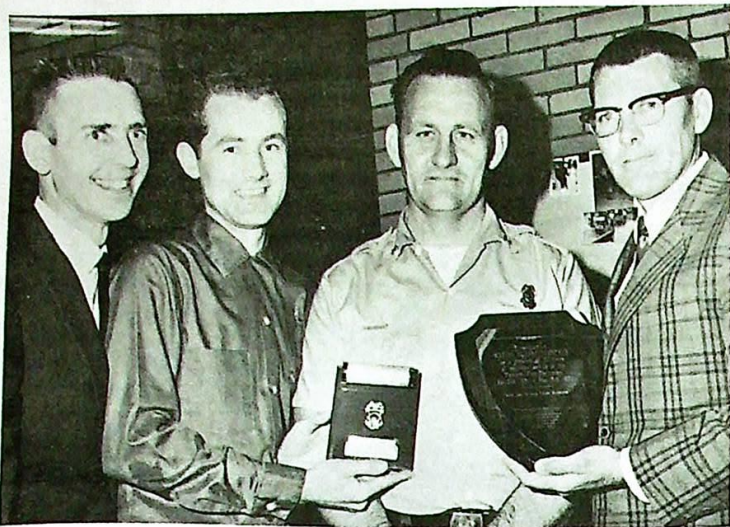
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## 20 YEAR VETERAN RETIRES FROM PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT



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In picture, left to right: Bill Williamson Fire Chief, Lester Eads youngest fireman in years of service with department. Honorary Gene Thompson and Ray Williams oldest Firemen in years of service with the Department.

In picture, left to right: Bill Williamson, Fire Chief, Lester Eads, youngest fireman in years of service with Department, Honorary Gene Thompson and Ray Williams, oldest Firemen in years of service with the Department.

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### ONES CELEBRATE

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later the city built a firehouse at Third and Jefferson Streets. The Ones occupied it until moving to their present East Main site in 1888.

The bell now hanging in the firehouse tower is the second bell owned by No. 1. When the first bell cracked, it was melted down — along with silver dollars donated by townspeople — and recast into the new bell.

"Little Jimmy" (named for Jim McIntire, uncle of Tom Wolfe) is the weathervane atop the bell tower. Made by Peter Hoffman, "Little Jimmy" stood atop the tower until remodeling plans

necessitated his removal. He remained in the basement of Eggleston School until some 15 or 20 years ago, when Mrs. Marion Einsel returned him on condition that he be placed back atop the tower.

"Little Jimmy" holds a horn like those used by early firemen, in the days before bullhorns were designed, to shout directions at the scene of a fire.

Included in the firehouse's trophy cases are reminders of one of No. 1's finest hours: a firemen's tournament, held in Cincinnati in 1886, and attended by fire companies throughout the Midwest and South.

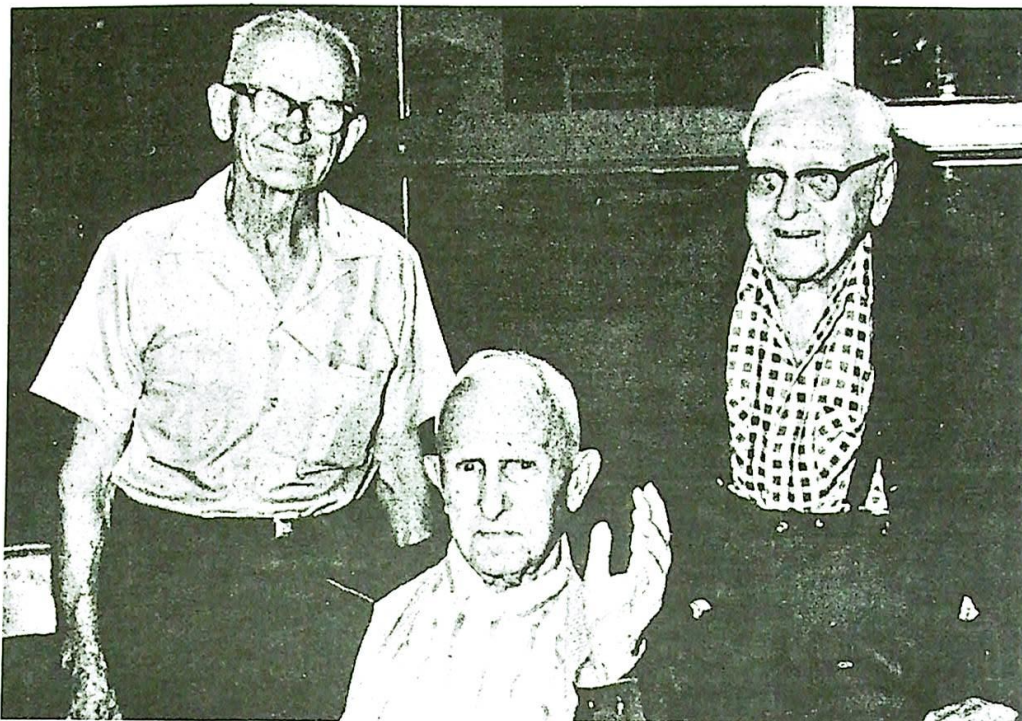
The Ones almost didn't reach Cincinnati. They traveled on a

river steamer which hit a snag and began to sink; but the Ones, who had brought along all their equipment, stoked their steam pumper, built up steam, and pumped the boat dry.

Because of the accident, the boat was late reaching Cincinnati. Fair Play No. 1 missed the parade event, but won all the others, including a water-throwing contest which paid \$400 to the winner. When the tournament ended, the mayor of Cincinnati presented the Ones with a broom, signifying a clean sweep.

Rivalries also extended to fire companies in Madison. Before running water was installed, rival engines raced each other to the nearest cistern. Jim McIntire had

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Representing 168 Years of service to Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 were three Ones who attended the 130th anniversary party for the oldest volunteer fire company in Indiana. From

left are Clarence Hoffman, a member 54 years; Bill Bodem, 50 years; and Tom Wolfe, 64 years. About 150 Ones, firemen and special guests attended the party.

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a brother, Johnny, in Fair Play No. 2. Both were engine drivers, and each raced to every fire, as eager to beat the other as to put out the fire.

Before city streets were paved, the firefighting equipment was taken out every day except Sunday to sprinkle the dirt roads and to fill holes with gravel. Sometimes a fire alarm would be sounded while the horses and equipment were out, and the firemen had to rush back to the station.

Not until about 1917 were the horses replaced by modern equipment. The horses were sold, but their new owners soon found that they still reacted to the sound of a fire alarm.

One horse, Fred, was sold to a woman who lived on a farm, well away from the sound of fire alarms. But after a few years, she sold him to a city resident. One night when the men were gathered in the back room, playing cards, old Fred suddenly turned up at the front door, trying to get back inside.

Apparently the Ones never owned a Dalmation, the traditional firehouse mascot; but over the years a menagerie accumulated at the firehouse. Wolfe recalled that for a time they kept a terrier, but the presence of so many men made him nervous and he annoyed the horses.

The firemen gave him away to a Saluda farmer, but after a while, they missed him. According to Wolfe, the farmer would not consider returning him; the dog had proved to be both an efficient snake killer and a pet for the farmer's children.

Rats and mice invaded the hayloft, and the firemen brought in cats. Early minute books contain entries recording the payment of ten cents a week for milk to feed the cats. Later, two owls were trapped and installed in the loft to prey on the rats. The owls stayed some five years, coming and going through a hole cut in the wall.

Another pet the Ones eventually had to get rid of was a goat. According to Wolfe, when the men sat around playing cards, the goat would come up from behind and eat their coattails.

In 130 years, not a single member of the Ones has died in the line of duty. Deaths were recorded in a Bible from 1841 until 1917, and the Bible lists two Civil War casualties: John Gerber, killed April 2, 1862, at the Battle of Shiloh; and Lewis Hardenbrook, killed November 26, 1863, at the Battle of Lookout Mountain.

John W. Bishop, who joined in February 1862 and died July 31, 1933, at the age of 90, holds the longest record of membership. Wolfe, a member for 64 years, is the oldest living volunteer fireman in Indiana.

#### WATERBALL NEWS

Congratulations to Acton Ladies. They are again the International Waterball Champs. I know that traveling trophy meant a lot to them. It is theirs to keep now.

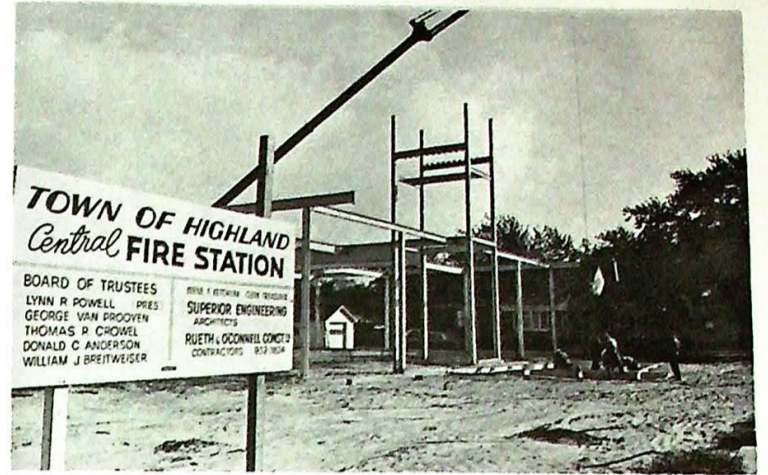
The Banquet was held November 13, 1971, with Poe Department being hosts. Poe, you really did a great job and had a very nice banquet. Thank you from everyone. It will be held at Acton next year.

Congratulations to Bee Walker and Bud Grey. They are Mr. and Mrs. Waterball of 1971. They are both excellent players and very good sports. I'm sure everyone knows them by face, if not by name.

Well, girls get your teams talking waterball and bucket brigade early. Good Luck to all next year and as this year closes, Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year to all.

--Donna Brown

### NEW FIRE STATION FOR HIGHLAND



Work progresses — Structural steel work is under way on the \$172,490 fire station being built at 4th and Highway in Highland. The firm Rueth and O'Connell, Inc., of Hammond is expected to complete work on the 80-square-foot building in January. -- Post Tribune photo.

### SEVENTEEN REQUISITES FOR FIREMEN ESSENTIAL TO AN ARSON INVESTIGATION

1. Immediately upon arrival ascertain:
  - (a) Whether or not premises are occupied.
  - (b) Whether the doors and windows are open or shut, including any signs of forcible entry, and particularly whether locked or unfastened.
  - (c) How entry to the property was first made and by whom.
2. The type, color and odor of the smoke and flames should be noted to learn whether gasoline, kerosene, turpentine or other accelerant has been used, and whether there was an explosion or unusual occurrence.
3. Ascertain whether there is just one point of origin or more than one, and if the latter, whether there is any connection between them or are they separate and distinct.
4. It is important to observe whether the fire spreads with undue rapidity.
5. In fighting the fire and in salvage work every possible care should be taken not to destroy or disturb evidence of incendiarism that may exist.
6. Careful examination should be made to see where the fire started and to endeavor to ascertain whether there was a natural explanation for the origin and extent of the fire in such a place.
7. Careful examination should be made to see whether there is in existence any 'plant' or device for touching off a fire. Any preparation found should not be disturbed if at all practicable, until the fire investigator has been summoned and arrives.
8. Any suspicious articles that might have fingerprints should not be touched or handled, such as cans, bottles, etc.
9. If the examination of the debris shows evidence of any oil or accelerant, samples should be placed in a clean glass jar or other airtight container, sealed so the liquid will not evaporate before proper analysis can be made. Also a notation made on the label of who found it, where, the date and time and any witnesses present.
10. If there is important evidence of incendiarism found in the building, it should be protected until the arrival of the fire investigator.
11. If there is a series of fires, which might indicate a pyromaniac, careful note should be taken of persons who are frequent attenders at fires.
12. Any information or observations gathered by the firemen who assisted in extinguishing the fire should be immediately brought to the attention of the Fire Chief.
13. The firemen should maintain silence as to thoughts or expressions concerning the probable cause of fire while at the scene.
14. Upon arrival at the fire, notice whether the window blinds were pulled or any other covering which obstructed the view from the outside into the building.
15. If the occupants claimed they were in bed at the time the fire was discovered, notice their dress, such as shoe laces being laced and tied; if they were wearing ties; whether or not the dress was complete with gloves, pocketbook, etc. In other words, if they had shown haste or had taken their time in dressing.
16. Notice if there was any furniture disarranged or obstructing the free passage into the building and through the rooms.
17. The scene of a suspicious fire should be investigated thoroughly for unusually deep char on floors or other surfaces. The outline of deep char may give a clue as to the sources and quantity of spillage. Overturned bottles, drums, or cans with trailers or rubbish show the method which might have been employed to set the fire.

### CROWN POINT FIREMEN BUILD, PAY FOR VAN TO CARRY EQUIPMENT, TOOLS FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

Crown Point volunteer firemen have accumulated new equipment over the years through purchase and gifts, all of it necessary and useful but a difficult problem in how to have it all handy and on the job to select from as needed.

Not finding a rescue truck unit on the market firemen decided to build one capable of carrying all their on-the-job tools and equipment from a pocket hand tool to a one-ton electric generating plant on one vehicle. Robert Condon, working with engineers from

GMC truck company, the Boyertown Body company, an electric generator manufacturer, a power driven cord reel manufacturer, an electric winch maker and many others was able to execute a preliminary design for a truck body big enough to house the inventory and fitted to a truck chassis capable of carrying the load. After many revisions contracts for the chassis, the body and such new equipment as the electric generator plant, flood

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# Auxiliary News

## IVFA Auxiliary Officers - 1972

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District 3 .....	Valerie Pulliam
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District 6 .....	Dorothy Anstett
Pleasant Lake 46779	
District 7 .....	Marjorie Brames
Box 109, Hoagland 46745	
District 10 .....	Barbara Parker
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District 11 .....	Vica McGill
Box 167, Dana 47847	
District 12 .....	Catherine VanArsdale
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Men's Lapel and Auxiliary Pins .....	Lucy Stofer
718 S. Ingomar, Indianapolis 46241	

## Auxiliary Officers' Meeting

King's Crown Inn, Kokomo, August 22, 1971

Meeting was opened by our new President, Carolyn McCarty. Led in prayer by Thelma Lester. Pledge to the flag led by our new Sergeant-at-Arms, Lucy Stofer. Roll Call found 17 officers and 15 guests present.

Minutes of the officers' meeting and convention were read and approved.

Judy Devore of Kokomo was introduced, she is interested in getting an auxiliary started for District 9A.

Thelma reported she has sent 1 birth, 12 shut-ins, and 16 deaths. She read a thank you card from Mr. and Mrs. Verne Konopasek for their anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Crocker of District 4, reported she hasn't tried lately but will try again real soon to get district auxiliary started.

Carolyn reported \$619.38 profit on the Lucky Dough Doll—very good year.

Ruth Ford - No Report, Insurance

Donna Brown has been appointed Waterball Chairman for next year. A discussion was held concerning the Sportsmanship Trophy. Ruth Ford made a motion that the trophy be dropped. Berta Engle seconded the motion and carried. Catherine VanArsdale made a motion we have three (3) trophies for waterball. Seconded by Ruth Fairfield and carried. Donna asked the girls how they felt about Bucket brigade? Do they want the rules changed? It is to be discussed at District meetings and brought back to next officers meeting. Carolyn appointed Nancy Kraft to help Donna Brown with the waterball and bucket brigade.

Treasurer, Barbara Surber showed a balance of \$1,527.26

Jo Lantz reported 790 memberships as of 8 - 17 - 71, she reminded everyone to please mail all copies of membership forms back to her.

Lucy Stofer reported \$285.00 on Jewelry. Carolyn appointed Nancy Kraft the new Jewelry chairman since Lucy is our new Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mrs. Weaver asked about the sheets for memorial services. She has painted 3 of them and still has one to paint. Do we want more? Thelma Lester made a motion we buy 2 more sheets for Mrs. Weaver to paint. Bernice Esserman seconded the motion and carried.

Dismissed for Lunch

First thing after lunch were the district reports.

### DISTRICT REPORTS:

1 & 2—Betty Hahn

The August meeting was held at Ainsworth-Deep River. 47 members, 2 guests from 11 departments. New officers elected are: Bernice Esserman, Chairman, Betsy Howe, Secretary, and installed by Clara Shank. A discussion on district members choosing and purchasing our own district pins. Men's picnic will be August 22, at Black Oak Picnic Grove. Each lady received a Happy Eating Cookbook from Ainsworth-Deep River Auxiliary. Refreshments and airplane bunco was enjoyed by all. Next meeting will be at Black Oak in October.

3—Valerie Pulliam

June 28, Potluck Supper at Scipio. In absence of Chairman, Val Pulliam, Carolyn McCarty led the meeting. We had a small attendance because of heat of 104 degrees. Guests were Mrs. Robert Esserman and daughter from Districts 1 & 2. Convention report read, election of officers to be held next time which is to be announced at a later date. Each lady was awarded with a violet plant.

July 19th at Berne with 9 members from 4 departments. Election of officers: Joyce Nevil, Chairman, Antoinette Sorg, Secretary and Treasurer. Coming events - Poe Firemen's Festival August 28th, Geneva Day - August 19 - 20- 21. We then joined the men for entertainment and lunch.

6—Dorothy Anstett

Met July 15th at the Corunna Fire Station. There were 21 present from 8 departments. Convention report was read. Our picnic will be held September 19th at Ashby. Committees were appointed. Our August meeting will be at Adams 1. Election of officers were Dorothy Anstett, Chairman, and Phyllis Walters, Secretary. Coming events: Ice Cream Social Pleasant Lake - July 31, and Corunna, August 21. Corunna Car Wash, July 24th. We had a film with the men, refreshments.

August meeting was held at Adam's 1 with 21 present from 8 departments. 2 visitors. We are now having an attendance trophy to see if we can get more members out. Thorncreek won it this month with 5 present. Mary Mackin appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. Thorncreek Donut Sale September 11th. Next meeting will be at Kendallville. Adams presented a style show and then we were joined by the men for a program on fire school information. Refreshments were served.

10—Barbara Parker

August 16th at St. Paul with 58 members, representing 10 auxiliaries. Entertainment by "The Characters" of Greensburg, Ind. Announcements: Marietta, August 28th, Fish Fry, Adams, September 18th, Bean Supper -- Card parties start in October the 3rd. Saturday, Manilla - August 18 -- Nashville Country Music Show, St. Paul Card parties start in September, 1st Saturday of each month, Hartsville - September 18th -- Garden Tractor Pull, Acton - August 29th, 1:00 P.M. -- Franklin Township Hose Lay and Bucket Brigade at Franklin Central High School -- September 30th -- Gadget Party 7:30 P.M. -- October 10 Turkey Shoot at Camp Grounds -- November 6, Spaghetti Supper and Men's Style Show -- November 21st. Turkey Shoot at Camp Grounds. Bingo was enjoyed by all. Next meeting November 16th at Acton.

11—Vica McGill

July meeting was held at Pimento Fire House with a delicious dinner with the men and we were entertained by a Gospel Group from Farmersburg. Thelma Lester and Berta Engle were guests. A report on the convention. We have 3 new auxiliaries (Hilldale, Sandford, & Patricksburg). Coming events are: Dana Festival August 26, 27 and 28, with a Fish Fry on the 26th and Waterball, 28th. Fillmore Chicken Bar-B-Q September 17th and 18th. Cardon Fish Fry September 18th. Next meeting is at Prairieton on September 19th. Thelma gave a prayer for our new officers. Meeting was dismissed by Mrs. King and we joined the men, Bill Engle, IVFA President, installed the new officers.

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### District 3 News

The District 3, I.V.F.A. Auxiliary met on September 27, at the Kingsbury fire station. The Kingsbury Auxiliary was host group. The meeting was opened by Val Pulliam. A poem was read by Mrs. Lyle Gimberling of Kingsbury. Roll call was answered by 32 members, representing nine departments. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given.

The guests for the evening were: Mrs. Jo Hickman from the Herald Argus, LaPorte and Miss Marilyn Mieller of Knox.

Val Pulliam read the reports of the officer's meeting, which was held in Crown Point. Questions were answered on the I.V.F.A. insurance. A discussion was held on a convention nominating committee.

The subject of cards for meetings, being sent out four

weeks in advance, was brought up. It was discussed and a motion was made by Jo Lantz and seconded by Marie Moore.

Washington Township will be the host in January. Union Mills on March 29th and Koontz Lake in May.

The Treasurer's report was audited by Mildred Nolchiff and Leona Uryga with a balance of \$9.90.

Val Pulliam received a past chairman pin from Carolyn McCarty. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Nominations were held for offices of Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. Margaret Tarnow was nominated for Chairman by Leona Jister, seconded by Marie Moore and closed by Mrs. Rebecca Anay. Leona Uryga was nominated for Secretary-Treasurer by Jo Lantz, seconded by Mildred Nolchiff and closed by Carolyn McCarty.

Election was held and carried. Carolyn McCarty installed the new Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer by a candle ceremony and pledge.

Bingo was the evenings entertainment. Attendance awards were given out.

A salad bar was the refreshment for the evening.

### District 6

Our picnic was held September 19th at Ashley with 200 plus in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a very delicious potluck dinner.

In the afternoon men's and women's waterball, men's hose replacement, and men's and women's bucket brigade were held. Winners in men's waterball was Butler first and Waynedale second, and in women's waterball the winners were Waynedale first and Ashley second.

Winners in men's hose replacement were LaOtto No. 1 first and Pleasant Lake second. Butler took first and Ashley second in men's bucket brigade, and Anthony Wayne No. 1 first and Ashley second in women's bucket brigade. After the trophies were presented, we all departed for home.

Chairman-Dorothy Anstett  
 Secretary-Phyllis Walters

### District 10

The regular meeting of the 10th District Auxiliary was held at the St. Paul Fire Station on August 16. There were 58 members present, represented by 10 auxiliaries. The theme was "Back to School Days"!

Donna Beyer said grace before we had school lunches with desserts served afterward.

We were then entertained by "The Characters", from Greensburg.

The meeting was called to order with Barbara Parker leading us in the Pledge to the Flag. Devotions were given by the chaplain.

Announcements were: Marietta — Fish Fry, August 28th.

Adams — Bean Supper, September 18th; Card Parties started in October.

Manilla — Nashville Country Music Show, August 18th.

St. Paul — Card Parties started in September.

Hartsville — Garden Tractor Pull, September 18th; Fish sandwiches, pie and coffee served.

Acton — Hose Lay and Bucket Brigade, August 29th; gadget party at Firehouse, September 30th; Turkey Shoot, October 10th at camp grounds; Spaghetti Supper, Mens Style Show, November 6th; Turkey Shoot, camp grounds, November 21st.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Summary of events from the State Convention were read.

Next meeting will be at Acton in November.

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12—Catherine VanArsdale

Met on Thursday, July 15th at Ben Davis 4, with 27 present from 7 departments. Gene Stofer spoke on convention plans for 72. He asked for help and cooperation from everyone. Was asked for 2 ladies from each auxiliary to be official hostesses and that their names be turned in by August 15th. Barbara Shoaf is in charge of decorations and there will be extras planned in "72". Lucy Stofer announced she is still selling jewelry (IVFAA). State dues are due. Granny Harker Day - August 21st at Marion County Fairgrounds. Marion County Auxiliary - Monday, July 26th, at Fleming Garden - Bridgeport Fish Fry, July 21 thru 24th.

Perry having a parade July 31, blastoff of 20th year - Waterball, hose relay bucket brigade. Election of officers: Catherine VanArsdale, Chairman - Mary Brooks, Secretary - Ada Haines, Chaplain - Barbara Shoaf, Sergeant-at-Arms. Next meeting September 14th at Mickleyville. Meeting closed with prayer.

16—Lois Boaz

Met at New Albany Township, July 6th with 9 present from 3 departments. Discussed membership for the coming year into the state. Election of officers: Lois Boaz, Chairman - Gladys McCollum, Secretary - Fern White, Chaplain. Announcements were made of coming events in the district. September 12th. C. B. Jamboree and Fish Fry at Georgetown. Chicken Bar-B-Q, Martinsburg "Jackson Township", August 28th. Next meeting at Elizabeth, September 7th. Met with the men for refreshments.

Discussion was held on a nominating committee for election of officers. Catherine VanArsdale made a motion we take this to our locals and districts and then bring back to our officers meeting and then at the convention. Rosella Bousman seconded the motion and carried.

Next officers meeting to be at King's Crown Inn in Kokomo, on November 21.

Catherine VanArsdale reported they are now taking reservations for Convention with a \$5.00 deposit. They can be sent to Harold Stofer, 718 S. Ingomar, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Wayne Township is sponsoring a Rodeo October 8, 9 and 10th, at Clairmont to help with Convention expenses.

Carolyn asked if we are to have the Lucky Dough Doll this year. Jo Lantz made motion that we have the Doll for money making project. Bernice Esserman Seconded the motion and carried.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Thelma Lester.

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Door Prizes won by: Hazel Bond, Donna Cordey, Thelma Miller, Ruth Stifer and Nancy Yund.

Meeting was closed with everyone repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Pam Springmeier  
10th District Secretary

**President Appoints Nominating Committee**

A nominating committee has been appointed by your Auxiliary President.

If you have any member that you think would qualify for an office in the I.V.F.A.A. for the coming year 1972-73, please notify one of the following ladies:

- Mrs. Pauline Glaub  
Manila 46150
- Mrs. Libby Leist  
216 Green Street  
New Albany 47150
- Mrs. Eva Ruth Weaver  
Box 176, Francesville 47946
- Mrs. Lillian Bower  
Nabb 47147

All names submitted will be contacted before convention to see if they will accept the nomination. Please understand that a member can still be submitted from the convention floor.

I hope you have a happy holiday season and we'll see you at the convention in June.

--Carolyn McCarty

**Warren Township Auxiliary Installs New Officers**

The Women's Auxiliary of the Warren Township Fire Department, District 10, Indianapolis, installed its newly elected officers

at its annual installation dinner last week at The Holiday Inn, 21st and Rd. 100, Indianapolis.

Taking offices for the year are: President, Mrs. Robert Orange; Vice President, Mrs. Hubert Strayer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gene Battaly; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Perry Carter; Treasurer, Mrs. James Friddle.

The Auxiliary, comprised of wives of Warren Township Firemen, provide services, such as fire food details and other pertinent service projects to the department.

**Fire Safety, Like Charity, Begins in the Home**

Friday, October 8, marked the centennial of one of the most infamous events in America History. That is the day O'Leary's cow kicked the can or in those days the lantern and started the Great Chicago fire which leveled a good part of the nation's second largest city.

Fire fighting and fire prevention has improved a great deal in the last century but the basis for preventing tragedies by fire remains, the most part keeping those little individual fires from growing into neighborhood menaces.

During National Fire Prevention Week all fire chiefs, officials and firemen should remind parents that safety, like charity, begins in the home.

Just as in Mrs. O'Leary's day, misuse of the most common source of light is the biggest fire hazard. A century ago it was the lantern, today it is misused electricity. (Continued on Page 11)

**EAST GARY AUXILIARY INSTALLS OFFICERS**



East Gary Fire department women install new officers—The East Gary Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary held their annual installation and dinner banquet on September 8 at the Merrillville Holiday Inn. The new 1971-72 officers are shown here being installed by Mrs. Carolyn McCarty, state president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliaries; and Mrs. Jo Lantz, state secretary of the IVFA Auxiliary; left to right are Mrs. Cheryl Bradford, chaplain; Mrs. Delores Shimel, treasurer; Mrs. Betty Cloyd, secretary; Mrs. Betty Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Beverly Good, incoming president; Mrs. McCarty of Union Mills, state president and installing officer; Mrs. Julie

Sinks, three year trustee and out-going president; and Mrs. Lantz, state secretary.

The affair was preceded by a dinner which was dedicated to the original auxiliary chartered members who formed the organization in 1949.

Eight of the chartered members were present for the dedication-installation dinner (some of the original members are deceased or have moved away). Mrs. James Sinks, banquet chairman and Mrs. Beverly Good, in-coming auxiliary president, made the presentations to the honorees: Mrs. Catherine Brimmer, Mrs. Ann Chester, Mrs. Stella Clark, Mrs. Anna Davis, Mrs. Julia Enrico, Mrs. Emma Goltze, Mrs. Mary Porlier, and Mrs. Betty Sonntag. Driscoll Photo.

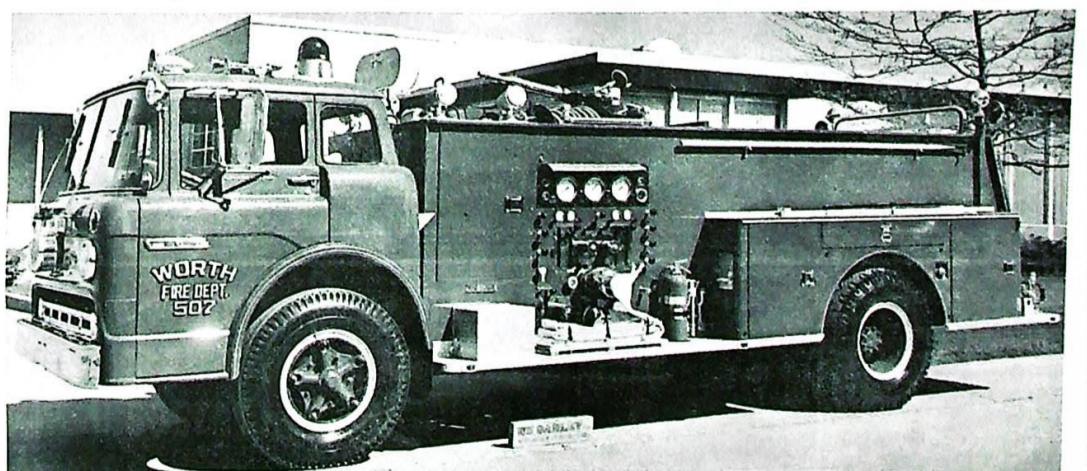
**CHARTERED MEMBERS HONORED**



East Gary Charter Members Honored—Shown here at the opening of the affair are (L to R - Front Row) Mrs. Good, new auxiliary president; Mrs. Sinks, banquet chairman and Mrs. Anna Davis, one of the honorees; and looking on (L to R - Back Row) Mrs. Betty Sonntag, Mrs. Catherine Brimmer, Mrs.

Mary Porlier, Mrs. Ann Chester, Mrs. Julie Enrico, Mrs. Emma Goltze and Mrs. Stella Clark, all chartered members. Mrs. Viola Forney, one of the honorees, was not available for the picture. (Driscoll Photo)

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICT 8B

Seems as though there was a panel truck parked at the edge of a small town in District 8B which broke out with fire one evening this summer and a fireman of 20 miles away was at the scene and had the fire extinguished before the local town firemen could make it from just a few blocks away. Congratulations neighbor and better luck next time.

Many of the Firemen and Auxiliaries of District 8B have been having ice cream socials for money-making projects this past summer. Along with bingo - chairot races - white elephant sales, booths at the Fairs and Mari Gras.

The District meeting was held September 27th at the Ridgeville Fire Station with Chairman Ivan Bousman taking over. There were eight departments represented.

## DISTRICT 10

The August meeting of the 10th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association was called to order by Chairman Bill Carman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag and a prayer was recited by the district.

Guests of the evening were State Troopers John Oldham and Bob Holland, and Bob McDonald of Midwest.

There were 61 firemen present, representing 12 departments, reporting 16 fires, first aid or emergency run during the past month.

Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Bob McDonald of Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment Co. announced that on July 18, 1971, the canister type mask were outlawed.

Door prizes which were given away by Bob McDonald of Midwest were won by Jim Wright of Letts, Max Williams of Scipio, and Roy Tungatt of Taylorsville.

Chief Sheridan Bentley introduced State Troopers John Oldham and Bob Holland, who discussed driving emergency vehicles and presented a film on Farm Safety.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

The September meeting of the 10th District Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association was called to order by Chairman Bill Carman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag by the district and a prayer was given by Gene Suding.

Guests of the evening were: Gene Stofer, Vice President of the I.V.F.A.; Ray Lester, State Sergeant-at-arms; the Chief of Training, Sam Oslos; Capt. Don Straw of the Indianapolis Fire Department; Bob McDonald of Midwest; and Bill Garrett, St. Paul Town Marshall.

Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

### FIRST ROLL CALL:

There were 60 firemen present, representing 13 departments, reporting 30 fires, first aid, or emergency runs during the past month.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1st I.V.F.A. Training School (Southeast) was held September 11 - 12 at Clarksville.

8th East Central Indiana Fire Conference was held at Richmond October 9 - 10.

Sheridan Bentley of Letts Volunteer Fire Department is in charge of providing fire protection for the National Camper's Association Convention to be held

in July at Camp Atterbury. Fire protection is needed 24 hours a day for 10 days, requiring at least 2 trucks and 4 men. If any department is interested, contact Mr. Bentley.

Vice President Stofer announced that the 1st Southwest I.V.F.A. Fire School was held October 16 - 17 at Linton. Also that the 1972 I.V.F.A. Fire Convention is to be held at Wayne Township June 15 - 16 - 17th.

Sam Oslos and Capt. Don Straw presented a film on the Kansas City Fire. A question and answer session followed.

Bob McDonald gave away door prizes and refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

10th District Secretary  
James L. Schneider

## DISTRICT 16

The regular meeting of the 16th District was held at Elizabeth on September 14th. A film and talk by the State Police concerned the drug abuse. President Engle was in attendance at this meeting.

Election of officers was held, which is as follows: Gilbert Leist, chairman; Melvin (Nick) Marshall, assistant; Paul Kraft, secretary-treasurer; William Roberts, sergeant-at-arms.

The first annual fire school was held at Clarksville Saturday and Sunday, September 11th and 12th. Those who missed this training school should be sure and watch for it next year. The program was well planned and well presented by people who knew what they were doing. Paul Kraft and his crew are to be commended for a job well done.

## FIRE SAFETY

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We know in older homes that there is an overloading of the wiring and as the cold season's coming on our appliances and heating systems will be overtaxed too. All heating systems and furnaces should be checked once a year for possible hazards.

We are all reminded to clean our brushes in open air and not in a closed room after sprucing up our homes. One of the most common things we find people doing after they clean their brushes is leaving them or storing them in the utility room where gas fumes spread and when the hot water heater or the pilot light on a stove goes on it ignites the fumes and trouble begins.

Many local Firemen arranged tours of the fire station for the schools but the firemen recognize parents as the best teachers of fire safety and they can do much to prevent tragedy in their own home.

Seems as though a cheap fire extinguisher is a simple squeeze bottle made for mustard or cat-snip, but fill it with soda. The bottle keeps out moisture and allows you to shoot the fire from a distance. Plan and instruct children to evacuate the house quickly. Families should have home fire drills. Make sure children know how to call in a fire alarm in their own home or report it from a neighbor's house. These are only a few "musts" around the house.

Be careful with flammable liquids - store them in metal safety cans, use them where vapors can't ignite. Clean up spills right away and safely dispose of oil soaked cloths. "Stay on your toes to avoid fire on your job".

--Rosella Bousman

Tobacco seeds are so tiny that a level teaspoon will hold approximately 26,000 of them. However, one seed, properly cultured, will grow a seven-foot plant.

## AUXILIARY NEWS CONTINUED DISTRICT 10

The regular meeting of the 10th District Fireman's Auxiliary met on November 15, at Acton Fire Station with 64 members and 5 guests present, represented by 10 auxiliaries.

Donna Beyer said grace before we had a Thanksgiving supper.

The meeting was called to order with Barbara Parker leading us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Bills were turned in and paid.

It was announced that Bea Walker had been elected Mrs. Waterball champion.

Barbara Parker read a report from the officers' meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to have a nominating committee for state officers.

The February meeting will be held at Taylorsville.

It was announced that a 13th District had been formed, and as a result, we will be losing New Palestine and Warren Township.

The meeting was dismissed by everyone repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Christmas carols were sung by each auxiliary. Santa Claus paid us a visit and passed out Christmas grab bag gifts to everyone.

Pam Springmeier  
10th District Secretary

## FIREMEN BUILD VAN

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lights and electric winch were signed early last year.

### Delivery Delayed

Delivery was scheduled for the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's convention here last June but was finally made this month. The GMC strike was responsible for most of the delay, but strikes in equipment makers' plants also contributed and finally the loss of the chassis in shipment to the body plant added a few more weeks.

The firemen have over \$22,000 invested in the project as it was delivered but before equipment on hand and some still to arrive are added. Present equipment now carried in the inhalator truck is valued at \$10,000, the gift of organizations and purchases by the firemen.

The present inhalator truck and its predecessors, much larger than needed for carrying the inhalator alone, fell heir to the job of transporting all tools, supplies and equipment found necessary to have on hand at a fire and at auto accidents and drownings. It reached its limit for equipment on hand and with the possibility of more items and replacement of some larger, better pieces the need for a new vehicle was clearly dictated.

A standard van wasn't adaptable, the firemen found, to fitting each item in a special place. A van built around the accumulated equipment was the only way out.

### Generator Heaviest Item

Condron's load space is 12 feet, nine inches long, 78 inches wide and 73 inches high, with adjustable shelving 22 inches deep on each side. In addition there are four compartments below the shelving and in front and in back of the rear wheelhouses.

The compartments come down to 10 inches from the ground level and house the heaviest single items on the truck, an important factor in cornering stability.

The heaviest item on the truck is a 12,000-watt electric generator to furnish power for the big floodlights on the truck roof and numerous equipment motors. It is in the compartment back of the driver's door and behind the louvered compartment doors. The present generator is a 300-watt model to be installed at headquarters to supply radio station current in the event of a

stoppage.

The compartment in the opposite side of the truck houses a high expansion foam generator, a smoke ejector and 35 gallons of high expansion foam. The foam, transferred by the motor driven smoke ejector, can be made in sufficient quantities to fill an entire house and smother a fire.

To the rear of the wheel housing on the driver's side and near the generator is a power rewind cord reel to take power to points away from the truck for motor and pump operations.

Over the generator and reel compartments is a compartment 13 feet long to house a 24-foot extension ladder, pipe poles and an attic ladder.

### Interior Fittings

The power driven winch is mounted in a handsome combination front bumper and working platform just visible behind Chief Randolph. An A frame is to be designed and mounted locally.

The interior of the truck, with its 22-inch shelving on each side of a 12-foot aisle, is fitted out to accommodate over 60 items listed on the official inventory. Included is a 10-ton Porta Power hydraulic rescue set to pry wrecked car bodies apart in the liberation of its occupants; a chain saw for cutting sheet metal is kept with the hydraulic rescue set; a stretcher basket and backboards to handle car-wreck victims with back injuries, are also part of the equipment.

For recovery of drowning victims a life raft with oars is on order and will be carried some place already assigned to it. Life jackets, marking bouys and grapple hooks are all provided as part of this operation.

In the center of the flasher lights on the cab roof is a conventional siren but behind it is a set of air horns, the first to be used on local equipment and the latest thing in the fire business. They are said to command both respect and attention.



Chief Homer Randolph, second from left, presented the all new rescue unit to Mayor Richard Collins as a gift from the Volunteer Fire department to the city. This unit was custom made under Robert Condron's direction. At the presentation, from left, are volunteer fireman Condron, who designed the unit; Chief Randolph, Mayor Collins, driver Al Schiesser in cab and volunteer firemen committee members Donald Woods, Harold Weiler, Harold Wente and Roland Wise. -- Lake County Star photo.

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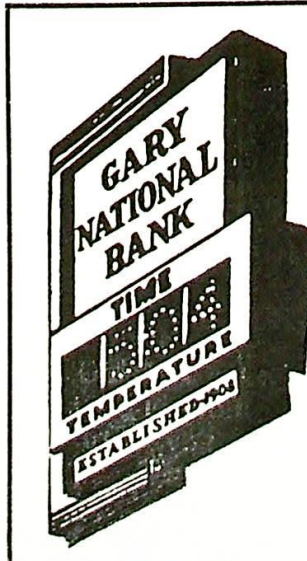
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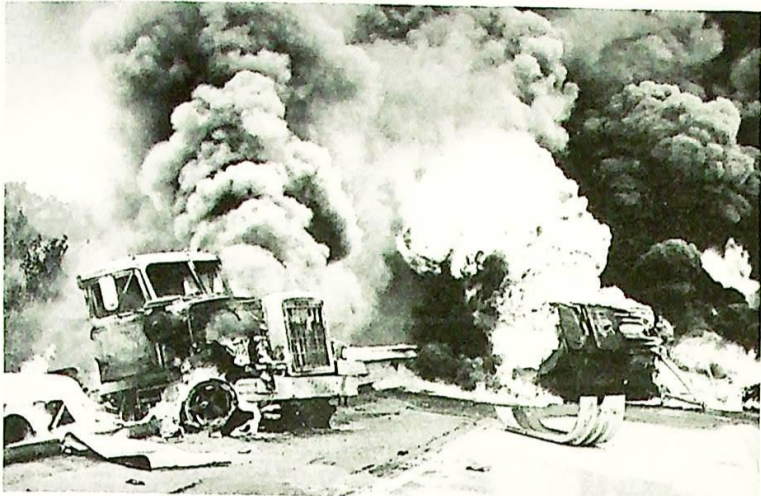
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# TANKER BURNS ON I-69 NEAR FT. WAYNE



Larry J. Adams, 26, of Muncie, driver of a tanker truck loaded with 8,000 gallons of gasoline, was uninjured when he managed to crawl to safety after his truck hit a bridge railing on Interstate 69 and Hadley Road and burst into flames. The crash at 7:40 A. M. blocked the northbound lane for hours as firemen fought the blaze.

Adams said the right front tire blew out as he approached the bridge, pulling the truck into the railing. The cab broke apart from the tanker unit as both skidded broadside across the bridge. Both units remained on the road.

Adams said he managed to break a window of the cab and crawl out to safety just minutes before the tanker exploded. The cab did not overturn.



Dense smoke from the burning gasoline attracted hundreds of spectators as fire units from Wayne Township No. 1 and 2, foam units from Fort Wayne and Baer Field, including the Air National Guard, fought the flames for about 45 minutes before bringing it under control. Smoke could be seen from the wreckage in towns a distance of 45 miles away.

Flames from the spreading gasoline kept breaking out in a nearby drainage ditch and sewer for some time later.

The truck was owned by Shell Oil Co., and was enroute to Fort Wayne.

## THOUSANDS WITNESS HUGE FIREMEN'S PARADE IN FERDINAND

Eighteenth District Volunteer Firemen had 101 units entered in their big parade in Ferdinand, October 10th, in observance of National Fire Prevention Week, and lovely Miss Faye Spayd of Ferdinand was named District "Miss Flame" to represent them at the state contest.

The parade began at 2 p.m. and lasted for 1½ hours as bands from Holland, Chrisney, Perry Central, Springs Valley and Forest Park High competed for marching and presentation honors. Springs Valley took the trophy with Chrisney in Second. Holland High School band uniforms were by far the most unique: Boys were dressed in bright red Dutch boy pantaloons and girls in long dresses with a white apron.

St. Meinrad Fire Department went home with three first-place trophies. They won the Old Time Fire Equipment category, Special Entry category and the Float entry. Their float was a very beautiful floral arrangement, which stood out above all others. Ferdinand Development Corporation, with a small replica of the Ferdinand Fire Station which they built, took second place in the float category.

In the "Miss Flame" contest, won by Ferdinand's entry, Faye Spayd, Darlene Ruckriegel of Haysville and Sandy Voelkel of Dubois were runners-up and will be Miss Spayd's attendants at the state contest.

Queen entries came from

Schnellville, Holland, Huntingtonburg, Dubois, Jasper, St. Anthony, St. Meinrad, Ireland, Haysville and Ferdinand.

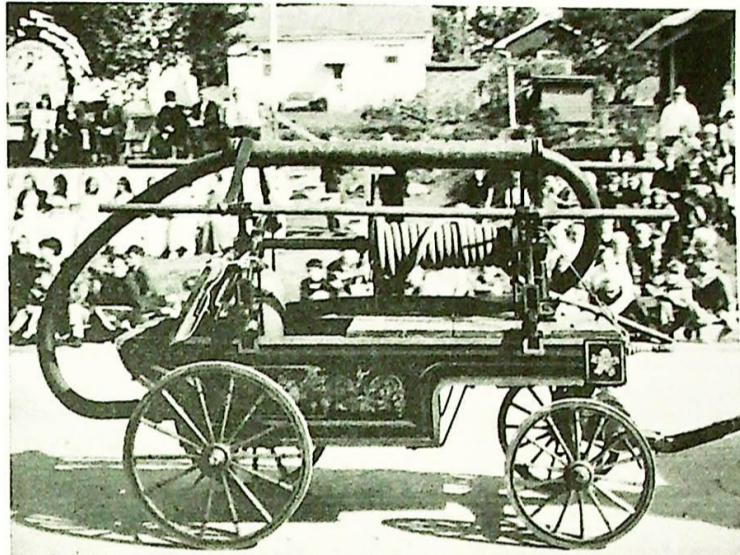
Parade chairman, Merlyn Lueken, said that the parade was very orderly and moved along well.

Dad—The kin you love to touch!

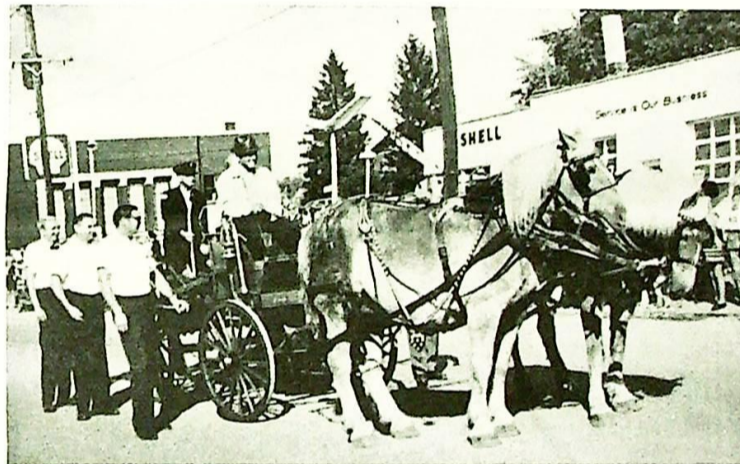
## FERDINAND PARADE ENTRIES



ST. MEINRAD FIRE DEPARTMENT



TROY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Bill Engle, Vincennes, was present at the huge parade. He is President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Other dignitaries present included the Eighteenth District officers: Jackson Meyer, chairman; Bob Biesler, Sec.-Treas.; Edgar Nigg, Chaplain and Joe Wehr, Sgt.-at-Arms.

### LET US GIVE THANKS

We have a wonderful organization!

During the last year we gained in membership and I am sure this year will see more new people who can enjoy the pleasures and benefits of belonging to the most wonderful organization in Indiana.

The officers who just left office did a wonderful job. We will expect even more from our new officers.

We who have been in the Association owe help and answers to our new brothers. There are many questions about insurance benefits, training, district meetings, conventions and many other items. We need to work harder at our local level to impress on our new members the importance of being at each meeting and each training session.

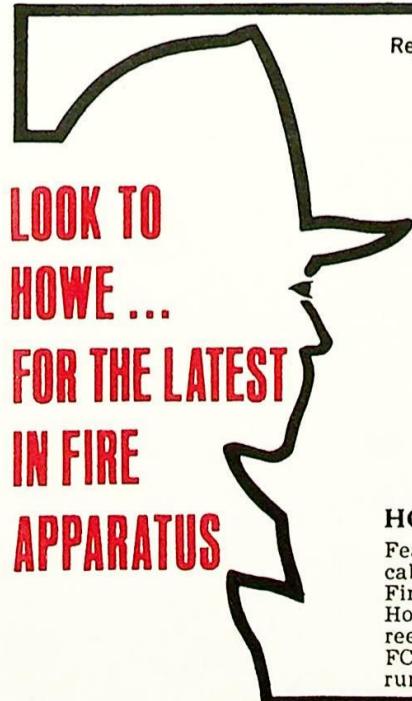
God has truly been kind to the Volunteers of Indiana, so let each of us give thanks and show our appreciation by being a better fireman, father, husband, employee, and citizen. We, above many other people, are our brothers keepers.

And a thank you to you, Bob Laney, for the best paper in Indiana.

G. G. Boaz  
16th District Chaplain

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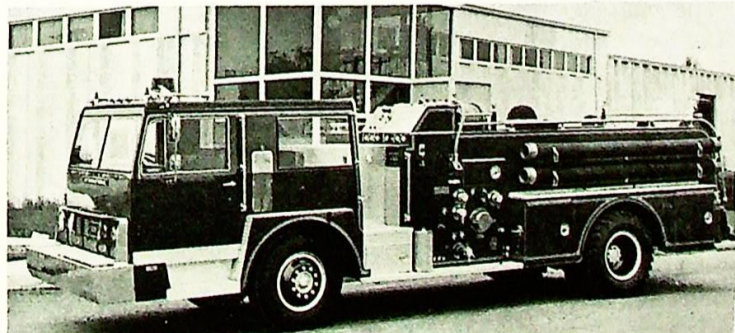
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