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Holiday Greetings

Prez Sez



The fire schools are over and on the whole we had a good attendance and some very good classes.

The people in charge tried to bring the kind of classes that you people wanted and I think they did a very fine job.

The schools will be held again next year and the P.R. men and district chairmen are working hard to get you the type of training that you people in the field want. Now it is up to you to let them know what kind of training you do want. The schools are growing in attendance each year, let's keep it that way. We cannot get too much of it.

The holidays are coming very fast and everybody is going to be busy, busy. Lets all have the safest holidays ever.

I think it is up to us to preach fire safety to all the people in our area. As you know this time of year is probably the worst as far as fire is concerned. There are many origins for fire to start that we do not have the rest of the year, dry Christmas trees, wrapped presents, Christmas lights and decorations, candles, to name a few. Now is one of the most important times for firemen to

preach and practice fire prevention.

Let's all have a safe holiday. From the Baker family we wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Certification of Firefighters

Certification of firefighters in Indiana is progressing, and those interested in entering the program under the Grandfather Clause of Credit for Past Experience are urged to complete their application and return it to the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education in the State Fire Marshal's office before the deadline of January 1, 1977. This program was made possible through the efforts of the Professional Fire Fighters in their desire to save property and life from our enemy, fire.

Questions are being received daily in the State Fire Marshal's office about the Certification program, along with inquiries concerning applications which were sent in during the past several months. These are being processed in the order of their receipt, but the task is so monumental that the staff cannot keep up with the initial returns.

No Certificates or arm patches will be returned until late January or possibly February of 1977. The samples of the arm patches were received in mid-November and approved by the Commission for production. The supplier has not established a firm delivery date, but it is anticipated it will be approximately six weeks before these will be finished. The time required to attach the emblems to each Certificate will stagger the efforts of the staff while also

continuing to process the backlog of applications.

It is felt, however, that the firefighters could exercise more care in completing their applications. In a large number of applications, the name of the fire department and its address has not been completed on each application. It must be understood that the staff has thousands of applications to process, and a large portion of time is being consumed in filling in information that the firefighter should have done on his own application.

Sometimes the applicant's name is not legible, and it will cause problems in the future in finding the firefighter's file. Please print the full name (not nicknames) since there is a surprising number of firefighters with identical names in different parts of the state, as well as providing the birthdate and social security number. Credit for classes completed in the future may be given the wrong person if the information is not provided completely as requested on the application, or time may be lost in returning the application to the firefighter for more information.

The Commission is very pleased at the response and acceptance of the Firefighting Standards and Education program, but they ask for the patience and cooperation of the state's firefighters, since the workload is quite heavy in deciphering the information, reviewing it by the Commission, and preparing statistical cross references before the Certificates are issued. Should there be any questions concerning the proper information needed on the applications, please contact the State Fire Marshal's office as soon as possible.

The Commission does hope to stir greater public awareness and

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A FIRST FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Indiana Central University is offering two introductory Fire Service courses in the second semester beginning January, 1977.

The courses are a part of Indiana Central's Fireman's Institute for Rescue, Service, and Training (FIRST) which began this past fall.

The courses to be offered are: Introduction to Hazardous Materials and Fire Prevention.

These courses are a part of the Certificate, Associate Degree, and Bachelor of Arts Degree programs in Fire Service Education at Indiana Central University.

Additional courses in Fire Administration and Instruction, Arson Investigation, Fire

Prevention, Industrial Fire Safety, and Medical Training will be offered at a later date.

The advance registration deadline is Friday, December 3. Regular registration is Thursday and Friday, January 6 and 7 from 3 - 8 p.m. in Good Hall. Classes begin the week of January 10, 1977.

Application forms and information regarding admission and registration may be obtained by writing or calling the Academic Services Office, Indiana Central University, 1400 East Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227, 788-3219 or dial S-T-U-D-E-N-T.

Be FIRST! Get a head start on the Fire Service Education Program and enroll this Winter.

1977 I.V.F.A. Officers



Indiana State Fire Marshal William Goodwin giving the oath of office to the 1977 Officers of the I.V.F.A.

(Photo by Clyde Bristow)

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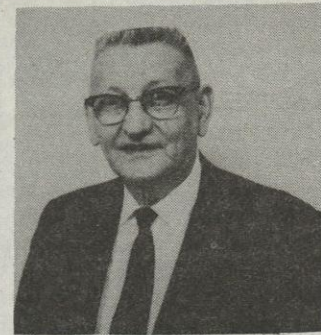
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VERNE KONOPASEK
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PAST TREASURER - HISTORIAN

Purpose — To present some interesting past events of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

"Remember When?"

On March 17, 1958, Shortly after the completion of the First decade in our history and at which time Gilbert E. Wiemann of Westville was the publisher, and Harry L. Fries of Koontz Lake was our Secretary and also "Editor" of the "Indiana Volunteer Fireman" newspaper there was recorded in the words of Harry Fries himself, a history of our organization covering the first 10 years of our existence.

As we are now entering the 4th decade in our history we thought that these recordings should be repeated here in their entirety for the benefit of our present large membership thru-out our beloved State of Indiana.

"TO WIT — QUOTE"

Many inquiries have been received in the past year in reference to the early history of this growing Association, how, when and where it started. We will endeavor to give you the story in these columns from its inception to the present day. Its 11th year was completed in December 1957 since receiving the corporation certificate from the State of Indiana in 1946 and during that interim we will furnish statistics of our growth and expansion year after year. It was in early 1945 when a few volunteer departments of Lake and Porter Counties pioneered the idea to form a state wide volunteer firemen's association.

Their first meeting held and elected the following officers: President, Harold Brownell, Lowell Dept., Secretary, Alvin Guske, Crown Point Dept. and Treasurer C.O. Rattray, Cedar Lake Dept. In the first collection of dues, the Secretary turned over to the Treasurer \$175.00 on Aug. 23rd, 1945. At a later meeting held on Sept. 20th, 1945, Roy E. Kittredge, Hobart Dept. was elected Secretary, which position he held until June 1952. Alvin Guske was elected Vice President. Also in 1945 the first By-Laws committee was appointed, as follows: Verne Konopasek, Chairman, Griffith Dept., Alvin Guske and Harold Brownell. This committee held several meetings drafting the constitution and by-laws, also the Articles of Incorporation, in order to make application for corporation certificate, which was granted by the State on Dec. 6th, 1946 with the following signatures: Harold Brownell, Alvin Guske, Roy E. Kittredge, C.O. Rattray, Monte Morrow of Hebron Dept., Frank Mitch, Cedar Lake Dept., Frank Miller, St. John Dept., Elmer Beck, Chesterton Dept., L.O. Russell, Schneider Dept., Sam Ordean, Black Oak Dept., and James Jensen, Highland Dept.

At a meeting held in American Legion Hall, Hobart on July 25th, 1947, Verne Konopasek was elected Treasurer, which position he has held continuous to this day. At the time of his election Verne laid plans to organize a Death Benefit Fund, starting from scratch that day. After the first collection from the eight departments represented at the meeting, the fund was enriched by \$133.00 and subsequent collections made for this same purpose, brought the total to \$363.10 by the time of our first convention in 1948. Prior to his election as an officer in your Association, Verne attended the annual conventions of Indiana Firemen's Association as delegate, year after year, trying to spearhead a drive to form a death benefit fund in this Association, but to no avail and when the fire chief of

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East Gary Man Gets First College Degree In Fire Fighting

An East Gary man has become the first volunteer fire fighter in Indiana to receive an associate degree in applied fire technology, according to officials of Indiana Vocational Technical College Northwest (Ivy Tech) in Gary.

Larry E. Hoskins received his degree last month from Ivy Tech. The college is the first Hoosier institution of higher learning to grant such a degree to a volunteer fireman.

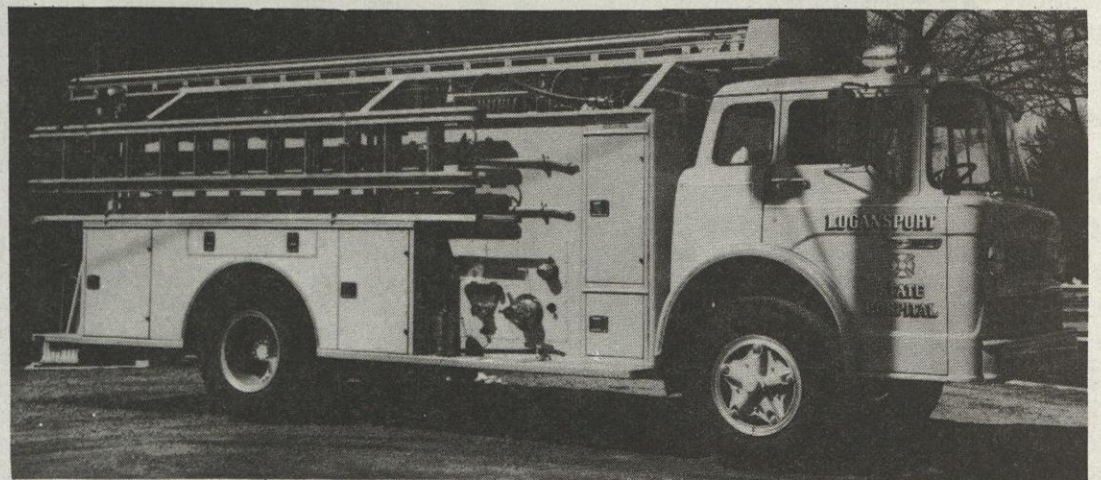
Hoskins works full time for Bethlehem Steel's fire department and is a volunteer with the East Gary fire department.

He also wrote and teaches the fire science cadet program for seniors at East Gary Edison High School, also the first of its kind in the state.

The cadet program is for students interested in pursuing fire fighting as a career.

The man was feeling bad. He was upset because he had just lost 110 pounds. She was a red head.

Another Boyer Pumper Delivered To Logansport State Hospital



Delivered to State Hospital, Logansport, Indiana, this 750 gpm Pumper on a Ford C-750 chassis, equipped with a 391 cu. in. engine. It features Hale's QSD 750 single stage pump with electric prime. Universal's styling allows front and rear compartments to be deep and spacious.

The Booster tank is removable and contains 750 gallons of water, the hose bed holds 1200 feet of 2 1/2" and 600 feet of 1 1/2" hose.

FOR EXTINGUISHERS, ACCESSORIES AND HARD TO GET TOOLS, WRITE

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- Augustus Fagel — St. Paul
- Paul Barker — Elkhart
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- William Kosser — Hebron
- Walter Steiger — Goshen
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- Doncel Core — Bakersville
- Robert King Jr. — Brookville
- Ricci Meyer — Brookville
- Gilbert Potts — Liverpool
- Junior Baker — Utica
- Carl Ransbottom
- Winona Lake
- James McCoy — Monroeville
- L.C. Schutt — Manilla
- Charles Brown — New Haven

lonely, useless stump. One day the boy, now a tired old man, returns to the tree to be told "I have nothing left to give you."

The old man replies, "I don't need very much now, just a quiet place to sit and rest." Can you imagine the stump straightening himself up with joy as he discovers the renewed love and caring?

This is what Christmas is all about. Jesus was sent to share God's wonderful love. We should celebrate this divine act of love everyday of our life.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of Kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

"This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, Haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary."

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your chaplain and family. Pick up your Bible and read the Christmas Story. Go to the church of your choice, you'll like it.

Chaplain Duane D. Lantz

Certification of Firefighters

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appreciation of the firefighters' role in the community as the program grows and becomes known to our citizens, as well as keeping the firefighter constantly alert to his responsibility for the safety of himself, his fellow firefighters, and the citizens of his community.

Former I.V.F.A. President Succumbs



Walter Steiger, former President of the IVFA passed away November 4 at Goshen. He served as president of the IVFA in 1965 and 66 and was a longtime member of the Benton Township Fire Department. He served as their chief and secretary.

Walt retired from the Goshen Rubber Co. in 1969, after serving as Personnel Supervisor. He lived in the Goshen area 30 years and was born January 27, 1903 in the Fort Wayne area. Memorial services were held November 5th by IVFA Chaplain Duane Lantz at the Yoder Culp Funeral Home with funeral services being held the following day at St. John Catholic Church in Goshen.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly and 2 sons.

New Fire Fighting Units Delivered To German Twp.



A new rescue squad and brush fire fighting unit were delivered to the German Township Volunteer Fire Department of Vanderburgh County in October. The rescue squad built by Pierce Manufacturing replaces a 1961 Ford Econoline Van and the brush fire fighting unit replaces 1967 4-wheel drive Ford which was wrecked.

The rescue squad built on a 1-ton

Ford chassis is white in color with twin sonic emergency lighting equipment, two double faced spotlights on the front, two floodlights and electronic siren. The unit carries emergency medical equipment and vehicle extrication equipment.

The brush fire fighting unit mounted on a 4-wheel drive 3/4-ton Ford. Fire fighting equipment carried include 200 gallons of water, an 80 gallon per minute pump with separate engine, 200 feet of 1-inch booster mounted on a reel. Side cages mounted on the truck by department members carry personnel while in the field, these cages each have a 10 foot section of booster hose for the men in the cages. Four Indian back packs are mounted on the tailboard. All equipment on the truck was fabricated and made by department personnel.

The department also has two 1000 gpm pumpers and 3 tankers carrying a total of 4400 gallons of water.

Dedication Ceremonies At Shirley

State Fire Marshal William C. Goodwin was the speaker September 19 at dedication ceremonies for a new town hall and fire station at Shirley.

The new location moves both the town hall and fire station across Shirley's Main Street and from Hancock County to Henry County. The town of about 1,000 population is located in both counties with Main Street as the dividing line.

Last year Shirley Town Board purchased a building across from



the old town hall and fire station that originally housed a laundromat and a restaurant. The town used federal revenue sharing monies to convert the building into a three-bay fire station, an office for the clerk-treasurer, an office for the marshal and fire department and a meeting room.

The station houses two pumpers and a tanker, but is large enough to house an additional three pieces of fire equipment.

FIRE MAY STRIKE ANYTIME BE PREPARED!

Entertainment prior to the dedication program was by the musical group "Something's Burning." The recently organized band is a result of a community Bicentennial band formed earlier this year.

David Estell, Shirley Civil Defense director, presented the town with an American Flag in memory of the late Lee Goudy, town board president and an active member of the local CD unit. Board member Howard Jones accepted the flag on behalf of the town.

Delbert Reason, master of ceremonies, acknowledged receipt of an Indiana flag from State Representative Ray Richardson. Board member Danny Hamm accepted for the town.

Omer Jessup, one of several members of the fire department recently purchasing the town's original fire bell, presented the bell to the fire department. Ralph Kaufman, president of the department, accepted the bell.

The bell, which came from the belfry of a frame town hall razed about 40 years ago, had been in possession of an area family and recently was purchased at public auction. Details of how the bell came to be in possession of private individuals are unclear.

Mrs. Orville Wisheart announced that she was giving the town back a steel cage that had been used many years as a temporary jail in the old town hall. It had been purchased several years ago by the late Mr. Wisheart when space was needed to house another fire truck.

Tilden Lipp, retired Shirley fire chief, gave a brief history of the department and Delbert Reason gave a short memorial to Clarence Jackson, Shirley fire chief who died 13 years ago on September 19, the date of the dedication.

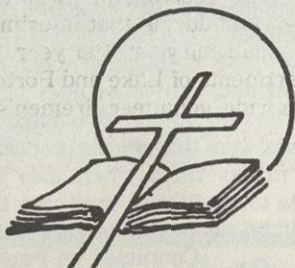
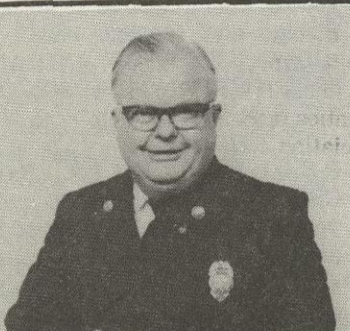
Welcoming the approximately 200 persons were Melvin Hedrick, town board president, and Charles Sorrell, fire chief. Invocation and benediction were by Joe Morris, pastor of Shirley Friends Church.

Antique fire equipment was displayed by Fortville, Markleville and Anderson Fire Departments. Standby service

during the program was provided by firefighters from Wilkinson and Kennard.

Traveling with Bill were his wife, Janet Goodwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stofer. Harold is treasurer and past president of IVFA and his wife, Lucy is first vice president of IVFA Auxiliary.

Also representing the IVFA were David Nulliner, East Central Indiana public relations director, and his wife, Loretta.



As I write my article for the Indiana Volunteer Fireman — biggest and best paper in the country, I thank God the election is over and I don't have to listen to the things of the news media of which on occasion I don't believe. As I sit here in my shop, work all about me, but beautiful music on the radio and relaxing with my God.

We were saddened by the accidental deaths on a fire run of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Department. The names were Robert King Jr., age 27 and Ricci Meyer, Age 22. Also the passing of a past president of our association Walter F. Steiger of Benton Township Volunteer Fire Department. Our prayers go out to these families and other passing members of our association.

We are about to enter into the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, a joyous time for all. I am thankful first of all because men who began the carving of this nation out of a wilderness were men who loved God and believed in giving thanks to Him. That's what has made this country the great one that it is. Then I'm thankful for the work I do and being able to do it. Thankful for having had a loving wife Jo for almost 36 years. Thank God for the many memories of her as we worked together for this association. Thankful for our nine children who have been so kind to their dad.

God gives us innumerable gifts, many of which go unnoticed by us. But we continue to receive them whether we thank Him or not. When we do recognize the good things God has provided, let us freely and truly give thanks.

Most of us spend a lot of time begging God for the things we want when we ought to be thanking Him for the things he has given us and then start asking what we can do for Him to show our appreciation. Let us change our prayer from "Lord don't let me down" to "Lord help me not to let you down."

Not to condemn the sons of men,
Did Christ, the Son of God appear;
No weapons in His hands are seen,
No flaming sword, nor thunder there.
He sent His Son to bear our load
Of sins and save our souls from hell.
Sinners, believe the Saviour's word;
Trust in His Mighty Name, and live;
A thousand joys His lips afford,
His hands a thousand blessings give.

As we enter the Christmas season, the thing that comes to mind is a gift. The gift of a Son named Jesus the Son of our God. If a gift is intended to be a bribe, it should certainly be refused; for such a gift is illegal and it prevents justice. But when a gift is offered by a true friend, it should immediately be received with Thanksgiving.

One may feel utterly undeserving of a gift, and may express such a feeling; but that should not delay a gracious acceptance of the gift.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest giver of all; He not only gives such things as physical life, breath, sunshine, rain and harvests of grain; but infinitely above all such things, He "gave Himself a ransom for all."

The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein tells the story of the relationship of a boy and a tree. For a long time the boy and the tree enjoyed fun times together. As the boy grows older, the tree shares his gift to satisfy the needs of a maturing young man — apples for money, branches for a house, a trunk for a boat. After a while the tree is reduced to nothing more than a discouraged,

I.V.F.A. Officers Meeting

OFFICERS MEETING
August 21, 1976

The regular quarterly meeting was held in the Pine Room of the Airport Ramada Inn at Indianapolis. The meeting was called to order by President Baker at 1930 hours.

Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation for the day and the meeting and was followed by Vice President Jones who led the group in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called by Secretary Ford with the results on record with the secretary.

Norm Crocker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Bill Howe and carried by a show of hands.

There were three new district chairmen introduced and three other guests in attendance.

President Baker asked for all vouchers to be turned in this evening. Jim also said he had checked on motel prices prior to this meeting and stated he had received the best price from the Ramada Inn.

Communications:
Secretary Ford read a letter of appreciation from Jo Hurley regarding the fine treatment she received from everyone at convention.

Pres. Baker read the following pieces of communication:

A letter of intent from the professional fire fighters union of Ft. Wayne a portion of which states that any member of the union who aids or joins any volunteer fire department or rival organization shall subject himself to a fine or removal from office, or expulsion from the Union. Jim stated he had discussed this situation with the president of the state union firefighters and this man said it was not true.

Jack asked that the letter be read in its entirety. Instead a copy of the letter was passed out for all to read.

Jim read a letter from Gene Battaly concerning reactions from people about the '76 convention. Gene also attached a bill for damages to Marriott Inn during convention and recommended that the association not pay any damages. He said he had not paid the damages and felt they were unjustified.

A letter of appreciation by representatives of the Roberts Co. to Gene Battaly was read. Also a letter from Delores Parker of the Marriott Inn showing her appreciation for our convention and attached to this letter was a list of losses incurred by the Marriott for a total of \$169.40. Jim Baker stated he chose to ignore the request for payment of losses and didn't even answer the letter.

Gene Stofer made a motion that we do not pay these losses. Seconded by Charles Jones, motion carried by voice vote.

Jim read a letter of E.M.T. Commission description and function from Governor Bowen to a man from Crown Point. There followed a lengthy discussion on some of the problems between different instruction media concerning methods of testing for E.M.T. certification.

President Baker read some letters from political candidates requesting the association's support in the coming elections.

Jim Parker made a motion for Charles Jones to continue with his letter of support for those legislators who helped our cause. Seconded by Norm Crocker. Motion withdrawn.

Jim Parker made a motion to publish a general letter of appreciation to those legislators who supported our cause during the immediate past legislative term, seconded by Norm Crocker, carried by voice vote.

Pres. Baker read a letter of request for information from the Callan Publishing Company, Inc. Steve Ritter made a motion to furnish the information as requested on the survey sheet that was received from this company, seconded by Charles Sutton, carried by voice vote. Pres. Baker instructed the secretary to take care of this matter.

Jim read a letter from the National Volunteer Fire Council vice

chairman regarding developments at that organization. A copy of the letter is attached.

The president started his report by expressing his appreciation for the confidence shown him by re-electing him to a second term as president. As usual, Jim had kept very busy chasing all over the state attending schools, conferences and meetings.

He also gave a short report on the National Council activities and accomplishments. Jim mentioned some of the plans to be accomplished and the men appointed to different committees. There is to be a paper or pamphlet published on all National Council activities and will be available to and sent to all participating organizations.

Jim read some proposed changes to the National Volunteer Fire Council by-laws as he had been instructed to do.

A question arose concerning this year's convention. Jim stated that this year's convention costs got out of hand and we were obligated to pay all bills pertinent to this convention. However, he was going to insist that next year's convention be guided by and "sat upon" by a committee he would appoint. This committee would be invited to all convention planning meetings. He will insist that their recommendations be listened to.

Vice President Jones also had been busy since convention as his report of travels showed. Charlie gave a short report on the IFA convention.

He has completed redistricting reports from three districts and stated all complete reports are due back in to him by the November meeting.

Jack Ford passed out a copy of his quarterly report to each person present. He also passed out a statement showing different discrepancies in dues and membership lists. These reports are on file with the minutes.

Jack stated he had received several requests for blue light permit cards for the general membership.

Charles Sutton made a motion to instruct each department to print up their own blue light permits, seconded by Ivan Nevil, carried by voice vote.

Sec. Ford has several new by-laws books and said he doesn't want to take any supplies back with him.

Norm Crocker made a motion that all district chairmen sign a receipt for all by-laws books taken from the association, seconded by Charles Sutton. There arose a question concerning whether this motion was covered in a previous meeting. The president held up further action until the recording secretary checked past minutes.

Sec. Ford brought up the problem of past delinquent dues and shortages of money in paying department and individual dues. Jack discussed the situation at great length for the reminder of all old and the instruction of all new district chairmen. Jack went through his process of handling the dues sheets and how he marks them when they are processed. Jack also passed out the sheets to all district chairmen that he had with him and stated the office would be closed for the next couple

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like very much to extend a Christmas message to the firemen of Indiana, thru you.

I would like to congratulate them on their certification, based on credit for their experience in the fire service, that has been provided for them by the Firefighting Education Committee of the State of Indiana, thru their fire chief.

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I realize that a few chiefs of the State have waxed umbrage at the thought of having to do a little paper work, or of exposing their talents of their firefighting unit to the scrutiny of others, or, of getting off their butts and doing anything.

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The IVFA NW Fire School was well attended with 180 from 44 departments. Thanks to all that made this school the success it was.

The Lake County Fire Service has already put a bid in to host the School again next year and also District 3. We'll know for sure next paper.

There has been a very good response to the L.P. Gas Programs that Norm Crocker and myself conduct thruout the state. We were at Frankfort for the Clinton County Fire School, Mooresville, and The Elkhart County School in September and at Beverly Shores, November 7th with one more December 5th, Sunday at 1:00 P.M. at Washington Township, Starke County east of Bass Lake.

Thanks to Clyde McMillian of Task Force Innovations for the use of the TFT nozzles for these programs.

We are attempting to get a Fire Instructors Training Program in the Northwest area of the State. We must have 24 signed up to be able to have the class instructed by Larry Bosell and Curtis Gilmore. The class will consist of 2 - 2 day weekends (Saturday and Sunday) with a total of 30 hours, costing \$40.00 to \$50.00 each including the training manuals. As of this time I need 7 more to fill out the class so if you are interested please give me your name and department as soon as possible. No date or location has been set as yet but hope to have later this winter.

I attend the quarterly meeting of the Indiana Chapter of the I.A.A.I. November 6th at Marion and a very interesting program was presented by Barker Davies and Herb Davis of Ft. Wayne on field testing that can be done at the scene of a suspicious fire. This will help the department investigator to determine what was used to start the fire.

Barker and Herb are considering making up kits and making them available to the individual fire department investigator for a small fee. Maybe this will help get some of these fire setters out of circulation.

I also attended the Fire Conference at Richmond in October and again Larry Boswell and Don McCullough come up with one of the best.

Be sure and attend your district meetings, your support is needed.

Have a happy fire safe Holiday Season

Bob Esserman

Warren Township Fire Department Adds Trauma Care Unit



The Warren Township Fire Department serving the Marion County East Side recently added a new, Modular, Trauma Care Unit to its rescue fleet. The vehicle, a 1976 Chevrolet assembled by The Modular Ambulance Corporation of Dallas, Texas was purchased fully equipped at a cost of \$21,000.00 funded in entirety by contributions and donations from local residents and business firms. The four ambulances of The Warren Twp. Fire Department serve the community free of charge with the vital rescue services and also supplement the services for the city of Indianapolis for emergency medical needs. Staffed by trained EMT's (Emergency Medical

Technicians), the licensed personnel have completed their training on the new unit and have placed it into service at the Warren Fire Station No. 3 at 7604 E. 10th Street.

Capable of transporting four litter patients, the interior of the vehicle closely resembles that of an emergency room at any hospital and is equipped to handle most any type medical emergency, complete with inter-hospital communications. Warren Township Fire Chief, George Battles is urging township resident's to stop by Station 3 and inspect their new ambulance that they helped to purchase with their generous donations.



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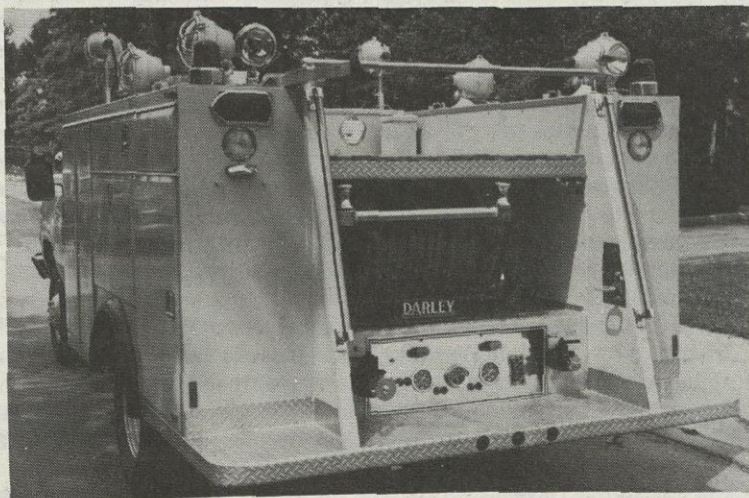
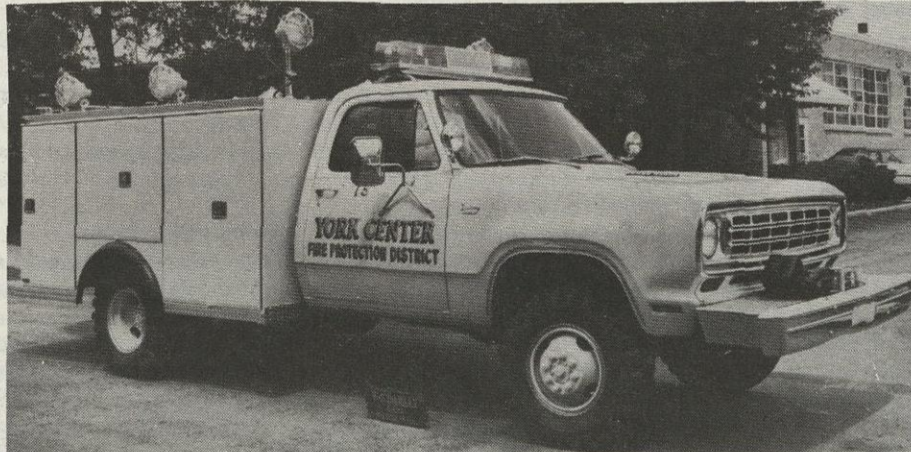
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of weeks and didn't want to take any supplies home with him.

Returning to the motion pending, Jim had the recording secretary read that portion of the minutes which affects this procedural motion. Having no further discussion on the motion, the president called for the vote and it was passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Stofer gave the following financial report for the association: Death Benefit Fund \$19,805.77; Clothing fund \$8,573.15; Reserve Fund \$7,502.36; General fund \$25,870.54 and Certificate of deposit \$70,000.00. This gives a total balance of \$131,751.82 in the treasury based on a current membership of 11,330 members.

Gene gave a preliminary financial report on the '76 convention and stated that the following figures are not proven yet, but merely a "ball park tally". Of all the bills paid and those he has in his possession now to be paid the total cost is \$43,782.94. This figure is reduced by \$12,397.05 that the host realized in its fund raisings, \$10,185.00 that was received at the registration desk and \$5,000.00 that was received from the firm that published the program book. This brought the total receipts to \$27,582.05 and leaves approximately \$16,200.89 to be paid by the association. Again Gene stated this was only a preliminary report and the final would follow later.

Gene gave two different reports on ways to figure the cost of fire schools. He asked the body to think it over and take some action at the board meeting.

Charlie Jones read a version of a letter that will be put into the paper. As usual, chaplain Lantz was kept extremely busy attending meetings and officiating at memorial services. He also told of several personal experiences he had lately.

Sgt. at Arms McGill asked that everyone who hasn't done so to be sure to turn in the list of state owned equipment and supplies.

The recording secretary asked for the correct mailing address of all new district chairmen. His typewriter is in repair and as soon as it is back he will get the minutes out to all.

Ads taker and Historian Konopasek gave a detailed report on what is happening in these two fields. So far he has had favorable remarks on the increase of ads costs.

Since the last meeting Verne turned over to the treasurer \$1,052.00 in ads receipts including \$240.00 in delinquent payments. Verne hopes the ad receipts for this year will go over the \$4,000.00 mark for a new record of total receipts.

Editor Laney has purchased a new building for his business and has moved his shop. He says it is bigger and better. The paper will be out very shortly. He needs more straight material from throughout the state.

State fire marshal Goodwin gave his poignant feelings on the letter to be published in the paper regarding the support of various legislators.

Bill Engle suggested a change to this letter to include all people who supported our organization.

Billy Sunday made a motion to change the wording of this letter to read all elected officials and not to mention anyone in particular, seconded from the floor, motion carried by voice vote.

President Baker apologized for missing the auditing committee's report at convention '76. He stated the official records show he had asked for any other committee reports and there was no one who stepped forward to give this report. He offered to have this report entered into this meeting's minutes if the body so desired. It was deemed necessary so Jim said he would have this report printed in the next issue of the paper.

Because of the late hour President Baker recessed the meeting at 2215 hours to be reconvened at 0900 the next morning.

At 0900, August 22, 1976 President Baker reconvened the meeting in the Oak room of the Airport Ramada Inn.

Chaplain Lantz again gave the invocation and Vice President Jones lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

Jim continued the reports by having Bob Esserman give his. He told of some new department and some of the fires that had occurred. He said he has also been busy conducting fire schools on LP gas.

At this time Jim called for the introduction of all guests. There were ten guests in attendance.

Paul Fairfield also had been very busy lately in making meetings and getting different officers reelected. Paul also told of his northeast fire school which comes up on September 18 at the Ft. Wayne training grounds. He said the letter received from the professional firefighters union presents a real threat to the relationship between paid and volunteer organizations and could go so far to cause us to lose the sight for the northeast fire school.

Steve Ritter was quite happy about the performance of his fire school and thanked all who helped him.

Dave Nulliner also was quite thankful for the help he received and like Steve, had been busy making meetings and picnics.

Carl Davis and Paul Kraft were absent.

After a short coffee break, President Baker told the meeting of a suggestion that had been presented to him. Jim Parker made a motion to request that the '76 convention chairman turn over to the association all the remaining commemorative boots and beer badges from the convention so the association could sell them and try to recover some of its loss, seconded by Billy Sunday, carried by voice vote.

None of the past presidents in attendance had any reports to give, those present were, Jack Ford, Bill Goodwin, Bill Engle, Carlos Jeffries and Gene Stofer.

The following district reports were given:

District No. 1 — Bill Howe - no report.

District No. 2 — Leon Lump got a clarification from the fire marshal on why some reports or questionnaires are being returned.

Answer: Not enough or not clear enough information.

Leon made a suggestion that there be a committee set up to handle all matters relating to political contacts either of a personal nature, (those who wish to thank an individual for his help) or to aid in the appointment of the next fire marshal.

Gene Stofer made a motion the chair do so appoint this committee. Charles Jones seconded the motion which was carried by voice vote. Charles Jones is appointed chairman and Charles Bogden, Paul Fairfield and Verne Konopasek are the other members.

District 3 — Ralph Yergler told of some financial problems the departments in his district are having.

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District 4 — Norm Crocker urged everyone to follow up on any correspondence they instigate as the mails have been very undependable lately.

District 5 — John Huff had two deaths and had been very busy also. John invited all to attend the annual Kosciusko fish fry on September 11 at 6:30 at the Kosciusko county fair grounds.

District 6 — Robert Shanabarger announced the 6 district picnic will be at Grabill on September 26. He also told of a drowning in the area.

District 7 — Ivan Nevil no report.

District 8A — Marion Bush absent.

District 8B — Billy Sunday thanked all for help at fire school. There was one death in his home department.

District 9A — Charles Sutton had kept himself busy and has several upcoming meetings.

District 9B — Ed Weaver announced the first Thursday in September will wind up the fire instructors school.

District 10 — Jim Parker told of problems encountered in finding out the contents of a semi trailer after it had been overturned. A discussion followed with several good suggestions on what to do.

District 11 — Red Morris said thanks to all who helped him through his first year. He gave his feelings on what the association's responsibility should be regarding fire fighting safety.

Red has passed out reservations sheets for convention '77. If you need more just tell him and he will get them to you.

Red said his district plans to make use of the Miss Flame for public relations work and suggested that all these girls be given the opportunity to help the association in public relations work. He also asked for some aid in what to do in making out the loss report at fires. Several suggestions were offered.

At this time the chair was turned over to Vice President Jones.

Red Morris asked for the floor and stated that if an officer would so mark his reservation sheet he will be put into the motel with all the other officers, or with his own group as he so desires.

The official mailing address for the '77 convention is "Convention '77, P.O. Box 25, Pimento, IN 47866". The man in charge of reservations is Jim Notter.

District 12 — Al Mendel — no report.

District 13A — Cal Shackel — no report.

District 13B — John Paul had no meeting yet but they have two new departments.

District 14 — Sam Bower told of some minor problems he has come across in his many travels. He has a possible bid from Madison for convention at a later date. There are some problems with the fire school in the southeast, but he feels it will be worked out.

Jim Baker returned to the chair and called

District 15 — Jim Marshall who has come up with two new departments and has been busy.

District 16 — no knowledge of district chairman or a report.

District 17A — Bub Holscher — no report.

District 17B — Milan Pece has a fire school planned for Oct. 24.

District 18 — Russell Reinhart is in the middle of the instructor training school with Cooney Tucker. It is being well attended.

District 19 — Carl Bruns gave a report on the situation of IVFA versus Ohio and Indiana meetings. Carl says he has commitments for 21 departments for memberships in the IVFA.

For committee reports Jim said the redistricting committee had given its report last evening.

The insurance investigation committee has not had a meeting yet but will get together before the next officers meeting and will have a report then.

The committee to investigate the possibility of extended terms of office has had a couple of meetings and Norm Crocker stated they always came up with an impasse. Therefore, they are asking each

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Rock Crushing Plant Is Training Fire For McCulloch Vol. Fire Dept.



The McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department was asked by a local land developer, if we could assist him in clearing a tract of land by burning a five story rock crushing plant, situated next to a lake. Chief Tetley of the McCulloch Department, answered yes, and proceeded to contact the Utica Volunteer Fire Department, for assistance, and plans were made. As you can see in the photos, quite a fire was set with training using a water curtain to protect other buildings, and deluge guns. All water was drafted from the lake. We thought this was great training for everyone involved. Incidentally all the other buildings were not even scorched. Our only accident was when a deluge gun got away from the operator and broke a window.



Photos by: Edith Perry McCulloch Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

PUBLIC RELATIONS EAST CENTRAL

Another holiday season is upon us. It is the time to recall the events of the past year and make plans for the new year.

During this year I have traveled from one end of the East Central area to the other end. I have enjoyed meeting and talking to so many of you. If I can be of any help to you during the coming year, contact me.

Together with the District Chairmen, another fire school for the IVFA was successfully completed at Muncie. I want to thank everyone who helped with that school. We have already started working on the 1977 fire school to be held in District 19. Anyone having suggestions as to type of training for this school, contact myself or any District Chairman in the East Central Area.

My family and I wish everyone a very merry and safe Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dave Nulliner
P.R. East Central Area

District Meetings

Districts 1 and 2

Well here it is time for the paper again and as usual I have nothing written, although since the last issue there have been some things happening in the 1st and 2nd District. Just after the August issue there was a good fire school held at Crown Point that was attended by 180 men from 44 departments. This is a good number but not near as good as it should be for the area covered. Fellows, training is a very important part of your job as a volunteer fireman.

The meeting of District 1 and 2 was held at Griffith in September with about 100 attending. This meeting was held at their new north station. The people of Griffith can really be proud of such a nice facility and the fine crew they have to furnish them protection.

The October meeting being held in Thayer or near "Bare City". There was a large turnout to hear Mr. Goodwin speak on Certification. Also present at this meeting was our president Mr. Baker who made a short talk on the NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL with the evening being completed with the program by the State Board of Health about the transportation of radioactive materials.

The November meeting was held at Washington Township with almost 100 present. This is one of the newest departments in the area and their community can be proud of those men and the facilities they have acquired in the short time. They had a very good program on "ELECTRICAL HAZARDS" by Northern Indiana Public Service Training Center of LaPorte.

With winter approaching there are some training programs that are available from the Fire Marshal's office. Just as soon as the dates can be confirmed, there will be a notice mailed to every department.

The next district meeting of District 1 and 2 will be held at the Munster station on Fisher Street, January 19, 1977. As has been previously noted there is almost always a very interesting and informative program after the meeting.

Since this is the holiday season approaching I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and safe holiday season and hope to see you at Munster in January.

William H. Howe
District I Chairman

District 1 and 2 meeting was called to order Wednesday, September 15, 1976, at 8 o'clock by Bill Howe, Chairman.

Pledge to the Flag was led by Vern Konopasek. Ninety-one members from twenty-one departments answered roll call.

Guests introduced were Bob Munsen, Nick Swartz, Joe Urdelac, and Mike Sommers.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Members of the Griffith department were introduced. The secretary gave an equipment and progress report of the department. Vern Konopasek was also introduced as a charter member of the department.

Bob Esserman gave a P.R. report and also Officers Meeting report.

Fire School to be at Crown Point High School, September 19, 1976. He stated that attendance at these schools has been real low. There

will be a Fire School at Elkhart County, September 25-26.

Chairman has sent out forms to all departments on equipment and membership, should be filled out and sent back as soon as possible.

A moment of silent prayer for Harold Woods, who passed away this month.

Vern Konopasek gave a complimentary speech concerning Bob Esserman's good work and to the progress of the fire service. Joe Urdelac also gave a talk.

Emil Zula, treasurer of 50-50 Club gave a report that there was \$501.82 in the treasury.

Nick Swartz introduced Bob Munsen speaker on self-breathing apparatus. He introduced a small tank with 4500 P.S.I. lightweight and compact.

50-50 winner was Steve Kovcesi.

Next meeting will be at Thayer, October 20, 1976. The November meeting will be at Washington Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Secretary,
Vernon Jones

District 4

The 4th District met November 18 at the Clay Township Fire Station with 12 departments and 36 men attending. They reported 149 alarms since their last meeting.

New Paris reported a new truck in service. Concord informed those attending about a triple fire fatality on October 19.

Paul Fairfield, Public Relations Director NE was in attendance.

Many thanks to Chief Nemith and the Clay fireman.

District 11

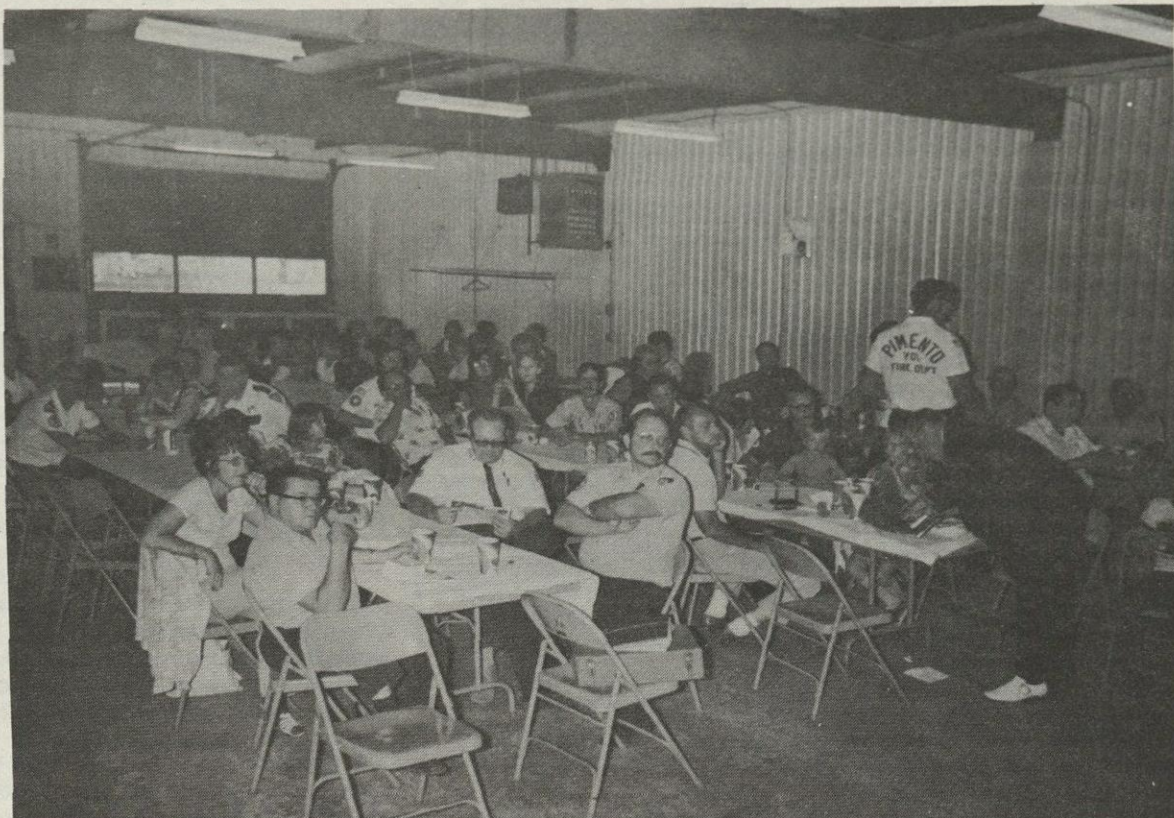
We would like to say welcome to the men of the Russelville and Sullivan Departments. We feel you have joined a great organization and encourage you to participate in our functions. The other IVFA Departments that neighbor you will surely assist in any way they can and the District Chairman will attempt to aid when requested or point you to someone with the answers.

We are looking at a very busy season the next few weeks. Hopefully, there will be several departments that find a lucky lady to represent them as their Miss Flame. The qualifications and rules are available by telephoning Jo Morris. Let's see if we can't find a way to show our daughters we can find time for them, as well as the Department. The Department winners will have to be known by March 1 so don't tarry too long.

Mr. "Cooney" Tucker has promised us an Instructors School to start this Spring. Let's be planning on who will be our Department Instructors and get them in this school.

We've heard it said that the average Department spends approximately 90 per cent of its efforts on Fire Suppression and less than ten per cent on Fire Prevention. We had to agree with the speaker, that is quite an imbalance. Long ago someone said "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Could it be that we should be utilizing more of our efforts to preventing fires? Think about it... what do we do in our homes toward fire prevention? This is the time of year we have the lighted trees, thin wrapping paper, and all the other potentials around. I hope we as firemen begin at home to have

District 11 Meeting Lewis Township-Coalmont



a pleasant, fire safe holiday.

Please let us take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the many volunteer firemen we've had the pleasure of meeting, working with, and enjoying the company of these past months. We've certainly enjoyed it and want to wish each and everyone of you the very Merriest Christmas, and Happy New Year!!

When we go into the new year there are some things we would challenge you to consider for resolutions which we feel sure will help, and, assist the

Departments we belong to and the IVFA: (1) as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link... could it be we are the weakest link in our Fire Department; (2) The IVFA is as much one members as it is another... could we not each try to make it a little better by attending our District Meetings and Annual Meeting... This is your organization and will be only as great as you want it to be.

Annual Meeting... a lot of work is being done by the people from Honey Creek and a score of others from several departments. These people are to be commended, but

there are still hours of work ahead and we are sure they could find something for anyone willing to help. Don't be bashful... Call Jim Bell, 812-299-4228- he will be glad to hear from you.

Our next District meeting is scheduled for January 16, 1977 at Perrysville, IN. This is a great opportunity for all you "northern" volunteers to attend a District Meeting close to home. Come and join us for an afternoon of fellowship, fire service discussions, and viewing the film of our last Annual Meeting. C U There!

District 12

The 12th District Regular Meeting was called to order July 19th, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Leonard Grizzle. Opening prayer by our Chaplain James Bruner, pledge to flag, led by our Sergeant at Arms, Art Kinney.

Roll call with 18 departments present, consisting of 62 members and guests.

Minutes of previous district meeting were read and our financial report, both were approved.

Introduction of guests was as follows: Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal; James Baker, State President of IVFA; Gene Stofer, State Treasurer of IVFA; Robert Sutton, President of Hendricks Co. Assoc.; Steve Ritter, Public Relations, West Central.

Committee Reports — Miss Judy - no report Games Committee — Al Mendel gave a report of games from our state convention.

Our district picnic will be August 15th at Zionsville Park, the time to start will be 1:00 p.m.

Because of our resolution to the state committee being late, Robert Ashby re-read this resolution to the members for approval, he then made a motion to send this again to the state committee, Dave Fissell 2nd the motion. A vote was taken and carried.

Robert Ashby; presented another resolution regarding mobile homes, 2nd by Vaughn Jenkinson to accept. After a few pro's and con's. Motion by Tom Parriah to table this resolution until next meeting, motion carried.

Ambulance Committee — Ben Lawrence of Washington Township stated that Perry Township and Washington Township of Marion County are not too enthused in continuing

with their ambulance service because of all the problems it is creating.

Chairman Grizzle, gave a report regarding a survey form being given to each department represented here this evening.

Report regarding Wayne Township Training School starting August 3rd and this will continue for 10 weeks. The cost will be \$10.00 for each person. You must have manual and work books. Day class will be 8:00 a.m. at the Training Academy and Evening Class will be 7:00 p.m., same place.

Steve Ritter our public relation for West Central also spoke regarding West Central Fire School. Steve, gave the report about the progress of Convention "77" being in Honey Creek. They are doing a bang up job. He also stated that Ben Davis Co. No. 4, Truck No. 2 was in a heavy truck drag contest at Raceway Park. They did right well.

Gene Stofer - State Treasurer - no comments.

Jim Baker - President, gave a few remarks about being re-elected at our recent State Convention. He also gave the report about the National Council and their progress. Jim, stated names were selected to various committees of this Council regarding the National Academy. Their next meeting will be in October, more report later.

Secretary gave a report regarding Bill Goodwin being made a Sagamore of Wabash, the highest honor our Governor of the State of Indiana can give to anyone. Congratulations Bill. Bill Goodwin again stresses the application for Certification to be sent to the Fire Marshall office, as soon as possible. There has been some change in dates. A fire fighter who has served in a master position a minimum of 2 years and has five years total service will be eligible for certification in the Master Category. This must be

done prior to January 1, 1977.

It was stated that East Central will have a fire training school at Muncie Southside High School, July 24th - 25th.

Our district 50-50 raffle was held with \$25.00 going to the winner who was Vaughn Jenkinson. He then donated \$5.00 to the picnic fund.

Drawing was held for department in the district who will be host for meeting in the year of 1976 - 1977. They are as follows:

No. 1 — September 20, Wayne Township No. 9

No. 2 — November 15th, Washington Township No. 4, 8404 Ditch Rd.

No. 3 — January 17th, Bridgeport Co. No. 7 (Wayne Twp.)

No. 4 — March 21st, White River Township (Johnson County)

No. 5 — May 16th, Oak Park No. 14 (Wayne Township)

No. 6 — July 18th, Hazelwood (Hendrick County)

Alternate — Mars Hill (Wayne Township)

Chairman Grizzle, presented a certificate to Vaughn Jenkinson to give to his department for being a great host.

Election of the 12th District officers for the year of 1976 - 1977 are now in order. Chairman Grizzle appointed our guest Jim Baker and Bill Goodwin, to be tellers on count of votes.

Name of District Chairmen, — They are as follows:

Al Mendel, Leonard Grizzle, Roy Trester.

After the vote count, Al Mendel was elected

Vice Chairman — Robert Hines, Roy Trester, Daryl Jenkinson

After the vote count, Darryl Jenkinson was elected.

Secretary and Treasurer — Charles Bogden, Motion by Stofer, 2nd by Ritter, that the chairman cast one vote.

Bogden was elected for the 23rd straight year.

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From The Desk of Your President



Vica McGill

It is time again for the news for the paper. The summer has sure gone fast but it has been a good one. Butch and I have attended several of the District picnics and meetings and have enjoyed them all. Thanks for asking us.

I have had calls from several District Chairmen and they are busy recruiting in new Auxiliaries. (good work girls). We are going to work on new Districts for the Departments that aren't in one. I also recruited one down in Selvin.

We also have attended several of the fire schools and am glad to see so many Ladies taking the training also.

Anytime I or any of the officers can help you in any way please let us know.

As 1976 is about to end I would like to say thanks for making my first six months as President very enjoyable.

Hope you all have a nice Thanksgiving. Butch and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Vica McGill
Auxiliary President

District Meetings

District 1 - 2

Hi there. The ladies of our district have been busy since the convention. Not only with their own departments but with the district. The Miss Flame selection was turned over to the women. To raise the money needed to cover the cost of it, we have had an auction at our last two meetings.

At Black Oak in August everyone made craft items or brought white elephant items. We raised \$99. Had in attendance 66 members and 2 guests from 10 departments.

Down at Lincoln Township-Thayer in October we had craft and baked goods items to auction. We had two real swell auctioneers. Of course they were volunteered, volunteer firemen. Here we raised \$94. Roll call answered by 77 members, 3 guests from 12 departments.

Our district Miss Flame will be selected in March. The meeting will be at Ainsworth-Deep River. By the time the paper reaches you, your department will have received the entry forms. We hope to have a good number of young ladies this year. If your men haven't mentioned it, find out for yourselves. If you have someone who would like to represent your great department, please enter them. Only one entry per department. All entries must be in by January 15th. NO one will be accepted after this date unless they are a new department in the association.

Reminder to the ladies of District 1. Auction in March, you are to bring the items to sell.

The attendance at our district meetings is great. Though at one

In Memoriam

- Marie Seymore, Adams Township No. 2, Fort Wayne, Dist. 6
Donna Brown, Springfield Twp., LaPorte, Dist. 3
Mildred Masters, Monroe Twp., Henryville, Dist. 14
Clara Scheumann, Hoagland, Dist. 7
Hazel Martindale, Lewis Twp., Coalmont, Dist. 11



Thelma Lester, Chaplain

Psalms 95: 1, 2, 3

"O Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

Thanksgiving Day is again here for observance. It is good we should set aside a day in each year for Thanksgiving, but it would be better if we gave thanks every day. There are so many things for which each of us should be thankful.

Thanksgiving Day of this nation's bicentennial year will find many expressing thanks for the nation's prosperity, security, wealth, bumper crops, many easier appliances for home and work, warmer homes and better traveling.

Would it not be well for us to place five kernels of corn beside each heaping plate as we eat our Thanksgiving meal to keep truly humble and as a reminder of the winter of 1623 when the Pilgrims newly settled on the bleak shores of New England witnessed a serious famine? Corn became so scarce that Governor Bradford allowed a ration of but five grains per day to each person. For several months the fate of the whole Plymouth enterprise hung in the balance.

With the courage of those sturdy pioneers of earlier years and the freedoms based on eternal principles which are the foundation stones of our democracy, the right to express our individual ideas, the joyful privilege of worshiping God as we desire, we have the fundamental blessings to be highlighted on this bicentennial Thanksgiving Day.

Our thanks for the advancement of our Volunteer Firemen, who have progressed from bucket brigades, soda and acid trucks transported by horses to large trucks or semis with capacities of thousands gallons of water or by fire hydrants with water from their town or city supply or with foam; also with the sprinkling system in buildings; with addition of ladders to the added snorkel trucks; the education learned by the fire schools; and the advanced growth in membership.

The auxiliary is thankful for the advancement in their facilities of each firehouse; their willingness of participation in projects; education of fire prevention and first aid, the membership growth by the effort of each fire department willing for an auxiliary.

Also for the cooperation with the rural and city fire departments; for the many friends we have all gained throughout the state; and the insurance plans if desired.

Our greatest thanks should be to God for giving us Christ to live here on earth to teach the right way of living and witnessing for eternal life in Heaven. Christmas Day the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will soon observe.

May I now extend a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. God Bless You.

Your Chaplain,
Thelma Lester

time it was even better. The women that attend are wonderful, loyal, good workers and fun to be with. They attend not only for a social evening, but to find out from other local departments what's going on. How the other auxiliaries are supporting financially and morale wise their MEN. For ladies that's what it's all about, YOUR MEN. You are and auxiliary to a Volunteer Fire Department. Auxiliary according to Webster is: helping, assisting. Those departments with an auxiliary are missing an opportunity to help and assist their own MEN by not attending the district meetings. Those departments who at this time do not have an auxiliary should do some serious thinking about forming one. There is help in forming an auxiliary in every part of this state. If you don't know how to go about it just write or call any

of the auxiliary officers listed in this paper. If you already have an auxiliary, join your district. If there is no district in your area, let us help you get one started.

In closing I would like to wish each and everyone in this great association a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Betsy Howe
Chairman District 1

District 8-B

The Ward Township Firemen and Auxiliary of District 8B were invited to prepare and serve breakfast at the Old Timers Steam Engine Association held at the Portland Fair Ground August 28, 29 and 30. This is about the largest Old Timers Association in the United States. We were happy to acquire a nice profit from this project. We are looking forward to serving them again next year.

Auxiliary District Meetings

District 8-B

The District 8B met September 8 at the West Union Fire Station. The Auxiliary meeting was called to order by the chairman with pledge to the flag. Roll Call was answered by 7 departments. The reading of the local minutes and the treasurers report was given and approved.

Announcements of the National Water Ball at Bryan, Ohio were given.

Two guests were introduced, Ruth Ford of Ft. Wayne and Thelma Lester of Richmond.

Thelma then installed the officers with a beautiful ceremony as follows:

Chairman — Almeda Brown;
Vice Chairman — Alice Weaver;
Secretary — Debbie Henneey;
Treasurer — Rosemary Sears;
Reporter — Rosellen Bousman.

Next meeting will be November 10 at White River Department.

District 11

The District has been busy this year getting ready for the annual meeting next year. Many of you have seen and talked to Joann Hay of Honey Creek and know what a super gal we have for the Ladies Chairman at "Buzzin with 11 in '77".

With the many things going on in your own auxiliaries you've still found time to help when she's asked it of you.

The Lucky Doe Doll tickets are now available and those auxiliaries not receiving theirs as yet, please contact me. This is the State IVFA Auxiliary's only money making project a year.

We hope you've all been looking for a Miss Flame Candidate. District judging is at the March 20 District meeting, so please get your girls name into us by March 1.

Before the year closes, I wish to thank all of you who put forth the effort to attend District Meetings this year. For some it's been a sacrifice to give up the one day off to attend our meetings. It is our hope, Red's and mine, that you have in some way benefitted by them. We have - in your friendship.

We sometimes wonder in the fire service, when the fire alarm rings early and late, and were pouring coffee for frozen firemen - husbands, sons and friends, what we're doing here. We ask ourselves what makes our hearts

leap when that siren rings? I know you're saying we're all crazy. And people get paid for doing this?

It's what America's built on, people voluntarily helping their neighbors. We pray it will never change.

Till next year - God Bless You and Yours and a very Happy Holiday Season from both of us to all of you. See you at Perrysville, January 16!

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I.V.F.A. Auxiliary Officers Meeting

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AUGUST 22, 1976

The meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary Officers was called to order by President, Vica McGill at 9:15 A.M. Vica welcomed everyone - ask for their cooperation and to bear with her until she got her feet on the ground.

We were led in prayer by Chaplain Thelma Lester, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sgt. at Arms - Jan Jones.

New District Chairmen were introduced.

Roll call was answered by 25 officers - 7 guests were present.

Secretary's report was read and approved after two corrections - 16 deaths last year and 181 auxiliaries. Motion was made by Mary Boyd, seconded by Inez Jeffries to disburse with the reading of the District Reports included in the minutes of the Convention Meeting. Motion carried.

To date nine new auxiliaries have joined the State - Bippus-District 7; Cayuga-District 11; Clay City-District 11; Washington Twp.-Porter County-District 1; Rensselaer - District 9B; White River Twp.-Johnson County-District 12; Livonia-District 16; Posey Township-District 11.

As of August 22, 1976 there are 1314 members in the state.

Treasurers report showed a balance of \$3705.30 on 8-22-76.

Chaplain Thelma Lester reported she had sent 17 sympathy cards, 11 get well cards and there have been 3 deaths.

Loretta Nulliner showed a new jewelry carrying case that had been made at a cost of \$20.00. Motion by Vi Cambron, seconded by Ruth Fairfield that the Auxiliary pay for the cost of this case and for a second one just like it for Bernice Esserman to display her jewelry. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded - motion passed to have a new die made for State jewelry. Loretta to order jewelry as needed.

Jo Morris, District 11, said the charm for Convention '77 would be the State of Indiana with a little bee designating the place of convention.

Mary Brooks, Chairman of the Miss Flame Committee, reported on the Miss Flame Contest for '76. Expenses were \$64.42 - returning to the auxiliary the balance of \$85.58. A group picture of the girls was shown - motion made and seconded - motion passed to contact the photographer and obtain a picture for each of the girls participating in the Miss Flame Contest. Mary will take care of this.

Report given on Lucky Doe Doll - total receipts from sale of tickets was \$1405.85 - expenses of \$100 leaving balance of \$1305.85. Winner of the doll and \$50 was Bob Borst of Laporte. Second and third place winners of \$25.00 each was N. Antrfdel of Michigan City and H. Roberts of Griffith.

Trophy for the district selling the most Doe Doll tickets went to District 3 who had sales of \$250.00 - second place was District 11 with sales of \$232.25 and third place was District 8B with sales of \$203.00.

Vica suggested a traveling trophy for the district selling the most Doe Doll tickets each year. It was decided that a trophy be given each year to the district selling the most tickets. Motion by Ruth Fairfield, seconded by Mary Boyd that this be done. Motion carried.

Motion made by Joan Shanabarger, seconded by Joyce Nevil that the Lucky Doe Doll be the Auxiliary project for '77. Motion carried.

Convention dates for 1977 are June 9-10-11, with Convention Headquarters being the Howard Johnson Motel at Roads 70 and 41.

The Lois Boaz Memorial Award was discussed. Mary Boyd was the winner in '76. Everyone was urged to get letters written for your entry for the award in '77 and send to Mary Boyd, Vica McGill or Thelma Lester - this will be the committee for the award.

Jo Morris asked if members of the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary could attend the convention meetings, yet not register for convention. It was stated they could.

Mary Stafford reported on Mike Gahamer. She stated \$855.00 had been donated at Convention. Mike developed liver problems - returned from Seattle and has been receiving treatment at Riley Hospital. He goes everyday for treatment. Has responded to this treatment, gained weight and can now walk. A liver biopsy is to be taken Tuesday (8-24-76) and they are hoping the problem has cleared up. He will still have to return to Seattle for the bone-marrow transplant.

Joan Shanabarger reported that the Convention film was being seen by quite a few.

No report on insurance from Ruth Ford.

Motion made and seconded that meeting be adjourned. Dismissed with prayer by Chaplain, Thelma Lester.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Brooks
Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 & 2 — Meeting August 5, Black Oak Station 2. Installation of Officers for '76 - '77 - District 1 Chairman, Betsy Howe; Secretary Mary Edwards. District 2 Chairman Pat Wisniewski; Secretary Kay Sheeky. Roll call answered by 63 members and 2 guests from 10 departments. Auction of craft and white elephant items raised \$99 for next years Miss Flame Contest Fund. Next meeting October 7 - Lincoln Twp. - Thayer.

District 3 — Meeting held at Koontz Lake Fire Station on July 21. Memorial Service conducted for Margaret Tarnow. Coolspring Twp. won plaque for selling most Doe Doll Tickets. Springfield Twp. received traveling plaque for best attendance for the year. Election of Officers - Carolyn McCarty, District Chairman; Marilyn Kessler, Secretary-Treasurer; Mildred Nulcheff, Chaplain; Margaret Gaw, Historian. Leona Uryga was presented with Past Chairmans pin. Next meeting September 15 at Springfield Twp.

District 4 - Next meeting in October at Eby Pines Campgrounds, Bristol, Indiana. Kris Bechtel elected District Chairman, Leona McClanahan, Secretary.

District 6 - July meeting held at Auburn - 14 present representing 8 departments. Election of Officers - Janet Yoder, Chairman; Toni Grogg, Secretary. 6th District Picnic will be held at Grabill, September 26.

District 7 - Election of Officers - Joyce Nevil, District Chairman; Antionette Sorg, Secretary.

District 8A - Next meeting September 9th at Frankton Volunteer Fire Department. Election of Officers.

District 8B - Election of Officers held - installation to be in September. Almeda Brown, District Chairman; Debbie Hennisey, Secretary. 14 members representing 7 departments present at July meeting.

District 10 - August meeting held at Hope Fire Station - fried chicken supper served. Roll call was taken with 54 members and 5 guests present. Election held Connie Pierce of Hope, District Chairman; Nancy Neal, Secretary; Charlene Garrison, Chaplain. New officers installed by Barbara Parker. November meeting to be held at Flat Rock.

District 11 - 10 departments and 2 guests present. Election of officers for the coming year - Jo Morris, District Chairman; Sue Biggs, Vice Chairman; Mary Jane Bozman, Secretary; Honore King, Chaplain.

District 12 - Meeting held August 9 at Oaklandon Fire Station with 30 members representing 8 departments and 6 guests. Election of officers - Catherine VanArsdale Chairman; Barbara Ritter, Co-Chairman; Jo Hines, Secretary-Treasurer; Doris Sink, Chaplain; Judy Lamb, Sgt. at Arms. Next meeting November 8th at Mars Hill Fire Station-Co. 8 - Wayne Township. Installation by Mary Brooks assisted by Barbara Parker.

District 13 - August 19th meeting held at the home of Barbara Parker. Election of officers held - Miriam Schaeckel, District Chairman; Sallie Riddle, Secretary, Virginia Wilson, Chaplain. Barbara Parker installed officers. Next meeting Nov. 18 at the home of Miriam Schaeckel.

District 14 - Met July 21 at Vienna Firehouse with 19 members and 4 guests present, representing 5 departments. Vienna won traveling trophy. Next meeting Jennings Twp. (Austin) on Sept. 15 - election of officers will be held at this time.

District 16 - Meeting held July 8th - 12 members, 3 guests representing 5 departments. White elephant auction to be held at next meeting which is to be held at Franklin Twp. on September 9th.

Fountaintown Meets

Members of the Fountaintown Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary met at the fire station September 1, at 7:30 p.m. after an absence through July and August.

The products chairman, Inez Jeffries, Had Marion Kay items there for sale as a courtesy to the members. The auxiliary has maintained an inventory of the

items since 1958.

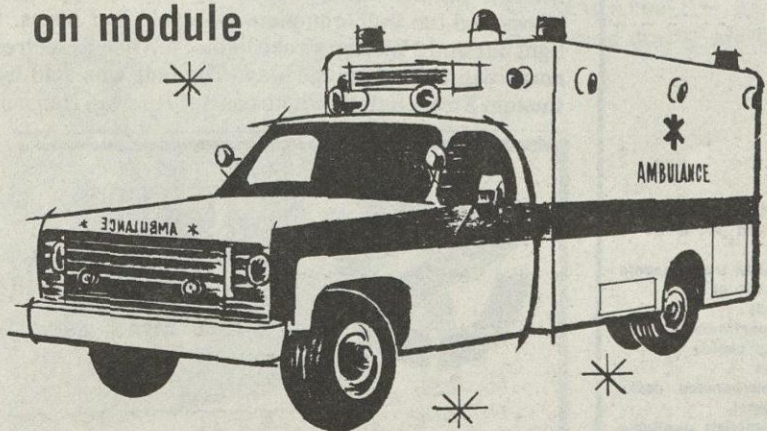
Mrs. Ruth Slifer, president, conducted the business session where plans are in progress for a Euchre party October 9, 8 p.m. and a Christmas party December 4, both to be held at the fire station. A revision of By-laws is also in progress.

A closing prayer was read by Mrs. Josephine Smith in the absence of Mrs. Rosella Martin.

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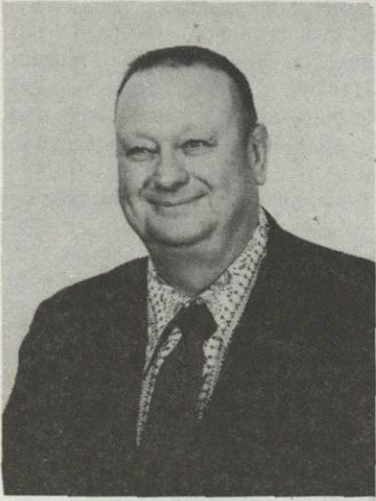
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Carl O. Davis

From all the talk in the District meetings there has been several grass and woods fires over the last few weeks. It is very dry in the southwest part of the state and each of us should be very careful about starting any fire.

Odon and Madison Township Departments were the host for the Annual Turkey Barbeque at the Odon Conservation Club on Nov. 4th. Was glad to have several of the state officers with us.

The state fire marshal presented three certificates of appreciation from his office to our three fifty year men, Bert Ketchem, Harold Flynn, and Bill Cooper. Thanks to Gov. Bowen and your Department, Bill, for the nice certificates.

We have an invitation for the 77 South West Fire School. I will get with all District Chairmen and see if this meets their approval for the school. Hope to get started on the program in the near future.

Time to start thinking about who your choice for Mr. IVFA, for 77-78 will be. Get your letters in to the committee. Also the midwest award letters should be sent to the Vice President.

Have a new Department in the 17A District. Newberry Volunteer Fire Department who joined with us this month. Welcome fellows and if I can be of any help just call.

Have several departments needing surplus army trucks for tankers. If anyone has one they are not using let me know.

Thats it for this time C U later.
Carl O.

I.V.F.A. President

**Jim Baker Appoints
Safety Committee**

Fellow Firefighters,

The United States Bureau of Labor tells us that firefighting is the most hazardous job in the world. The I.V.F.A. President Jim Baker has appointed a safety committee for the I.V.F.A., the men on this committee are



JIM BELL, Chairman

**Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association
Convention '77
Honey Creek Township - Terre Haute
June 9, 10, 11, 1977**

JIM WATKINS, Treasurer

November 1, 1976

Dear Fellow I.V.F.A. Members,

The Convention '77 steering committee is sponsoring a state-wide raffle in an effort to earn funds to help defray the expenses of the 1977 Annual Meeting and Convention activities. The number one objective of the steering committee for 1977, is to make the convention break even and not dip into the I.V.F.A. general fund. This objective can only be accomplished through the support of the entire membership.

We are offering everyone the opportunity to purchase chances at a cost of twenty-five (25) cents each or a bargain of five (5) chances for one (1) dollar. The prizes to be awarded by drawing are: 1) a national brand micro-wave oven that sells for over four hundred (400) dollars; 2) a complete set of fire gear, including hat, coat, boots, and gloves, for some lucky fireman.

All money and/or unsold tickets should be returned no later than Sunday May 1, 1977. The drawing will be held at the Convention '77 Banquet Friday June 10, 1977. You need not be present to win.

Thank you for your support. And don't forget to get your advance registration and room reservations for Convention '77 in the mail real soon. Hope to see all of you in Honey Creek Township - Terre Haute, June 1977.

Best Wishes to Everyone,

James F. Bell
James F. Bell, Chairman
Convention '77

Project Chairmen: Charles "Butch" McGill, State Sergeant at Arms
William "Bill" Bush, Dana Community Vol. Fire Dept.

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Norman Crocker, Sam Bower, and Charles Jones. We hope to bring to your mind some items your know, but may have forgotten. Some items that you may not know or just some items of safety. For example, how many unlined gloves are being used by some firefighters in the State. The price difference between insulated and unlined is small, yet firemen have gotten bad burns using the unlined gloves. Your protective clothing is for your protection. If you don't use it, because you want to be the first one to drive the truck, or is it in the other car, or any other excuse you come up with. You are asking for personal injury. Liners for coats will protect you from radiated heat at a fire scene as well as keep you warm in sub zero weather. How many of you have your liners removed from your coat.

Fire Boots are expensive, this is true, but if you buy just hip boots

as I have seen some departments using, these boots do not have the protection that are built into fire boots, for example, the steel insole for protection from nails. The wooden ladder shank for standing on the rungs of a ladder and the heavy side walls for leg protection. Sam, Charley and I will try to have some type of safety information to be published in the newspaper with each issue.

We would appreciate it if any of you have information, please send it to us. If the I.V.F.A. will police ourselves, Uncle Sam may not have to do it for us in the form of OSHA.

Norm Crocker

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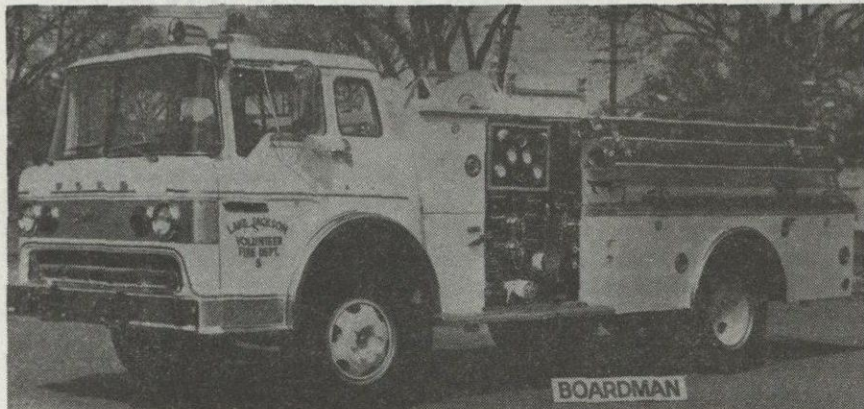
Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department has taken delivery of their new PIERCE Mini-Attack pumper, built on a Dodge 4-wheel drive, 11,000 lb. GVW chassis. The apparatus is constructed entirely of aluminum, with the exception of the 250 gallon booster tank which is of fiberglass. The pump is a power take-off driven Waterous CPK-2, with a capacity of 300 GPM in stationary or pump and roll operation. One electric rewind booster reel, two front ground sweep nozzles, two rear preconnect 1 1/2" discharges, and one panel mounted 2 1/2" discharge provide the firepower. Painted on the candy apple red Imron apparatus is their mascot, Ferdinand the Bull, complete with gold leaf horns. (see inset) A code 3 light bar and 2 Whelen strobe lights; a Whelen electronic siren and two air horns will help clear the way. The unit was sold by Chuck Weising of Custom Fire & Safety. Photo courtesy of Alan Hanson.

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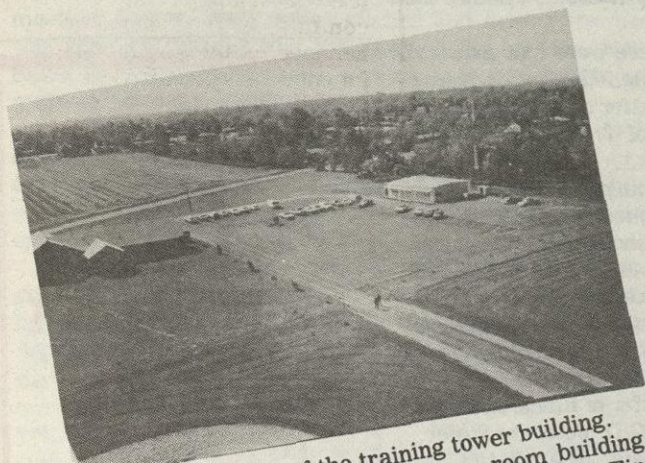
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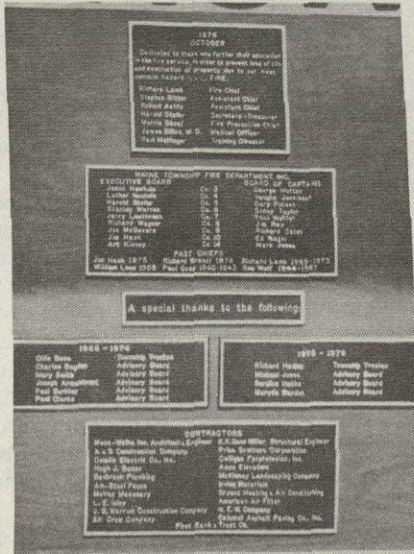
Wayne Township Dedicates New Training Facility



View from on top of the training tower building. On the left is the Academy class room building. Building on the right is the Wayne Township Fire Headquarters and dispatch center.



Shown above is the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Training Tower, left to right are: Morris Shoaf, Wayne Township Fire Prevention Director; Richard Hadley, Wayne Township Trustee; Duane Lantz, I.V.F.A. State Chaplain; James Dillon, Wayne Township Medical Officer; Richard Lamb, Wayne Township Fire Chief; Robert Ashby, 2nd Assistant Chief Wayne Township; Stephen Ritter, 1st Assistant Chief Wayne Township; Harold Stofer, Secretary Treasurer; William Goodwin, Fire Marshal; Richard Gates, Captain Company No. 9 Wayne Township; Gary Potet, Captain Company No. 5 Wayne Township; George Hutton, Captain Company No. 3 Wayne Township; Vaughn Jenkinson, Captain Company No. 4 Wayne Township; James Ray, Captain Company No. 8 Wayne Township.



Above is the picture of the dedication plaque that has been placed on the building.

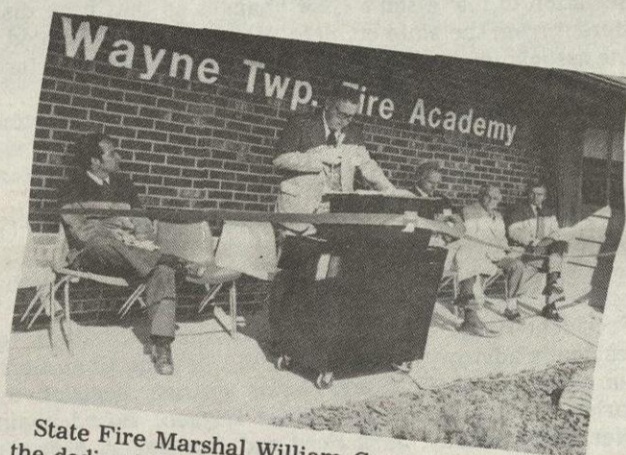


The newest Chartered Fire Department in Indiana was present and took the kids for rides. Pictured is the 1935 Mack of the Friendship Fire Department with the Chief, James Dillon at the wheel.

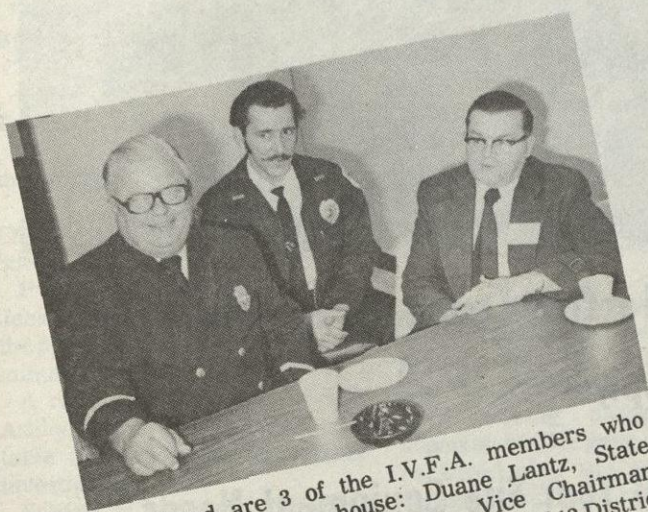
On October 22-23, Wayne Township Fire Department, Marion County, dedicated their new training facility at 6448 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. There were many guests in attendance which included the State Fire Marshal William Goodwin, Congressman Dave Evans, Mayor William Hudnut of Indianapolis, Wayne Township Trustee Richard Hadley and past Township Trustee Ollie Baus, State I.V.F.A. Chaplin Duane Lantz, Paul Fairfield, P.R. East Central; Butch McGill, Sergeant-At-Arms, I.V.F.A.; Bob Laney, Editor for I.V.F.A.; Jim Baker, I.V.F.A., President; and Charlie Jones, I.V.F.A. Vice-President. Also present was Vica McGill, President of the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary. There was an open house which many people from throughout the state attended.

The tower itself is 99 feet tall with 6 stories. Each floor can be set up a different way such as a dwelling, office, factory, etc. You can set the room on fire and make attacks, rescue or any other actual fire problem. There can also be repelling and aerial rescue practiced on the building. The academy building has two classrooms, a demonstration room where apparatus can be placed inside for practical work.

There are also kitchen facilities. The area is open to all fire departments in the state and there will be many top instructors brought into the Academy in the future. As funds become available, roads will be built for a driver training course. The idea behind the facility is to bring a rookie firefighter to the Center and train him on the problems he will find on a fire scene, so that when he gets to a real fire, he can say this isn't so bad, I've seen worse during my training period.



State Fire Marshal William Goodwin presenting the dedication address, seated left to right: Dave Evans, Congressman; William Hudnut, Mayor of Indianapolis; Ollie Baus, Past Trustee Wayne Township; Richard Hadley, Trustee Wayne Township.



Pictured are 3 of the I.V.F.A. members who attended the open house: Duane Lantz, State Chaplain; Darrell Jenkinson, Vice Chairman 12 District; Charles Bogden, Secretary of 12 District and past Mr. I.V.F.A.

(Photos by Clyde and Kaye Bristow)



Son of Wayne Township fireman, John Czerniski at the recent opening of Wayne Township Training Center.

OFFICERS MEETING (Cont.)

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district chairman to go back to his men and get some input from them so this committee will have something to work with.

Jim Baker stated it had been brought up to him that since there have always been several blank spaces in the convention book where there should have been pictures of state officers, we should make arrangements to have these pictures taken, possibly at the November meeting and then we would have all officers, present and past presidents pictures entered in this book.

Bob Esserman made a motion that we have a photographer present at the November meeting to take these pictures. The motion was seconded by Jim Parker. The parliamentarian ruled the motion is out of order in that it infringes on board action. The motion was withdrawn along with the second. Jim suggested to the board chairman to consider bringing this up at the board meeting.

President Baker asked for a convention '77 report. In the place of Jim Bell, who had been injured, Larry Biggs vice chairman gave the following report on what is being accomplished for convention next year. He stated there had been some retractions of room commitments so they now have announced convention center will be Howard Johnsons. The banquet will be at Hulman Civic University Center in a totally air conditioned room.

The games and parade entry form will be in the November paper.

Jim Baker stated he will appoint a steering committee from the association that he will insist be invited to all meetings for convention '77.

Steve Ritter gave a short report on convention '78. It will be centered at the Ramada Inn near the Airport in Wayne Twp. The convention chairman will be Dick Lamb, the finance chairman is Gene Stofer and the reservations chairman is Mrs. Ritter.

There was varied and lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of our role as an association in the field of safety in the fire service. Jim Baker gave a lengthy report on the activities and responsibilities of OSHA and IOSHA.

Norm Crocker made a motion that the president appoint a committee on fire prevention and fire safety, seconded by Milan Pece, carried by voice vote.

Norm Crocker is chairman and will be assisted by Charles Jones and Sam Bower.

Dave Nulliner showed a sticker as proposed by the Bartholomew mutual aid association. The county association asked if the state association would okay their use of the design since it so nearly resembles the state emblem. It was the general consensus of the assembly that a suggestion be made to the Bartholomew County association to make some color changes so that it be distinguishably different from the state emblem. However it was pointed out that the state association has no patent on the design and therefore cannot say positively no to the county proposal.

There was a lengthy discussion on whether a department could or could not bill an individual or insurance co. for fire service. There were many varied opinions and no clear cut answer could be given or arrived at.

Mary Stafford gave a report on the financial and physical status of her "little boy".

Jack Ford gave a report on the events following the death of one of the firemen in his home department.

President Baker appointed the following committees for the year: President's advisory committee; Bill Goodwin, Chairman, Bill Engle, Gene Stofer, Jack Ford and Carlos Jeffries. Legislative committee; Charles Jones, Chairman, Charlie Bogden, Board chairman, Gene Stofer, Billy Sunday, Jack Ford and Jim Baker. Editor will be Bob Laney and the Ads taker will again be Verne Konopasek.

Convention committee to work with convention '77 people; chairman Bill Engle, Gene Stofer, Jack Ford, Robert Laney, Charles Jones and Jim Baker.

The Mr. IVFA committee will be chaired by Gilbert Boaz with Ivan Bozeman and Bob Esserman as his helpers.

Jim then charged each of these committees with what he felt should be accomplished for the association.

Jim appointed the sports committee so they may also function properly with adequate time. They are: Robert Surber and Gene Yoder as co-chairmen, Al Mendel, Jim Parker and Norm Crocker.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Norm Crocker. Jim Baker adjourned the meeting at 1155 hours.

BOARD MEETING
August 22, 1976

Board chairman Lump called the board to order at 1330 in the same room as the officers meeting.

Bill Howe made a motion to dispense with the invocation and pledge, seconded by Norm Crocker, carried by voice vote.

Roll was called by the secretary with the results on file.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes, carried by voice vote.

Leon turned the gavel and chair over to Jim Baker for the purpose of electing a board chairman.

The nominations were as follows; Leon Lump nominated by Bruns, Norm Crocker nominated by Charlie Sutton and Ralph Yergler nominated by Bub Holscher. After having no response for further nominations Jim closed the nominations. There were 20 votes eligible. Jim put down the ground rules for determining how the winner would be determined.

After the first vote count it was found there would be a run off vote between Ralph Yergler and Norm Crocker. Upon the second vote there was one abstention so there would be no ties. The vote counting committee of Bill Engle, Bill Goodwin and Carlos Jeffries announced that Norm Crocker had received the majority of the votes and was the new Board Chairman.

Leon Lump turned the chair and gavel over to Norm and gave him an itinerary he had made up.

Chairman Crocker asked for any communications or bills. There was none of either.

There were no committees outstanding and as far as Norm could remember no unfinished business.

Norm asked for any questions or discussion concerning convention '76. Ed Weaver said he had some very angry reports concerning the security at convention. He had comments that security was too strict and much too personal.

Gene Stofer offered his and the association's apology to those affected and stated that this type of security would not happen again.

A question arose about why we fed so many people when there were so many less registered. Gene stated this was one of the problems the committee for convention '77 was going to take care of.

Chairman Crocker asked for any new business to be brought before the board.

As the outgoing chairman, Leon Lump said there were four areas of new business to come before the board and read the following: Advance to Laney for postage due to increase in rates; transfer of funds from one account to another by treasurer Stofer; The area of '77 fire schools; and pictures of state officers for the convention book.

Gene Stofer said that since postage was now running near \$700 for each printing of the paper, Bob Laney should not be requested to use his own funds to finance this cost. Red Morris made a motion that the treasurer advance editor Laney \$800.00 for postage and that after each mailing of the paper, upon receipt of the proper expense voucher from Laney, Gene would reimburse Bob for postage so that Bob would always have \$800.00 to start out with. Motion seconded by Charlie Sutton and carried by voice vote. Gene was instructed to handle this.

Norm asked Gene to explain his request for transfer of funds. After an explanation of why these funds should be put into C.D. notes by Stofer, Sam Bower made a motion that we allow the transfer of funds to C.D. notes as treasurer Stofer sees fit, seconded by Bub Holscher and carried by voice vote.

After some discussion and explanation on the future schools, Billy Sunday made a motion that the IVFA sponsor one fire school for each public relations area as has been done in the past, seconded by Howe carried by voice vote.

After a long discussion on fire school expenses and how they are listed and recorded, Leon Lump made a motion to allow \$500.00 for each school if we use the short form and \$1000.00 if the long form is used. If this proves too great a problem for the treasurer, then we should check into the possibility of eliminating one officers meeting, seconded by Bill Howe. After calling for a voice vote, which was indeterminate, Norm called for a show of hands on the motion. Motion was defeated.

Norm again asked for suggestions on a method of funding these fire schools. Billy Sunday made a motion to raise the amount of association obligation to a flat \$500.00 per fire school, motion seconded by Milan Pece and after much discussion on the actual past year's cost of schools was passed by voice vote.

Chairman Crocker asked for some discussion on the subject of picture taking. Sutton made a motion that we have pictures taken of all state officers at the November meeting, seconded by Ivan Nevil. Steve Ritter said he had a man who would surely do the job for the cost of materials only. Sutton made an amendment to his motion to include all auxiliary officers also, motion carried by voice vote.

Sutton made a motion that all officers wear suit and tie when having
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OFFICERS MEETING (Cont.) (Continued from Page 12)

their pictures taken on Sunday morning, seconded by Ralph Yergler, carried by voice vote.

There was a lengthy discussion on the motel accommodations at this meeting. Several were quite satisfied and some were disappointed. It was generally agreed that the Ramada Inn was as good as any. Jim Baker was instructed by the board to again have the Ramada Inn as the meeting place next time.

Red Morris asked if there would be any precedents to follow in the use of the Miss Flame and if the association would pay mileage and expenses. Russell Reinhart stated he felt that if any district wanted the services of Miss Flame that district should foot the expenses. This opinion was agreed upon by all.

Ivan Nevil said he had rendered an opinion to his district on a matter and they insisted he bring it to the association anyhow. He stated a man had passed away and had not paid any dues for several years. The department he belonged to felt the association should give him a grave marker and a bible. Ivan said he had told them no but wanted the official word from the association. As the Board Chairman, Norm Crocker said, "NO".

Having no further business to take care of, Norm asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was given by Bub Holscher, seconded by Russell Reinhart, meeting adjourned at 1510 hours.

Respectfully submitted
Max L. Poling
Recording Secretary

District 12

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Sergeant-At-Arms — Art Kinney, Luther Nuochols.

After the vote count, Art Kinney was elected.

Chaplain — James Bruner, No other nominations, Secretary cast one vote for James Bruner.

No further business, motion to adjourn.

Refreshments were served by Co. No. 4 Auxiliary. It was a great meal.

Next District meeting will be September 20th at Wayne Township No. 9

Charles Bogden
12th District Secretary

The 12th District Meeting was held at Wayne Township Co. No. 9 (Indianapolis) September 20, 1976, with 15 departments and 43 members representing the district.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Mendel, Pledge to the Flag led by Darryl Jenkinson and opening prayer by Chief Jim Bruner of Hazelwood.

Introduction of guests was as follows: William Goodwin, our State Fire Marshal; Gene Stofer, State Treasurer of the I.V.F.A.; Steve Ritter, Public Relations of West Central; Donald Allen, Sales Representative for Life Saving Systems Inc.

Roll Call, minutes of previous meeting and the financial report was given and approved.

Correspondence — None.

Chairman Mendel, asked all present to stand up and be recognized by name and department.

Committees for the new year were appointed. They are as follows:

Miss Flame Committee — Chairman Don Lippincott, Don Boyles, Charle Bogden and Chuck Heflin.

Game Committee — Chairman Terry Ferguson, Don Johnson plus several volunteers helping them

Training Committee — Chairman Robert Ashby, Bob Sutton, and Tom Parrish.

Program Committee — Darryl Jenkinson Chairman, stated that the program will be longer than 30 minutes.

A resolution was read by Bob Ashby, it was suggested that we table this resolution for further investigation.

Subject of district redistricting was brought up and Chairman Mendel, turned this program over to our public relation Steve Ritter, who presented the plans and for approval for the next state officers. There are two plans. He also stated about survey forms should be filled out by each

department and be brought in at our February District meeting. Steve, stated that there has been some talk throughout the state that our state and district officers be elected to a term of 2 years. This must be voted on by the Convention delegates.

New Business — Gene Stofer, gave report in regards to making up membership list for the state secretary. Gene, suggested that department Secretary please print or type names, addresses and zip codes for better mailing. It costs the association 25c for each returned paper to the editor.

State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin, stated that certificates are coming along real great.

Public Relations, Steve Ritter, gave out a few dates of coming events so that members can enter in their appointment books. Steve, gave his report regarding his travels throughout the West Central District, he also gave information regarding the Wayne Township Annual Fall graduation and dinner dance being held at the West Side K.C. Hall October 23. Tickets will be at the door at \$7.50 per person. Wayne Township is also sponsoring a Country Western Show, October 6th at the Ben Davis High School. Cost per family if \$8.00. Steve stated Convention "77" headquarters will be Howard Johnson.

Gene Stofer, gave the report regarding the 1976 Convention. He stated that the cost was approximately \$45,000 and that almost all bills are paid.

Steve Ritter stated that Wayne Township "78" Convention is off the ground and that the next Convention meeting will be November 17th.

Arthur Kinney won our 50-50 jack pot drawing and he donated \$5.00 for our picnic fund.

Chairman Mendel asked that John Knight of Co. No. 9 come forward and be presented with a 12th District Host Certificate for his department. John in turn introduced some of the ladies auxiliary who served the fine food we ate during the meeting.

Donald Allen, representing the Life Saving System Inc. gave his presentation. Mr. Allen stated that this program is a state wide fund raising campaign for departments. He gave costs of the packaged plan and said several organizations have adopted this project.

It was stated that September 30 is the deadline for I.V.F.A. dues. No other business, motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Charle Bogden
I.V.F.A. 12th Dist. Secretary

District 14

September meeting held at Jennings Township Fire House with very good turn-out.

Several matters were discussed including the term of office for state elective office. No positive action was taken but the feeling was that it should not be changed. The greater the turn-over at the top, the more input we have in the functioning of the Association.

The meeting was concluded with a talk on Arson by Jim Skaggs of the Fire Marshals Office.

Southeast Fire School was held October 17 at Henryville with Monroe Township Volunteers as hosts. It was a one day school and well attended. This school was one of the best we have had with instructors that knew their subject and how to present it.

November meeting held in Scottsburg and again a very good turn-out.

The highlight of this meeting was a presentation by Raymond Jones of the Scottsburg Department on the hazards of toxic gases in common materials.

The next district meeting will be held at Finley Township Fire Department on January 19th.

Sam Bower, Chairman

The first grade teacher was having the members of the class draw pictures showing what their fathers did for a living. She noticed one little boy drawing circles and asked, "What does your father do?"

He's a doctor," the little boy replied. "He makes rounds!"

"Remember When"

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St. John Dept. was killed in a highway accident in 1945, leaving his widow in a bad way financially, a collection was proposed for her benefit and again Konopasek mentioned what an asset and convenience a death benefit fund would mean to the Association, so when he was elected Treasurer in our organization, he was successful in having this fund started and time has vindicated his theories in the operation of a successful death benefit fund, as in a period of less than 11 years, 85 death claims have been paid off, and there is a balance in this fund as of today, in excess of \$17,500.00

At that time the following towns were members of the Association: Lowell, St. John, Hobart, Black Oak, East Gary, Crown Point, Griffith, Cedar Lake, Munster, Schneider, Highland, Dyer, Independence Hill and Schererville in Lake County, Porter, Kouts and Chesterton in Porter County, Union Mills in LaPorte County, also Gas City and Fairmount of Grant County, total 20 departments. District 1 was organized to hold monthly meetings for the department members.

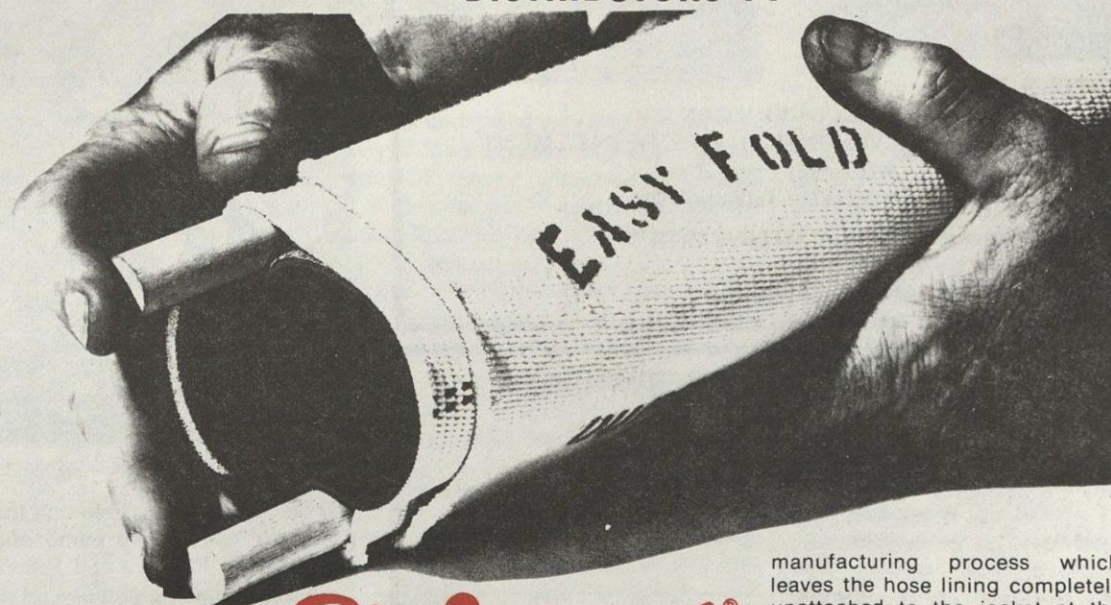
First Annual Convention was held on Sunday, June 27th, 1948 at Black Oak, a community on the southwest edge of Gary, with two additional departments added to the original 20, DeMotte and Flora. According to program listings, activities were confined to one day, calling for two business meetings at Eagles Hall, a basket lunch served to the firemen and their families and entertainment for the children, one year to 90 with free ice cream and pop served. Day's activities were climaxed with dancing at Eagles Hall from 9:00 p.m. to 12 midnight. A change in the personnel of the original By-Laws committee, indicated the following were members of this committee in 1947 and 1948, as follows: in addition to Konopasek as chairman the new members were H.R. Harrigan, Hobart; John J. Thiel, Dyer and Harry J. Mayer, East Gary, and the set of By-Laws approved by this committee were presented and ratified by the delegates assembled at the 1948 convention and were printed in booklet form in 1949. Results in election of officers at the convention, as follows: President, Cornelius VanderVaart, Munster Dept.; Vice-President, Harold Brownell; Secretary, Roy Kittredge; Treasurer, Vern Konopasek; Chaplain, Dan Kraft, Hobart Dept.; Sargeant-at-Arms, John Kustron, Independence Hill Dept. Directors elected were Sam Ordean, Chairman; John J. Thiel, Frank Miller, Emil Zula of Independence Hill Dept., J.C. Hiatt, Kouts Dept. and Karl C. Bastian, Gas City.

Second Annual Convention was held Sunday, June 19th, 1949 in Industrial Building, Lake County Fair Grounds, Crown Point, with Mayor Erlenbach of that city giving a welcome speech to the delegates and guests. There were 34 departments in the Association divided into two districts as announced. The Treasurer reported \$369.95 in General Fund and \$786.25 in Death Benefit Fund. Basket lunch for the firemen and their families and afternoon games and contests for the wives and children. Departmental water ball fights on the program and Memorial

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1976 Active Year For DeKalb Firefighters



The DeKalb Firefighters Association will long remember 1976 as a very active year. Feeling the need for closer association among the departments, we began the year with a worthy project which would include every person. We chose to purchase equipment for the relatively new "Burn Unit" at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne. We made this a six week affair and the above photo explains the results. Our organization became so enthused with their efforts and results, that they voted to make this a yearly project. Most of the equipment for this unit came from organizations such as ours.

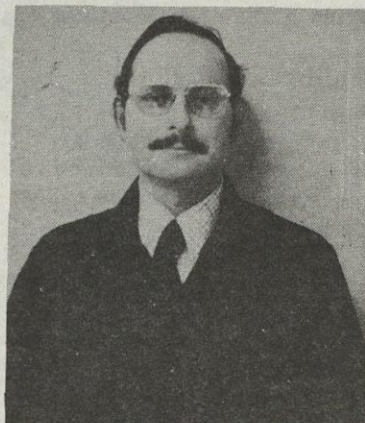
For some time we had to travel to distant departments to refill our air bottles, since we lacked the proper facilities. Through letters, meetings and news media, we eventually got the message across to the proper authorities and we are soon to be owners of new air-compressor equipment.

We have several committees working on other needs of our departments. Due to the more modern methods of firefighting, we felt the need for a centrally located training facility and much has been done to accomplish this mission. In order to properly train our people we need facilities near by, as we cannot expect them to travel great distances to obtain this knowledge. We cannot stress enough the need for training in all phases of firefighting. Too many

firefighters are being injured or killed, mainly due to lack of proper training in safety and methods of handling various types of fires. We have urged each of the departments in our County to hold regular practice drills. This year we had two county-wide mutual aid drills which were very successful. From these we learned the importance of working together and the procedures which will or will not work in time of disaster.

Let's remember that we are one big team and no one or two individuals can do the job alone. Our County Association is an active team and we hope to make 1977 an even better year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



Steve Ritter

It doesn't seem possible that the past year could have come and gone so fast. Barbara and I have been many places and met a lot of swell people which just proves how much good fellowship can be found in this organization.

I really enjoyed helping with the fire schools this past year. It makes you feel good all over when you see people eager to learn. I have received many good ideas for next year's West Central School. After the first of the year, Red Morris, Al Mendel and myself will sit down and make some definite plans.

There has been more money
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FRANKLIN COUNTY SUFFERS TRAGEDY — TWO YOUNG FIREMEN DIE

Franklin County suffered one of the worst tragedies in its history when two young firemen were killed recently, when a tanker truck of the Franklin County Rural Fire Department went out of control, down a 30-foot embankment and overturned in the Whitewater River.

Volunteer firemen Robert Lee King, Jr., age 27, of 1122 John Street, Brookville and Ricci Meyer, age 22, of Rural Route 3, Brookville, died of massive head and chest injuries, while a third fireman, Donald Race, of Brookville, driver of the 1966 model truck, suffered hand lacerations, burns and complained of back pains and was removed to McCullough-Hyde Hospital, Oxford, Ohio.

The rural firemen were returning from a fire run to the Sue Long residence, about seven miles west of Brookville, where a shed was reported on fire. The fire-fighters were at the scene only a few minutes and were returning to Brookville with the tanker truck between two other vehicles of the fire department.

According to the Franklin County sheriff's department, who investigated, the truck went out of control after crossing a culvert and negotiating a left-hand curve on the twisting black-top road. The right front wheel of the truck rode the ditch for a short distance, then crossed to the other side of the road after traveling

approximately 300 feet, striking a tree before going over the steep embankment, landing upside down in the Whitewater River in about a foot of water.

Firemen Ron Cooper and Mike Wilson arrived on the mishap within minutes, finding Race, who had freed himself from the wreckage and was climbing up the embankment in a dazed condition.

Upon finding their fellow firemen pinned in and under the cab of the truck, Don's Wrecker Service and Brookville EMS unit was hurriedly summoned to the scene by radio communication.

The wrecker raised the demolished cab and tanker truck loaded with water, which had landed on its top, to a side position. The fatally injured victims were removed from the wreckage and pronounced dead at the scene by Franklin County coroner Calvin E. Finch.

Long lines of mourners were in evidence throughout Monday evening, offering their condolences to the bereaved families, at Cook Funeral Home, with joint prayer service being conducted at 7:30 p.m., joint Eagles memorial services at 7:50 p.m., and joint memorial services by the Franklin County Rural Fire Dept.-Brookville Volunteer Fire Dept. and the chaplain and officers from the State Association of Volunteer Firefighters and Carl Bruns of Sunman, 19th district chairman, followed.



Shown in the photo is the Franklin County Rural Fire Department tanker truck with a passenger side view, which claimed the lives of two Brookville firemen, Robert King, Jr. and Ricci Meyer. The tragedy occurred Saturday

afternoon, September 25, on Levee Road when returning from a rural fire run. The truck went out of control and down a 30-foot embankment into the Whitewater River. Driver, Don Race escaped with only minor injuries.

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Services for deceased members of Association conducted by the Chaplin, Dan Kraft. Results in election of officers: President, Ray Pattee, Union Mills; Vice-President, Harold Brownell, Kittredge and Konopasek re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively; Marion Gilfoy, Kingsford Heights elected Chaplain; Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry Fries, Koontz Lake and following elected as Board members: Sam Ordean, Chairman, J. C. Hiatt, Frank Miller, Emlil Zula, John Thiel, also Joe Cox and Jesse Clabaugh of Knox Dept.

Kingsford Heights Dept. was host for the Third Annual Convention held in their town on Sunday, June 25th, 1950. Among the communications read, were letters of good wishes from Gov. Henry F. Schricker and Alex Houghland, State Fire Marshal. Also a letter from Bob Widmar, Secretary-Treasurer of Indiana Industrial and Volunteer Firemen's Association, in which discussion was on the agenda for a possible merger of their organization with your Association. Secretary Kittredge reported on growth of the Association with 33 departments and 570 members on the roster, which included 5 Associate members. One of those was Bert Moser who joined on Feb. 23rd, 1950, representing his factory in the manufacturing of water ball equipment. This is the same "Bert" as he was so affectionately known to all his friends on the volunteer departments throughout the state, who did so much for our organization, serving on our Board of Directors, elected Vice-President and served two terms as our President and through his untiring efforts, we made great strides in our expansion program over the state during his leadership. Death benefit fund continued to grow, showing a balance of \$1,282.25. Very busy program outlined for the day's activities including two business meetings, basket lunch for firemen and their families, games for women and children, departmental water ball fights with dancing and entertainment in the evening. 68 delegates answered roll call. Results in election of officers: President, John Kustron, Vice-President Marion Gilfoy, Kittredge and Konopasek re-elected to their present positions, David Evans. Hobart as Chaplain, Harry Fries as Sergeant-at-Arms and the new directors were: Ray Pattee, Dennis Dunn, Crown Point, C. VanderVaart and Emil Zula. At a meeting of officers held Aug. 4th, 1950, there was further discussion on the proposed merger of our two organizations and efforts made to arrange for a date and meeting place of both Boards which was subsequently held on May 20th, 1951 in Bremen and plans arranged for merger of two Associations at their respective conventions that year. The 1951 convention of the Indiana Industrial & Volunteer Firemen's Association was held in Bremen on June 8th and 9th and delegates assembled concurred with their Board of Directors recommendation to merge with the I.V.F.A. subject to the approval of the latter organization at their convention in Lowell which was held on Sunday, June 24th, 1951.

John Eskridge, Secretary of Lowell Town Board greeted the Firemen and guests on behalf of the town. Reports of our officers meetings held since last Convention regarding the proposed merger, also the joint meeting of the two boards were given as well as the action taken by the Indiana Industrial & Volunteer Firemen's Association at their convention in Bremen, which indicated the last step to complete the merger was the approval of the delegates assembled at this gathering, and this was given by an unanimous vote.

President Kustron gave a report of the efforts made by the Association members with their letters and wires sent to our State Legislators, and as a result of the two bills sponsored by our Organization, were enacted into Law: H.B. No. 23 providing for more adequate benefits of liability insurance covering volunteer firemen on duty and H.B. No. 12, the new Blue Light Law for Volunteers, which were enacted at the 1951 session from January to March. This was our first effort in the legislative field and a very successful one. Secretary reported on our membership, 38 departments, 664 members. The Treasurer reported \$444.46 in the General Fund and \$2,124.00 in Death Benefit Fund. Here are the results in election of officers: Dennis Dunn, President, Frank Young, Vice; Kittredge and Konopasek re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively; C.O. Rattray, Chaplain and Clarence Reid, Koontz Lake, Sergeant-at-Arms. Four members elected to the Board: Jesse Clabaugh, John Kustron and Harry Fries elected to 2-year terms and Sam Ordean 1-year term. On July 21st, 1951, the two Boards met in Bremen to adopt rules and regulations on the policy for the new association. Some of the changes were: instead of operating on a calendar year, future business would be on a fiscal year basis, running from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. It was agreed to continue the all-risk clothing insurance, along with the death benefit fund with the membership dues at \$3.00 per year for the individual.

Temporary officers elected for the 1951-1952 term, which consisted in merging the two sets of officers and operated in that matter until the 1952 convention, which was voted at this meeting to hold it at Hartford City and would be a two-day schedule, Friday and Saturday, June 6th and 7th. Officers elected were: President, Waldo Neal, Geneva; 1st Vice-Pres., Dennis Dunn; 2nd Vice-Pres., Joe McBride, Decatur; 3rd Vice-Pres., Frank Young, Knox and State Organizer Bob Widmar of Bremen. There were 14 members on the Board of Directors. History was made on June 6th and 7th, 1952 when the Indiana Industrial and Volunteer Firemen's Association and Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association merged into one big unit at the Hartford City Convention and was the final step to bring together the oldest and youngest volunteer firemen's associations in Indiana. Mayor Wm. Smith of the host city gave a welcome address to the firemen and guests. Secretary Kittredge reported 83 delegates from 38 departments were present. Our total membership was 70 departments and almost 1,200 members divided into seven districts. General Fund balance was \$1,092.96 and Death Benefit fund was \$3,456.00. In the Legislative Field an amendment was proposed to improve the present Blue Light Law, H.B. 12. Legislative committee appointed to take up the program for proposed legislation for presentation at the General Assembly session in Jan. 1953; Edw. Swing, LaCrosse Dept; Dudley Legner, Bremen Dept. and Harry Fries. By-Laws committee of Verne Konopasek, Bob Widmar and C. VanderVaart revamped the By-Laws and delegates voted to accept the complete report of this committee. Officers elected were: President, Bob Widmar; Vice-Pres., Frank Young; Secretary, John Kustron; Konopasek re-elected Treasurer. Chaplain, Clarence Reid, Koontz Lake; Sergeant-at-Arms, Carl Harbit, Independence Hill, State Organizer, Leonard Kunzler, LaCrosse Dept. Board of Directors were elected on the basis of representation from each of the seven districts: No. 1, Kittredge; No. 2, Robt. Rose; No. 3, Harry Fries; No. 4, Dudley Legner; No. 5, Roy Eck; No. 6, Bert Moser and No. 7, Al Clauser.

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ACTON WATERBALL WINNERS



Acton firemen, waterball winners are presented a plaque by 10th District secretary, Roger Johnson of East Columbus.

Send In Entries For "Lois Boaz Memorial"

Why not get your information to the committee for your favorite lady to receive the "Lois Boaz Memorial Award" for the most outstanding Auxiliary member for 1977. The deadline for entries is not until April 1, 1977 but, please, do not wait until the deadline to send your favorite nominee to the committee. The deadline must be observed and the letter must be postmarked on or before the above date.

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Volunteer Firemens Park Dedicated



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S PARK was dedicated recently to past and present volunteer firemen in the city of Madison. Officials and firemen honored at the ceremony were (from left): front — Clarence Hoffman, a fireman for 59 years; John Seigel, a fireman for 57 years; and Carney Graves, a fireman for 50 years; back — Madison Mayor Warren Rucker; former Madison mayor Brooks Davis; former city fire chief Charles Harrod; present fire chief John Hoffman; Carl Hoefling, a fireman for 53 years; Harold Lohrig, a fireman for 50 years and city fire chief for 24 years; Lohrig's dog Lady; and Henry Johann, a fireman for 55 years.

The new park at Jefferson Street and Vaughn Drive in Madison is officially Volunteer Firemen's Park.

Madison Mayor Warren Rucker explained that the dedication was being held on the 135th anniversary of the formation of Fair Play Fire Company No. One, the oldest volunteer fire company in the state.

Councilman Charles Cosby said "This park is dedicated to a great bunch of people. Our firemen are dedicated to the city and I hope that people are as dedicated to keeping up the park as the firemen are to the city."

Mayor Rucker than introduced former city fire chiefs. Harold Lohrig was chief 24 years, followed by Charles Harrod who was chief for four years. The

present chief is John Hoffman.

Hoffman thanked the city and officials on behalf of the firemen for the park dedication. He also introduced his two assistant chiefs

— Jack Bird and Tom Wolfschlag.

Hoffman also introduced the chiefs of each volunteer fire company: Ones — John Dattilo; Twos — Jim Edwards; Threes — Dave O'Neal; Fours — Richard Goebel; Fives — Tom McClellen; and Sixes — Claude Facemire.

Men who have served the city as firemen 50 years or more were also introduced. They were: Carney Graves, 50 years; Harold Lohrig, 50 years; Bob Hassfurder, 50 years, Carl Hoefling, 53 years; Henry Johann, 55 years; John Seigle, 57 years; and Clarence Hoffman (father of present city chief), 59 years.

BUTLER FIREMAN RETIREES AFTER 20 YEARS



A dinner party was given for Fireman Richard Freidenberger on November 6 at the Eagles Lodge in Butler, Indiana. Richard retired after serving 20 years on the Butler Fire Department. He was active in the Department serving as Treasurer for the last 10 years.

Also present was his wife Suzanne, his son Jeff and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freidenberger, also a retired fireman. This is the first time in the history of the Butler Fire Department that a father and son both retired after serving 20 years of active duty.

The Fire Department presented Richard with a set of luggage, his old muddy fire boots and helmet. Since Richard was always the brave one who flagged traffic in the middle of State Road 6 in front of the station. He was also presented with his own personal flashlight and flag stick. The Butler Auxiliary presented Richard with an antenna for his police scanner and license plates for his old 1955 green truck.

Also members of the Department presented him with numerous and unusual gifts for his retirement. Immediately following the dinner, a lovely dance was held.

Richard will be missed by his fellow fire fighters of Butler.

Public Relations Southeast



Paul Kraft

Greetings Firefighters of Indiana, from the Southeast part of our great state.

First I would like to introduce Dick Doan, the newly elected 16th District Chairman. Dick was elected September 9, to take the place of Stu Boaz, who retired from that position. Dick hails from Hardinsburg, where he is a firefighter, EMT and ambulance attendant. He is single and attends college at IUS in New Albany. Dick is a hustler, and will make a fine addition to the IVFA.

On September 15, I attended the 14th District Meeting, held at Austin, with Jennings Twp. Volunteer Fire Department as host. After a business session, Jim Skaggs, of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, gave us a talk on Arson Investigation. A fine buffet was served by the Jennings Township Ladies Auxiliary following.

On October 17, our Southeast IVFA Fire School was held at Henryville. I would have to rank this school among the best we have held to date. The weather

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Beginning Of An Era

If the axiom that "necessity is the mother of invention" is a truism, then certainly the National Volunteer Fire Council, Inc. is the result of necessity. The fire service within the United States has existed well over the 200 years that our country has existed. The unfortunate part about the fire service is the fact that it has grown in a very haphazard manner. Recognizing that volunteers are the bulwark of the fire service in this country, one can readily see how organization and operational procedures vary drastically from community to community. Recognize this does not mean it is bad. It just means that uniformity is not one of the strong points of the fire service in our country.

Estimates would seem to indicate that plus or minus two million volunteer fire persons exist in our country today. Estimates indicate that this segment of the fire service accounts for well over ninety percent (90%) of our country's fire persons. It is hard to believe that such a majority has not heretofore developed a strong national voice. The National Volunteer Fire Council will insure that from here on a voice will exist for the Volunteer Fire Service. This nucleus of fire persons with common problems and goals has never had a true sounding board of forum, if you will, in which it could discuss its' problems, promote its' goals and work for the betterment of the fire service. The National Volunteer Fire Council will act as the forum for the orderly exchange of ideas and the promotion of the needs of the fire service of the United States.

The National Volunteer Fire Council is the result of the thinking of many state associations working with a plan for its organization. Several meetings have been held for the purpose of discussing goals and organizational procedures. They exist today as a reality. The Association is open at this time to state organizations comprised primarily of volunteer fire persons. Participants in the formative process have been the states of:

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Clearly, the National Volunteer Fire Council has already become representative of the fire service in our country. Because of sheer numbers the Council will undoubtedly very quickly become a strong advocate for the fire service and the fire persons it represents.

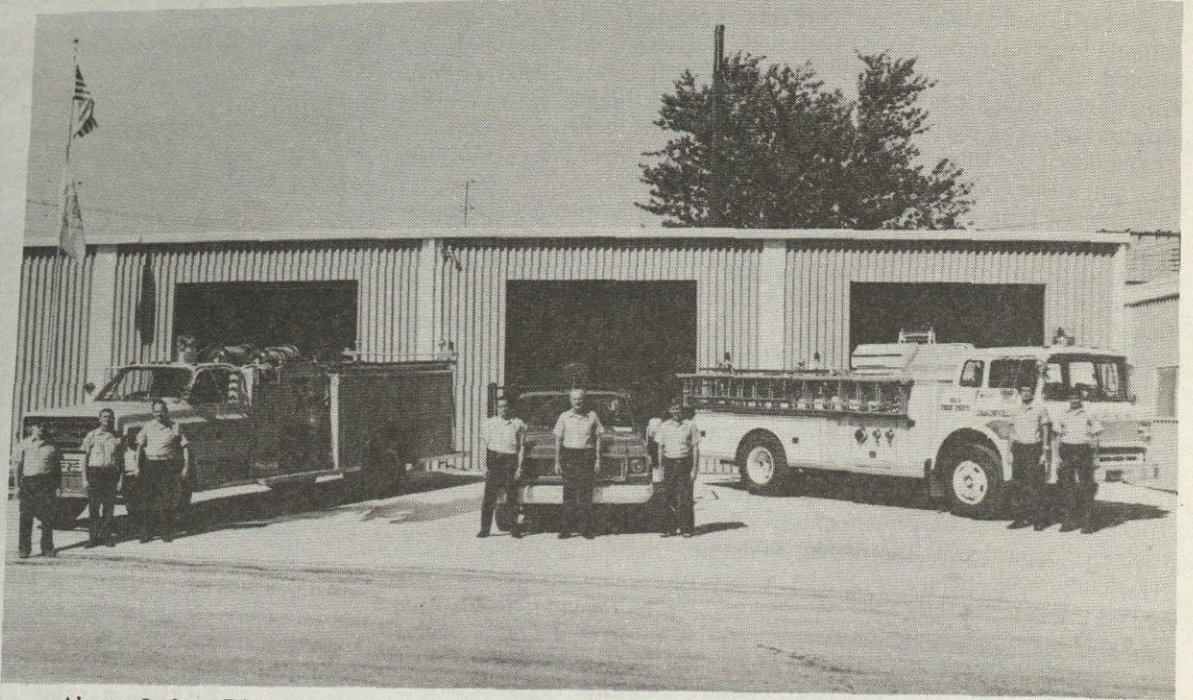
Interaction and input will be needed to such important new groups as the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration. It is the feeling of the Council that the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration should quickly be made aware of the needs and desires of the volunteer fire service, for without a voice it indeed will be difficult to have the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration understand how we feel. Additionally, liaisons will be set with many other fire service groups in order to make our voices and desires known. With our strong membership and vast representation the Council will be assured of being heard.

Some of the proposals which the Council will be involving itself in include such matters as the \$750.00 income tax deduction for volunteer fire persons. While the \$750.00 tax exemption has been talked about for some time, a moving force to promote it has not existed. Possibly the Council can be successful in this field. Likewise, the activities of the NFPCA are such that the Volunteer Fire Service will be affected. It is difficult to see how the NFPCA can know the needs of the volunteers without their input. It is possible to carry this list on and on as to the needs and desires of the Volunteer Fire Service, but I am sure as a reader you very quickly see the picture.

Needless to say, with the membership already involved in the National Volunteer Fire Council, Inc. it's already the largest fire organization in the country. Any fledgeling politician very quickly recognizes that numbers make your success. One need only look at the gains made by law enforcement assistance programs and then to the gains the fire service has made and recognize that we are way behind the times.

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Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department Has Dedication



Above, Left to Right: Joe Rotman, Secretary; Harold Harrison, Assistant Chief; Harold Keller, Captain; Russell Keller, Don Tribby, Chief; Kenny Harrison, Paul Gilbert and Gilbert Buskirk, Treasurer.



Pictured above are: Lewis McQueary, Mayor; Don Tribby, Chief; and Kenny Harrison

The Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department recently received a new pumper on August 30. The new pumper is a 1976 GMC equipped with a 750 GPM pump and a 500 gallon capacity tank. Other equipment in the department includes a 1968 Ford truck with a 1,000 GPM pump and a 500 gallon capacity tank. The fire department also possesses a 1974 Chevrolet brush truck with a 500 gallon tank. All trucks in the department are radio equipped with a base station in the fire house.

The Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department was established on May 21, 1906. The first piece of equipment was horse drawn with the fire apparatus consisting of Soda-Acid chemical tanks. Jasonville's first motorized truck was purchased on November 20, 1918. This truck, modern of its time, was a Model-T Ford with its apparatus also consisting of Soda-Acid chemical tanks. On January 20, 1924, a new Dodge truck was added to the department; which consisted of a water pump and a 200 gallon tank manufactured by the Obenchair-Boyer Company.

On December 11, 1938, a Chevrolet truck was purchased and replaced the Model-T Ford. All the equipment on this truck was installed by the firemen with the assistance of the Bissel Machine Shop which was located in Jasonville.

In 1953, a 1946 Dodge demonstrator pumper was purchased to replace the 1924 truck. In 1957, a new Ford truck was purchased replacing the 1938 Chevrolet. The 1946 pumper was replaced in 1968 by the present Ford pumper. Recently, the new 1976 GMC pumper replaced the 1957 Ford truck. In 1974, a new Chevrolet brush truck was added to complete the present roster of equipment possessed by the department.

A brief history of past fire chiefs includes James Churchman, Eli E. Miller, Frank Goble, Elmer Sheets, John Dierdorf, Leon Poe, Ray Franklin, Kenneth Poe, Frank Tribby, and Loyd "Fat" Fry.

The dedication of the Jasonville Volunteer Fire House, City Hall, and Community Building was held October 3, in Jasonville, Indiana. Honored guests of the dedication included State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin and IVFA District 11 Chairman C.A. "Red" Morris. A dedication ceremony and flag raising was presented by the Jasonville American Legion. Two plaques were presented to the mayor of Jasonville by the fire chief and firemen. One plaque has a list of all the firemen on active duty with the fire department at the time of the dedication and the other with a list of all the past fire chiefs. The plaques will be put on display inside the fire house.

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District 18, I.V.F.A. Holds Annual Parade



Standing, left to right: Sandy Aders of St. Meinrad, Arlene Heime of Ireland, Queen Penny Dittmer of Huntingburg and Parade Marshal, Lori Brahm of St. Meinrad



At the Reviewing Stand, Jasper Fire Chief, Ed Eckert received trophy for Antique Fire Equipment from Terry Uebelhor, Parade Chairman.

District Eighteen, IVFA held its annual parade at the close of Fire Prevention Week on Sunday, October 10th at St. Meinrad, Indiana. Parade theme was "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness - a Bicentennial Tribute".

Terry Uebelhor of the St. Meinrad Fire Department served as Parade Chairman. Lori Brahm of St. Meinrad and winner of the 1975 Miss Flame contest was Parade Marshal. Several thousand spectators enjoyed the colorful event in which eighty six units participated.

Nine candidates were entered in the Miss Flame contest held in conjunction with the Parade. Penny Dittmer of Huntingburg was chosen the winner by a panel of nine judges. Arlene Heime of Ireland and Sandy Aders of St. Meinrad placed second and third respectively. Miss Dittmer received her tiara from Miss Brahm, queen for the year just ending and a floral tribute from

the District Chairman, Russel Rhinehart of Huntingburg.

At the close of the parade First and Second Place Trophies were awarded to entries in five categories: Antique Fire Equipment, Floats, General Achievement, Equestrian Units and Marching Units.

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was fine, the instructors very good, and attendance was great. We had 93 firemen registered, representing some 17 area fire departments. Bill Goodwin and Bill Engle gave opening remarks and Duane Lantz our church service. Paul Fairfield, Public Relations Director Northeast attended our school also. Paul was on vacation and made a point to drive by and attend. We are always glad to have observers from other areas of the state. The Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department did one fine job helping put on this school. Thanks

again.

On November 11, I attended the 16th District Meeting, held at New Albany Township Volunteer Fire Department. Bill Goodwin was the guest speaker. Mr. Tom Vance, also of the Fire Marshal's Office attended, and made himself acquainted with the firemen. Major William Foushee, Chief of Arson Investigation, Louisville, Kentucky Fire Department, gave us a lecture and film on Arson Investigation. All in all this was a very informative meeting. Thanks New Albany Township for having us.

On November 17, I attended the 14th District Meeting, held at Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department. A business meeting and election of officers was held. Sam Bower was re-elected chairman and Dave Holloway, secretary - treasurer. After the business session we were treated to a lecture on Plastics and toxic gasses produced by their burning. This lecture was given by Sgt. Jones, a member of the Scottsburg Department. Sergeant Jones also is a member of the Indiana National Guard, Scottsburg, and the only enlisted man in the Indiana National Guard to be classified as an instructor. Sgt. Jones did a fine job, and many vital points were made referring to toxic gasses, and protective breathing gear. A film, "Today's Firefighter" was shown. This is a very vivid picture of the hazards of firefighting today. Chief Baker Hardy and crew then served a fine buffet meal. The Scottsburg Department always goes all out for the IVFA District Meetings. Many Thanks Chief Hardy, and the Scottsburg Department.

I also attended the IVFA Officers Meeting at Indianapolis on November 20, 21, 1976. I will report on this meeting at the various district meetings in my area.

That's about it from the Southern part of the state at this time, but I will be keeping you in touch as things progress.

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Butler

Hosts Waterball Banquet

An International Waterball Banquet was held November 13 at the American Legion Hall in Butler, Indiana. 130 people attended the event which was hosted by the Butler Fire Department and co-hosted by the Ashley Fire Department.

Plaques were awarded to newly elected "Mr. and Mrs. Waterball of 1976," the special event of the evening. Mrs. Eva Cole of Adams Township Fire Department, Fort Wayne was named Mrs. Waterball and Mr. Francis "Bource" Miller of the Butler Fire Department was named Mr. Waterball. They received a beautiful plaque and corsage.

Attendance included people from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Ontario, Canada. Special guests Saturday night included:

Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, Greenfield, Indiana, IVFA President; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stofer, Indianapolis, Treasurer and past president of IVFA; Mr. and Mrs. Max Polling, Fort Wayne, Recording Secretary IVFA; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodwin, Indianapolis, State Fire Marshal; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Grogg, Ashley, Deputy State Fire Marshal; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridge, Butler, DeKalb County Council; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Nevil, Geneva, Chairman District 7.

Officers of the organization elected last September include: Gene Yoder, Grabill, President; DeWayne Gallmeyer, Poe, Vice President; Larry Moore, Butler, Vice President; Pepper Martin, Niles, Michigan, Vice President.

A plaque was presented to Grand Valley Fire Department, Ontario, Canada, for traveling the longest distance to come to the banquet.

Special entertainment was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Don Blair from Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Butler, with a magic show.

Next year's banquet will be held at Adams Township Fire Department, Allen County, Fort Wayne.

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alloted this year, which should help put on a better school. The 12th District has formed a training committee and they are going to put on several one or two day sessions throughout the 12th District. I believe that this will give the firefighters in this area a chance at training they might not otherwise get and build up the interest in the Greencastle West Central School in July.

The 11th District has been busy as bees setting up Convention '77. I feel that they are a hard working group of men and women who took on a large task and are really coming through shining. I have attended several of their meetings and I think if convention were tomorrow, they would be ready. Keep up the Good Work, Gang!

I have received one new resolution from District 12; remember they must be in by March if there are any others.

In closing, I wish to thank the people in Wayne Township who awarded me the Left Tackle Award which is one of the two highest awards anyone can earn in Wayne Township Fire Department. I am very proud of this award.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!

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MINUTES

October 17, 1976

in conjunction with
NFPCA Conference

The meeting commenced at the above time. The Council was welcomed by Marv Pierce, California; he introduced several California representatives and directors. He advised California has done as the Council had recommended which was to contact various legislators on different issues. They received excellent response from these elected officials as they were anxious to know how their constituents felt on certain issues.

Chairman Williams introduced Howard Tipton, Administrator of National Fire Prevention & Control Administration. Mr. Tipton followed by welcoming us to the Conference from NFPCA further stating,

"We are working to set up the National Fire Academy; we also welcome the National Volunteer Fire Council to provide input into NFPCA. We were not sure how many volunteers there were in the United States but are pleased to tell you we are making an attempt to do so. The volunteers need to be represented and the NFPCA will provide any assistance possible. We are talking to the officers of NVFC to get more volunteers involved. It is very important that the percentage of volunteers be represented in National offices. You are headed in the right direction and anything you may want to discuss in the next few days here at this conference, feel free to contact one of us."

Chairman Williams then introduced Dave McCormick, director of the National Fire Academy. Mr. McCormick stated that the Academy will be placing its largest effort in the fire prevention.

"We are here to serve all firemen, paid, part-paid and volunteer. More data is needed in working on protective clothing. Selection of a site is to be approved by the Secretary of Commerce; it will be at Marjorie Webster College in Washington, D.C. It was chosen out of 239 possible locations. Contracts will be let in a couple of weeks, as there will be structural changes required. We hope to occupy in about 18 months to two years. The total cost is to be about \$5,000,000 with half for the purchase of the property and the balance for renovation.

We want to turn it into an academic institution that will be without peer anywhere in this world. Everyone in this administration feels that the Academy will be a network of outreach to some 2,000,000 firemen with 200,000 paid, the remainder volunteers.

"There is no intention to impose another layer of bureaucracy on you. Fire prevention and training should be a local responsibility. We want to assist you to produce training officers, fire prevention systems, instructor training, arson and most important-

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REMEMBER WHEN (Continued from Page 15)

At a meeting of District three held in Westville, Dec. 18th, 1952, State Representative Henry Kreft of LaPorte County was present and worked with members of the Legislative committee outlining the program he was going to present for your Organization at the General Assembly Session in January, 1953. As a result of the persistent efforts of Mr. Kreft who spearheaded the drive for our legislative program in the House, ably assisted by Representatives Dickinson, Bushemi, Link and others and the clever handling of our Bills by State Senators Steele, Bainbridge and others of the Upper House, the three Bills we sponsored successfully passed both Houses and enacted into Law with Gov. Craig's signature as evidenced by the photo appearing in the May 11th, 1953 issue of our publication. A digest of the three Bills are: H.B. 37, amending the Blue Light Law passed in 1951, with improvements over original Bill. H.B. 87. Improvements of Liability Insurance, raising immediate disability payments from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 Benefits for dependents in the event of death, from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00 with permanent and total disability benefits from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. H.B. 115. Authorizing counties to prepare Charts, or maps of all county roads, designating either a name or number of all those roads. We felt with this type of legislation on the statutes, Counties would adopt a system to identify locations of all homes in the rural areas, assisting volunteer fire departments to promptly locate the scene of emergency when called upon.

There was considerable discussion that our organization should sponsor a newspaper, a publication to be issued quarterly and sent to every volunteer fire department in Indiana. To help defray the necessary expenses, solicitation was made of all the companies handling fire equipment and accessories for advertisement. Due to his experience in the publishing field, Robert Rose of Cedar Lake Dept. was appointed publisher and editor with John Kustron, Bernie Jostes and Emil Zula on his editorial staff. First issue published in January 1953 and the reaction was most favorable. Through its columns all activities the district meetings are reported and any unusual experience of any volunteer dept. is mentioned when reported to us. In addition we have used space to tell all the non-member departments of the aims and objects of this association while soliciting for new memberships. After getting out the issues, Editor Rose was the victim of an unfortunate accident, when his wrist was broken, which prevented him from continuing his newspaper activities, and President Leonard Kunzler appointed Gilbert Wiemann, Fire Chief at Westville and a member of the Westville Indicator Staff, a weekly to take over as publisher and Harry Fries as Editor starting with issue No. 3. This same set-up prevails with Robt. Rose a member of the Editorial Staff.

Our 1953 Convention was held in Rensselaer, Friday and Saturday, June 19th and 20th with our business meetings conducted in the spacious auditorium of St. Joseph's College. John Hopkins, City Attorney welcomed the delegates and guests on behalf of the Mayor of that city. Among the speakers were the new state Fire Marshal, Arnold Meister, and Professor Milfred H. Eggerding, Department of Geography, Valparaiso University giving details in the importance of H.B. 115 enacted at last session of General Assembly, what it will mean to volunteer departments of having a system set up to locate families in rural areas. Secretary Kustron reported an increase of 502 members in the past year with a total of almost 1600 representing 83 departments or an increase of 40 per cent in memberships. A fine job done by the officers particularly the state organizer. With the passing of time, it was noted that improvement was necessary in our By-Laws, resulting in several amendments and additions being adopted by the delegates at the convention, all for the improvement of the Volunteer. It was also announced that H.B. 23 enacted in Jan. 1953, would again be amended and presented at the 1955 General Assembly for further improvement. Here are the results of the election: President, Leonard Kunzler, Vice-President, Frank Young, Kustron and Konopasek, re-elected Secretary & Treasurer respectively. Chaplain, Clarence Reid, Sergeant-at-arms, Carl Harbit, Independence Hill and State Organizer, Francis L. McBane, Flat Rock.

Due to the continued expansion of our organization, we moved considerably further south for our 1954 convention, which was held in Clinton, on Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th. Report of Secretary indicated this was the best year for the advancement of our Association, with a marked increase of membership from 1600 to 2524 at convention time. This represented an increase from 83 departments to 142 with memberships located in 49 out of the 92 counties in the State. 182 delegates answered the roll call. Several amendments to our By-Laws were presented for the delegates attention, advocating improvement for its members and were adopted by the convention. One change in particular was in the method of electing Board of Directors. Each district at their first meeting following the convention would elect their own district chairman and secretary with the chairman automatically being a Board of Director. Also resolutions adopted for improvement of laws now on the statutes concerning volunteer firemen, which were turned over to the Legislative committee.

Delegates elected the following officers: Leonard Kunzler, president; Bert Moser, vice-president; Harry Fries, secretary; Verne Konopasek, treasurer; Ivan LaFollette, chaplain; Paul Sharpe, sergeant-at-arms, and Francis McBane, state organizer.

Rushville, a city of approximately 7,500 inhabitants and 45 miles southeast of Indianapolis and supporting a paid fire department, was host for our 1955 convention on June 3rd and 4th. The delegates and guests received a warm welcome from Mayor Winship and fire chief James Brown. 181 delegates answered roll call. Secretary reported 34 new departments during the year with a total now of 165 members, located in 59 out of the 92 counties in the state. Our Legislative Committee reported the following at convention: H.B. 87 was amended, changing the words "dependent" or dependents" to "beneficiary or beneficiaries," because the former words were very vague and covered a wide scope. H.B. 199 was approved March 10th, 1955, making it a misdemeanor to fail to yield a party line for an emergency call. This bill was prompted because of a heavy fire loss in Washington Twp. of Allen County in 1954, because a person refused to yield a party line to make the call and State Representative W.O. Hughes of Allen County spearheaded this bill for the volunteers. Officers elected were: President, Bert Moser; vice-president, Francis L. McBane; secretary, Harry Fries; treasurer, Verne Konopasek; state organizer, Floyd Jackman; chaplain, Ivan LaFollette and sergeant-at-arms, Glenn Bare.

Our expansion program continued to gather momentum following our 1955 convention with an increase of from 7 to 10 districts over the state. A

notice appeared in the September 1955 issue of our newspaper, asking every volunteer and industrial fire dept. to fill in the form attached to notices for fire training and to check off the 11 categories listed for the type of training desired by your department. Our President, Bert Moser was a member of the Advisory committee for this Fire Training Program.

Our 1955 convention was held at New Haven, Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, which is located 10 miles east of Fort Wayne. Business meetings held in Auditorium of New Haven High School building. Delegates and guests greeted with welcome speeches from Clerk- (Continued on Page 20)

Southeast IVFA

Fire School

Held in Henryville

The Southeast IVFA Fire School was held at Henryville, in Clark County on October 17, 1976, with the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department as host. We couldn't have ordered a better day — cool, crisp, and sunshine.

After registration and donuts and coffee, we had opening remarks by Bill Engle of the IVFA and Bill Goodwin, Ind. State Fire Marshal. Mr. Goodwin spoke of the Fire Service needs, and of the gains made in arson investigation and convictions. He also spoke on the Certification Program. Bill Engle welcomed all participants on behalf of the IVFA.

Next our State IVFA chaplain, Duane Lantz, assisted by Monroe Township Chaplain Leroy Morris, held an inspiring and moving church service. I wish to thank Duane for coming such a distance to participate in our school, but we all know this is the type person he is. When you call, he comes willingly. Thanks Duane.

We then went to our first class, Aircraft Crash & Rescue, instructed by Capt. John Wilkerson, Training Instructor for Standiford Airport Fire Department, Louisville, Kentucky. This presentation was very informative and answered many questions on what do — If Roy Richardson of Monroe Township VFD and Bob Watterson of Orr Safety Co. conducted this class. Flammable liquids were torched off and various fire extinguishers were used to put them out, with participation by the class.

After lunch, Major William Foushee, Chief of Arson, Louisville, Ky. Fire Department, held his class on Arson Investigation. With the help of a new film and a question and answer session following, many new methods of detection and investigation were learned by all present.

Our next class was on Handling Electrical Problems. This class was instructed by Bill Smith, Manager of the Clark Co. REMC, and Major Everett Timberlake, retired, Louisville, Ky. Fire Dept., with assistance from Roy Richardson. Many do's and don'ts were learned at a very informative question and answer session following the presentation.

Last on our program was Cardiac-Care Training, instructed by George Mullineaux, Ambulance Service operator from New Albany. George brought "Recorder Annie and three "Resusci-Annies" and training was given in CPR, with participation by the class. This was a very interesting and informative class.

We had 93 firefighters registered for the school, representing 17 Fire Departments, and certificates were issued. We felt our school was a great success, and hope to have a better one for 1977.

I wish to thank all my instructors, who gave their time free of charge, and the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department (Henryville) for hosting this school. Many people helped in preparation for this school that I never saw, but I wish to thank the ones who helped me personally get the school set up for this year.

These being:

Bob Masters, Chief, Monroe Township Vol. Fire Dept.

Willie Stoffregen, Monroe Township Vol. Fire Dept., J. T. Higdon, Monroe Township Vol. Fire Dept.; Roy Richardson, Monroe Township Vol. Fire Dept.; Sam Bower, 14th District Chairman IVFA; Dick Doan, 16th District Chairman IVFA; and North Clark CB Club and all the members of the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department that manned the Fire House on that Sunday. Thanks!!

FIRE PROBLEM

IN AMERICA

Fire claimed approximately 11,800 lives in the United States in 1975, an increase of 200 over the 1974 figure.

And for the first time, the value of property lost to fire in one year exceeded the \$4 billion mark to reach \$4,170,600,000, an increase of \$910,600,000 over 1974.

Arson, still on the increase, cost taxpayers \$633,900,000 in 1975. If 50 percent of the fires presently listed under 'cause undetermined' were added to the arson classification (and most such fires could be so classified) the total arson figure would be over \$1.2 billion.

Fires in residential buildings are still claiming more lives than in any other single occupancy. Approximately 6,800 persons die in their homes each year despite technological progress in fire detection and protection.

Few persons are aware that three times as many Americans were fire fatalities than were killed in the Vietnam War from 1961 to 1972, or that polio never claimed as many children's lives as fire does each year. The chief victims of fire remain the young and the very old.

There were fewer large loss fires — those causing \$250,000 or more in property damage — in 1975 than in 1974 but the property loss increased from \$565,909,411 to \$579,499,117.

One of the largest fire losses in modern history occurred in a central telephone exchange in New York City on Feb. 27, 1975. The damage estimate of \$70 million does not include the business interruption the company sustained.

The worst fatal fire in the U.S. in 1975 was on January 31 when two tankers collided on the Delaware River at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania where 29 died. In Texas, 17 persons were killed in a fire resulting from a tank truck accident on April 30 on a highway near Eagle Pass.

Left Tackle Award Goes To Steve Ritter



Pictured is Steve Ritter, Assistant Chief Wayne Township, Marion County, receiving the Left Tackle Award. With him are past recipients: Paul Goss, Charles Bogden, Gene Stofer, Steve Ritter, Claude Fisher, Bob Ashly and Charles Heflin.
The Left Tackle Award is presented for behind the scene work done for the Fire Service.

(Photo by Clyde Bristow)

New Officers of Wayne Twp.

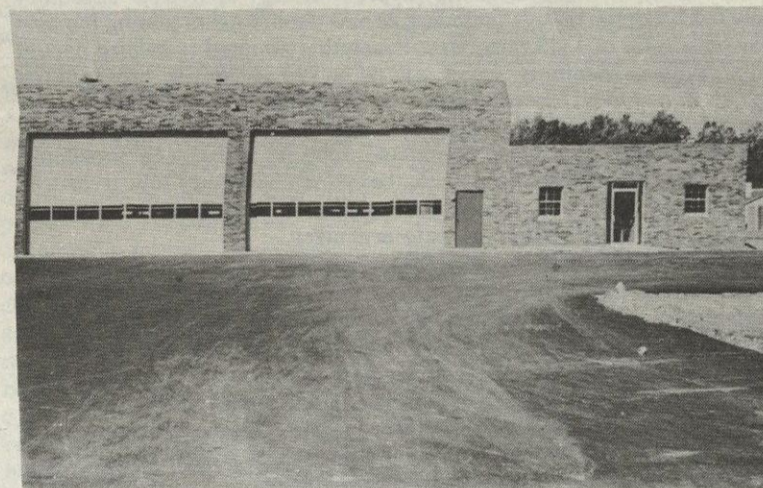


New officers of Wayne Township Marion County, . Left to right: Robert Ashly, 2nd Assistant Chief; Richard Lamb, Fire Chief; Harold Stofer, Secretary Treasurer; Stephen Ritter, 1st Assistant Chief.



Clermont Company No. 10 of Wayne Township Marion County held a Grand opening of their remodeled station during Fire Prevention Week.

(Photo by Clyde Bristow)



The Mar Hill Co. No. 8 Station was put into service in October of 76.

(Photo by Clyde Bristow)



Shown are scenes from Warren Township Convention '76: Wm. Goodwin giving remarks. Shown are; Governor Bowen, Janet Goodwin, William Goodwin, Anne Marie Baker and President James Baker.

Minutes

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MASTER PLANNING.

It has been a long time coming and we want the volunteer community involved. Assistance of the states in this training program is what is needed, where we are going. Coordinate with your state director of training and get involved. We are committed to the fire problems of this nation and need your help to solve the problems."

Q. Peterson, Ill. What plans are under way to deliver the National Academy program to the volunteers?

A. We are now prepared to get in contact with a consulting group to develop a systems approach to the Academy, working with state directors, recruitment of instructors drawn from state organizations, systems of certification. Grants now with a look into possible mobile simulators. (McCormick)

A. Different states are at different levels of training and will require some funding and help to some states to help them get their programs started. We will not dictate to you how you should deliver the training to your people (Tipton)

Q. Preston, Md. What will have to be done by each organization to receive funding and training?

A. We will not insist that each state have a particular type of organization. We want all organizations involved; it should have state recognition. Until we are at the point that each state has coordinated plans, we will not be ready to receive any grant. Those states that have their plans and organizations together certainly will receive higher priority than those who do not have any plans of organization for training delivery. We will send out letters to governors again and each state should be sure they have input into their governor's office so that we may receive information we desire (McCormick).

Q. Stevenson, Calif. When you send the letters to the governor's office, may we have copies of the letter, or is this a matter of protocol?

A. Williams, N.Y. I don't think you can second guess the

governors; but each state is different and some states have no fire service organization so the governor is the only place to go.

Q. What is the area of responsibility of the Board of Visitors and Training Committee?

A. The Board of Visitors is equal to the Board of Regents for a college. The Training Committee is an 18 member board to serve for two years to establish types of programs for the Academy.

Mr. Richard Sylvia, Editor of Fire Engineering and Mr. William Randleman, Editor of Fire Chief were introduced as well as the delegates from the member states present . . . Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, New York, California, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, Oregon, Minnesota and Connecticut.

Comments on changes in the by-laws were asked for by the Chairman, to make associate members possible to provide for funds to operate; individual or fire organizations and manufacturing companies. It was also stated that we do not want to take away from the state organizations to be the representative to this council.

Ed Preston, Maryland, was asked to speak about these problems. One suggestion is that it is very costly and thought should be given to regional organizations; we won't have to travel as far. He proposed to take in associate members and set-up regional organizations. Another proposal is that we establish a part-time paid secretary.

Chairman Williams suggested that we take these things out one at a time. Secretary Turner suggested individual membership be done by department only - at perhaps \$25.00 per department. Treasurer Baker stated that 65 per cent of the volunteer firemen in Indiana would be willing to belong as associate members.

A copy of proposed changes in the by-laws, for associate membership, was distributed to those present for study. Peterson, Illinois, made a motion that we adopt the proposed changes in the by-laws of the National Volunteer Fire Council as follows:

Amendment No. 13

Changes in the By-Laws of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

I. Associate membership shall

be open to individual volunteer firemen, and to area organizations mostly representing volunteer firemen.

II. Dues for individuals wanting to become associate members shall be _____ per year.

III. Dues for area organizations wanting to become associate members shall be _____ per year.

IV. Associate members will only have voting rights through the state delegate which represents the member.

V. All area associate members shall receive a certificate stating they are in good standing with the Council for each year.

The motion was seconded by Morgan, Wisconsin. Gus Welter, Minnesota, stated that we could not make a change in the by-laws until each member had received a 60 day notice. Chairman Williams indicated this was true but that we were asking members present to vote on this issue as to whether or not to have a recommendation by those present. A notice of the change will be sent out and each state can vote by mail (within 60 days). The amendment will become effective after approval.

Ed Preston, Md., made a motion for amendment, seconded by Guthrie, Conn., to change as follows:

I. Change - add word COMPANY after volunteer firemen

II. Delete

III. Individual fire companies and area organizations

IV. Stay as is

V. As proposed with addition - officers shall be given power to handle manner in which individual membership cards be issued to provide minimum of cost.

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken on Amendment No. 13 - motion carried.

Chairman called for a vote on the original motion with amendments. Vote was by voice with motion being carried.

Radenheimer, Kentucky, made a motion that another amendment be included to take in manufacturers and commercial associate memberships for the sum of \$100.00. Motion seconded by Preston, voted on and carried.

Jim Morgan was instructed to

put the amendment in proper form for submitting to each state. Motion by Morgan that we ask each state organization to ask their fire departments for an additional \$25.00 donation to the Council to provide legislative funds until such time as this new associate membership amendment becomes effective. Motion seconded by J. Oliveri, N.Y., voted on and carried.

Preston, Md., made a motion

that we have regional structure of ten regions. Motion seconded by Jack Condon, Oregon. Discussion as held, vote taken - motion did not carry.

Preston made a motion that the Chairman appoint ten members around the country to represent the NVFC in several areas enabling them to speak to non-member states as well as provide some expenses. Motion seconded

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REMEMBER WHEN (Continued from Page 18)

Treasurer of Town Board, Chief of Police and Fire Chief of New Haven, also Harold Zeis, Sheriff of Allen County. Secretary reported 39 new departments in past year or an increase of 643 members since previous convention. Our total was 3662 representing 194 departments. This continued growth necessitated increasing our 10 districts to 13 districts. There was over \$10,500 in Funeral Fund and \$5,700 in General Fund according to our Treasurer's report. 236 delegates answered roll call. Resolution adopted by delegates to amend Section 1, Article 6 of our By-Laws, where the department dues of \$5.00 is not payable after 1st year of membership. Two resolutions for amendments of H. B. 87 approved March 13th, 1953 as amended under H.B. 63 approved March 5th, 1955, to raise the death benefit amount under liability insurance from \$7,500.00 to \$15,000.00 and total and permanent disability from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Turned over to Legislative committee for presentation at General Assembly Session in January 1957. A meeting of state officers and district chairmen was held September 9, 1956 at Logansport, where Bernie Jostes was elected Chairmen of our Board of Directors and legislative committee of 4 appointed to go to Indianapolis in 1957 when the General Assembly is in session, to work for the resolutions adopted at 1956 convention.

On the last day of 1956 (December 31st) one of our state officers passed away after an illness of only a few months, Sergeant-At Arms, Glenn B. Bare of Center Twp. Dept., South Bend and his death was mourned throughout the Association.

The Legislative Committee consisting of Francis L. McBane, Bert Moser, Verne Konopasek and Harry Fries spent three successful days in Indianapolis, March 1957 to have their liability insurance Bill H. 161 enacted with improved benefits raising the payment of total and permanent disability from \$5,000.00 to \$12,500.00 and accidental death from \$7,500.00 to \$12,500.00 and to include the words "or his estate" following "beneficiary or beneficiaries." A vote of deep thanks was given to our friends in both Houses who spearheaded the drive that brought success to our program.

At the officers meeting, June 6th, 1957, motion adopted to furnish grave markers for our deceased members. It will be of solid cast bronze guaranteed to last forever under all weather conditions and will have your Association Seal in center with the name of deceased above showing his year of birth and year of death. Below would be the name of his department and on reverse side the words, "His last alarm." Lugs are included with marker to hold a flag.

Our 1957 convention was held in Munster with business meetings at Lanier School Gym. Fire Chief VanderVaart of Munster greeted the delegates and guests and introduced William Jabaay, President Town Board, Police Chief Retzliff and Jack West, Sheriff of Lake County, and our State Fire Marshal, Jay L. Foster. President Moser presented a trophy to the 4,000th member in our Association, Russell Emonds of Wolcott Dept. Beautiful Memorial Services held at Christian Reformed Church for deceased members of past year. Treasurer reported total cash worth of Association at approximately \$23,000.00 Secretary reported 208 departments including 23 new departments joining the past year for a total of 4,013 members. Resolution adopted to secure partial and permanent disability, which will be on our legislative program for presentation at 1959 General Assembly. 274 delegates answered roll call.

Madison was accepted as our 1958 convention site. Officers elected were: Francis L. McBane, president; John T. Ford, vice-president; Harry Fries and Verne Konopasek, re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively; Ivan W. LaFollette, chaplain; Robert Crocker, sergeant-at-arms, and Pete Denton as state organizer.

As at previous conventions on Saturday, a very busy program was scheduled starting with the water ball contests at an early hour and continuing until the final contest for the championship of the state, which was between Laud and Centre Twp. with the former winning in a close contest. Hose splicing contests created considerable interest with Decatur winning over LaCrosse in the final game. The climax of the day was the big parade, featuring numerous floats, antique fire equipment, novelty entries by children, marching high school bands, best dressed marching departments. We received splendid publicity thru the Daily Hammond Times and The Region journal.

At officers meeting in September 1957, Walter Steiger of 4th district was elected Chairman of the Board. It was voted to have our vice-president Jack Ford in charge of all convention films and all requests for their showing, be sent to him. Delegations from Madison have attended two officers meetings in order to outline a proposed program for the convention and it has been decided one of the entertainment features would be a boat ride of 4 hours duration on the Ohio river.

We now have brought you up to date on your organization, one that has a very bright future ahead because it has the principles, always trying to improve the condition of that great public servant, the volunteer fireman. So that every volunteer department in the state may know of our aims and objects, thru our newspaper published every three months, please let us know if you don't get our publication so that you will be on our mailing list.

We have mentioned many names in the course of events and every one did his own little part to help promote this organization to its present growth, of 230 departments and 4500 members in 58 out of the 92 counties in the State. If any name has been omitted in briefing you on our history, we are sorry, and would you please report same with your story to connect the name, as we want no one slighted.

Let us go forward with our program of advancement in the next decade, to accomplish the same results as we have in the past decade.

Harry Fries - Secretary

Who could ask for more - New Haven 1974 Convention, June 20, 21 and 22 - 1974. Registrations were at the New Haven Fire Station-South, 1235 Lincoln Highway East. The final judging in our Miss Flame contest was held at 2 p.m. June 20, 1974 at the Junior High Auditorium. Gilmer Boaz

was named Mr. IVFA for 1974. His wife, Lois Boaz, passed away on 1-16-74. She belonged to the Greenville Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary and worked hard in getting the 16th District formed for our State association. Your historian requests that all Convention Committees make a report to the newspaper on their results; names of Game winners; Miss Flame winners and the like. Thank You, Verne Konopasek

NOTE: Harry Fries very faithfully served as our State Secretary for 9 years from 7-1-54 to 6-30-63, he passed away on 10-26-69.

Verne Konopasek-Historian

Mr. I.V.F.A. and His Prize

Pictured is Robert Esserman and his prize for being selected as Mr. I.V.F.A. at the Warren Township Convention.

(Photo by Clyde Bristow)

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by Morgan - voted on and carried.

Treasurer's Report - \$2,143.38

Vice Chairman Jim Morgan gave a report on NFPCA, as he has set-up liaison with them and Washington's federal government.

"We now have two appointments by NFPCA . . . James Morgan to the Training & Education Committee of the National Fire Academy. He has been cleared by the F.B. I., has been to Washington three times to discuss the role of the volunteers. The officers of the NVFC met with Howard Tipton for lunch today and discussed the role of NVFC in acquiring information. We want to know how many volunteer firemen are in the nation? How many departments? How they are accepting the training functions of NFPCA? How can they help us to be better organizations and how we can help them better understand that volunteers represent 90 per cent of the fire service of this country?"

The NVFC was HEAVILY involved in the \$50,000 insurance bill (which might be a surprise to many firemen) for paid and volunteer firemen killed in the line of duty. There was some question as to whether the President would sign (and we were very helpful in this matter). It is a FIRST!!! The volunteers were able to have input on the Washington scene.

How were we received in Washington? Very well. They like to hear from the volunteers as they want to know what we want. We have had discussions, both Bob Turner and myself, with legislators when the budget for NFPCA was up, we sent many telegrams indicating that the budget be approved, because if their aim is to help us, they must have the money to fulfil their program. We were active in that we were asked by the administration for approval of the Academy site. We recognized that many areas would like to have it at their place but since we felt that the interface with Washington was important, after receiving a full report of the site selection committee, the officers of the NVFC felt that Washington, D.C. provided the best possible location.

I spent considerable time with Congressman Aspin on the \$750.00 deduction in taxes for firemen. When they ask you how much it will cost, we could not tell them as we still do not have adequate

figures as to how many firemen there are in this country. It would be nice to have this information. As late as Friday afternoon, I spent one and a half hours with a captive audience, Congressman Aspin. He was sure that with our help, we could pass that bill in the next CONGRESS. I'm not sure it is that easy, but at least we can say to the volunteers of this nation that someone is speaking out for us!

We have made arrangements in Washington to receive information as to what is happening in the Capitol. It is expensive and so far we have received two reports from the Bureau of National Affairs for the fee of "\$125 - 140 per month. All reports on legislation, bills, copies of legislation on a weekly report. In order to do something in Washington, you have to be offensive and defensive, this costs money. Can we afford it?? You will have to decide.

Additionally, I have tried to provide input at all levels as to the desires and interests of the volunteer . . . Friday of this past week, I was granted a 35 minute audience with President Ford to discuss the needs and wants of the volunteer firemen. I had a nice cup of coffee with him and was able to tell him about the volunteers of this country. He was a little surprised at the numbers of volunteers. I had an opportunity to thank him for signing the \$50,000 Insurance Bill. I had the assurance that he had our interest at heart.

I do want you to know that this is an important step forward, when a representative of the volunteer firemen can get an audience with the President of the United States. I felt it was a privilege for us to gain that type audience. I went with him out through the Rose Garden where he hopped into his helicopter for a flight to Ames, Iowa, for a speech.

There are things we are finding at all levels on both sides of the aisle. It is hard for them to say NO to us because of what we are . . . apple pie . . . and motherhood; if we are organized. We have come a long way from a couple of states. There are going to be many more trips to Washington and we will need funds to operate."

Secretary Turner reported that we are now listed in the Library of Congress as the largest fire organization in the United States. We are making some inroads.

Chairman Williams reported that we are working with the administration to work out a survey as to members and

training programs of the fire service.

Jim Morgan made a motion that the services of the Bureau of National Affairs be used and contracted at the discretion of the officers. This service includes federal legislation, news clippings, special meetings, computer read-out at a cost of \$125 - 150 per month. Motion seconded by Welter, Minn. Discussion was held and motion was voted on and carried.

John Peterson was introduced by the Chairman. He has been appointed to the User Committee.

"We were advised at the Baltimore meeting Project "FIRES", also User Requirements Committee to be composed of representatives of the fire service to corrolate the government contract with various agencies. There was no one on that committee that represented the volunteers. The officers of this organization recommended that I be appointed to that committee. This has been accomplished as of the end of August. This committee will work closely with contractors for NFPCA for development of clothing and apparel for firefighters.

Hopefully, there will be a corrolation of equipment that is presently on the market and that developed so that the consumer will be able to take a particular piece and determine if it meets standards.

"We did not get in on the ground floor, but hopefully we will have impact and we will keep you up-to-date on this. It looks encouraging."

Chairman Williams asked for discussion on Joint Council of fire services and reported that we have communicated with them and have received an application form. Should we then pursue this?

Peterson, Ill., made a motion that the NVFC NOT seek membership to Joint Council. Seconded by Morgan, Wisc.

Peterson replied that it would not serve the volunteers if we should join the Joint Council even if offered to us. By becoming a member, we would then only be one vote out of 12 or 13 votes on any given issue. If we subscribe to the democratic process the Joint Council voice would be the official position for the volunteer service. Therefore, it would be a golden opportunity for those on the Joint Council to silence the Voice of the Volunteers by a simple majority vote. We would be walking into a stacked deck. The administration would say, "You are a member of the Joint Council. How did you vote?" Our voice would be muted.

Morgan affirmed Peterson with comments that he realized full well being on the outside looking in, you cannot have a voice. "This Council will have a voice in the affairs of the fire service in this country. I won't back from this! As Bob Turner has said, we have been second class citizens too long and it is time they know we are around." The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman informed members that a newsletter will be sent out as soon as possible to inform all of the latest happenings. He also asked for suggestions for the next meeting. Morgan said Wisconsin would welcome us; Radenheimer from Kentucky stated his state would like to host the next meeting. Treasurer Baker invited us to Indiana. The Chairman added that we need members from the southwest, west and south. After discussion, it was decided to meet in March, the Sunday before NFIC at Memphis. The meeting will be at the Holiday Inn in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Motion made by Morgan,

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FIRE INSTRUCTORS COMPLETE COURSE



William Goodwin, Indiana State Fire Marshal presenting certificates to Linda Baker of Indianapolis, first woman graduate of the 30 hour Instructor Training Course and Harold Stofer, IVFA Treasurer and Officer of the Wayne Township Fire Department.



Following is a list of new members to the IFIA by the avenue of having completed the Fire Instructor Training Course offered by IFIA and the State Fire Marshal's Office at Marion, Indiana during September & October 1976.

- Linda D. Baker
Indianapolis
317-293-4630
- Dennis R. Barrett
Indianapolis
317-247-7507
- Norman D. Bastin
Marion
317-674-5168
- James R. Bruner
Mooresville
317-831-5651
- Bill Cantwell
Franklin
219-736-9603
- Barker Davie
Fort Wayne
219-422-5470
- Tom Edens
Noblesville
317-773-4455
- Joe Eib
Van Buren
317-934-3679
- Raymond K. Eller
Huntington
219-356-0869

- J.T. Freeman
Anderson
317-644-8985
- Ralph Galbreath
Winamac
219-946-3522
- Dennis A. Henissey
Ridgeville
317-857-2697
- Jerry Hite
Huntington
219-468-2547
- Bob L. Jones
Van Buren
317-934-4212
- Maynard D. Masters
Kendallville
219-347-3569
- Jack A. Matthews
Franklin
219-736-5966
- Don L. Oliver, Jr.
Kendallville
219-347-1141
- Charles Ridgway, Jr.
Hartford City
317-348-1315
- Harold E. Rihm
Knightstown
317-345-2305
- Russel Snellenberger
Indianapolis
317-293-0999
- Harold "Gene" Stofer
Indianapolis
317-241-1946

- William C. Struble
Monticello
219-583-4713
- Robert G. Sutton
Danville
317-745-5921
- William H. Uhrick
Noblesville
317-773-1806

The following is a list of new members to IFIA by the avenue of having successfully completed the Fire Instructor Training Course which was offered by IFIA and the State Fire Marshal's Office at Bloomington, Indiana, during October 1976.

- Donald Abbott Jr.
Indianapolis
317-897-4277
- Paul D. Bailey
Indianapolis
317-894-8148
- David J. Barnard
Indianapolis
317-353-6821
- Bernard F. Becker
Connersville
317-825-6009
- Ernest Benninghoff
Dyer
219-865-8786
- S. Ray Bentley
Greensburg
812-591-2711
- M.C. Dunning
Lawrenceburg
812-637-3594
- Stephen E. Freeman
Connersville
317-825-2570
- Daniel J. Johnson
Knox
219-772-6166
- Paul D. Johnson
Martinsville
317-342-5321
- James D. Lake
Bentonville
317-478-5785
- Charley Litherland
Vincennes
812-882-7179
- Jack E. McFarland
Coalmont
812-665-2341
- James F. McKay
Merrillville
219-769-7285
- James D. Moore
Indianapolis
317-244-0369
- Jack "Ed" O'Farrell
Indianapolis
317-247-7213
- Richard L. Palmer
Jeffersonville
812-283-4794
- Thomas W. Parrish
Indianapolis
317-786-5237
- Michael R. Porter
Terre Haute
812-299-2454
- Vern C. Pursifull
Huntington
219-356-5949
- Guy E. Rodgers
Knox
219-772-2063
- Pat H. Rorie
Madison
812-273-3533
- Thomas E. Sellmer
Jeffersonville
812-945-6272
- Dennis J. Summan
Connersville
317-679-5975
- John Tumilty
Greensburg
812-663-4285
- Michael L. Verbancic
Merrillville
219-769-7046
- James A. Watkins
Terre Haute
812-299-2446
- Charles H. Wright
Indianapolis
317-894-3875

Please contact any of the above if you desire training instructors for your fire department or fire school.

SMOKE

...THE SILENT KILLER

Every fire fighter knows the feeling: he's crawling along the floor of a dark, smoky room and turns to call for more hose. As he opens his mouth to take a breath, it feels as though someone has stuck a fist down his throat and is trying to pull out half of his lungs. The reason: smoke inhalation.

Black, gray, or white, the choky stuff fells more fire fighters than any other single injury. No one is immune to smoke inhalation, and only when proper precautions are taken can smoke inhalation be avoided.

Actually, the term "smoke inhalation" is something of a misnomer. Three different problems are lumped under the heading of "smoke inhalation": hypoxia, systemic poisons, and local irritants that attack the broncho-pulmonary tree. Each of these can cripple fire fighters and civilians, and they attack indiscriminately. Often-times, the effect of these smoke inhalants is called synergistic; that is, the combined effect of two or more inhalants is more toxic than the total effect would be if each were inhaled separately. It is a case of one plus one equaling three.

Hypoxia: not enough oxygen

Hypoxia is any condition where there is an inadequate supply of oxygen for body tissues. It occurs in fires when the slow burning of materials reduces the oxygen content of a closed area to dangerously low levels. Open flame usually vanishes as the oxygen content of a room falls, but heat and burning may continue, as may the release of toxic materials.

Hypoxia is a common type of injury among civilian fire victims who have been overcome while asleep. They may suffer a combination of hypoxia along with other types of smoke inhalation problems. Hypoxia is very uncommon among fire fighters, both because they often use self-contained breathing apparatus, and because air usually enters a room when fire fighters enter to begin fire fighting and rescue operations. Ventilation replenishes the oxygen supply and helps reduce the incidence of hypoxia.

Firemen, You Think You Are Safe?

Fire Inspection and Fire Suppression has been set back many years by use of Plastic Materials. Plastic material has created a complex new fuel load for the Fire Service, very fast spreading and extremely dangerous. It has been proven that many people that suffer smoke inhalation die in 12 to 18 months after the fire. Medical reports by noted Doctor's conducting research on lung disease caused by breathing toxic fumes from plastic material in the homes today, will not be released to the public. These Doctors recommend that breathing apparatus for all Fire Fighters who respond to these Fire Alarms be provided. Example, one 10 ft. piece of PVC plumbing pipe, with water in it, will destroy itself in 10 minutes, & in a room 10 ft x 10 ft the fumes will kill in 45 seconds. In Test conducted by Mr. Fexford Wilson, president of Fire Protection Inc., he is convinced that you have 3 to 5 minutes to safely get out of a burning home. WEAR A MASK!

Coal Stoves

Potential

Steam Bombs

Homeowners across the country have turned to the old wood-or coal-burning stoves in recent years as a means of fighting the ever-increasing cost of energy. These stoves generally are safe and efficient suppliers of supplemental heat. But they could prove to be time bombs.

In an article entitled "A Blast from the Past," Bradford F. Creamer of the Holden, Massachusetts, Fire Department, explains how the family of a former fire fighter narrowly escaped injury when a "new" old stove exploded.

Creamer writes that the cellar stove exploded into hundreds of pieces while the family was gathered upstairs at dinner on December 30, 1975. Only minutes before, children had been playing in the area enjoying the warmth of the "new" stove, he says.

The explosion was caused by a buildup of steam. Creamer explains it was commonplace in the past to use the kitchen stove to heat water for the house. Water was heated in the stove's "water front" or "water leg," and then stored in a nearby hot water tank.

Creamer points out that in later years people used to plug the "front", to keep mice and dirt out when there was no longer a need for the hot water container, this particular "front", when plugged, still had water in it. Of course, the "water front" turned into a steam bomb, he says.

"The most frightening part of the incident is what might have happened. One of the owner's children was sitting at a school-type desk in the cellar ten minutes before the blast. The explosion hurled one of the largest pieces of metal through a 2 by 4-inch table leg, then at the desk, where it tore the back off the seat before landing inside the closed desk. Had the child been at the desk, she certainly would have been seriously injured, or more likely, killed," he says.

Creamer warns old stove owners to conduct simple inspections. "The clues are two capped pieces of pipe or threaded pipe plugs inserted into the 'water front.' Remember that the water front location varies from stove to stove. Some are in the stove fronts or ends, some in the back.

"The simple solution to the problem is to cut off one of the pipe stubs, if it protrudes far enough, or drill a hole in one of the threaded pipe caps if it is unremovable."

MINUTES OF MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

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seconded by Guthrie, . . . voted on and carried. Time should be included here 10:00 A.M.

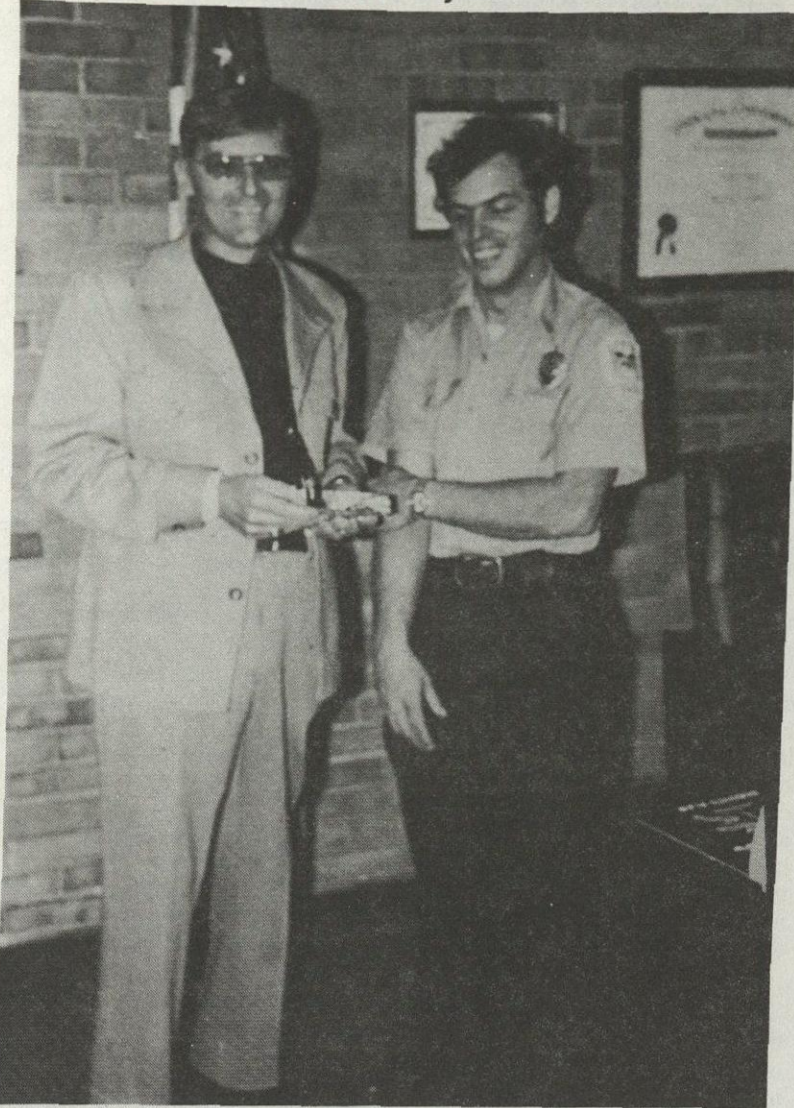
Preston, Md., felt there was a need for some part-time help to assist the secretary getting minutes and mailings out faster and made a motion to this effect . . . seconded by Guthrie. Motion was voted on and carried.

Names of delegates to the Council will be sent to all states. Officers of NVFC asked each member state to contact their neighboring states to become members of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Morgan, seconded by Preston, voted on and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted
Robert Turner, Secretary

**Untimely Death For New Lifetime Member
Ronnie Bryant**



Pictured above receiving his lifetime membership is Ronnie Bryant, left and Mark Jones, Captain-Company 14, right.

Wayne Township Marion County lost one of their members recently with the untimely passing of Ronnie Bryant of Oak Park Company No. 14. Ronnie recently received his lifetime membership to Co. 14. Ronnie had overcome many illnesses in the past and achieved many goals such as the No. 2 man in the Marion County Sheriff's Department and receiving his law degree. Ronnie was taken by cancer at the age of 40. He will be missed, for he was a true friend of the department.

Beginning Of An Era (Cont.) (Continued from Page 16)

Not too long ago someone made the statement. "It's about time the Volunteer Fire Service stopped apologizing for their existence." The National Volunteer Fire Council will not apologize for its existence and will work well in its desire to be a voice and a forum for the Volunteer Fire Service.

It's the desire of the Council that we not compete with other fire organizations. The needs in the field of preservation of life and property are great and there is enough work for everybody, but I think a strong program basis will indeed prove to be a helpful lever for the fire service in this country.

More information can be had on the Council by writing any of the following:

- | | |
|---|---|
| Mr. Fred A. Williams, Chairman
7 Grace Ave.
Great Neck, NY 11021 | Mr. James H. Baker,
Treasurer
241 West 5th St.
Greenfield, IN 46140 |
| Mr. James W. Morgan,
Vice-Chairman
P.O. Box 4184
Madison, WI 53711 | Mr. Robert F. Turner,
Secretary
142 West River St.
Rockton, IL 61072 |

For the Betterment of the Fire Service,
James W. Morgan, Vice-Chairman

1977 I.V.F.A. Convention Report As Of 10/29/76

RECEIPTS:	
Fish Fry Tickets	\$2,574.00
Donations	249.93
Pie Bar	377.45
Fish Pond, Balloons, Bees	154.85
Raffle	34.25
Bingo	86.40
Dunking Booth	71.01
Advance from IVFA General	1,000.00
Interest	27.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,575.39
EXPENSES:	
Food	\$1,250.13
Supplies	1,163.14
Parade '76	141.87
Postage	73.57
Misc.	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,728.71
BALANCE ON HAND AND IN BANK	\$1,846.68
(Checking — 846.68)	
(Bank CD — 1,000.00)	

10-29-76

**WARREN TOWNSHIP
CONVENTION**

PAID BY IND. VOL. FIREMENS ASSOC.

Advance to Warren	\$ 2,000.00
Officers Expense	3,472.30
Delegate Expense	3,288.10
Exhibition Decorators (Chairs-Tables & Tent) 1st pmt.	3,749.50
Phil Irwin Adv. (Decorations)	2,100.00
Moore General Contractors (Electrician)	1,750.80
Bastian Bros. (Officers & Delegates Ribbons)	284.62
Harry A. Simpson (Beer Badges)	1,080.24
Eugene C. Findlay (Parade Trophies)	374.50
L.E. Laney (Printing)	80.23
Flasher Barricades (Toilets & Barricades)	183.63
Roberts & Co. (Decorations)	108.19
A. Lender Rental (Parade Exp.)	48.36
Warren Township Aux. (Decorations)	488.66
Interstate Press (Printing)	217.69
Kipp Bros. (Decorations)	285.72
Exhibition Decorators (Chairs-Tables-Tent) 2nd Pmt.	5,368.56
Care Free Caterers (Banquet)	5,066.25
Imperial Trophy (Sports Trophy)	175.00
Imperial Trophy (President Award)	15.00
Delores Hampton (Reporter)	335.75
Duane Lantz (Candles)	52.00
	\$30,525.10

Paid By Warren Township

1001 Costume Rental	45.00
Checks	2.34
1002 Marcia Meek (Signs)	10.00
1003 Harry Simpson (Balloons)	105.00
1004 Harry Simpson (Advertising)	510.84
1005 Lewis Bros. (Ceramics)	500.00
1006 Color Quick Grap (Signs)	81.04
1007 Ucellhi Mfg. (Raffle)	100.00
1008 Lewis Bros. (Ceramics)	482.00
1009 Postmaster (Stamps)	50.00
1010 Gene Battaly	155.28
1011 Cumberland Florist (Flowers)	32.40
1012 Marriott (Conv. Meeting)	353.20
1013 Ucellini Mfg. (Raffle)	364.60
1014 Ucellini Mfg. (Raffle)	100.00
1015 Phyllis Battaly	38.60
1016 Jerry Crosby (Decorations)	30.00
1017 Annette Gilman	8.27
1018 Warren Aux.	70.07
1019 Laney Printing (Postage)	158.40
1020 Phyllis Battaly	39.79
1021 Carol Leeke	7.59
1022 Postmaster (Postage)	13.44
1023 Postmaster (Postage)	9.00
1024 Postmaster (Postage)	26.00
1025 Interstate Press	219.60
1026 Exhibition Decorators	922.50
1027 Lewis Bros. (Ceramics)	700.00
1028 Patricia Carter	18.30
1029 McLean Trucking (Freight)	49.47
1030 Alldredge Tractor Sales	4.95
1031 L.O.U.I.E., Inc.	71.60
1032 Orchids of Hawaii	46.55
1033 Delta Electronics	12.95
1034 Lewis Bros.(Ceramics)	620.00
1035 Postmaster	13.00
1036 Jerry Crosby	6.83
1037 Postmaster (Postage)	13.00
1038 A.F.N.B. (Cash)	20.00
1039 P.J.M. Enterprise (Entertainment)	125.00
1040 Glen Miller (Entertainment)	500.00
1041 P.J.M. Enterprise (Entertainment)	750.00
1042 Marriott Inn	1471.52
1043 Marriott Inn	1471.52
1044 Mason-Dixon Frt. (Freight)	7.86
1045 Monarch Bev.	678.50
1046 P.J.M. Enterprise (Entertainment)	350.00
1047 Fresie Catering (Luau)	2250.00
1048 Holiday Inn	1281.76
1049 International Fireworks (Luau)	200.00
1050 LaPentas Serv. Center (Gas-Bus)	71.04
1051 Post Road Greenhouse	106.00
1052 Phyllis Battaly	73.23
1053 Cumberland Flowers	22.88
1054 Charles Megganhofer	9.97
1055 Gene Reneau	40.00
1056 Eugene Findlay	110.70
1057 Warren Fire Dept.	147.74
	\$14,365.31

INCOME

REGISTRATION	
Program Books	10,185.00
Games Entries	5,000.00
	165.00
Warren Income	15,350.00
	12,365.31
	27,715.31

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

TOTAL INCOME	44,890.41
NET COST	27,715.31
	17,075.10

**SEASONS
GREETINGS**

From

The Staff Of

The Indiana

Volunteer Fireman

**INSURANCE
FACTS**

Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services pay the full replacement cost or the agreed amount value on all covered fire apparatus, ambulance or rescue trucks! In VFIS's plans, the amount you receive in case of a total loss is specified in the policy.

This can be an agreed amount, the original price of the equipment, or its replacement cost, depending on the plan selected. Should an accident occur, that is the amount you will receive less, of course, the applicable deductible.

Under the standard commercial vehicle insurance plans, the original cost of the equipment is used only as a base to determine the insurance premium.

Should the equipment be destroyed, the commercial policy would pay either the (stated amount) or the equipment's (actual cash value) whichever is less.

The stated amount appears on a schedule within the policy.

It establishes the insurable value of the vehicle by deducting depreciation from the original cost on an annual basis.

The depreciation rate is usually around 10 per cent a year.

Actual cash value is the present day value of the vehicle measured in cash.

It is established by taking the replacement cost and deducting for age, physical wear and tear and obsolescence: or by the price of a like piece of used equipment that is on the market.

VFIS's (agreed value) or replacement cost (method of insuring emergency vehicles) returns your original investment plus appreciation in value for the first five years for a total loss, or the full cost of repairs for a partial loss.

Since most civic service organizations purchase their equipment with money received from fund raising campaigns, it is important that much of these funds be returned to the organization as rapidly as possible if a loss occurs, and that these funds do not have to be raised twice.

A complete package of insurance protection is available through Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services.

The Indiana Representative for Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc., is the Timothy R. Downey Insurance Agency, Inc., P.O. Box 1247, Kokomo, Indiana. Telephone number area code 317-457-9161.

Letter Cont.

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 lock the door for privacy and begin to read, right there on page 49. It says there, among other things, that you should orient a member of your department so that he knows its history. YOU know what it is, . . . YOU are proud of its history, so, tell HIM. It states that he should know your rules and regulations, . . . how to wear his uniform the way YOU like for him to wear it, . . . how you cooperate with the police department, (if indeed you do); what he must do to seek advancement, . . . the names of the streets in your community and their location, . . . where the fire hydrants or watering places are located, . . . and, what your department does for community public relations.

Great Guns, . . . isn't this exactly what you tell them anyway, . . . before someone listed it in a book, in order to remind those that might forget? LOOK, this section even tells you a couple of things to have in front of you while you are talking to him, so that you may impress him with the astuteness that makes the others call you, CHIEF.

ANOTHER MINUTE, . . . take that next part, . . . PART B.

That too, is for your protection. Somewhere, and recently, in the State of Indiana there lies the uneasy head of a chief who has lost the services of a good fireman, and the companionship of a dear friend and associate, because he momentarily relaxed ever so slightly on his rule that, "ALL FIREMEN MUST WEAR THEIR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING TO ANY AND ALL FIRES, REGARDLESS OF HOW INFINITESIMAL OR HOW GREAT." or, who forgot to make that written report concerning that very small hurt, received by

a fireman, by a piece of that dirty infectious debris that is omnipresent at all fires, thus making it quite difficult for him to collect his workman's compensaion and insurance so justly due him; or, failed to inform him of the dangers of the new chemistry of fire as it is related to fluorescent lighting, (and, thousands of other hidden chemical agents in the fires of today), and now his vision is impaired; or, did you forget the dangers of obesity to one's own body and to much of the fire equipment; or, did you think of the dangers lurking within the confines of the live weight of a tank wagon, because you yourself was once an old tanker, and believed these things within the realm of all person's knowledge; or, it might have been so simple as to not to have warned him of the physical properties of our new metallic ladders and the conduction of high voltage here and thru the molecular transmission of electricity thru water; or, last but by no means least, the extreme danger of competing with this, the greatest demon of them all, FIRE, who wins everytime, while under the influence of alcohol, . . . any alcohol. A good fireman doesn't have to rely on bottled guts to correctly attack a fire. He has all the guts he needs the day he dons a pair of fire boots, a turn-out coat and a helmet.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE STARTED, continued to read until you get to the middle of the first column on page 53.

Simple isn't it?
 There isn't a damned thing there that you wouldn't hope that any and all members of your fire department should know.

THEN TELL THEM, . . . THEN CERTIFY THEM!

You aren't being fair to yourself

as being recognized as the good chief that you are, unless you tell somebody somewhere about how fine your department is, . . . you aren't being fair to the men of your department who have struggled long and tirelessly as a member of your department, seeking the recognition so justly due them by their chief, . . . and you aren't being fair to your community, by allowing them to benefit from rate advantages generated by your efficiency. . . you, who has only to sign his name to a piece of paper. That's right, all you have to do is sign your name. If you have named one member of your department to be your department Secretary, he will write the pertinent information on the application as directed by another member of your department that you have named your Education Officer. Another thing. That poop about the hydrants and the watering places, that will be given by your Water Control Officer, as will your Arson Chief tell them all that jazz concerning Fire Behavior.

You only need to know three things. (1) more than anyone else on your department about all things, (2) how to worry, and (3) how to sign your name. The decrease in number (1) directly effects an increase in number (2). Seriously . . . call your men together and certify them. You owe them this Christmas present. Do it.

Don't answer this letter unless you need help. Use your time in certification. My tent is being pitched with the flap a little more to the west with each moon, and I have not the time for worrying.

Too, I have been cussed, reviled, blacklisted, blackballed, tried, blamed, boycotted, rebuked, dressed down, held up, held down, courtmartialed, sneered at, impugned,

impeached, castigated (look it up), vilified and damned, in English, German, French, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Japanese and in sign language. I, too, have been completely ignored. You ain't got nuthin new.

At this moment we are blessed with one of the best and hardest working fire marshals, . . . for us, that we have ever had. Let us show our appreciation for that fact by getting behind this thing, so that we may tell him to go

ahead, . . . make plans for Indiana to lead the nation in Firefighting Education, . . . that we are with him. Let's get this certification done NOW, before it is too late, . . . AND JANUARY 1, 1977 IS TOO LATE. THERE ARE NO EXTENTIONS.

Oh yes, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY QUIET 1977.

Most sincerely,

DON C. McCULLOUGH
 HAGERSTOWN

**Boone Township Fire Dept.
 Hosts Hebron First Graders**



The Boone Township Fire Department hosted the first graders of Hebron, on Tuesday morning, in observance of National Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9. The firemen had three groups of first graders. In the photo is Sue Echterling's class. The fire department represented by Assistant Chief Lee Buchanan, Al Stembel and

Russ Franzman, explained the various equipment, clothing, air mask, fire extinguishers, different trucks. Also how to call the fire department and to escape from a burning building. Many questions were asked by the students and were answered by the men. The Boone Township Fire Department had open house Wednesday and Thursday, October 6 and 7 from 7 to 9.



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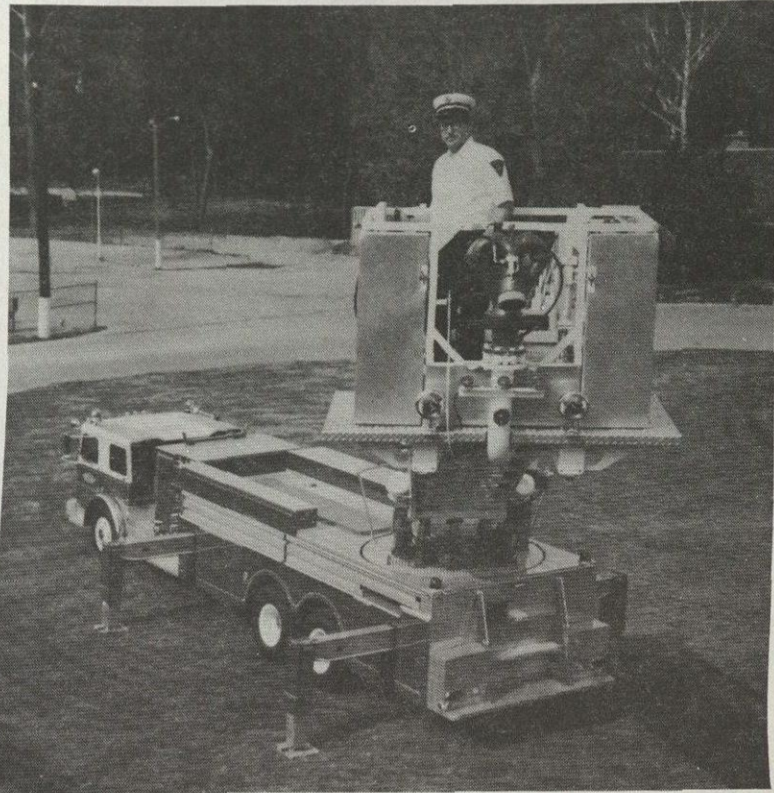
245 E. South St. - Indianapolis, Ind. 46225

BRANCH OFFICE: 3602 W. Jackson St., Muncie, Ind. 317-284-1279

GREENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS NEW AERIAL PLATFORM

Most towns of 3,000 people can't boast of having a custom designed 85 foot aerial ladder, but neither can they boast of having won their state's award for fire prevention. Not surprisingly, the two facts are closely related and bear witness to a community, town council, and fire department that believe an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The specifications of the new aerial platform are the result of careful planning in both the application of the truck and how it can best serve the purposes of a volunteer fire department. "My whole philosophy of fire protection is based on planning ahead so we can be ready for any fire, anywhere in town," Chief Carroll J. Miller explained. "Since we have a volunteer department with only myself on full time duty, pre-planning is especially important," he continued. "Our primary need for the aerial is based on having the main distillery for both Seagrams and Schenley based in our town. Together, they have warehouses that store some two and a half million barrels of whiskey, work with highly flammable alcohol and have tank farms to store alcohol and fuel oil. Some of the warehouses are over 100 feet high. We also have a number of large industrial firms, schools and other sites where the aerial is a vital part of providing protection for the community."



The new aerial reflects careful consideration by Chief Miller who with two Howe engineers and Bob Casse of Midwest Fire and Safety in drawing up specifications and laying the basic for a detailed set of blueprints for the apparatus. Chief Miller also made two trips to the Oren plant while the unit was being built, as well as one trip to Warner & Swasey for a check on the chassis. The Ladder was built by Ladder Towers Inc. "Everyone has made every effort to build it exactly as I requested. Without a doubt, it is one of the finest pieces of equipment in the country - and perhaps unique," Chief Miller said.

The unit is both a pumper and aerial ladder. The 350 horsepower diesel engine with Allison H T 740 D automatic transmission provides power to operate the aerial hydraulic system, the 1250 GPM Waterous pump, and drives an alternator that supplies electricity to a 3000 watt Dynamote for 3000 watt 110 volt alternating current for basket lights and power tools. There is two electrical outlets in the 700 pound capacity basket.

"A major consideration in our final specifications was a height limitation of 10 feet 8 inches, so it would fit in the existing fire house door, Chief Miller explained. The Warner & Swasey low profile chassis made this possible," he continued. I also needed a chassis that was maneuverable and would hold well on curves, since we have these conditions in this part of Indiana - not to mention some very tight corners on narrow streets. The chassis delivers on all points even better than I had hoped."

One of the special features is the clean smooth external finish. Ladders, pike poles, axes, nozzles and all other gear is stored internally.

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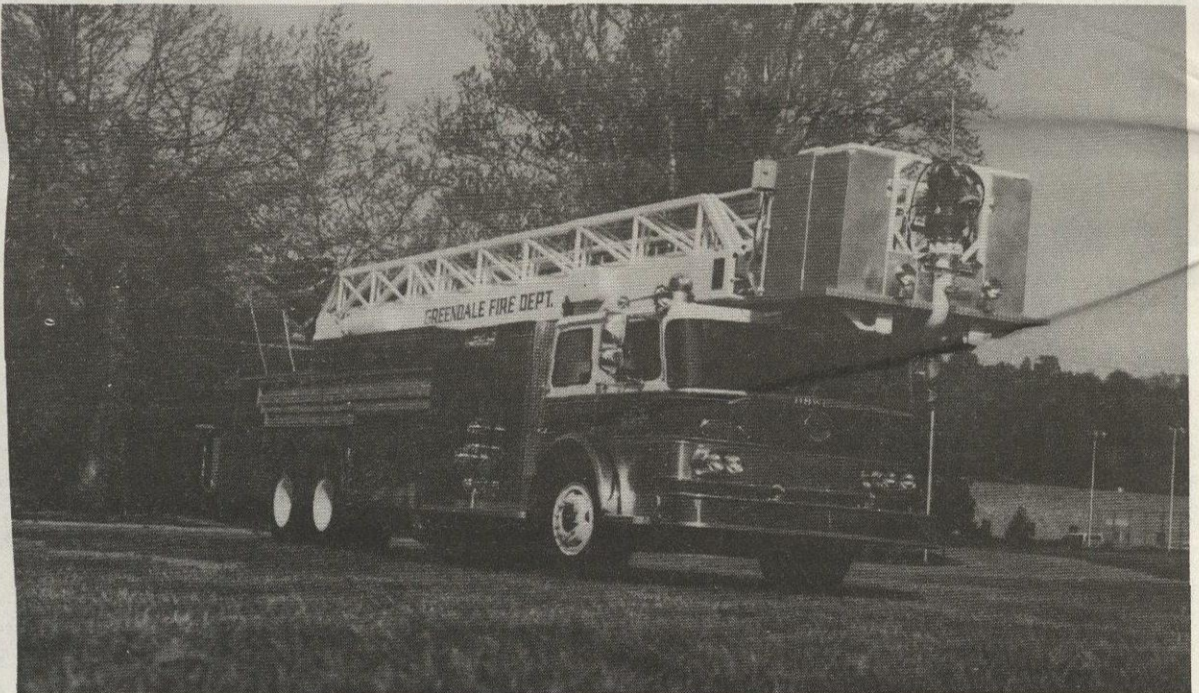
aluminum tread plate except the hose bed, that is covered with red hypalon. This has been done so the firefighters can walk along either side of the ladder for maintenance and cleaning without danger of slipping.

The 700 pound capacity basket is equipped with everything Chief Miller felt was needed. It has a 4 inch water feed line from the pump to the power-operated nozzle which can be operated hydraulically from the basket or the base of the ladder. The nozzle tip automatically maintains a 100 pound pressure from 300 to 1000 gallons of water per minute. This

supply is backed up by a 2 1/2 inch line wye off to two 1 1/2 inch lines preconnected with an 8 foot line and a 50 foot section for advancing into a building. There are also a 1 1/2 and a 2 1/2 connection in the basket if needed. Other equipment includes two air masks supplied by tanks at the base, communication from the base to the basket, a hand held radio that can be carried into the building, two 500 watt quartz lights on telescoping poles powered by the Dynamote plus two flood lights powered by the truck battery. A 1900 pound capacity winch is mounted on the basket to raise

any other equipment to the basket that might be needed. Stored on the aerial ladder, immediately behind the basket is a 16 foot roof ladder, a 10 foot folding attic ladder and a six foot pike pole. Everything in the basket was selected on the basis of its light weight.

Greendale's new aerial is backed up by two pumpers. One is a 1958, 1000 GPM unit and the second is a 1960, 750 GPM pumper with 1000 feet 2 1/2 inch hose and 1000 feet of 5 inch hose. The department has 24 volunteers on active duty, plus six men trained on probation.



wanted this unit to be as easy to clean as possible. We wash and clean all of our equipment immediately after every fire or practice run. With everything inside, we can do the cleaning quickly and the men get back to work or their homes quickly," Chief Miller explained.

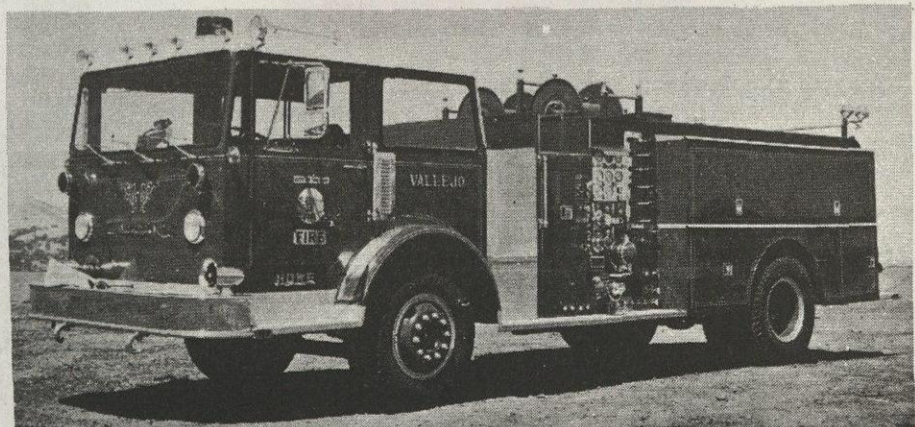
Another unique feature is a 16 x 16 inch tunnel leading from the hose bed to the rear of the truck through the ladder base enables one man to pay out the 1300 feet of 5 inch hose quickly at the scene of a fire. Two 1 1/2 inch cross lays can be pulled off either side of truck. The entire top side of the apparatus including the cab and canopy are covered with

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