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## Season's Greetings

### Secretary's Report:



John T. Ford

#### Officers and Members of IVFA:

This report of your Secretary is a little new to him. I have been on the road to visit many departments and have had nothing but the best of experiences. I have proven to myself something that I have thought as true during this past quarter. The fact that IVFA is a vital part of the Fire Service in Indiana and that not all our members know just exactly what the IVFA is and what the Fire Service is as a whole. Seems that many of the long term members have not kept up with the changes and the short term ones probably never knew exactly in the first place. It has been a long time since I have been on the road as much as I have lately and I find it much the same. The Volunteers are sure way out ahead and far above anything that you will ever see or hear of in getting the job done and finding, making, or otherwise procuring the means to get the job done. You fellows that don't get to make the meetings at various other departments are missing the boat on ideas that will help you solve problems. Hey! They don't all have chrome bumpers and pry bars they are all

out trying to get the best and do the best with what they got. Yeah, even to the point of getting something for nothing so they can have that chrome trim. I suppose that one could say with authority that just to want to do a job is half the battle. Just the reward of doing seems to be enough. Only those that enjoy this feeling know what it takes in time and effort to get ready to accomplish the job. The reception that I have had from the many places is beyond description.

Renewed many old friendships and made new ones, but talk about old times — well, this goes on till the wee hours. Yes, my rewards have been great.

The National Volunteer Fire Council is getting together a survey of the Volunteer Fire Service, of which some or most of you will be getting requests for information. I just don't understand how they are going to work this out with any degree of accuracy, as they are going about it, but it's better than what we have had in the past.

I am going ahead with our original plan to make this survey for the good of the IVFA and the Volunteers. It would be very impressive to be able to give figures, amounts and totals to substantiate the efforts of the Volunteers, as well as the tax costs of such valuable protection.

Yes, I am convinced that with a little effort we can make a file that we, ourselves, would find hard to believe. The gift of a computer from Ben Hur Life will make this all so easy and definable to work for the betterment of all volunteers. Sure it takes some additional work, but the end result is worth it many times.

Each department could use this info locally, as well as state wide and Federally. Hey! Let no one tell you we don't have a good track record, because each of us know that we do — but the problem is our PR has been lacking these

### Death Benefit Checks Presented



Recently, John T. Ford, Secretary, Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, and Tim Downey, Timothy R. Downey Insurance, Inc., presented to the survivors of the Donald Nesbit family, checks totaling \$90,000.

Mr. Nesbit, a member of the Pimento Volunteer Fire Department, and his wife perished in a fire at their home.

The Insurance Committee Chairman, Marion Bush, Jack Ford, and Tim Downey assisted this family in obtaining their Accident & Health Insurance Benefits under the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Associations program.

In addition, Chairman Bush's efforts resulted in the first payment of benefits in Indiana under the Public Safety Officer Benefit Act, a Federal program, of \$50,000.

All I.V.F.A. members extend to this family their sincere expression of sorrow.

many years and now we have to catch up with solid facts, figures and honest thrusts to the solar plexis for attention to these facts and figures of our track record.

It has been brought to my attention that, why did not the IVFA tell a certain group that one Insurance coverage is not the same as any other, in spite of what people tell other people, and it only costs half as much. They were very indignant that I did not take care of the above, but its the  
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### Less Talk, More Action: A New Approach To Tax Reform

By John Myers  
Congressman  
Seventh District

Tax reform is a lot like Mark Twain's comments about the weather — everybody talks about it but nobody seems to do anything about it.

In 1789 it was Benjamin Franklin who said, "In this world, nothing is certain but death and taxes." Fortunately, we die only once but we are forced to pay taxes each and every year of our productive lives.

Nearly two centuries later, in 1963, Internal Revenue Director Mortimer Caplin hit the nail on the head when he said, "There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist — the taxidermist leaves the hide."  
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## "Keep Madison in Mind in '79"

Madison — June 21, 22, 23, 1979

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**Legislative Committee Report**

Fellow Members of IVFA:

I wish to submit this report in behalf of the Legislative Committee which is now laying the ground work for the coming General Assembly.

Through the action of the committee and with approval of the Officers and Board of IVFA slightly different approach is being taken this year. We will try to contact the other people and Associations our legislative efforts deal with and see if differences can be made and settled before legislative action; thus no need of lengthy and hard committee hearings for or against each effort, by the General Assembly. We would go to them with a united front, instead of picky, picky.

This effort has taken place so far with a very constructive meeting with the Cities & Towns Association, and the Indiana Sheriff's Association. We have been unable to make contact, as of this date, with the Trustees' Association. It is very enlightening to hear what others think and how your problems affect them and just how easy it is at times to get together on an issue and still maintain what each

wants with a little juggling of words. No, this has not been a cure to all types of approach, but it has turned up some ready answers that we have been looking for in the past.

We have been in contact with many friends in both the Senate and House and they are looking forward to helping us formulate our legislative program. This we also want done as soon as possible after the election. This will be done at a meeting on November 9th and then we will have more information to release.

This does not sound like much of a report, but as of this date nothing can be seen as done. It's like the iceberg — all under the water line and little to be seen. We, too, have done much ground work and now we are getting ready to build on that effort.

It is our aim to get together with the Trustees' Association, as well as, the Indiana Firefighters Association, as well as back with the above mentioned, to make every effort to go to this General Assembly with a united front that will impress all to give Volunteers what they so justly deserve.

Legislative Committee:  
John Ford, Chairman  
Charles Jones, Steve Ritter,  
Marion Bush, Jr., Bob Sutton,  
James Parker, Charles Bogden,  
Norman Crocker

**Maurice E. Cheever**

Maurice E. Cheever, 63, a lifelong resident of the DeMotte area, died suddenly on November 6, 1978. Maurice Cheever was well known as the owner of Cheever's Garage in DeMotte and had been on the Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department since it was formed in 1936. He had served as Chief of the Department several times during the 42 years with them. He is gone, but certainly not forgotten, by the members of the department and the community.

A dollar is needed in 1978 to purchase what 60 cents bought in 1970, The Conference Board observes. Prices shot up by 56 percent between 1970 and 1977 and are likely to rise by about 6 percent this year.

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- Clifford Eherneman — Burket
- Ralph Israel — Clay Township, Burney

## P.R. Director Southeast



Roy E. Richardson

I have been on the road a lot since the last meeting of the I.V.F.A. in August. First, I attended the Clark County Fire Chief's meeting at ICI, Charles-town, Indiana, where I am President. August 24, I attended and worked at the I.V.F.A. State - Fair booth. August 26, attended the 14th District meeting at Vienna; September 20, the Clark County Fire Chief's meeting at Underwood; September 21, the 1979 Fire School Committee meeting at I.U.U.P.I., at Indianapolis for the I.F.I.A.; and the Southeast Fire School committee meeting at New Washington, September 24.

On October 1, I helped put on the Southeast Fire School at Bethlehem with the help of Sam Bower, Dick Doan and Tom Sellmer. The New Washington Ladies Auxiliary served food. We had a real good school, giving credit to 51 men for two hours Air Mask, one hour Ventilation, one hour Fire Ground Operation. Thanks must go to Sam Bower, Richard Doan and Tom Sellmer for a job well done.

On October 15, I attended the National Fire Council meeting at Wayne Township, Indianapolis, also the same day I attended a I.V.F.A. training meeting at Wayne Township. I attended the Clark County Chief's meeting at Utica October 16; a meeting with the I.F.I.A. at Bedford on October 22; a meeting with the Public Fire & Burn Safety Education Association of Indiana at Warren Township on October 28. This Association is new for the state. I serve as Regional Director for South.

I have sold \$24.00 worth of training manuals for the I.V.F.A. In the last three months I have traveled about 1,600 miles for the Fire Service.

Roy E. Richardson  
Public Relations, Southeast

## Thank You

Thank You every one. It was inspiring and comforting to me and my family for such a tribute you firemen paid to Verne.

The honor everyone displayed at the Memorial Services, I know, made him happy.

A big thank you to our Chaplain, Duane Lantz, for such a fine eulogy of Verne.

So many beautiful cards, flowers, and condolences given — words don't express my sincere gratitude.

I know Verne will be missed in this Association but his good works will never be forgotten.

I miss him tremendously. It's hard to realize he was taken.

I must put my Trust in the Good Lord and say it is not my will but Thy will be done.

Sincerely,  
Julia and Family

## Congressman John Myers

Seventh District - Indiana  
Biographical Data  
95th Congress

John Myers has served the people of the Seventh Congressional District of Indiana since 1966. He represents all or part of 16 west central counties including more than 484,000 constituents.

Rep. Myers won re-election to a sixth term in 1976, capturing every county in the Seventh District by a record margin of 63 percent.

He is a member of the powerful House Committee on Appropriations where he serves as ranking minority member of the Public Works Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over energy research and development and water resource projects. He also is a member of the Agriculture Subcommittee which oversees funding for most Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration programs.

In addition, Congressman Myers is one of four Regional Whips in the Republican Whip organization with responsibility over seven midwestern states. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Republican Congressional Committee.

A past president of the House Prayer Group, Congressman Myers remains active in their weekly meetings and the organization of the National Prayer Breakfast.

Congressman Myers' voting record has earned him the "Watchdog of the Treasury" Award for his fight against deficit spending and government inefficiency. He also has received the Distinguished Service Award for his support of legislation promoting individual rights and responsibilities. He has been honored as "Man of the Year" by the Indiana Republican Mayor's Association and the Indiana Civil Defense Directors Association. Other honors include the Guardian of Small Business Award and induction into the Golden Age Hall of Fame.

John Myers was born in Covington, Indiana (Fountain County) on February 8, 1927. He served as an enlisted man with the U. S. Army in Europe during World War II and later was commissioned as an officer in the Army Reserves. He was graduated from Indiana State University in 1951 and was honored with his school's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1973. He worked in a foundry and farmed before joining The Fountain Trust Company in Covington where he was Cashier, Trust Officer and member of the Board of Directors at the time of his election to Congress.

Married to the former Carol Carruthers, he and Mrs. Myers have two daughters, Annie and Lori.

(The Seventh District is made up of all of Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo, and Warren Counties. In addition, the District includes parts of four other counties — all of Boone County except Perry and Eagle Townships; all of Greene County except Washington and Cass Townships; two townships in Hamilton County, Adams and Washington; and four townships in Monroe County, Richland, Van Buren, Petty and Bloomington.)

## Brother Firemen And Auxiliary:

It's news time again. Where has the Summer gone?

I know its been a real busy time for every one. The wife and I have attended several of the Fire Department Fish Frys, Chicken Barbecues, Bean Dinners, Chili Suppers and other activities.

It was great to see the good turnout District 11A and District 11B had at their first Harvest Moon Dance. Thank you all for coming.

The report I hear from the District Chairmen and Public Relation Men are that our Fire

Schools were well attended this year. Keep up the good work, boys.

District 11B, Bill Bush and I have made several trips to State Line City to help them organize a Fire Department.

Hope you and your families have a nice Thanksgiving; also Vica and I would like to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Charles "Butch" McGill  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Your Chaplain  
Duane D. Lantz



In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ give thanks every day for everything to our God and Father. — Ephesians 5:20

By the time you receive your paper Thanksgiving will be over, but it won't hurt to look back to the meaning of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is not something to be observed — it is a mental attitude that begins with the recognition of the source of our blessings. The greatest cause for Thanksgiving is that God has made provision through His Son Jesus Christ for our inner happiness under all conditions. Thanksgiving is the substance of stability, hope, and peace.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. — John 3:16

Are we really thinking about the deep meaning of Christmas and the reason for it? Why is it called a holy day? Celebrations at Christmas are but vague shadows of the experience of the shepherds and wise men who came to Bethlehem to honor the Christ child and rejoice at His birth.

I marvel when I think of such a tiny town, such a cold and crude shelter, and such a simple people as the shepherds to picture for us the true meaning of Christmas. Yet the shepherds and the wise men recognized the birth of Him whom the prophets called King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He who was heaven's King came to us as a servant, and was made in the likeness of man.

May the Christmas spirit, the spirit of Thanksgiving and the spirit of God be with us as we venture through the New Year of '79.

## Remember

- The value of time
- The success of perseverance
- The pleasure of working
- The dignity of simplicity
- The power of kindness
- The influence of example
- The obligation of duty
- The wisdom of economy
- The virtue of patience
- The improvement of talent
- The joy of originating.

Holy Season Blessings  
Your Chaplain, Duane Lantz

## Man Takes Firetruck For Spin

Almost everyone at sometime imagines he would like to drive a shiny new firetruck, and Indiana State Police said they arrested a Hobart man recently who gave in to the impulse "to take it out for a spin."

Ronald J. Szewo, 31, was stopped in the eastbound lanes of

the Indiana Toll Road at 3:20 a.m. driving a 1978 firetruck belonging to the New Chicago Fire Department.

State police took him into custody near the Lake-Porter County line. He was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence and taken to the Lake County Jail.

Investigators said police thought it suspicious that a man would be driving a firetruck on the toll road, especially without a crew. They contacted the New Chicago fire chief, who said he knew nothing about anyone taking the truck out.

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## From the Desk of Your President



Lucy Stofer

Well, summer is over and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the Holidays.

I have been to several District meetings and everyone is busy making plans for the Miss Flame Contest. I hope we have a Miss Flame from each District this year.

Gene and I have attended several Fire schools and we enjoyed the Ice Cream Social at Ward Township and the Pancake Breakfast at Rensselaer.

We were at the dedication of several new stations and the training tower at Munster.

I feel the Harvest Moon Dance is going to become a yearly affair for Gene and I had a good time, as we always do in the 11th District.

We are also looking forward to Poes candy making affair and hope we can attend.

At the officers meeting in November the Doe Doll tickets were passed out to the District Chairmen and, in turn, will be passed out at the District meetings.

Good luck on selling them and, remember, this is our money making project for convention.

Gene and I wish all of you Happy Holidays.

### District 4, Aux.

The September meeting of the 4th District I.V.F.A.A. was held on August 26, 1978, at the Eby Pines Campgrounds.

The roll call was answered by six members from Concord, one from Harris, one from Walkerton, one from Baugo and an individual member, Jean Diedrich. The guests were Thelma Rohrbaugh and Barb Parker, State 2nd Vice-President.

The 50-50 Club was won by Jean Diedrich and Barb Parker and \$4.00 was added to our Miss Flame Fund.

The idea of having a district waterball team was mentioned and we are to think about it and discuss it with our local auxiliaries.

Auxiliary Activities — Concord Township - Fish Fry, September 9; Concord Township - 25th Anniversary, September 25.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Hahn, seconded by Peggy McLain. We then proceeded to the parking lot of Eby Pines Restaurant where a party honoring Norm Crocker receiving Mr. I.V.F.A., was given.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, 1978, at Lakeville. Kris Bechtel, 4th District Chairman

The albatross is among the most spectacular gliders of all birds, able to stay aloft in windy weather for hours without ever flapping its extremely long, narrow wings.

## In Memoriam

Thelma Myers, New Albany, McCulloch Aux., Dist. 14



Thelma Lester, Chaplain



"As a countenance is made beautiful by the soul's shining through it, so the world is beautiful by the shining through it of God." — Fredrich Heinrich Jacobi.

### We Is Not a WEE Word.

Among the many blessings we can count as Americans this Thanksgiving time is our durable, yet flexible, Constitution. Its guarantees gives us much for which to be grateful.

This great document was weathered great constitutional crisis, thanks in large part to the wisdom of the founding fathers. They set the tone for individual responsibility — the key to the Constitution's success — when they wrote in the preamble:

"We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The WE in the Constitution is not a wee word; it's the WE that makes it work.

To assure these great goals for ourselves and our children, it is essential that every one of us assume responsibility for making our government work. It is important:

- WE become well informed on political issues — and vote.
- WE support candidates of integrity, ability, and dedication.
- WE demand sound, economic and social policies.
- WE cry out when the Constitution is threatened.

The priorities may change through the years, but the emphasis for personal responsibility must remain on the WE.

The warning of King George VI during World War II is just as timely today as it was then: "If our world is to survive in any sense that makes survival worthwhile, it must learn to love, not to hate; to create, not to destroy."

Father, help us to see the needs of our neighbors and friends — even our enemies. Let us be Your means of fulfilling their needs and communicating Your love. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas To All.

Thelma Lester, Chaplain

## Auxiliary Officers Meeting

Ramada Inn - November 5, 1978

The I.V.F.A. Auxiliary Officer's meeting was called to order at 9:20 A.M. by President Lucy Stofer. There was an introduction of 9A's new Chairman, Kaye Kemper and Betty Osborn, District 11A Secretary and Treasurer. The District Chairmen and Past Presidents introduced themselves.

Prayer was given by Chaplain Thelma, followed by Pledge to the American Flag, led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Bonnie Crocker.

Roll call was answered by 23 Officers and 20 guests.

The minutes were read and corrected. There was a motion to dispense with reading of the District reports. This was seconded and approved.

Thelma Lester read a poem "Ain't God Good To Indiana". She then read Thank You notes from Janet Barrett, Mary Nelson, and Julia Konopasek. Thelma has sent nine Get-Well and 21 Sympathy cards, but no Birth Congratulations for "Blizzard Babies".

Treasurer, Lorretta Nulliner, reported: 11-4-78 — Previous Balance \$3,469.11; Cash received \$2,228.30; Total \$5,697.41; Disbursements \$558.14; Balance \$5,139.27.

Recording Secretary, Nicky Sunday, reported: 1,999 members; 130 Auxiliaries; 35 Singles, and 1 New Auxiliary, Galveston, District 9A.

Nicky suggested going to a Permanent Membership card like the men have. This would mean keeping the same membership card and changing the year date each year. This would speed up the membership process greatly. After discussion, Betsy Howe made a motion to go to a Permanent Membership Card in "79-80". Joyce Nevil seconded. Motion passed.

Games — Joyce Nevil reported they're having difficulty in acquiring the Waterball and Bucket Brigade winners' pins from the Imperial Trophy representative. These have been ordered and paid for. Treasurer has cancelled check. President Lucy is to contact him.

Jewelry — Barbara Ritter asked each District Chairman to fill out a report form when acquiring jewelry. A picture of the "79" Convention Charm was passed around. It is a replica of the Madison Fire Tower emblem.

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# More Auxiliary News

## OFFICERS MEETING

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**By-Laws** — Anna Marie Baker is working on them. It was suggested she order 3500 copies and contact Bob Laney about printing them.

**Doe Doll** — Barbara Surber had received \$5.00 more, boosting our profits to \$1,383.00. Doll tickets for "79" were passed out to District Chairmen.

**Lois Boaz Award** — Mary Boyd stated April 1, 1979 as deadline to send nomination letters. Send letters to either Mary Boyd, Vica McGill, or Virginia Wilson. Addresses in the State Newspaper.

**Miss Flame** — Verta Engle reported that Frank Taff, a gentleman experienced with contests, is working with the Miss Flame Committee. The judging will be Thursday morning at the High School auditorium. Joan Hayes is making silk flowers to use instead of real flowers. Judges scoring sheets were passed out for local or District Contest guidelines. Mr. Sanford will, again, donate a trophy to Miss Flame and Miss Runner-Up. The I.V.F.A. is considering the possibility of paying Miss Flame Contestants and her guardian's room reservation and registration. Definite plans will be announced later.

**Thelma Lester** announced her new address and passed out one Catholic and one Protestant Bible to each District Chairman. There has been two deaths reported. One in McCollough, District 16, and Mrs. George Bales, Montpelier, District 8B.

**Convention** — No ladies from Madison present. The men reported everything is fine.

**District 11B** asked about the possibilities of incorporating the Auxiliary emblem into the State Jewelry. President does not think this can be done. She will check.

The I.V.F.A. Auxiliary does not own the I.V.F.A. State emblem dye. Lucy is to check further with Mr. Laughman about this.

President Lucy welcomed Kaye Kemper, new Chairman of 9A, by presenting her with her District name bar. 9A's case is to be found for Kaye.

There was discussion on Convention Slides. Barbara Parker made a motion to use slides for "79" Convention. Lorretta Nulliner seconded. Motion passed. Vica McGill volunteered to contact Mr. Kadel to see if he will be available to do the convention and his price. Lucy appointed the "79" Slide Committee to be Eula Bush, Sue Biggs, and Almeda Brown.

District Reports were given.

Three Auxiliary certificates were passed out: Burkett, McCutchanville, and Washington Township.

Vi Cambron, District 16 Chairman, asked what the status of a District Vice-Chairman or substitute was when a chairman could not attend a State meeting. The substitute is to make herself known. She is counted on roll call as a representative of her District. She has voting power and is entitled to mileage if husband or a ride is not receiving mileage.

Betsy Howe thanked everyone for their condolences at the death of Bill's father. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sears, Corresponding Secretary

### DISTRICT REPORTS

**Districts 1 and 2** — Met October 5 at Lowell Fire Station. Roll call answered by 74 members and five guests from 12 departments. Guests were Lucy Stofer, Barbara Parker and Loretta Nulliner. Miss Flame rules read and an auction was held. Auctioneer was State Senator Ernest Niemeyer. Next meeting March 1, at Merrillville.

**District 4** — Met August 26 at the Eby Pines Campgrounds. Roll call was answered by 10 members and guests were Thelma Rohrbach and Barb Parker. The 50-50 was won by Jean Diedrich and Barb Parker and \$4.00 was added to our Miss Flame Fund. A District Waterball team was discussed. Concord Township Fish Fry was September 9th and their 25th Anniversary was September 25th. Meeting adjourned to join men in a party honoring Norm Crocker receiving Mr. I.V.F.A. Next meeting November 21, at Lakeville.

**District 7** — Met at Warren on September 18. Roll call of nine ladies and one guest, Ruth Fairfield. Fire School at Poe for District 7 was Duwayne Meeker on Silo fires. District ladies baked cookies and distributed the drink. Joined men for lunch and a film. Geneva F. D. Halloween parade was October 28; Hoagland dance November 18 at the Hayloft. All State officers invited to help make Peanut Brittle November 19 at Poe. Next meeting November 20 at Berme at 8:00. A \$1.00 Christmas exchange — men and women.

**District 8B** — Met September 13 at Hartford City. Roll call was answered by eight members from seven departments. Our guests were Lucy Stofer and Irene Creager. Miss Flame contest was discussed. Montpelier's Ham and Bean supper was October 28. Farmland's Chicken BBQ was October 28. The new officers were installed by Nicky Sunday. Next meeting at Parker on November 8.

**District 10** — Met August 21 at Manilla Fire Station. A Japanese Tea Party was the theme. Roll call was 57 members from 11 departments and seven guests. Election of officers was held: Nancy Neal, Chairman; Marion Hickman, Secretary-Treasurer; and Thelma Miller, Chaplain. Next meeting at Clifford on November 20, with a Christmas dinner at 6:30 and a gift exchange.

**District 11A** — Held its September meeting at New Goshen Volunteer Fire Department. We appointed a new secretary and treasurer, Lois Harrah from Honey Creek. Many committees were named. Plans were discussed for our Harvest Moon Dance with District 11B. Next meeting at Pimento Fire Department on November 19.

**District 11B** — Met at Montezuma Firehouse on September 17. Montezuma Auxiliary served a delicious Spaghetti dinner. Topics discussed were Districts 11A and 11B serving the meals for the West Central Fire School and the Harvest Moon Dance held October 28. Next meeting at Rosedale on November 12 at 1:00.

**District 12** — Met at Ben Davis Fire Station on August 14. Roll call answered by 18 members from six companies and four guests: Lucy Stofer, Barbara Parker, Barbara Surber, Vica McGill and Eula Bush. Election of officers were held, followed by installation. Next meeting at Mickleyville on November 13.

**District 13** — Met August 16 at the home of Loretta Nulliner. Roll call was five members, four State officers and four guests enjoyed a cookout.

Election of officers was held and installed. State convention slides were shown at State meeting. Next meeting at Anna Marie Baker's on November 16 with a gift exchange.

**District 14** — Met September 20 at Vienna. Eighteen members present. Election of officers was held. Underwood Dinner on September 24 at 12:30; Austin Fish Fry on October 7 at 12:00; New Washington Fire School, Dinner at the 4-H Grounds on October 21 and 22. McCollough Dance on November 4. Next meeting at Madison.

**District 16** — Met September 10 at Buffalo Trace Park for a Picnic and meeting. Plans for our Miss Flame Dance were discussed. Next meeting at LaFayette Fire House on November 9. We have candles for sale. Have decided to have a District letter to be sent out after each meeting.

### District 11A, Aux.

The Holidays are just around the corner. Soon it will be time for parties and, of course, Santa Claus. The fall has been just beautiful this year. We have enjoyed going to many different departments and their functions.

Many interesting things have happened in the past few months. If anyone missed the Volunteer Fireman's display at the State Fair, they sure missed seeing a very good exhibit. Next year they promise it to be even better.

Our last district meeting was at New Goshen on September 17th. Our turn out was lower than usual. We hope that everyone will try to come to the next one at Pimento on the 19th of November. We named some committees for our district auxiliary. Everyone should be thinking about entering a Miss Flame in District 11A. It would be nice to have a girl from each department this year. She will be chosen at our March meeting. Also, if any department has any by-laws, please send them to me.

Fire school was held at Pfizer, south of Terre Haute. It was a very successful school, with a real good number from our district. It really shows that our firemen are wanting more experience and education.

District 11A and 11B held a Harvest Moon Dance October 28th. We had a very nice crowd and quite a few State Officers from all over the state. We were glad to see everyone. Hope that we can make it an annual thing. So everyone is thinking about it. If you come once you will want to come again.

If any department has anything coming up, let us know. If we don't know about it, we can't come.

Everyone try and remember to come to the next district meeting which will be held at Pimento Volunteer Fire Department on November 19th.

The Biggs family hope all of you have a nice Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year. Sue Biggs

District 11A Chairman

### District 11B, Aux.

District 11B held its regular meeting at Montezuma September 17, 1978. We discussed our joining forces with District 11A to serve the lunch for the West Central Fire School. It turned out to be quite successful.

We also, along with District 11A, sponsored a Harvest Moon Dance on October 28, at the Half Century Club in Clinton. We had a real nice crowd and I think everyone had a nice time. We really appreciated the many state officers who attended. Most of them had to travel several miles. Thanks to the committees and everyone who helped it to be a success.

I am happy to report that the Clinton Firemen's Auxiliary has organized and has joined the Association. Welcome to a great organization, Clinton. We still have a few Auxiliaries that have not sent in this year's dues. They are now delinquent and should be sent to the Recording Secretary, Nickie Sunday, as soon as

possible. We also still need some more new Auxiliaries to reach our goal of 20 for this year. Let's join together and do some recruiting.

Once again, I would like to encourage every Auxiliary to attend the District meetings. They are held the 2nd Sunday of every other month beginning in January. At our July 1979 meeting, there will be an award presented to the Auxiliary with the best attendance during the year. Now is the time to start working for it.

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and The Bushes (Bill, Eula, Brent, Brenda, and Becky) wish one and all a very Joyous Holiday Season.

Eula Bush  
Chairman, District 11B

### District 16, Aux.

The September District meeting was a family outing (Pitch-in Dinner) at the Buffalo Trace Park at Palmyra.

We enjoyed having the company of Norm and Bonnie Crocker with us.

Entries are now being taken for the Miss Flame Contest to be held St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. For further information, contact Angela Doan at 948-0239, or write 630 Parkwood Dr., Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130.

The Southeast Fire School was held October 1, at Bethlehem, hosted by New Washington Volunteer Fire Department.

### 25th Anniversary

September 25 the Concord Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary and Charter Members and Husbands celebrated the Auxiliary's 25th Anniversary. Each lady received a carnation, then all enjoyed a bus ride to the Super Steer Restaurant for dinner.

After dinner the group returned to the Fire Station for a program given by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Eversole (she is better known as the Kentucky Woman). After the program, gifts were presented to all. Special recognition was given the 14 charter members: Mary Nelson, Vera Singleton, Kate Anderson, Louise Housour, Marimohn Rowe, Martha E. Cook, Martha L. Cook, Grace Kime, Bessie Wood, Florence Ernest, Lucillie McCollough, Lillian Detwiler, Ella Mae Bechtel, and Gladys Morningstar.

## Center Township Install Officers



(Left to right) President, Terena Brandt; Vice President, Ellen McClain; Secretary-Treasurer, Diana Glendenning; and Chaplain, Denise McGinley.

### News Item

The Fountaintown Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary met at the fire station September 6th at 7:30 P.M., after a summer of relaxation and absence.

We will be busy during the fall and winter months. October 6th and 7th there will be a sale at the fire station similar to a garage sale. We are accepting donations at present — no clothing please. For information, call 763-7130, 763-6508 or 861-6268.

Mrs. Nulliner will be making 1979 date books. Give her your preference as hostess. We will be selling two year planning calendars soon.

A thank you note from the volunteer firemen was read by the Secretary, thanking the Auxiliary for all past favors.

The volunteer firemen are being asked to paint the rest rooms. The Auxiliary will purchase the paint.

All Auxiliary members are asked to help clean the kitchen and meeting room floors September 28th, at 7:00 P.M.

The next meeting was at the fire station October 4th, 7:30 P.M.

### To The 12th District Ladies Auxiliary

We wish to thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement and kindness at the passing of our son, Donald G. Layman, Jr.

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### Tax Reform

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But not all remarks about taxes have had a touch of humor about them. It was a grim Chief Justice John Marshall who wrote in an opinion handed down in 1819 that "The power to tax is the power to destroy." Since the 16th Amendment gave Congress the power to impose a tax on income, an almost impossible structure of tax laws and regulations has evolved which can be, and often is, the despair of professional accountants and tax lawyers, let alone the farmer, small businessman and every individual taxpayer who has to file an annual return.

It might be asking too much for the Congress to take the approach to this problem that Napoleon ordered be taken with the tangled snarl of French law when he demanded (and got) simplification that has gone into history as the Code Napoleon. "I want these laws," he is reputed to have said, "simplified and condensed to the point where any Frenchman can carry a copy comfortably in his pocket."

But we have to start somewhere. With that thought in mind, I first introduced a bill on April 15, 1975 that would establish a non-partisan Federal Commission on Tax Revision. Reintroduced in this session as H.R. 6155, this Commission would undertake a complete review of the Nation's tax laws. It would consist of 24 members, equally divided between Republicans and Democrats, with the President, the Senate and the House of Representatives each appointing eight persons.

The President would pick four officials of the Executive Branch; the Senate, four Senators; the House, four Representatives. In addition, four individuals from business, industry and labor would be selected by the President, the Senate and the House.

Each appointee would be required to have experience in and-or direct connection with tax policy, legislation, administration or, in the case of private citizens, special competence and experience in Federal taxation or related fields. I especially want members from both the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal Government included in the Commission. There has been in the past far too much finger-pointing, shouting back and forth, and mutual recrimination between these two sectors as to who is responsible (at fault) for our tax problems. It is time for them to work together.

The Commission would be politically balanced. Of each set of four appointees, not more than two could be from each of the two major political parties.

The bill was carefully drafted to spell out areas of general and specific policy for the Commission to pursue. Generally, it would consider: 1) the extent to which taxation affects incentives to work and invest; 2) the burden of the different types of taxes on various levels of income; 3) "erosion" of the tax base and so-called loopholes in the law; 4) the extent to which taxes should be earmarked; and 5) the desirability of using a flexible tax policy (including delegation of discretionary tax authority to the President) to promote economic stability and economic growth.

The section dealing with specific items is broken down into nine parts. Matters concerned solely with personal income taxes — such as exclusions and deductions from gross income, standard deductions, personal exemptions, income averaging and annuities and pensions; deferred compensation plans (pension, profit sharing and stock bonus plans); expense account deductions; depletion allowances; inventory methods; capital gains and losses (which would include taxing gains on

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### Secretary's Report

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IVFA way to let everyone decide which they want to purchase or leave go, as well as how much they wish to spend. This info is available to all members through the IVFA meetings, as well as the Paper.

About all I can say is, read and heed and do as you think best. Life is made up of ups and downs and we all travel the course but once and the only thing we can do to

level it out is read, heed and hope we make the correct choices — at home, at play, at work, or at the fire station. But, then, if we made all the right choices, maybe that would be no fun at all, because then we would have no bad times to evaluate against the good times just to see how good the good times were.

As the man said — you won't get out of this life alive anyway, so do the best you see how to do.

Really got carried away with that one, but back to the problem

at hand. You shall be getting a department mailing soon with instructions about new membership forms. Please return as soon as you can. Want to get this all done for convention and will be able to do so with a little help from each department.

Thanks, in advance, for your continued help and be reminded that I am still at your service when needed — give me a holler and I shall do my best to oblige.

Best of Season's Greetings to All.  
Jack Ford

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### The History Of The Indiana Volunteer Firemen

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Today there are over 880 volunteer Fire departments in the state.

There are over 22,000 volunteer firefighters of which 14,000 are certified in the state certification program through the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Two-thirds of the assessed property value in Indiana is protected by volunteer firefighters. Some volunteer departments have paid firefighters, others do not. In the departments that don't have paid firefighters, the tax rate runs from \$.03 to \$.36 on \$100.00 of assessed property value.

The percentage of volunteer firefighters that protect Indiana is high at figures of 85 to 87 percent.

One-third of the ambulances in Indiana are operated by volunteer firefighters.


Fire equipment is very expensive. One piece of apparatus owned by a volunteer department costs \$238,000. Many times this equipment is donated to the department.

On December 6, 1946 the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association was created. This was done so all volunteer firefighters in Indiana could be heard on the state level to help in providing fire laws and regulations.

Then in April, 1976 the National Volunteer Fire Council was formed to let all volunteers be heard on a federal level. This was done to help make federal laws and fire safety regulations.

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## Madison - Indiana's Oldest Fire Department

In the very early 1820, is area local Firemen researchers have found reference to Bucket Brigade Volunteers. (George F. Harper, Member of Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1 — in 1890's — served as Secretary of Company, and also was Madison City Clerk several years and Mayor of Madison - 1910-14 - (Died in 1928) - wrote a very fine 'Evolution of Madison Volunteer Fire Company' in our local newspaper!) Mr. Harper found that in early 1820's a loose knit Bucket Brigade of Volunteers tried to give Madison some Fire Protection. Some of these men went before the Town Board of Trustees in early Summer of 1825, and asked that they be given some equipment. After some deliberation, it was voted to provide three ladders 35 foot long and three 28 feet long made of good 'Blue Ash' or comparable timber - made by a local Carpenter. In addition they also had a local Blacksmith make Six Iron Hooks and six 6-foot Chains affixed to Hooks, which would be used to pull over or down walls of buildings — Hooks placed on 12 foot poles.

(Added note: — We found the earliest definite location of a fire was in Spring of 1826 — the Blacksmith Shop of Abraham Wilson on Main Cross burned. He had made the Iron Hooks and Chains.)

About 1827, a Town Meeting at our Courthouse, Lawyer Jeremiah Sullivan (who had suggested naming the new State Capital "Indianapolis" when it was moved from Corydon in 1825) led a group of property owners in discussion and voted to petition our Town Board to assess a special Tax to raise a Fund to buy a Fire Engine. This move was discussed and deliberated upon by our "City Fathers" for four years and after investigation of Specifications and price, a Hand Pumper was ordered from Philadelphia in Autumn of 1831, with delivery in about six months.

The Hand Pumper was loaded on a ship near the Pennsylvania Shop and taken down the Atlantic coast around Florida to New Orleans and transferred to a Steamboat to come up river to Madison, arriving about Mid-March, 1832. (Town Treasury was low and a Government Bank in Louisville, Kentucky let them have \$640 until taxes could be collected. About all the stores and shops closed when word spread that the 'Fire Engine' was being unloaded at our Levee; an impromptu program by some of our Officials, Merchants and Volunteer Firemen, was held after paying the sum of \$646.88, including freight and Insurance, about twenty men pulled to a place near the Town Hall, where the other equipment was kept.

The Hand Pumper was named "Little Red" and pumped from large barrels of water hauled on two wheeled Drays from the Ohio River. (Perhaps some 1978 readers may recall the old Hand Cars on our Railroads, used by Track repair men — this propulsion idea was similar to the Hand Pumper Fire Engine.)

By early Autumn of 1832, it was voted to have a Fire House built — 16 x 20 feet, which cost \$13,82½¢ with a two per cent commission or profit for his work to a local builder.

February 6, 1835, a Paid Fire Department was voted by Town Board (as Madison was incorporated as a Town - April 1, 1825) C. B. McCullough given a contract to get 12 Able Bodied Men

to take over the Equipment and Fire Protection of Madison — the dozen firemen would receive Six Dollars a year, payable \$1.50 quarterly, or each three months. This arrangement was cancelled effective October 31, 1835 — about 10 months.

Shortly before the Paid Fire experiment, local businessmen had subscribed \$1,000 to have a local Wagonmaker (Fleming Durham) build a larger copy of 'Little Red'. It was completed in late Autumn and when the Paid group was cancelled, about 60 or 80 Volunteers again took over the job. The new Pumper was named 'Alpha' being the first built in Madison, and the group became the "Alpha Fire Company."

According to W. W. Wollen's History of Indiana, we found he told that in late 1830's there were between 230 and 240 Volunteer Firemen, and the larger group was then 'United Firemen of Madison'.

By act of Indiana State some of the larger Towns were Incorporated as Cities, to choose Mayors and Common Council in an election in April of 1838. Madison chose Moody Park and with nine Wards had nine Councilmen. One of the first projects under this new group was a contract to dig about six large Fire Cisterns in our Main Cross Street (now known as Main Street), dug at about every three City Block intersections, lined with Brick, with a Cast Iron cover, and filled by Water Haulers with River Water.

1840 - U.S. Census - showed Indiana with 685,866; Jefferson County was second behind; Dearborn, who had 19,327, our county had 16,614; this was tally of Southeastern Indiana. (Madison had 3,976) (now ranked third.) New Albany was largest in population with 4,200 and Indianapolis was second.

By Summer of 1841, only about 100 of the United Firemen members were still active and they decided to form a Fire Company, ask for a Charter and draw up Rules and Regulations, and on September 15, 1841, Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1 was officially organized.

A Bad Fire, March 19, 1845, took a quarter of a City Block, including the Presbyterian Church, on South side of Main Cross between West and Mulberry Streets. Using the two hand Pumpers and a long line passing buckets from a City Well, near midnight and with a wind to contend with, it was a losing battle trying to extinguish the wooden buildings. About a dozen Gals in teens or early twenties, got in the line to pass empty buckets back to Water Supply; but twenty or thirty young men 'Side Walk Superintendents' or 'Town Clowns' jeered and advised the Volunteers but offered no help in the fire fighting.

At the April meeting of Fair Play Fire Company the members were still hot and mad at the local detractors; they voted to have the Company Secretary take a letter to next City Council meeting, advising that they were resigning and suggesting that the job of Fire Protection be given to those young men that could give advice but no offer of help.

Fortunately the summer months passed without any serious fires. The Council, however, voted to order a new Hand Pumper from Cincinnati (Double Suction) and 1600 feet of Hose.

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## District Meetings

### District 4

The 4th District has been very busy with the Northeast Fire School. This was probably one of the best fire schools we have had as a working school. I would like to thank Paul Fairfield and all the boys at the Angola Fire Department. You did a real fine job. Thank You.

As District Chairman, I am proud to say the 4th District is 100 percent in the I.V.F.A. I would like to thank each department for getting their dues into Jack for this year. From the looks of things around the state, we are going to have a record year in membership this year.

Hey fellows! Don't forget to get your reservations in for Convention '79 at Madison. The boys at Madison have a good convention cooked up for us this next year.

The District officers would like to thank all the departments for their support this past year, and hope to do more for you in the future.

To all my fellow firefighters, Kris, my two girls and I would like to wish each and every family a Happy Thanksgiving, and A Merry Christmas, and also A Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to another year with all our firefighting friends.

Doug Bechtel  
4th District Chairman

### District 5

District 5 meeting was held at Etna Green with 24 members from eight departments and one guest present.

Chairman John Huff led the pledge to the flag.

John Huff introduced guest Paul Fairfield.

Firemen from Etna Green were reconized for having the district meeting.

Secretary Tom Krom from Roann had roll call.

Old Business:

Paul and John talked about redistricting maybe at the 1979 convention.

Next year's Convention is June 21, 22, and 23, at Madison, Indiana. Paul suggested, if possible, camp when you go to Madison. Because of lodging, Paul also mentioned that the last convention cost \$40,000.00.

New Business:

Chairman John Huff talked about the National Fire Conference. Paul Fairfield said that money is required for this and he would like to see each department join.

The Mexico Department also mentioned that they still have not received their certification.

Then there was discussion about arson and Mexico reported that they found various associations to cover arsons, and also the response from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Paul Fairfield talked about the IVFA, N.E. Fire School. Chairman John Huff mentioned about the Valpariso and the Richmond Fire School; also John Huff invited many of the neighboring departments of Kos. County to the Kos. County Fireman's Association Fish Fry.

District Secretary  
Matthew Shafer

### District 11A

Hi! Well, here it is November already. Since our last paper there have been a few things to report on.

First, there was the State Fair. This year we had a booth for the

first time — the way it was received was out of this world. We had slide shows, passed pit literature and thousands of little red fire hats.

I want to congratulate the Public Education Committee for the fine job of putting it all together.

We had our West Central Fire School on the 23rd and 24th of September, at the Pfizer Co. at Terre Haute. We had mask, ladders, propane, Natural Gas and a class on investigation by Carl Svenson of the Iowa Fire Marshal's Office. We only had two minor accidents — one man got his arm and shoulder blistered when heat from the propane turned his sweat into steam. The other twisted his ankle. I think it was one of our best fire schools, and I was very happy to see so many from District 11A and 11B there.

Our District 11A and 11B dance was held on October 28th. There was a good turn out and we were happy to see many state officers there. I hope everyone had a great time.

Our November District Meeting will be at Pimento on the 19th and we hope to have a good turn out.

Have a Merry Christmas and A Happy and Safe New Year.

Larry Biggs,  
District 11A Chairman

### District 11B

Congratulations to all District 11B Fire Departments for getting their I.V.F.A. dues paid. As far as I know, there is only one department in our District that does not belong to the Association. Hopefully, we can get them signed up before long. Kingman Fire Department has just recently joined the I.V.F.A. Welcome aboard, Firemen!

I am happy to report that the West Central Fire School was very successful. I am also proud that so many from our District attended. To the people who couldn't attend, you missed a good opportunity to receive some very valuable fire training. Hopefully, there will be a school on elevator fires in our area in the near future. Our District is primarily an agricultural area and this training will be invaluable to every department. As the plans for the school materialize you will be notified.

On October 28, Districts 11B and

11A had a dance. A very nice time was had by those attending. Bud Sears, Chairman of District 8B, had an especially good time. How about that, Rosemary? A big thanks to the committees who worked so hard to make it possible.

Our next District meeting will be held at Rosedal on November 12. I would like to see every department represented at our meetings. This is your opportunity to hear and be heard. I am your voice at the state meetings. Please come to the District meetings and let me know what is going on in your department.

We are proud to announce that Bill and Mary Patterson (Farmland Rhythm Band) were the proud winners of a 230 pound hog at the Dana Fall Festival. Now we can all go to their house for pork chops. How about it, Mary and Bill?

There are still a few departments that I have not visited. I hope to be at your department meeting soon. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me at 1-317-665-3213.

Bill Bush  
Chairman, District 11B

### District 12

Regular business meeting was held at Pike Township Volunteer Fire Department with 32 members, representing 14 departments, present.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Chairman Darrell Jenkinson, opening prayer by our Chaplain Jim Brunner and pledge to flag led by our Vice Chairman, Don Johnson.

Introduction of guests — Charles Jones, President of I.V.F.A.; Norman Crocker, Vice President, I.V.F.A.; Steve Ritter, Public Relations West Central, and Mike Fridlin, Hawk Fire Apparatus.

Roll Call — Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Also the financial report given. Chairman Jenkinson asked regarding vendors' sales representatives attending our meeting. After a few pros and cons, motion by Don Lippincott, and seconded by John Knight, that we allow these salesmen to attend our meetings and give their pitch after the meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business — John King, gave the report regarding our recent picnic and that everyone had a great time.

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## Madison History

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About mid-August, 1845, Milton Stapp, a former Lieutenant Governor of Indiana and then a City Councilman, along with a popular East End resident (Samuel Weatherford) contacted most of the dissident former members and they agreed to again take over the Fire Protection, and wanted to work with the new pumper (Hoosier) from Cincinnati, received in early September. So the Fair Play Co. No. 1, with a hundred plus members began using the three Hand Pumpers, 'Little Red', 'Alpha' and the 'Hoosier'.

After reorganization of Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1, in September, 1845, the members began practice with the new Pumper near Crooked Creek, on the balmy Autumn days of September and October, and toward last of October, about 24 or 30 members disagreed with the Chief Director or other instructors and decided to quit and form another Fire Company. By end of 1845, they had signed up about a hundred and twenty men and after asking City Council for recognition and a portion of the City Fire Equipment, Washington Fire Co. No. 2 was duly formed January 22, 1846, and given the new 'Hoosier' Hand Pumper and 800 feet of the Leather Hose.

Madison Courier - May 7, 1848:  
Item: -

Madison City Council votes to accept Contract of John Harrington, to build two 2-story Brick Fire Station Houses for our local Volunteer Fire Companies.

Fair Play Co. No. 1 will be on Northwest corner of Main and Third and Washington Co. No. 2 will be from same design on North side of Third just a few steps West of West Street. It was agreed that Contractor follow suggestions of Firemen in Interior design. (We were told by older members that Harrington, on completion of walls and roof, began to ignore the wishes of firemen, and they went to Council and asked that he be paid off and they would complete the interior, which was done.

About the end of November the Engine Houses were being used by the firemen for the equipment. (We might add that Horses were not used to pull Equipment until in 1870 era.)

(1847) early Spring — Fair Play Co. No. 1 had solicited funds to get another Hand Pumper, and asked Council permission to get Fleming Durham to build a larger copy of the 'Hoosier'. This was voted. About July or August, the largest Hand Pumper, with Double Suction, was completed and delivered to Fair Play Co. No. 1 — it was named 'Madison'. It took 52 men to pull and operate it at capacity.

In early 1850 era, several large Flour Mills and Foundries burned, as well as the Octagon Shaped County Court House built in 1822-23, which burned September 12, 1853. (Arson Suspected) Local Newspaper had printed item of Steam Fire Engines being used in Philadelphia and New York City in 1855-1856.

We should mention a bad fire, July 3, 1856, took a facility that was very important as they employed almost 300 men building Boats and Barges for the Ohio and Mississippi River trade.

Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1 had accumulated some money and on May 24, 1856, had bought a Southwest Corner Lot at Main Cross and East Street, on which they planned to build their own Fire Station. (We found that on May 31, 1859, they sold this tract to the Catholic Order of Sisters of Providence, who also planned to build a school on the lot, as this site was midway between the Irish

and German Catholic Churches.)

February 20, 1859 — Arsonists again set fire to Courthouse (they had just moved in the new \$36,000 County building in Autumn of 1855) it was gutted again, but fortunately all old records were saved.

May 23, 1850 — A group of men from West End of Madison formed Western Fire Co. No. 3. One of the organizers was Joseph T. Brashear, a Blacksmith, who later served 14 years as Madison Mayor, (longest tenure of any in the post.) Also, in Summer of 1850, the first Water System installed with about a mile of cast iron pipe and three Fire Plugs. However, the Fire Cisterns still filled by Water Haulers from Ohio River.

October 5-9, 1854 — Indiana State Fair held in Madison.

November 5, 1859 — Washington Fire Co. No. 2 ordered a Steam Pumper from Reanie, Neafie & Levy Company of Philadelphia; Cost \$2,000. Received on a Flat Car at Railroad depot March 14, 1860. On March 16, it was taken to Cistern at Mulberry and Main; Steam was raised in nine minutes and began pumping 10 minutes later, throwing water horizontally from a 1 and 3/8 inch Nozzle, a distance of 250 feet and 3/4 inch Nozzle, 193 feet.

In retrospect we might say that we passed over December 18, 1851 (Neptune) that an item in local paper told that "A New Hose Carriage" built for Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1, by local Wagon Maker, 'Ez Green', at his shop on Second Street and painted by Wm Peddie, will cost \$450. (This is still in Fair Play Co. Building.)

Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1860 — Celebration and Parade described in local paper:

First in line were a few Revolutionary War Veterans; Second group in Parade, 'Mexican Border War Veterans'; then, Home Guard, State Militia.

Fourth Unit — 'Turner's' - Athletic Club; followed by Colorful Fire 'Laddies'; Fair Play Members wearing 'Blue Velvet Jackets'; Washington Co. No. 2 - Sporting flashing 'Red Marino Jackets', Western Co. No. 3 - looking handsome and efficient in 'Green Jackets and Fire Hats'.

1860 — Minutes of Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1 describe a Special Called meeting for Funeral Service of a member; members met at Hall of Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1, on Northwest corner of Main and Third Street, walked to home of deceased member and carried 'Corpse' to Engine House to conduct service — then returned him to his residence.

The individual's company members wore Black Crepe Ribbon on Left Arm for 30 days following a member's death and other Madison Firemen, wore Mourning crepe on Arm for 10 days.

His Company members walked in Funeral procession to Cemetery. (In 1923, we found that Washington Fire Co. No. 2 discontinued walking in Funeral — because they couldn't keep up with the automobiles.) (We found some members destitute and the burial expense was borne by the Company.)

Still customary on learning of a Madison Fireman's demise, his Company bell is tolled, for a short period; other companies under Hill Toll Bells when deceased Fireman is on way to Cemetery.

Spring of 1870 — Western Fire Co. No. 3 bought a 'Silsby' Steam Centrifugal Pumper that ran with a 'Hum' and local firemen named it the 'Humming Bird'. (They had before loaned the 'Madison' Pumper in 1855, and it was

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## District Meetings

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Don Boyle gave a few remarks regarding our I.V.F.A. Trailer Booth at the State Fair. He believes this was one of the greatest things the Association has ever done. Also there were several great points of suggestion for next year.

There were several committees appointed and they are as follows: Miss Flame Committee — Steve Ritter, Chairman; John Knight and Charles Bogden.

Games Committee — Don Johnson and Mike Ross.

Training Committee — James Brunner and Robert Sutton.

Chairman Darrell Jenkinson presented the 12th District Midwest Award to Charles Bogden and stated that the name for Midwest Award must be submitted by February 1. The present committee consists of Charles Jones and Charles Bogden.

Second Roll Call — Steve Ritter, Public Relation, West Central, gave a report regarding one of our member departments (Coatsville Volunteer Fire Department). They went off service for a few days because of the problems with their Town Board. Steve also gave a running account of his experience at the recent State Convention in Iowa — gave report regarding their Waterball games, etc., plus golf game, beer drinking, etc. He also travelled through the northern part of the State of Indiana.

West Central School fire school is being held September 23-24 in Terre Haute, at the Pfizer Plant. He gave out the schedule for the program.

Debra Smith was introduced. She is the first woman firefighter in Pike Township.

I.V.F.A. President, Charlie Jones, was introduced and he gave a few remarks regarding the State Fair project and also promoting drinking glasses for the Madison Fire Department Convention. Then he had a few words regarding our legislative committee.

I.V.F.A. Vice President Norman Crocker was also introduced and he gave a few remarks regarding redistricting and presented a map of changes. After a few pros and cons, motion by Mike Ross and seconded by John Knight that we accept the recommendation of the redistricting committee from the map presented by Vice President Crocker. Motion carried.

Past District Chairman, Al Mendel, was introduced.

Mike Fridlin, Sales Representative from Hawk Fire Apparatus, gave a few remarks and also stated that in the near future door prizes will be given.

Mike Ross, President of the Marion County Association, gave a few remarks.

Assistant Chief, Bill Parks, gave us a few remarks regarding their new building — really a fantastic layout.

Good of the Order — There will be a Chili Supper at Washington Township Fire Department, 71st and Keystone, Friday the 23rd.

Ben Davis Co. No. 4 will be having their Annual Cornbread and Beans Supper, plus Bingo, September 1st.

50-50 Raffle was held — Art Kinney was the winner.

There being no further business — motion to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

Refreshments were served by the host Auxiliary. Respectfully submitted, Charles Bogden  
12th District Secretary

A pedestrian is anyone with two cars, a wife, and a kid old enough to drive.

## Tax Reform

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assets transferred at death); depreciation; income from abroad and tax credits.

The Commission should also look at tax treatment of specific types of organizations, such as insurance companies, the several banking institutions, farm cooperatives and other exempt organizations, investment companies and real estate trusts.

The bill also singles out eight comprehensive areas of the tax structure. The first is the relationship between Federal, State and local taxes, which, of course, goes into tax sharing and supplements, separation of revenue sources, deductibility or credit for taxes paid another level of government, uniformity of tax bases, and general use of tax coordinating methods. Also, corporate taxes, small business, partners and partnerships; trust, estate and gift taxes; and excise taxes.

The Commission would make its report to the Congress within ten days after the opening of the Second Session of the 96th Congress, in January, 1980. Ninety days after that, the Commission would go out of existence.

What I am aiming at, through this legislation, is a bi-partisan effort to help find the answers. There are inequities in the basic law; no one contradicts that. The country really needs a comprehensive and far-reaching package of tax reform, that will mean a substantive and fair revision of the tax structure to insure equitable treatment for all taxpayers. And we must move out from under partisan political clouds to do it.

This is, admittedly, a large order, but we happen to be dealing with a very large problem that continues to grow. The climate for a comprehensive study could not be better. President Carter made tax reform a major campaign issue, but upon taking office, found it was a larger undertaking than he ever imagined. Although he called our tax laws a "national disgrace" the few reforms he has proposed were quickly chewed up by the House Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance. At this writing, it appears that Congress will consider a simple tax reduction, with a possible capital gain sweetener, but no real tax reform.

It was an advisor to another President who is credited with saying, "We will tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect." Whether or not Harry Hopkins, close friend to President Franklin Roosevelt, ever really said this or not, is beside the point. The plain fact of the matter is that this is the very image a great many American taxpayers — regardless of how much they pay — have of their Federal Government when it comes to taxes. This feeling shows no signs at all of abating.

This can become — indeed, has become — a very serious matter. For, with so many Americans holding this cynical and jaundiced view of the Congress and the Executive, when it comes to the gathering and spending of their money, it means we are confronted with an ever-deepening distrust of, the loss of confidence in, governmental authority and motives. This is a situation that simply cannot be ignored.

The need for real tax revision and reform is vitally important, in and of itself. But there is, even more importantly, the matter of public trust and confidence badly eroded, that must be restored. This Commission would, I believe, contribute greatly to that restoration. And we must certainly have that restoration, if our American Republic, almost two centuries old, is to endure, prosper and flourish.

If you support my proposal, you should make this support known by writing directly to the Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Honorable Al Ullman, at the Committee office, 1102 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

## Parker City Volunteer Fire Department

### Shows New "Turn Out" Gear



This picture of the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department is showing the new "turn out" gear that was just purchased. Some of the men got both coats and pants while others got just coats. The outfits are complete Nomex from Morning Pride.

The department held their annual Firemen's Fun Fest on July 29, a small parade started the day followed by the waterball contest with the following results: Men-Parker-first; Redkey-second; Women-District 8B-first; Selman-second. Waterball for the children was enjoyed by all. The day concluded with a fish fry and a free Country and Western band at the Fire Station.

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## BALANCE SHEET

For 12 Months ended May 31, 1978

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	
Cash in Bank:	
General Fund .....	\$14,129.62
Clothing Fund .....	6,982.90
Death - Funeral Fund .....	5,839.76
Emergency - Donation Fund .....	1,883.43
Savings and Certificates of Deposit .....	96,000.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$124,835.71</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>	
At Cost:	
Furniture & Fixtures .....	\$ 2,174.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$127,009.71</b>
<b>FUND EQUITIES:</b>	
General Fund .....	\$ 16,303.62
Clothing Fund .....	6,982.90
Death - Funeral Fund .....	5,839.76
Emergency - Donation Fund .....	1,883.43
Savings and Certificates of Deposit .....	96,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES .....</b>	<b>\$127,009.71</b>

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT STATEMENT

For 12 Months ended May 31, 1978

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Membership Dues .....	\$ 71,562.00
Insurance Commissions .....	17,935.23
Program Book .....	8,952.33
Interest .....	6,693.33
Fire Training School .....	1,023.85
Advertising .....	5,149.30
Donations .....	2,074.07
Miscellaneous .....	30.50
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$113,420.61</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Advertising Expense .....	\$ 208.96
District Expense .....	2,150.02
Dues Refunds .....	408.00
Fire School Expense .....	1,966.03
Insurance .....	1,620.67
Legal Fees .....	539.20

Meeting Expense:	
Officer .....	5,917.80
Committees .....	4,371.80
I.V.F.A. ....	30.00
Annual .....	8,951.33
Officers Expense:	
President .....	983.66
Vice President .....	1,149.79
Secretary .....	3,876.61
Treasurer .....	2,137.30
Recording Secretary .....	160.40
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	436.59
Chaplain .....	1,240.33
Past President .....	82.27
Legislative .....	1,720.94
Office Supplies .....	55.00
Printing Expense:	
Newspaper .....	13,899.38
Regular .....	1,089.71
Postage .....	3,400.00
Repairs .....	893.00
Staff Expense:	
Add Taker and Editor .....	921.42
Public Relations .....	1,387.52
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT GENERAL FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ 59,597.73</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Clothing Fund	
Claim Vouchers approved .....	\$ 2,554.55
Bad Check .....	15.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT CLOTHING FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,569.55</b>
<b>Death-Funeral Fund:</b>	
Claim Vouchers Approved .....	\$15,330.00
Memorials and Bibles .....	20.35
Miscellaneous .....	80.00
Office Expense .....	11.41
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS DEATH FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,441.76</b>
<b>Emergency Donation Fund:</b>	
Advertising .....	\$ 190.23
Administrative Expense .....	317.56
President Expense .....	533.62
Chaplain Expense .....	451.80
Vice President Expense .....	358.82
Secretary Expense .....	1,093.17
Sergeant-at-Arms Expense .....	182.47
Historian Expense .....	73.76
Committee Expense .....	1,751.95
District Expense .....	570.00
Meeting Expense .....	3,159.32
Insurance .....	29.00
Printing, Paper .....	4,500.36
Postage .....	28.67
Public Relations .....	642.23
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS EMERGENCY - DONATION FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ 13,882.96</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ALL FUNDS .....</b>	<b>\$ 91,492.00</b>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$ 21,928.61</b>

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### New

## Recruiting Method

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 "Don't worry," they reassured him, "nine times out of ten, by the time we get to a fire there's nothing left to lean a ladder against."  
 — Helen Daley, Parker, Colorado

# CONVENTION GAME RESULTS

## Men's Waterball

Teams Entered

- Hope
- Mickleyville No. 3
- Wayne Twp. No. 1
- St. Joe
- Mickleyville No. 1
- Columbia City
- Poe No. 1
- Lacrosse
- Acton
- Adams
- Mickleyville No. 2
- Poe No. 2
- Grabill
- Winning Teams
- 1st-Poe No. 2
- 2nd-Poe No. 1
- 3rd-Adams
- 4th-Hope

## Ladies Bucket Brigade

- 1 Poe No. 1
- 2 Poe No. 2
- 3 Hope
- 4 Wayne Twp. Co. 8

## Men's Bucket Brigade

- 1 Grabill
- 2 Columbia City
- 3 Burkett
- 4 Hope
- 5 Bridgeport No. 2
- 6 Poe No. 1
- 7 Poe No. 2
- 8 Wayne Twp. Co. No. 8
- 9 St. Joe
- 10 Bridgeport No. 1

## Ladies Waterball

Teams Entered

- Winchester
- Madison Twp.
- Poe No. 1
- Acton
- Wayne Twp. Co. No. 8
- Poe No. 2
- Hope
- Winning Teams
- 1st-Poe No. 1
- 2nd-Poe No. 2
- 3rd-Winchester

## Men's Hose Replacement

- 1 Lacrosse
- 2 Bridgeport No. 2
- 3 Bridgeport No. 1
- 4 St. Joe
- 5 Decatur
- 6 Hope
- 7 Grabill
- 8 Wayne Twp. Co. No. 8
- 9 Bridgeport No. 3
- 10 Poe No. 1
- 11 Columbia City
- 12 Poe No. 2

What this country needs is film that self-destructs for people who insist on taking vacation pictures to bore you with.

They call 'em "adult" movies because kids have better sense than to dream up the stuff that goes into them.

## Public Relations E.C.



BILLY SUNDAY

Once, again, we have had a very successful fire school in East Central, Indiana. I would like to thank the District Chairman and the Henry County Instructors Association for all their help. I have been a little slow in getting around to the district meetings, but now that my employer see's how important it is I work days, maybe I can get around.

We have, already, started to work on the East Central Fire School for next year and have some real good ideas in mind. We will be expecting letters or suggestions on a location for our next school.

If you would like to host the Fire School, contact your Chairman, or myself, and we will contact you. There will be several schools around for you to attend. For one example, The Indiana LP Gas Association will hold a school on "Handling Hazardous Materials' Transportation Emergencies". Information is being distributed

around the state. If anyone would like to hold a local school and needs some assistance, please let me know or contact your Chairman.

Last night's late-late was so bad that the test pattern on the other station pulled the top rating for the wee hours.

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**Issue No. 8**

With all the picnics, campouts and summer enjoyment over, the Auxiliary Officers settled down to business in November, 1966 meeting at Kokomo. From the old business of the August meeting, it was decided for all officers to write all their duties. This later would be put in book form, which would be given to each officer and later passed on to her successor. Carolyn McCarty and Catherine Fries were appointed to do this. It, also, was decided to buy an attache case for the Chaplain.

The February, 1967 Officer's meeting was held at the Imperial Motel in Indianapolis. Districts 3 and 6 presented a resolution and amendment. It was discussed, which led to President Fairfield appointing a committee to meet and decide about them. The committee rejected, as they read, but a new one (similar to them) was written for the two districts to return with both and decide about them. They could then send the district's approval of a new amendment to the secretary before deadline date; April 15th, by Registered mail.

Mrs. Fries was relieved from her publicity duties and the write-up book form of the officers' duties while her husband, Harry, was so seriously ill.

April Officer's meeting was held at Convention City, New Haven. A rubber stamp had been bought for use in making the district cards. Chairman of the Board, Inez Jeffries, appointed her Auditing Committee: Evelyn Gallmeyer, Lois Boaz and Wanda Stuerzenberger.

Our 1967 Convention was hosted by New Haven on June 15, 16 and 17. Registration started at noon on Thursday, the 15th, at the Fire Station. Thursday evening Officers' meeting held at the Conservation Club, closed the 1966-67 fiscal year. With all business finished and everyone in readiness for opening of the Convention the next morning, the meeting adjourned with a reception, fish fry and entertainment following.

Convention proper opened Friday morning with a joint session of firemen and auxiliary in the Public School Auditorium. Fire Chief Charles Brown, Convention Chairman, introduced all town, county and state dignitaries, who graciously welcomed all delegates and visitors. Our President, Ruth Fairfield, presented I.V.F.A. President Walter Steiger with a check from the Auxiliary to the Firemen's Association.

The women were dismissed to go to their meeting room for a lovely Koffee Klutch, where beautifully decorated tables greeted us. Later a short business meeting was called to order by President Ruth Fairfield before dismissal for Memorial Services. Auxiliary deaths during 1966-67 were: Esther Gallmeyer of Poe Auxiliary, Ossian, and Frances Burnet of Ben Davis Auxiliary of Indianapolis.

123 women signed the registration book. Balance of \$1,215.49 was given with membership of 805.

In the afternoon session, Mr. McKeen, from Nationwide Insurance Company, explained the policy and would amend their policy and contract to permit a rider stating the definition of Unit! "It will take five (5) ladies in good standing as members of I.V.F.A. Auxiliary to be considered a 'Unit' to carry insurance."

Election was held after which Ruth Ford, assisted by Catherine Mason, installed the following officers for the 1967-68 year. They were: Mary Stafford, from Waldron, as President; Rosella Bousman, of Ward Township, Saratoga, for Vice-President; Pat Wade, of New Castle and Indianapolis, Recording Secretary; Carolyn McCarty, of Union Mills, Corresponding Secretary; Jo Lantz, from Scipio Township of LaPorte, Treasurer; Thelma Lester, from Raleigh, Chaplain; Wanda Stuerzenberger, New Haven, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Ruth Fairfield, Wayne Township No. 2, Fort Wayne, as Immediate Past President.

The Board Members were: Jean Camp, Gary; Marie Moore, LaPorte; Joan Shanaburger, Churubusco; Marjorie Brames, Hoagland; Shirley Knoll, Waldron; Catherine Van Arsdale, Wayne Township No. 5, Indianapolis; Doris Van Winkle, Bordon.

In the evening the banquet and entertainment were much different than we had before at conventions. A rental of a large tent, together with smaller ones, were set outside of Goegleins Kercherval Hall for an outdoor Ox Roast. A terrible wind and rain storm preceded the banquet, which might have kept some away, but the 620 persons attending enjoyed a tasteful menu and exceptionally good entertainment by the Shrine Masquers of Fort Wayne. Later, all enjoyed dancing inside Goeglein's Hall.

Saturday morning Waterball and Hose Laying Contests were held. The Acton Ladies remained the Champs with Wayne Township No. 7, Indianapolis, taking second place honors in Waterball contests. A Grande Parade was enjoyed by a large crowd watching on with trophies being awarded. The Lucky Doe Doll was won by Stella Pope of Waldron. A profit of \$542.98 was made with the doll project.

At the August, 1967 meeting, President Mary Stafford appointed the following committees for the year: Insurance, Ruth Ford; Waterball, Shirley Knoll; Lapel Pins, Verta Engle; Installing Officer, Pauline Glaub; Publicity, Catherine Mason; By-Laws, Janet Goodwin, Vica McGill and Libby Leist.

November meeting was held at Y.W.C.A. in Kokomo. Much discussion was held on dues deadline. The purpose of the amendment for deadline to be September 30, rather than May 1st, was more business-like manner for the secretary and treasurer to balance their books and also for insurance and waterball participation.

At February meeting in Kokomo, most districts agreed with the amendment concerning the deadline date of September 30 being accepted. This will be voted on at convention.

In April meeting at Jeffersonville, Convention City, we were glad to hear our membership goal of 1,000 has been surpassed by 93. Thanks, Gals!!

A motion was made, seconded and carried, to purchase pins for the Men and Auxiliary Chaplains to be presented at Thursday evening meeting of convention. These pins would be passed on to the next Chaplains.

In May, District 16 purchased a small Sterling Silver Bible, which opens, and sent to me to wear on my individual state pin. It was to replace the Bible I had previously on a state pin which I lost, both at New Haven Convention. Thanks, girls and so thoughtful! It even opens and has written (very small) the Lord's Prayer. I wear it very proudly.

**Fire Prevention Parade**

On Sunday afternoon, October 15, 1978, the Annual District 18 IVFA Fire Prevention Parade was hosted by the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department. Participating in the parade were 57 units, including 21 pieces of fire equipment from 15 fire departments. Ten lovely young ladies represented their respective departments as candidates in the Miss Flame Contest. Other units included the Firemen's Auxiliaries, the Miss Flame's candidates courts, various floats, veterans' service clubs and their

auxiliaries, Southridge Marching Band, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, marching units and saddle clubs.

Miss Flame Contest judges were Marcia Yockey, WFIE-TV 14, Evansville; Hal Wolford, WEHT-TV 25, Evansville; and Bonnie Schmett, Huntingburg Housewife. Carl Davis, IVFA Southwest Public Relations, judged fire equipment. Genevieve Davis, Carl's wife, along with Denny Spenner of WBDC Radio, Marilyn Prechtel of WITZ Radio and Teresa O'Bryan, Civic Leader, judged all other entries.



(Left to right) Kathy Bauer, Dubois Volunteer Fire Department, 1978-79 Runner-up; Marcia Yockey, Evansville's Channel 14 Weather Girl; Lynn Bilderback, Holland Volunteer Fire Department, 1978-79 Miss Flame; and Donna Wineinger, Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, 1977-78 Miss Flame.

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## Indiana Fire Instructors Hike Manual Price

The price of almost all of the IFSTA fire service training manuals will be increased approximately 30 percent effective July 1, 1979. This increase is made necessary by large increases in the cost of producing and distributing the manuals, from preparation to printing, to postage. However, in the name of service, IFSTA is giving ample notice of the increases so that every customer can arrange their training budget to stock up on IFSTA manuals before the price increase becomes effective.

As a non-profit educational association, IFSTA was very reluctant to make the decision to increase prices, but continued operations at the present level are contingent upon recovering our costs.

Printing costs are one example of the hikes we've been trying to absorb. Each new edition of a manual contains more information in the form of text and photographs. As a result, extra page requirements and inflation have caused printing cost increases of between 33 percent and 135 percent during the last two years. Even reprints of existing negatives have cost an average of 40 percent more. Also discouraging is the inability to guarantee a lower unit printing cost when ordering in very large quantities. Recently, ESSENTIALS OF FIRE FIGHTING, IFSTA 200, was reprinted with D O U B L E the previous quantity, yet the unit cost still increased!

The recent increase in U.S. postage rates is another problem area which is known by all. In fact, each of the tasks or services required to publish and ship our IFSTA manuals can be detailed to show the constant rise in our

costs, and always the bottom line calls for a general price increase.

IFSTA customers may forestall the effects of the price increase for an extended period of time by anticipating your needs for the longer run and ordering before the July 1 effective date of the increase. In this way it is also possible to take better advantage of the quantity discounts, and the total savings to you can be

significant. Send money with your order and save even more because the IFSTA will pay for the postage and handling. Total savings could exceed 50 percent off what the same order would cost after the price increase takes effect, and if the order were not prepaid.

In general the new price structure will reflect a 30 percent increase, but this will not be an across-the-board hike. All of the

manuals, with a \$4.50 price now will go to \$6.00 for a 33 percent rise. The manuals with a \$5.00 price now will also go to \$6.00, but this is only a 20 percent increase. Added together, the price of a complete set of IFSTA manuals would cost approximately 30 percent more after next July 1, 1979.

So, IFSTA urges you to order now . . . and save!! All orders received after July 1, 1979 will be filled only at the new prices. Don't

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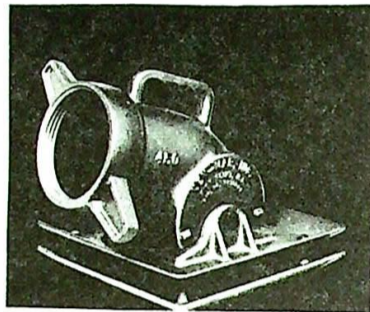
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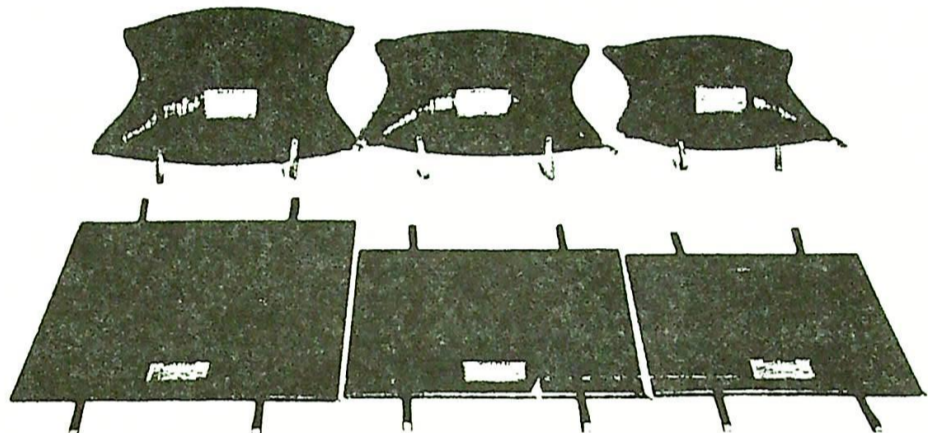


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# Tricks of the Trade

by  
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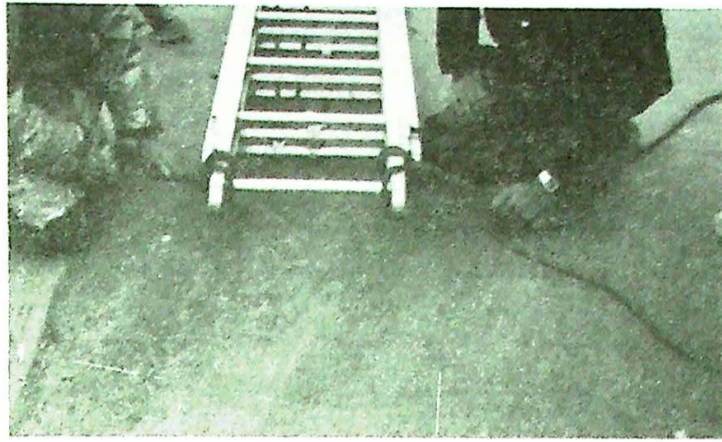
As I work around the State Fire Fighters continually try to impress on me that they do little ladder work at fires. From some of the ladder work I see I can readily believe this.

How do your men handle ladders? I ask this question frequently. The knowing looks and smiles tell me that they are aware of the need of more ladder training. One training officer of a major department stated that he had two hours a year for this "chore". I emphasize the "chore".

carpenter, painter, roofer or a tree trimmer who use ladders every day. Boy, does this difference show up!

We have many fire fighters who are uneasy at heights. This is natural and is in no way to be criticized. This fear can be deminished only by frequent climbing. Every officer should know which of his men are uneasy on ladders and not put them at heights if it can be avoided.

Illustrated in the ladder manuals of thirty years ago is the "Church Raise". It gets its name



the hips that the fire fighter can "sit" in it.

A fine hitch to the top of the ladder is made by taking a loop in the center of each of the two guy ropes and passing this loop around the beam of the ladder at a point between the first and second rungs, as the ladder lays on the ground. Continue to pass the loop under the (now two) guy ropes, then lead up and over the top of the beam. Snug down to the top

fields, and, Oh Yes, changing light bulbs in Church Sanctuaries. For some of our fire fighters it's the only time we can get them to church.

**A TIP:** You'll need a couple of good heel men and a safety man. I have learned that everyone concentrates on the activity at the top and the trim of the ladder can be forgotten, except by the man at the top. All he can do about it is to



There are a number of reasons for poor ladder work — let's examine a few.

We fail to realize and are not taught that the ladder is one of our most awkward, unwieldy and dangerous tools. The only time it is in balance is when it is laying flat on the ground. Therefore, it takes teamwork, attention to small details and practice to achieve smooth ladder work. In almost all my classes is a

from the need, in an attic fire, to open up the high arch ceilings of the Sanctuary in our older churches.

In such a situation there is no place to lay the tip of the ladder. Basically the "Church Raise" is a free standing ladder supported at the top by four ropes led off at the four diagonals and each anchored around the hips of a fire fighter. Like a ladder or safety belt — the guy rope should be low enough on



rung and you have all four guy ropes leaving the ladder at the same level.

Now leave the guy ropes hang loose and make a normal flat raise and extend the top as needed. Tighten the guys, trim the ladder and it is ready to climb.

You will find this a most useful evolution for rescuing kids and cats from trees, servicing wires between poles, stringing flag poles, changing light bulbs at ball

holler. The safety man supervises the trim of the ladder.

Like all fire service evolutions it is wise to practice this one before you need it. You will be surprised by the stability of the ladder. It is the strongest standing vertical — weakest on the horizontal. Normally we sacrifice some strength for convenience by laying the ladder at 70 degrees when we're working.

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## Mt. Vernon

### Fire & Rescue Unit Election

The annual election of the Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue Unit was held on September 15, 1978 at their regular meeting. This department meets the first and third Thursday of each month. The following were elected as officers for the 1978-79 year:

Fire and Rescue Chief — Max Butler; 1st Assistant Chief — Floyd Kusturin; 2nd Assistant Chief — Art Meinschein; Honorary Chief — Manus Bishop.

President — Floyd Kusturin; 1st Vice-President — Tom Humston; 2nd Vice-President — (John) Orrin Estes; Secretary — Roy Schmitzer, and Treasurer — Mac Rueger.

Only one (1) trustee needed to be elected and that was Max Butler. The remaining trustees were previously elected and they are:

John Yaggi — Chairman, Leonard Wentzel, Glen Curtis, Vic Hessler and Fred Freimiller.

The newly elected officers took over their respective offices on October 1, 1978.

A workday was held on Sunday, October 15, 1978, with approximately 15 men and their wives showing up to help out. The project of the day was to clean out the warehouse and prepare it for the winter months and for storing some of the unit's equipment. Everyone worked hard and had the job completed just in time to eat the delicious meal that the wives had prepared. Fifteen pounds of chicken were fried and served with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, beans, apple pie with ice cream and many other tasty dishes that the wives prepared and brought with them. Needless to say, when all left the station about 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, most went home to take a short nap after stuffing themselves at the table.

Respectfully,  
Max Butler, Chief  
Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue Unit,  
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### Hazardous Materials Course Offered

This year the Elkhart County Education Committee will, in cooperation with the Indiana Vocational Technical College, offer the course "Hazardous Materials II". Participants will receive three credit hours through Ivy Tech.

This class will cost about \$36.75 for registration, plus the cost of the book. This is a 36 hour course. It will start the last week in November on the 29th and 30th and will run for 11 weeks.

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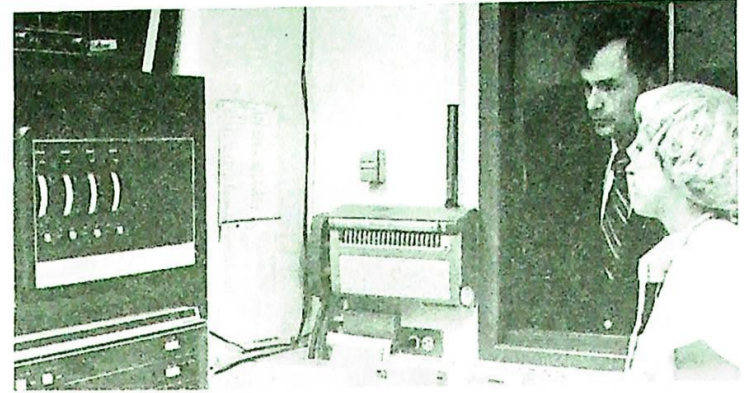
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(Left from right) Mark Valenti, Jan Daskalos, Winnie Harmon, John Crook, Steve Carol, Harry Alexander, Kenny Goodwin, Craig Giblin. (Not pictured) John Ostermeyer. — Photo by Pike Township Photo Department.



St. Joseph's Hospital Burn Unit Assistant Supervisor, Suzy Dresser, explains the monitoring system for the unit to Anthony Wayne Firefighter's President Wolf-Dieter Dehne. Dehne's group donated \$2,150 to the unit.

### Burn Unit Donation

The St. Joseph's Hospital Burn Unit has an additional \$2,150 in its equipment fund, thanks to the Anthony Wayne Firefighters, Inc.

The volunteer firemen from Wayne Township Fire Department Company No. 2 earned most of the money helping at the Township's "1869 Circus" held last July. Also adding to the total were proceeds from a chicken barbecue and miscellaneous donations.

Wolf-Dieter Dehne is president

of the 30-member group. Don Warble is their vice-president; Harry Kessel is treasurer; and Kurt Spielman is secretary.

This is the first time the group has been able to make such a large donation to St. Joseph's Burn Unit. The eight-bed unit is one of only 35 burn units in the United States. Since its opening in 1974, the Burn Unit has treated more than 300 patients, primarily from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

## New Pike Township Number 3 Station Dedicated

The Pike Township Fire Department dedicated their new number 3 station at 4009 West 86th Street on Sunday, September 10th.

At the present time they plan on running squad 16 and a pumper from this new facility.



Left to right: Bill Lavender, of Mel Cunningham Builders, presents the key to Bill Smith of the Pike Twp. Fire Board and Chief Meadows.

## IVFA Fire Schools Good Education

We have finished the Year of 1978 I.V.F.A. Fire Schools. I have attended or instructed at every PR District school which has been held. The schooling was informative and much to the point with three of the schools dealing with Grain Bins and Silos and the other hazards associated with them. The other schools have been, for the most part, on basic firefighting.

The firefighters who have attended the different schools, on the most part, were pleased with the training given. The Fire School Committee was dis-

appointed in the lack of attendance at the schools.

To the firefighters who attended the school in your area, you deserve a big THANK YOU from your fellow firefighters and the residents in your protection area for the additional knowledge you have gained. Put the word out to the other firefighters about the schools and bring a buddy or two with you to the schools next year.

To the firefighters who, for one reason or another, couldn't attend, next year why not make a special effort to take part in the schools. Much preparation is put

forth by the school committee for you. Next year we hope to see all of you at the schools. If you have a subject which you would like training on, please contact your District Chairman or Public Relation Directors and let them know what they are.

Did you know that some departments have been sued by the homeowner for not doing a good job of firefighting? The departments have a responsibility to do a good job of firefighting. How can you do this without training?

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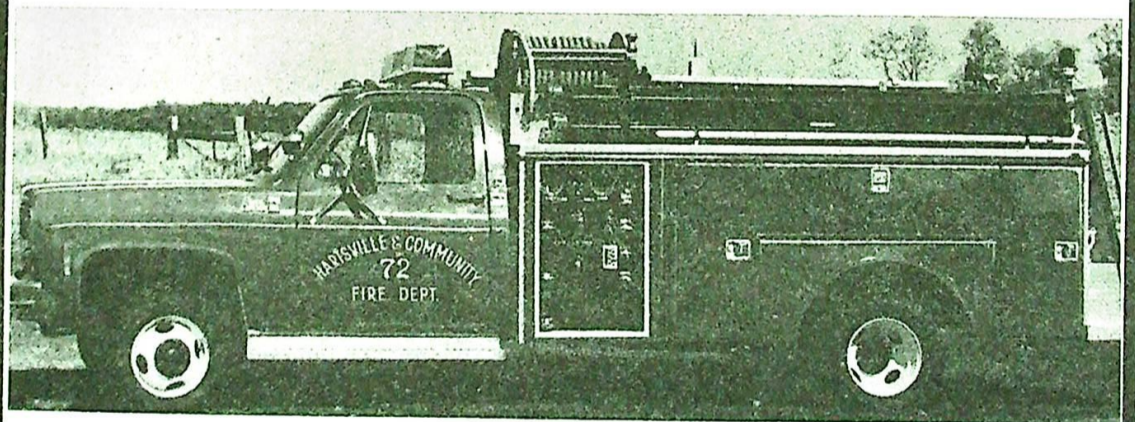
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### Fire Service Instructors

Fire Service Instructors have assumed a large responsibility, stated the Commission on Fire-fighting Personnel Standards and Education. The success, the value, the over-all purpose of training and education lies with the Instructors. How many are really assuming that responsibility, however, by actually instructing?

When the Instructor is less than inspired with his function in the fire service, the training will fail. Where the firefighters struggle and resist the Instructor's efforts, the training will fail. There must be a mutual meeting of an Instructor providing good training and the firefighters responding with equal enthusiasm.

Malcolm Boyd, Tennessee State Fire Marshal, stated it so well at the Richmond Fire Conference that a scuba diver learns his work and then practices over and over. So should firefighters. William Goodwin, Indiana State Fire Marshal, stated that the time of giving away Certification arm patches is over. From now on it is imperative that the firefighters

earn them through training and education.

Cooney Tucker, Director of Education for the Indiana State Fire Marshal and a member of the Commission, has completed 39 years in the fire service. He and the State Fire Marshal are still enthusiastic when they learn something new for better fire-fighting. How can other fire-fighters with less time say they know all there is to know?

In four presentations at the 1978 Richmond Fire Conference, it showed clearly to those in attendance that the unexpected does happen and firefighters cannot say, "It won't happen here." In Waverly, Tennessee where the horrendous LP gas railroad tank car exploded, it did happen. In Covington, Kentucky at the Beverly Hills Supper Club, it did happen. In St. Louis where seven city blocks of buildings were destroyed in hurricane fire proportions, it did happen. In San Diego when the Boeing 727 airplane crashed in a residential neighborhood, it did happen. It does happen, in unexpected places, at unexpected times. Could your department handle it? The Commission's goal is to see

there is at least one Instructor, Training Officer, in every fire department. Where none has been so designated, it becomes the Fire Chief's responsibility by default. The Commission wants the

Indiana Firefighters to be prepared, to act swiftly, intelligently and safely. It, therefore, is the responsibility of each firefighter to see that the firefighter next to him or her is well trained. The

"buddy" system is still important, if your "buddy" can be relied upon. Repetitious training is needed. Ask for it, demand it, take it. And see that your buddy does to. Your life may depend upon it.



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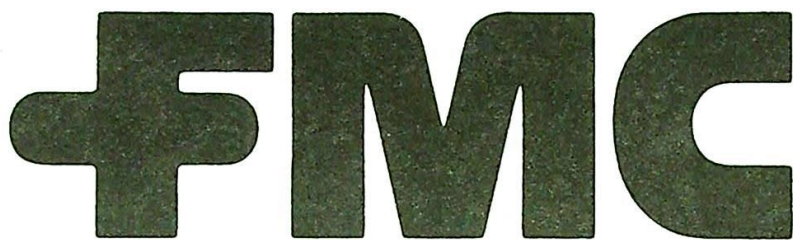
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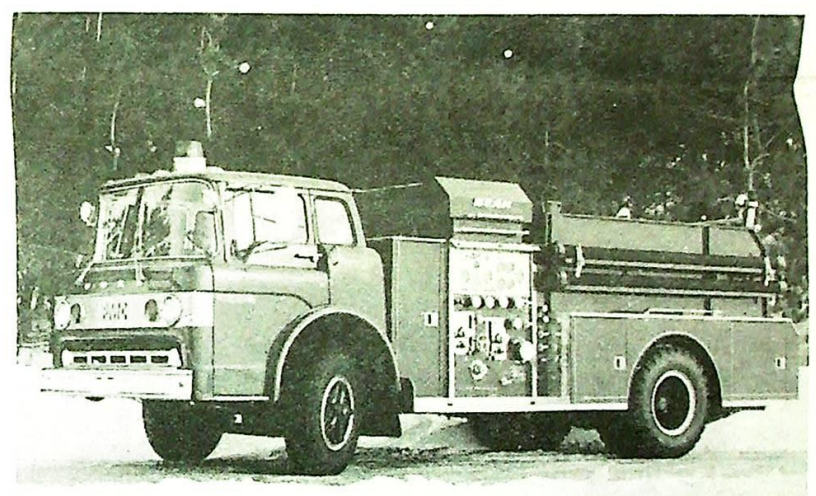
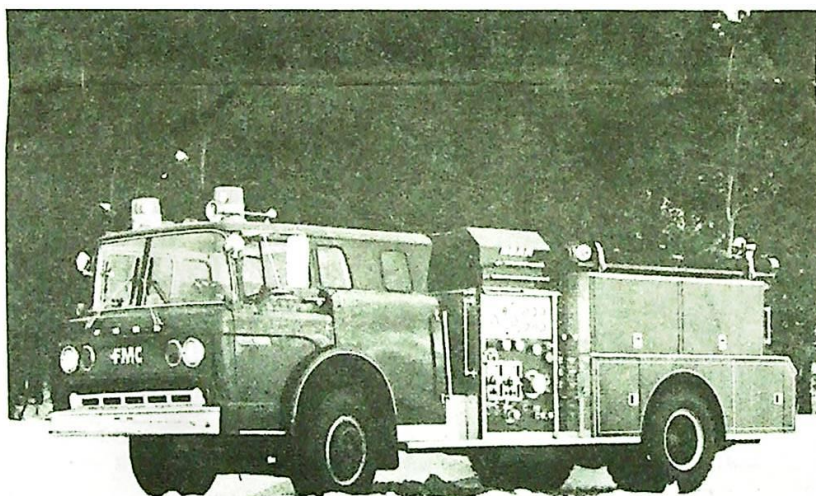


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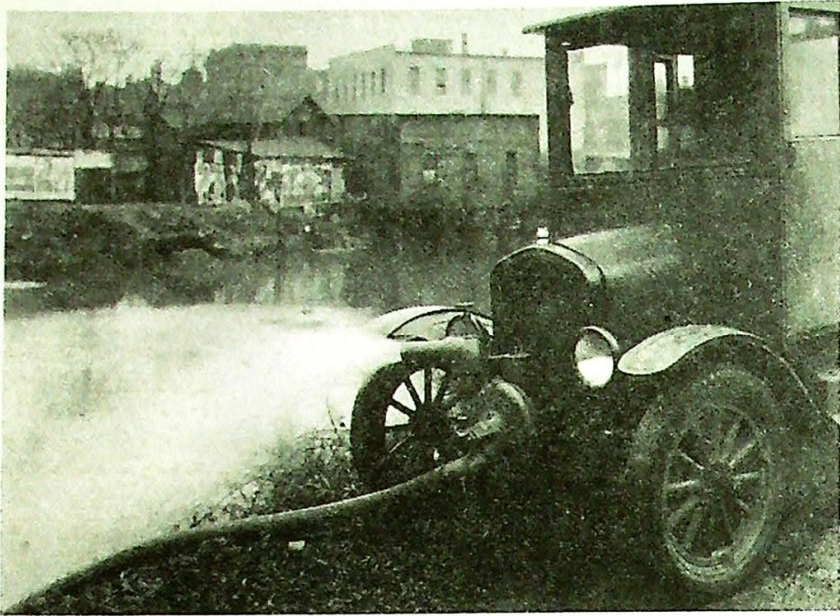
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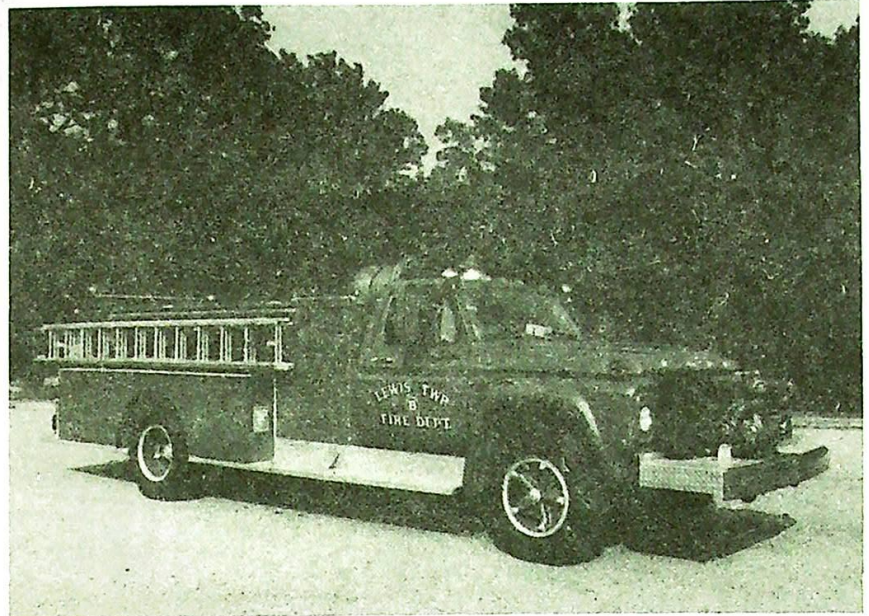
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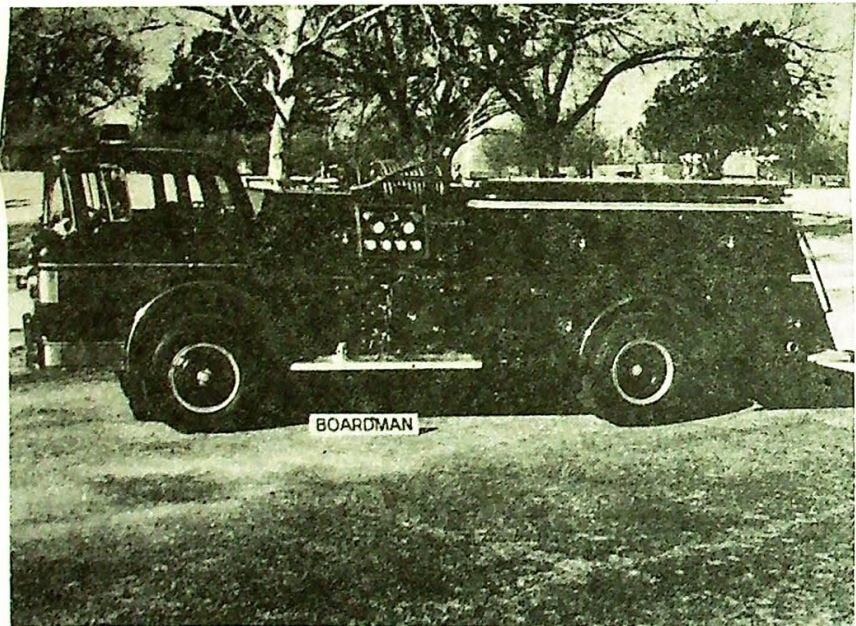


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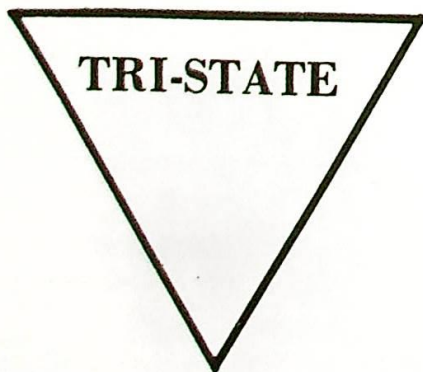
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# Let 'er Burn

By Don C. McCullough  
Secretary Hagerstown-Jefferson  
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Volunteer Fire Department  
Public Relations Officer  
Wayne County Firemen, Inc.

There has long been a misconception in the procedures of fire fighting, about which something must be done, and as quickly as possible. It is the old adage of "Let 'er Burn," in an effort to (1) conserve water, (2) wear and tear on men and materials, and (3) to help the unfortunate person or persons cleanup the mess of a horrible fire.

I attended one of these not too long ago and I have endeavored to keep my feelings in check for respect of the devotion men are giving throughout our country, voluntarily, to fight fire.

It was a dwelling and none of the residents were at home. The fire was discovered by a neighbor who was passing the scene. By the time he had dashed into the house to make a quick check to ascertain that no one was in the building, returned to his home to call the fire department, who now must rally their crew, and they had rushed to the scene. The dwelling was in a pretty complete stage of envelopment. At the time I had passed the fire, having been attracted by the familiar red glow in the night sky, the fire department was "standing by" allowing the blaze to continue to consume the dwelling.

Gentlemen, we just can't do this.

(1) Think of the training opportunity that you are missing, by not putting "the laddies" to the test of seeing how quickly they can extinguish the holocaust;

(2) Think of the adverse public relations that may be created by "standing by," and the propitious relationships that might be established with your taxpayers, should you vivaciously attack and conquer the fire;

(3) Think of the lives of your men and bystanders that may be saved, as you cool the fire just moments before it involves, and triggers the tank, the explosive, and -or any other presently inert materials that may rend disaster upon the scene;

(4) Remember, too, that you are the officer-in-charge of the fire. IT IS YOUR FIRE, to have and to hold, for better or for worse, in victory or in defeat. The showing that you make is your hallmark to fame as a fire officer, and, for which you could be held responsible. For, as you know, in Indiana you are an ex-officio member of the Fire Marshal's Staff;

(5) Think, too, what may happen to darned good evidence, if that thing has finally happened to you, that you pray to God every night, never happens;

(6) And, you MUST realize the tremendous difficulties in determining fire responsibilities, should the insurance carrier or carriers, choose to subrogate against a negligent electrical, L.P.G. or other contractor you might mention.

I inquired of the officer-in-charge of this fire why he was not attempting to subdue the conflagration. His answer was, "she's a total loss anyhow, so we have decided to 'let 'er Burn.'"

I then asked him if he had acquired to insurance information

available, as he had determined it a total loss? He had not.

Had he completely examined the premises so that he could confirm the fact that the continuation of the fire would not result in an explosion, or trigger a dramatic chain reaction? He had not.

I further inquired as to the ownership of the property, and he stated that the owner was present. Upon determining that the owner was not a bachelor, I asked the OIC if he knew the whereabouts of the spouse. He stated that she was in the County Seat shopping. I then asked the officer if he had met her there, and talked with her in the last few hours. He had not. He further stated that he had received his information from the husband. I suggested then, that he had, in all probability, searched the house completely, during the early stages of the fire, and could conclusively state that she had not been invaded by some stranger, bound, and gagged and left in a closet? Or, that she had not drugged herself, and started the fire? He had not.

Gentlemen, these are the times that try fire chief's souls. There are things that are going on every day of the world that stagger the imagination of those of us who constantly and consistently endeavor to fight fire on equal terms. Sooner or later you will be confronted by the most dastardly of these. So, suspect them every time. Get that fire under control and overhauled as quickly as possible. Then, let's look the askes over, and burn the ruins under supervision, under ideal weather conditions, and with knowledge of what we are doing.

At this particular fire, fly ash was being carried by the false thermals of the conflagration for hundreds of feet. An inquiry again suggested that they were saving their water in the event that any of the other buildings might become involved. Would not the proper, and the best procedure in this instance, be to extinguish the threatening fire?

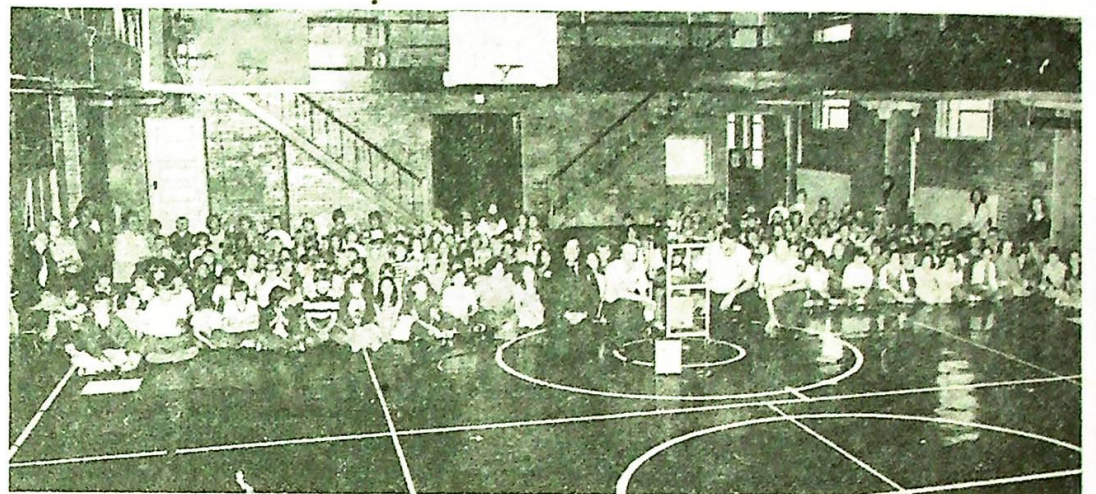
However, let us not be too critical.

If you have a fire, and you are sure where every person who could, or may be involved is located; and you sure that there are no dangerous materials or deadly chemicals that might be released with the continuation of the fire; and you are in such good graces with your public that they completely understand what you are doing and just why you are doing it, and trust you completely to continue doing just that; and if you can go to any court of the land and testify as the exact cause, origin, and responsibility of the fire you are fighting; you have no problem.

Let 'er Burn!

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## Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department



November 9, 1978  
Recently, in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week and in an ever continuing effort to solidify public relations, members of the Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department provided the students of a nearby elementary school with a program on fire safety and home evacuation. Using two film strips and a slide program, students were taught the basics in fire prevention and fire survival, which could very well prove to be life saving information in the future.  
At the end of the program and after a full week of coverage from the local newspaper, a banner was presented to the school in recognition of their eager participation.  
Pictured, left to right, are

Charles Hill, Fayette Central Principal; John Clarke, Public Relations of the Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department; and J. D. Lake, Chief of the Bentonville Department.  
When the program was initiated two years ago, members of the Bentonville Department had little idea that the response of both the students and the teachers would be so tremendous. The students were eager to learn, which was obvious by the retention of the material presented the first year when the firemen returned the second year. The teachers continued the teaching in the classroom by giving first safety related homework assignments.  
Chief J. D. Lake encourages any and all departments to consider the incertion of such a program in

your fire districts. If you can afford as little as \$50 and as little time as three or four hours to present your material to the students, your reward will be ten-fold just in the attention you get from the students and staff, not to mention the great opportunity for some easy but worthwhile public relations.

Any departments who would be interested in the type and sources of the information that the Bentonville department used, may obtain it by writing Bentonville Fire Department, Box 37, Bentonville, Indiana 47322.

John Clarke,  
Public Relations Officer  
Bentonville Volunteer Fire  
Department

## Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education

By Richard D. Van Sant, Chairman of Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education.  
I am sure that by now each of you are aware that the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education was formed by an Act of the State Legislature. The one problem that confronted us was that, while we were a legal Commission, there was nothing in the way of funding mentioned.  
Over a period of time, it was worked out and the expenses of the Commission are now paid through allocated funds from the State Fire Marshal's office. The only full-time employee is Ms. Pat Babbs who serves as Program Coordinator, clerk-typist, etc. I have brought this to your attention for one reason, and that is to let you know that our funds are very limited.  
After the deadline of January 1, 1977 had passed for Certification of firefighters under the Grandfather Clause, the Commission held hearings on appeal by a large number of representatives of

various fire departments around the state. These appeals have continued for what will soon be nearly two years.  
Each department discussed their particular case with the Commission and, after the hearings, the Commission either accepted or rejected the appeal. In the process of these appeals, there were naturally precedents set and the Commission, in fairness, has stood by these precedents.  
While hearing the appeals have consumed a great amount of Commission time, it has also enabled both the firefighters from throughout the state and members of the Commission to become acquainted and to discuss mutual problems. This has had an impact on both the firefighter representatives and the Commission in a very positive way. Speaking for the Commission, I would have to say that the more the input from others, the more satisfactorily the Commission will be able to function.  
This Commission has had an immense input from several indi-

viduals and organizations throughout the state, and we are deeply grateful for this. Of these groups to which I now refer, the one which this Commission will likely lean most heavily upon is the Indiana Fire Instructor Association. Their assistance is most vital to the success of this program. At present, there are some 600 Certified Instructors throughout the state. Many of them not presently teaching. There are many fire departments that have excellent training programs, many more that have only meager programs, and too many that have none at all.

With so many Certified Instructors not presently teaching, plus so many departments that need to improve their training program, let's make every effort to bring them together. By so doing, we could bring the fire service within the State of Indiana to tops in the nation. It is worth a try!

Sale of sliced bread was prohibited in the United States from 1943 until the end of World War II.



### Arson Investigation Seminar

### New Rescue Rig for Centre Township



William Earle



William Goodwin.



NEW RESCUE RIG - Members of the Centre Township Volunteer Fire Department, South Bend, examine equipment on their new rescue truck. From left are Dave Mikel, assistant chief; Dale Murphy, Jr., training officer, and Lamar (Red) Locke, chief. The truck, built on the frame of a Ford one-ton chassis, has four-wheel drive, 250 gallon of water and 20 gallon of foam, and a three K.W. generator. Red light in top telescopes sixteen feet from ground with four quartz to light up the working area, and carries tools for many kinds of rescue work.



Phil Alber



Jim Scaggs

The Fire and Arson Investigation sponsored by the Porter County Fire Association and the State Fire Marshal's Office at Valparaiso on October 28 and 29 was attended by 160 fire, police and insurance personnel from Indiana and Illinois.

Opening the two-day program was Duane 'Father' Lantz, IVFA Chaplain, who was followed by State Fire Marshal William Goodwin.

Other speakers on the program were William G. Earle of the Indianapolis Fire Department, and President of The International Association of Arson Investigators, Portage, Indiana. Fire Investigation Team of Asst. Portage Fire Chief, Bob Trobridge and Portage Police Officer Ted Jarosak, Wayne Jordan and Gerry Mang of INS Investigators, Indianapolis, William Rossiter of Milwaukee,

Wisconsin.

Sunday morning Donald C. 'Mac' McCullough opened with a prayer service followed by his program that kept everybody awake; next was Phillip Alber of Lansing, Michigan; rounding out the Sunday session was Jim Scaggs, Chief Investigator, State Fire Marshal's Office.

In charge of Registration was Delbert 'Butch' Collinsworth, Kouts Fire Department, Facilities, Asst. Chief Ernest Scott, Valparaiso Fire Department. The Washington Township

Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary served the refreshments. Bob Esserman was Program Chairman; Bud Lemay, Washington Township Fire Department, was sound technician.

Officers of the Porter County Fire Association are: President, George Dimitroff, Chief of Bethlehem Steel Fire Department, V. P. William Casbon, Chief of Porter Township Fire Department, Secretary, Gary Petersen, Washington Township Fire Department,

Treasurer, John Miller, Chief of Liberty Township Fire Department, and Bob Esserman, Liberty Township Fire Department, Public Relations.

Some of the items The PCFA working on are central dispatching, training aids, training facilities, disaster planning. The PCFA was organized September 20, 1977 and meetings are held the third Tuesday evening of the month. Membership is composed of the 21 departments serving Porter County.

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**Madison History**

(Continued from Page 8) returned to Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1.)

In 1871 Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1 bought a Custom Made Steam Pumper, from Ahrens & McGraw of Cincinnati, Ohio. In the deal with Chris Ahrens, for their first Steam Pumper, traded the old 'Madison' Hand Pumper in on deal. Later it was sold to a Fire Company in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and on a boat in Mississippi river a storm caused the craft to sink, taking the old Hand Pumper to a watery grave.

Later in 1871, Washington Fire Co. No. 2 had Chris Ahrens build them a Steam Pumper similar to the Fair Play apparatus.

1870-71 — Madison moved Waterworks near river above Ferry Street and built a large Reservoir on Hill, near Indian Cave. (In 1978, folks can see rim of Reservoir just above Hillside Hotel.) The City also laid larger Water Mains under our streets and installed more Fire Plugs and large Valves to fill more Fire Cisterns.

March 17, 1873 — Group mostly German extraction organized a 'Hook & Ladder' Company.

Walnut Street Fire Co. No. 4, these self-reliant men, had a Wagon made and put ladders on the side; also had axes and iron hooks, and some Fire Extinguishers. Short time after the 'Walnut Street' Dutch formed their unit on Saint Patrick's Day. They bought a lot on east side of Walnut, opposite 'Miller's Wagon Works', north of Fifth Street, and built a two story Brick Station House. The 'Fours' were the first to own and keep a horse in rear of their station and also had a man that stayed on premises.

February 23, 1873 — (From Fire Records)

About a month prior to formation of Walnut Street Fire Company; the three Madison Units answered an alarm at Mulberry and Second Streets. (Mattress on fire at Central Hotel) Guest probably smoking in bed? Damage minor—lots of smoke.

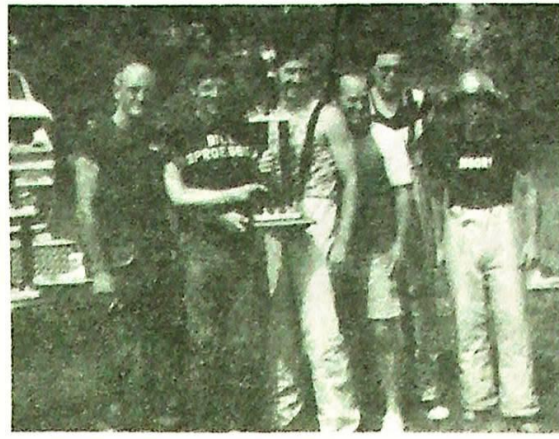
Before End of 1874 — Walnut Street Company had their Station House almost finished, and also owned a horse and Large 'Spring Wagon' to convey ladders, hose, axes and other equipment.

There were several Slaughter houses on Crooked Creek at end of Walnut Street and also two Leather Tanneries on East and Spring Street; employees of both of these groups had to wear Wooden Shoes, as they worked in Water all day and Leather Shoes wouldn't last too long. After Walnut Street Fire Company formed, several of these workers would answer an Alarm wearing the Wooden Shoes. A Nickname was given the Number 4's, calling them the 'Wooden Shoes'.

The foregoing mentions the Century of Fire Protection of Madison, by the first four fire companies. In later items we will give more detailed data on the individual Units and also our two companies on the 'Hilltop' that were formed since 1950; all of today's firemen of Madison are dedicated and are doing honor to our earlier counterparts, with the latest and best of equipment.

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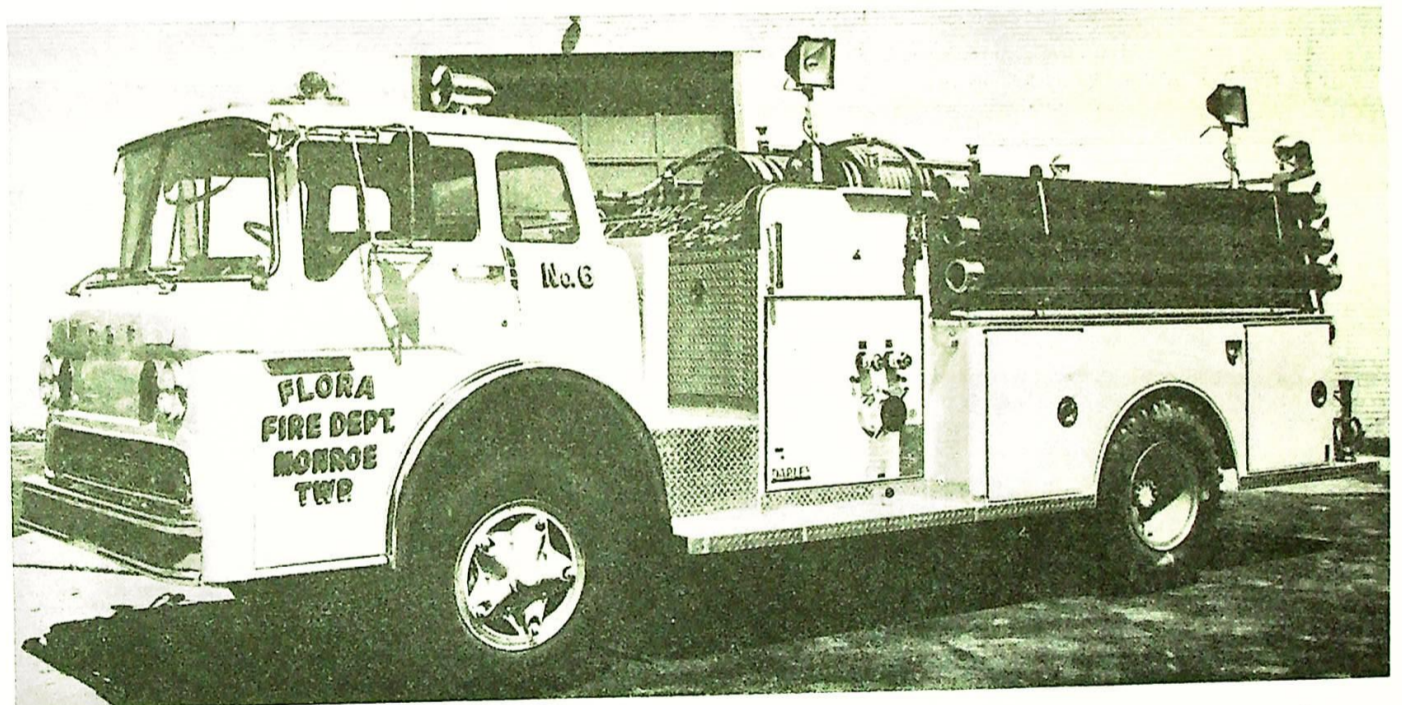
I'll bet I work harder in one DAY than you do in your whole lifetime. I'm happy to say that that's because you're lazy and you never look for me. So you say you're not lazy?? I'll prove you a liar.

Each and every day of the year I burn 1,812 homes, 415 apartment buildings, 97 schools and colleges, 15 churches, 86 hospitals and nursing homes, 238 stores and offices, 73 restaurants and taverns, 145 industrial plants, 188 storage facilities, and 84 farms. Not bad for a day's work, huh??

I won't even mention the firemen I kill and injure each year, or the policemen I get.

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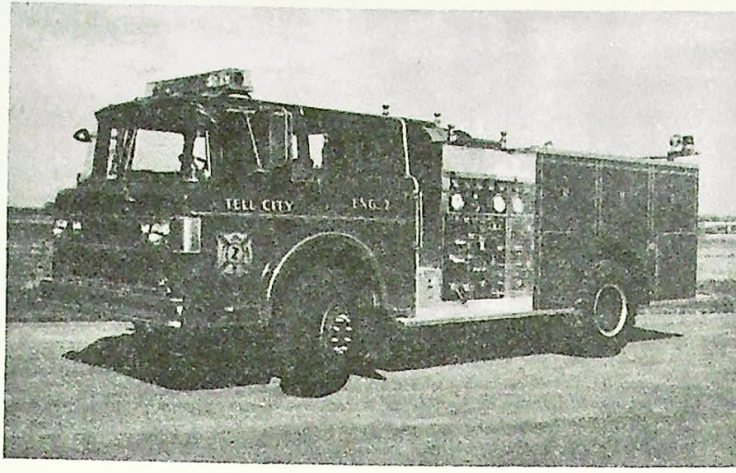
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# Fire Guts RV Dealership



Fire of undetermined origin gutted the RV World Sales, Inc., 9134 Lima Road, Fort Wayne. About 50 firefighters from Washington, St. Joe, Hometown, Cedar Creek, and Wayne Townships were on the scene for more than three hours before bringing the blaze under control. Fire that began in the south end of the metal building, destroyed three camper tents, a van, pickup truck and two motor-homes being stored inside. There were no injuries reported. The fire is still under investigation.

# Tell City Has New Suburban Pumper



Tell City recently received delivery of their new Pierce Suburban Series Pumper.

The chassis consists of a Ford - Diesel with automatic transmission; it has high left side compartments, canopy cab with safety rails; 1,000 GPM single stage pump with two booster reels

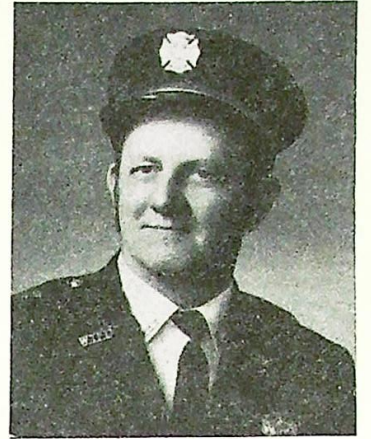
and 750 gallon booster tank.

The truck is painted Candy Apple Red IMRON with Silver leaf lettering and striping.

The Fire Chief is Leon White, and the Assistant Chief is Norm Brinksneider. The truck was purchased from Weisling Fire Equipment Company.

## New Membership Forms

Mailing of new membership forms from Secretary Jack Ford's office has recently begun. The IVFA asks that each form be filled out completely. This will enable the Association to put all the information in a computer and provide your editor with a complete printout of address labels. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



State Fair 1979.

May I also remind you to get those letters in for next year's Mr. I.V.F.A. Deadline is April 1, but that time will be here before you realize.

With the approach of the coming Holiday Season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday. My wife, Ruth, joins me in this wish, and may you spend this important season of the year with all your families around you.

Take care, and we will again visit with you in 1979.

Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year to all.

Paul Fairfield

## AN INTENSIVE 3-DAY COURSE ON HANDLING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCIES

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3. recognize factors commonly available to emergency forces for properly identifying hazardous materials in transportation.
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## Public Relations Northeast

Hi there, Fellow Firemen. Another summer has passed, and we are again heading into the long winter. Our various Districts offered many good, interesting and informative fire schools this past summer, and I hope you all took advantage of them. It is important for the Public Relation men to hear from you firemen in regards to the fire schools that are

put together. We need to know what you want. Have you been satisfied with what has been offered? We very much appreciate your remarks. Next year's fire schools are already in the process of planning, so get us your ideas.

Our educational trailer has been used quite extensively this past summer. It was a real attraction at this year's State Fair. There are many more new ideas that will be tried to make it even more attractive and informative at

## State Trooper Kelley Receives Gold Star Award

Indiana State Police Trooper John T. Kelley received the Department's highest award for heroism in ceremonies on Monday, September 11, at the regular meeting of the Indiana State Police Board.

Trooper Kelley, who joined the Department on April 1, 1972, received the Gold Star for "extraordinary heroism, involving extreme personal hazard during the normal course of duty, but over and beyond the normal call of duty." This is only the eighth Gold Star ever bestowed upon an Indiana State Police officer, the last one having been awarded in 1960. The Gold Star is the highest of a group of three awards given for heroism and outstanding service, the other two being the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

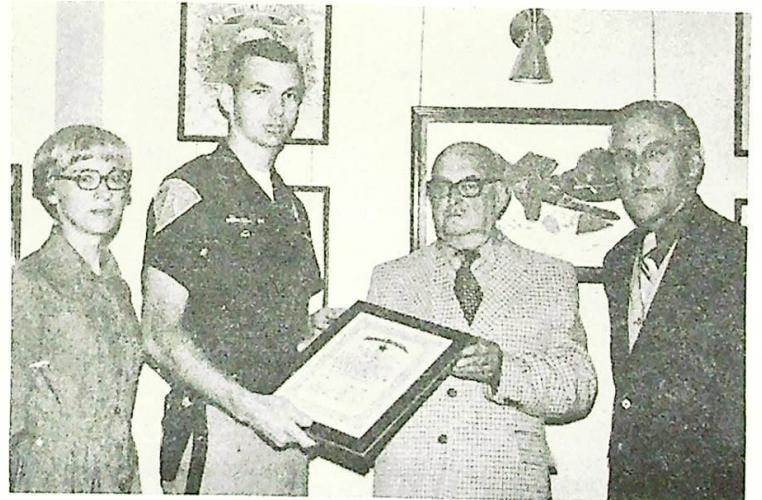
In presenting the award, Board Member John Kendall stated, "Trooper Kelley distinguished himself, his colleagues and his Department by exhibiting professional skills and bravery at the scene of a large motel fire in Beech Gove on April 29, 1978. He entered the flame-engulfed

building three times searching for and rescuing the inhabitants. At one time, he carried a victim from her smoke-filled bathroom. Trooper Kelley has given new meaning to Governor Schriker's words, "The strength of the Indiana State Police Department lies in the character of her men." "

Trooper Kelley crawled along the corridor on the second floor of the motel where smoke was so thick it was impossible to see, feeling his way from door to door, unlocking the doors with a pass-key or beating them in with a sledge hammer, and leading the occupants to safety. Kelley, a

native of Indianapolis, was first assigned to State Police District 13 in northwestern Indiana until 1974, when he was transferred to District 44 in Indianapolis. He

served with the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970, and was awarded the Vietnam Service Ribbon and the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.



Indiana State Police Trooper John T. Kelley accepts the Gold Star Award from Board Member John Kendall at the regular meeting of the State Police Board on September 11. Superintendent John T. Shettle is pictured at Kendall's left, and Kelley's wife, Carol, stands to his right. The six-year Department veteran works out of District 44, Indianapolis. He is the eighth State Police officer to receive the coveted Gold Star Award.

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# National Fire Council Report

Since the last meeting of the National Volunteer Fire Council, we have been very busy by letter and telephone in fighting the consolidation of the fire service of this country under another head namely, the Civil Defense Office.

This was the result of President Carter trying to reorganize the federal government under a less number of heads and put some of the different organizations under one head therefore doing away with a number of different committees and trying to cut the number of people in the federal government.

We have had three telephone conference calls of the executive committee, mostly on this situation. We also have had one conference call with a member of the White House staff (Mr. George Jett) on this matter.

The last report that I had which was last week, was that the reorganizing committee and the joint council on fire has come to the conclusion that there is a big, big bear out in the woods who has been hibernating for all these years and let the paid people run everything as far as fire is concerned in this country. That big, big bear is just waking up and he is very hungry and angry that all of this has been going on around him and he does not like what he has awakened to.

The bear I'm talking about are the volunteer firemen of this country.

Gentlemen, they are listening to us and they are afraid to go ahead and jump into anything just now and not listen to that big bear I just talked about. I think we have awakened some of these people up and they are going to listen to us.

We are getting calls right and left from different organizations wanting to know who we are and what we are all about.

At least they have — I mean, Mr. Jett has dropped the idea of putting the fire service under the civil defense organization.

If you will read our May paper there is an article on page 10 telling some of the things we are and have been doing.

As of this date, we now have 15 states that have paid their dues to the NVF Council. There will be more to come as they have their annual meetings and can vote on it.

There are 123 departments that have paid \$25.00 as associate members: Maryland 24 departments; New York 20 departments; Illinois 18 departments; Indiana 16 departments; Connecticut 15 departments; Kentucky 7 departments; California 6 departments; Ohio and New Jersey 2 departments each.

Each of the following have one department that has paid \$25.00 as associate members: Alabama, Florida, Wisconsin, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Iowa, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Wyoming, Arkansas and Minnesota.

We need every state and every fire department we can get to contribute to this organization and put the volunteers up in front where they belong.

Jim Baker

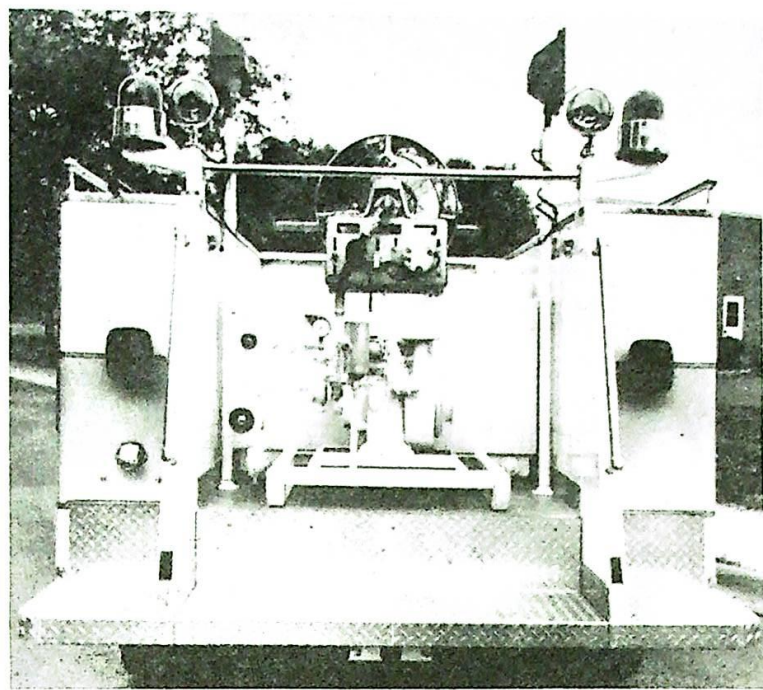
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Best thing about a neighborhood cookout are the barbecues who gather there.

## Introducing New Rescue-Mini Pumper

W. S. DARLEY & COMPANY, Melrose Park, Illinois, recently introduced this New Model Rescue-Mini Pumper. This unit has a full size rescue body, with electric winch and floodlights. In addition there is a "drop-in" type firefighting unit with 200 Gal. tank, 20 H.P. pump and booster reel. Fire unit is completely removable from body of truck, making this rescue vehicle completely versatile.

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June 8, 1978  
Board of Directors  
Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.  
718 South Ingomar Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Gentlemen:

We have examined the statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. for the period beginning June 1, 1977 and ending May 31, 1978. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion the accompanying statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements presents fairly the cash transactions of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. for the period beginning June 1, 1977 and ending May 31, 1978.

Respectfully submitted, Robert O. Stewart  
Certified Public Accountant

James C. Parker, Ralph W. Yergler, Gail G. (Bud) Sears, and Samuel Bower.

### LIGHTNING SAFETY RULES

These safety rules will help you save your life when lightning threatens.

1. Stay indoors, and don't venture outside, unless absolutely necessary.
2. Stay away from open doors and windows, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks, and plug-in electrical appliances.
3. Don't use plug-in electrical equipment like hair dryers, electric tooth brushes, or electric razors during the storm.
4. Don't use the telephone during the storm — lightning may strike telephone lines outside.
5. Don't take laundry off the clothesline.
6. Don't work on fences, telephone or power lines, pipelines, or structural steel fabrication.
7. Don't use metal objects like fishing rods and golf clubs. Golfers wearing cleated shoes are particularly good lightning rods.
8. Don't handle flammable materials in open containers.
9. Stop tractor work, especially when the tractor is pulling metal equipment, and dismount. Tractors and other implements in metallic contact with the ground are often struck by lightning.
10. Get out of the water and off small boats. (Continued on Page 23)

### Public Relations Southwest



Well, summer has passed and fall is here. Next thing we know old man winter will be with us and let's hope that we don't have a repeat of the last two winters.

Have been attending meetings on the State Police Incert Program. Sure think it is a program that we should all get back of and help get this rolling. From all reports in my area, the word is Go. From what I have been told in some areas a few people are giving them a hard time on this. In our area last year it would have been a good program to have been able to turn to when we needed so much help in getting food and fuel to the needy.

Have made several District meetings and find that all are going good. Attended the Fire Prevention Parade in Huntingburg and was glad to see so many departments there. Nearly all had a Miss Flame and

the judges sure had a hard time getting a winner. Thanks, Huntingburg department for your fine job on this year's parade.

Have spent some time in District 18 trying to get the Insurance problem straightened out. As of the last account all was not right but was better than had been. Hope this is cleared up soon.

Think that all departments should see that their Fire No. is known by all families and business in their districts. When the wrong department is called and they have to make a longer run more time and more damage is the final outcome of not knowing who to call. Let's give this a lot of thought and see that the correct number is known by all.

November is the Annual Turkey Barbecue for District 17A, hosted by the Odon and Madison Township Fire Departments. Looks like we will have a lot of Turkey and all that goes with it. Hope that you all can make it this year.

We have an instructor who is going to put on a class in handling of hazardous materials. He had the set of slides and cassettes that the training commission purchased. This takes about thirty hours to complete the full program.

If any other department would like to use this program, please let me know and will set up a time for you to have the slides and cassettes.

That's it for this time, C U later.  
Carl O



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# Overview of Project Incert

Superintendent John T. Shettle of the Indiana State Police Department has announced the formation of a unique Project wherein the Department will organize and coordinate the efforts of the many volunteer citizen organizations which have the capability of offering valuable services in the event of emergency situations developing such as severe weather problems, man-made and natural disasters, search and rescue operations, and other situations which might arise where their expertise, equipment, facilities, and other assets could prove very beneficial to the general good welfare of our citizenry.

The blizzard situation which occurred in January of 1978 proved beyond a doubt the outstanding capabilities and potential for assistance that these various citizen groups could, and did, render in that instance in every part of the state. Because of the proven benefits of working with these individuals and groups and recognizing that their capabilities could be greatly enhanced to the benefit of all by the establishment of a unified — all encompassing — state-wide organization, Superintendent Shettle determined that such an organization should be formed. It would be coordinated under the loose organizational umbrella of the Indiana State Police but would remain, in every sense, a citizen volunteer organization.

In October of 1977 the Command and personnel of the Indiana State Police District located in Lowell, District 13, formed a civilian volunteer group to work with their Officers in providing emergency services to and for the citizenry in their area. Under the organizational leadership of Lieutenant Charles Neary and Sergeant George Navarre they first sought to establish contact and rapport with various C.B. Radio Clubs in their District who could perform an 'eyes and ears' service. This original contact with the C.B. clubs brought forth a mushrooming effect with individuals representing other forms of citizen volunteer groups contacting State Police personnel and advising that they would also like to participate. The result was the establishment of a volunteer organization which worked hand-in-hand with the Lowell District personnel in the discharge of their emergency functions in such situations as the aforementioned blizzard and the flooding of the rivers in their area. Because of the success and accomplishments exhibited in the working relationship established between State Police personnel and the citizens groups in the Lowell area, Superintendent Shettle decided that their experience would serve as the prototype for the proposed state organization.

Specifically, we are speaking of organizing and coordinating the activities of such groups as the C.B. Clubs such as REACT, 'Ham' Radio Clubs, Four-wheel Drive Vehicles Clubs (4x4's), Snowmobile Clubs, organized flying organizations such as the Civil Air Patrol (who rendered a most valuable service during the blizzard by flying 'overview' missions in the north-west part of the state), Volunteer Fire Departments, and any other citizen groups which might well contribute to the benefit of all. In many instances the established organization would be working

very closely with representatives of the Civil Defense and, in the event of a proclaimed disaster under the guidelines of the 'Civil Defense Act of 1951', the organization would function through State Police coordination and under the guidance and direction of the Civil Defense Department. In such a situation the organization would be able to greatly complement and enhance the activities of the Civil Defense.

The 'umbrella organization' has been designated "INCERT" - or - Indiana Council of Emergency Response Teams. This organization will not attempt to usurp existing groups or organizations which perhaps are already involved in a local emergency plan but will attempt to coordinate and develop their capabilities to work together for the betterment of all concerned—to expand their horizons to include not only local or county participation but, in fact, to promote their active involvement on a state-wide basis in service activities directed toward the public good. By working together toward a common purpose each individual club - organization will be able to draw on and, at the same time, complement the activities and expertise of the other groups involved in the total program. At the same time each different group retains its own separate and distinct identity while participating within the confines of the state program. Thus a REACT organization still maintains their REACT identity while in partnership with various other organizations within and under the umbrella of the INCERT configuration.

INCERT is basically the establishment—state-wide—of a giant spider-web of people, communications, transportation; all manner and means of coordinating and directing efforts toward reacting to and resolving emergency or situational problems that may arise in our state. It is a State Police - Citizen Mobilization Plan to be activated locally or state-wide, when and where the services of the various citizen volunteer organizations involved would be invaluable. One might think of INCERT as the bringing together of people and services in responding to specific citizen and governmental needs in times of emergency — a unity of purpose established for the public good.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur R. Raney, the Assistant Superintendent of the Indiana State Police Department, has been designated by Superintendent Shettle to serve as the overall Project Director. Sergeant Ken Hollingsworth of the Department's Public Information Section is the Project Coordinator. Four Officers, representing their particular area of the state, have been selected to serve as Area Coordinators. These personnel are assigned as follows:

Area No. 1: — The north-west segment of the state — Sergeant George Navarre (Area No. 1 Headquarters — Lowell District No. 13).

Area No. 2: — The north-east segment of the state — Trooper Duane Larsh (Area No. 2 Headquarters — Pendleton District No. 24).

Area No. 3: — The south-west segment of the state — Trooper Donald Jackson (Area No. 3 Headquarters — Jasper District No. 34).

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# New Fire Station for Montpelier

For many years the members of the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department in District 8B had dreamed of the day when they would have a new and modern fire station. Their dreams became reality in the year 1978.

The new fire station is located in the city complex at 300 West Huntington Street. The building is very modern, with four bays on the south side, with the lanes leading onto Huntington Street. Painted gold with brown trim, the fire station houses the two Montpelier fire trucks, the Harrison Township fire truck and the grass buggy acquired recently. On the West side of the

building is a large meeting room and office, with tiled floor and paneled walls. A kitchen at the rear of the structure is well-equipped with stove, refrigerator and other needed accessories. Dishes, silverware and cookware make it possible for the firefighters and their auxiliary to serve large groups.

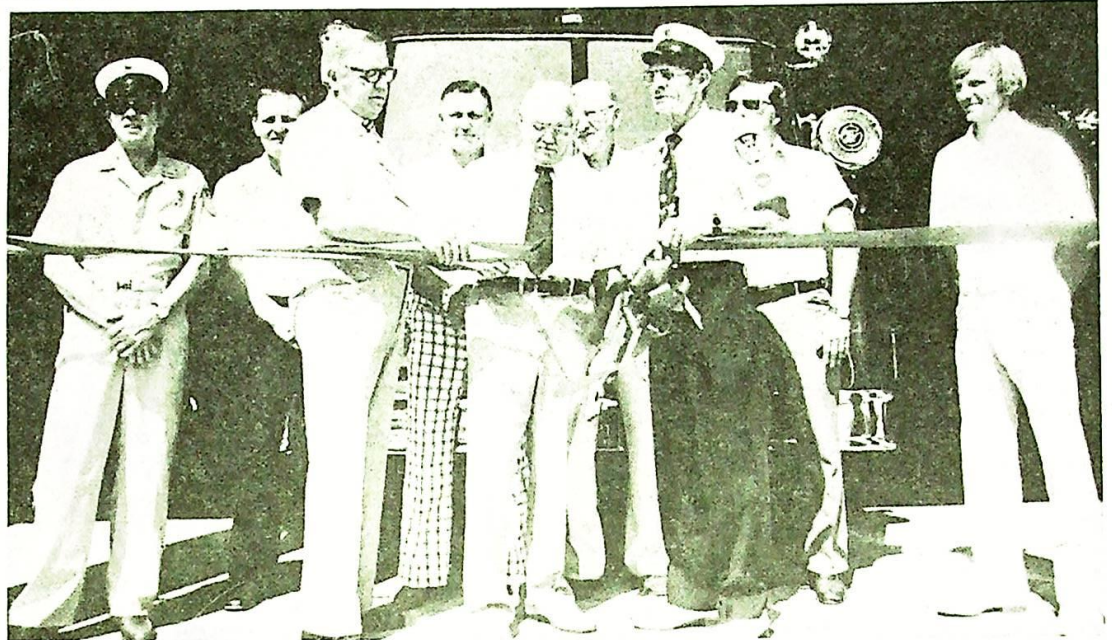
Impressive dedication ceremonies were held at the building on Saturday, Sept. 9, when Montpelier mayor Marwin

Horrom, assisted by William Goodwin, Indiana State fire marshal, and Cleo Harrold, fire

chief, cut the ribbon to officially open the new fire station. Speaking at the ceremonies was

State Representative Jeff Espich, Uniondale.

Other dignitaries attending the dedication were Mrs. Janet Goodwin, Norman Crocker and wife Bonnie, who is state Auxiliary sergeant-at-arms; Lucy Stofer, President of the state Auxiliary, and Rosemary Sears, state Auxiliary Corresponding secretary. Others present were members of the city council, state, county and city organization heads, and interested citizens.



Left to Right: Bob Coffield, Asst. Chief; Russell Brown, Capt.; Bill Goodwin, Fire Marshal; Glen Reasoner, Councilman; Marwin Horrom, Mayor; Russell Morris, Councilman; Cleo Harrold, Chief; Tom Mounsey, Councilman; and Jeff Espich, State Representative.

## Rick Dies

Mark Rick, 61, Waldron, a teacher in the Shelby Eastern District Schools for 37 years and currently serving as school district attendance officer and teacher, recently died while trying to aid a woman at a residence near 250E just south of 350S.

Mr. Rick had not been ill and reportedly was on school business at the time of death.

According to local Emergency Unit attendants at the scene, Mr. Rick tried to revive Georgia Drake, 31, 317 Colescott St., who had fainted. After administering artificial resuscitation, Mr. Rick ran into a nearby house to call rescue units. He then returned to aid Drake and died of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Rick had been a school teacher for 42 years, teaching in Shelby Eastern District Schools for 37 years and 29 years in Morristown schools. He had lived in Waldron for 34 years.

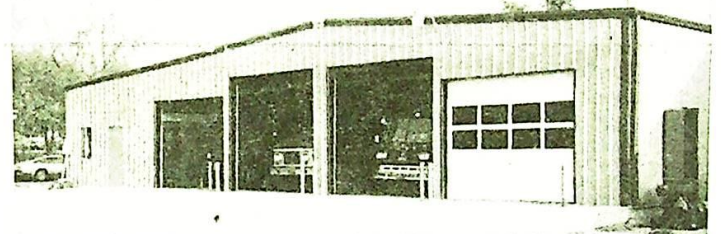
He served as a board member for the National Rural Water Association; was president of the Waldron Water Conservancy District Board; and president of the Indiana Rural Water Association.

Mr. Rick was a Morristown Lions Club member, and a charter member of the Waldron Volunteer Fire Department.

He was also a member of the Waldron Community Club and 34-year member of the Waldron United Methodist Church.

His wife Kathryn survives, as do four children, Daniel C. Rick, Anderson, Terry L. Rick, St. Paul, Mrs. Lester (Mary Jane) Morgan, St. Paul, and Mrs. Thomas (Shirley Kay) Thomas, Montpelier.

Funeral services were held at the Waldron United Church, with the Rev. Henry H. Karg officiating.



Montpelier Fire House

## The Public Education Committee

The committee is very pleased with its first year. The first year is now history at the State Fair. We had some problems but don't we all, the first year at anything. The committee is also very pleased at the number of people that are using the trailer.

Some of the things the committee is working on for next year are: fire hats with the I.V.F.A. logo on them; to get a bigger space at the fair; to have a fire extinguisher board; to make up a smoke detector board; to have more hand out materials; to have the funny car there for the whole fair; to make up a booklet about the volunteer firemen; to get a book made up on how to open

and set up the trailer; a list of do's and don'ts for the fair; who will be in charge of each day and where the keys will be for the trailer; how to get into the Fair Grounds and what gate to go in.

If any of you fellow firemen have any ideas on how to improve our setup at the fair or anything on the trailer, please call or write anyone of the committee men or state officers.

From all the men on the Public Education Committee, we wish all a Good and Happy Holiday Season.

Doug Bechtel  
Co-Chairman of the Public Education Committee

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### Project Incert

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Area No. 4: — The south-east segment of the state — Trooper John Wheeler (Area No. 4 Headquarters — Seymour District No. 43).

The above named State Police Officers will be working on organizing and coordinating the Project in their respective Areas. Once that activity is accomplished it is proposed that various training exercises will be generated which will involve 'mock' disaster situations where State Police personnel and the volunteer citizens groups, many times in cooperation and conjunction with local authorities, will work together in developing procedural plans to initiate in the event of actual emergency situations occurring. An INCERT conference is planned for the fall of 1978 where representatives from the various Areas will come together to complete the package formation of the Program and to select delegates from among themselves to serve on an 'INCERT Advisory Board'. This Board will, ideally, be comprised of a representative from the various disciplines (specific organizational types - ie., C.B. Radio, Ham Radio, 4x4's, etc.) plus one member from the Civil Defense Department and one from the State Police.

Identification cards will be issued all citizens who participate in the program and a master list in INCERT Control Numbers will be maintained to insure a uniform accountability system. Each volunteer will be given a different control number and that number is the individuals' as long as he or she remains in good standing within their own Club

Organization and conforms to the criterion established by INCERT in regards to stipulated rules and regulations. The citizen volunteers are just that; they are not police officers and will not exhibit any actions which would lead the general public to believe that they were. In many instances, though, they will be delegated (given the nature of a

specific operation) certain responsibilities and authority by State Police Officers to carry out certain control or communication functions. Such an example might be a traffic control function as has already occurred in the north-west part of the state during the blizzard of January, 1978. In that situation the citizen volunteers assisted in closing down certain road systems in the interests of motorists safety. An identifying symbol of participation in INCERT — a uniform logo in the form of an armband, hat-patch, or shield on their vehicles — will indicate that they are participating in an INCERT operation under the authority of the State Police Department. Such a standard logo has already been devised and will be available to INCERT volunteers in the near future.

The potential effectiveness of this Project is unlimited in scope. We have every reason to believe, once the organization and implementation process has taken place state-wide, that INCERT will play a very active and vital part in responding to and resolving emergency situations that may befall our state and its citizenry, and will serve as a model for the rest of the nation.

### 10th District Auxiliary Meeting

The 10th District IVFA Auxiliary meeting was held at Clifford on November 20, with 64 members and 2 guests attending. There were 15 auxiliaries represented, and a new auxiliary Southwest, was welcomed as a member.

The invocation was given by Thelma Miller, Chaplain, and Nancy Neal, President led the group in the pledge to the American Flag.

Devotions were given by the chaplain entitled "Reasons for Life."

State Officers present, Barbara Surber, Barbara Parker and Loretta Nulliner.

Nancy thanked everyone for cards while she was recovering from a broken leg.

It was announced that the Miss Flame contest would be held at Marietta on March 10.

There will be a "hidden auction" at the February meeting, with proceeds to go to Miss Flame expenses.

Southwest thanked Nancy and others for helping them get organized.

As the program Ellen Clapper read 2 poems, "Happiness" and "An Old Fashioned Christmas".

Phyllis Stone read "Legend of the Poinsettia" and "Santa Is Coming".

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were there and assisted with the gift exchange.

The 10th District Auxiliary wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Next meeting will be held at Acton on February 19.

Marian Hickman, Secretary

### Blood Pressure Training


Members of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Department, Mishawaka, Indiana, recently participated in a special blood pressure training session.

Local Paramedic James Freeman and Emergency Medical Technician Robert Probst trained the firefighters in taking blood pressure readings using, what Freeman called, the

ABC method. The ABC method consists of, A, checking the patient's airway; B, making sure the patient is breathing properly, and C, checking the pulse and blood pressure of the patient. Both Freeman and Probst are Harris Township volunteers.

The group took the training in vital sign reading to aid certified Paramedics from local ambulance services.





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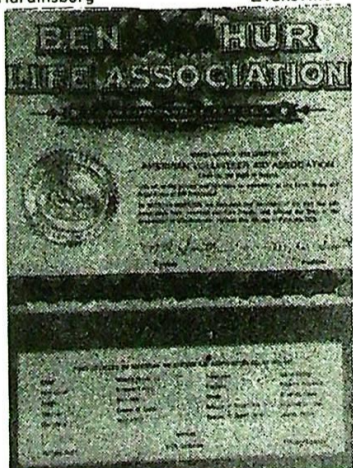
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Medic Alert is a life saving system designed to protect anyone who has a medical condition that may be dangerously aggravated by "normal" treatment. A member of Medic Alert wears either a stainless steel bracelet or necklace to alert medical people to his/her condition. Any member of Ben Hur Life Association who has such a medical condition is eligible for this program.

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Each committee shall have a report printed in each copy of the IVFA paper stating what the committee has accomplished or is doing for the association.

### LIGHTNING SAFETY RULES

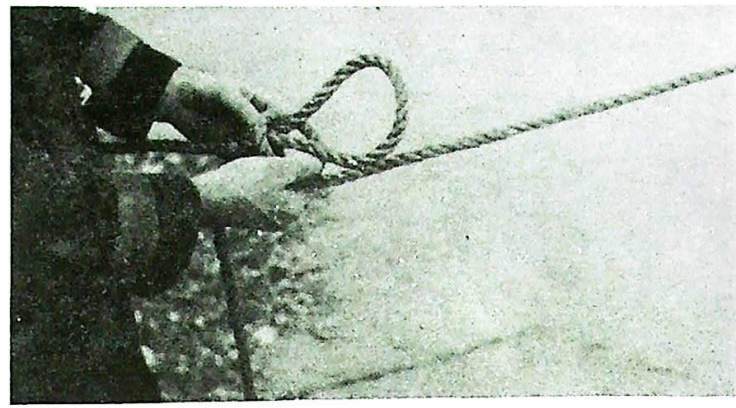
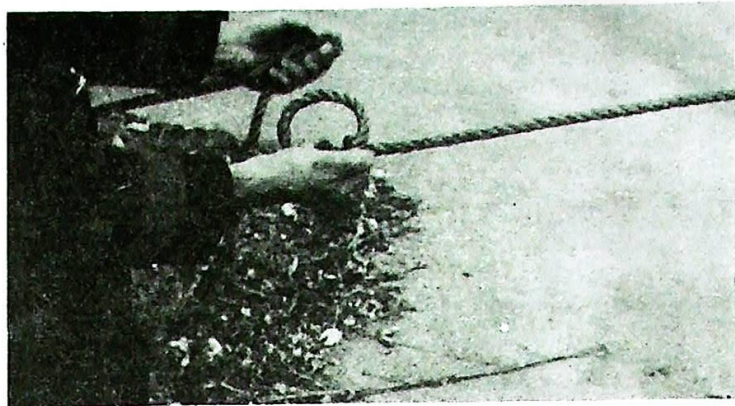
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11. Stay in your automobile if you are traveling. Automobiles offer excellent lightning protection.
12. Seek shelter in buildings. If no buildings are available, your best protection is a cave, ditch, canyon, or under head-high clumps of trees in open forest glades.
13. When there is no shelter, avoid the highest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, your best protection is to crouch in the open, keeping twice as far away from isolated trees as the trees are high.
14. Avoid hill tops, open spaces, wire fences, metal clothes lines, exposed sheds, and any electrically conductive elevated objects.

## Tricks of the Trade

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The LaOtto Firefighters illustrate a tie for the anchor man. Bring the rope around the body and throw a half hitch in the standing part of the rope. (Photo 1)



Next, form a loop, close to the body, in the tail of the rope and bring the loop through the half hitch. (Photo 2)



Clamp the loop to the standing part of the rope and with your hand. Settle back and let the half hitch bite into the rope. (Photo 3) If it falls apart form the half hitch on the other side of the rope.

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Chief Ketchen, of the Odon Fire Department was recognized by William Goodwin, Indiana State Fire Marshal, for his many years of dedication to the fire service. Chief Ketchen thanked all firemen for coming and stated that he hoped the Odon Department could continue the barbecue next year. Photos by Martin Studios.



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