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Merry Christmas  Happy  New Year   
from your State Officers . . . . .

Norm Crocker, Jim Parker, John Ford, Harold Stofer, Max Poling, Charles McGill and Duane Lantz

## PRES ...SAYS

The fire schools are all finished for this year, but the officers are very disappointed with the attendance. While I was attending your district meetings last year as Vice President, I asked you people for input as to what you would like at the PR schools. I received very little input from you, the firefighters, so the PR directors and the district chairmen structured the schools as they thought best. You told the officers you would like classes which would help you with certification. I am certain that the schools held were top-notch, the instructor very qualified and the locations of the schools were good, so the only thing missing was YOU. As firefighters, you know that we all need to practice our skills and continue to learn new ones. The officers are meeting with the Training Committee and the Fire School Committee to decide what we will do with the fire schools for 1980 ... if we have schools at all.

The State Fair has come and is now past history. The IVFA and our Public Education Trailer was in attendance. I would like to THANK the firefighters throughout the state who worked at the fair. A fabulous job was done by all the people involved. A special THANKS to Wayne Township Fire Department for their help in storage of the material and seeing that the material was at the fair each day. THANKS WAYNE. A very good job of Public Education was done at the fair. We had many people stopping and talking to us about their homes and families fire safety. If every person which I talked with about smoke detectors has detectors in their homes, many, many people have installed detectors since last year.

Home fire drills were something which we also talked to people about. Many of the people said they



Norman Crocker

would go home and have a fire drill. Fire prevention is a very important factor in the total picture of fire fighting. If we do not have fires, due to good fire prevention, then we, the firefighters, are doing our job, which the residents of our communities look to us to do. The Public Education Trailer has been used quite frequently this year, which is what the Association and the Committee had hoped would happen. The equipment and the trailer are yours to use if you wish to do so. The slides and projectors, the sound system, mannequins and smoke detector board are yours to use. When you would like to use the trailer all you have to do is call the Chairman of District 4, Douglas Bechtel (his phone number is in this newspaper), and tell him the date you would like to use it. If some other firefighter has not asked for that date, it is yours to use.

Did you attend the open hearings which were held in Ligonier, Jasper and Indianapolis by the Legislative Study Committee? The IVFA Legislative Committee asked for a Study Committee to look at the Volunteer Fire Service problems. Many of you requested that the Association do this for YOU. DID YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT ATTEND?

Here were the people who make the laws, sitting in an open meeting asking, "What can we do to help the Volunteer Fire Service?"

Many ideas and thoughts were presented to this Committee to better the Fire Service. One thought was common in all the hearings which I was able to attend and that was, "We need more money to operate our departments." Jack Ford, Charles Jones and Marion Bush Jr. are the members of the elected officers, which I asked to help me with this Committee. I am confident that the Fire Service will reap great benefit from the study.

## The Vice Corner

The past three months have been very eventful. Between the fire schools, the Public Education Trailer (State Fair), the district meetings and picnics, I finally had to have my grass cut by a hay baler. But, so much for that.

One thing I want your help on is the fire school attendance. I attended all but one of this year's schools, and with a couple of exceptions, the attendance has been VERY, VERY bad.

We are now in the planning stage for the '80 fire schools. I would very much appreciate input from all over the state about what you want us to present in the schools. Please drop me a line or give the information to your District Chairman for me.

I've heard several comments at the schools about more classes which go toward certification, which a few of the schools did offer this year. This is the sort of input we need.

Most of you by now are aware that your PR men have several 35MM slide programs with cassettes, which are available to your department for training sessions. At a recent Training Committee meeting, the PR men were disappointed that more departments were not taking advantage of these programs. Guys, they don't cost

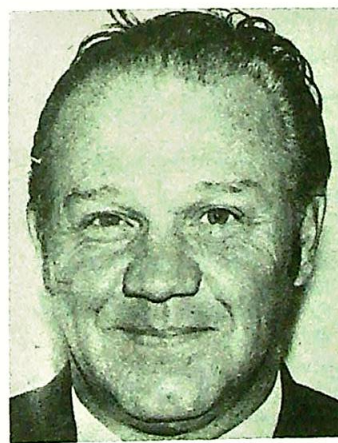
you a cent to use. The Association bought them for your use. Now you know, so start pestering your PR men for them.

I have been kept on the move in trying to make your district meetings, and as a lot of you know, I have made quite a few. For those I haven't made, keep the meeting notices coming and I will be there. Some of you district chairmen are not sending me a meeting notice, which makes it mighty tough for me to know where or when.

Hoping you have fewer and safer emergency runs.

DON'T FORGET, I need the Midwest Award names by the February Officer's Meeting.

Jim



Jim Parker

## Secretary's Side

Members of IVFA:

Dues time is now catching up, with late ones coming in by the bunches. Those of you that have not, as yet, remembered to send them in, do so at your earliest convenience.

The office is piled with dues and the computerization material, and as usual, things can get quite hectic.

I would like to remind each member that the computerization

is not going as fast as I had anticipated. Forms are being turned in at a slow pace, and I am finding that many know nothing about it altogether. For those of you that have not heard of it yet, please contact me for forms and the ones that I have, please get them turned in as soon as possible.

I am going to have them compiled by the first of the year, I hope. In order to do this, I must have the material to do it with, thus I need your assistance very much.

Membership in IVFA is holding up quite good and the numbers again are seeming to be on the rise. So we just might go over the 17,000 mark for the coming fiscal year.

New Districts have been started and they too will give IVFA the close touch that is so necessary for IVFA strength.

I wish to inform all that the IVFA has gone on record that the Office of the Trustee will neither be diminished or eliminated by any Legislative Committee or Law without the strong opposition of the IVFA. This was brought about when it was learned that the Trustee Office was once again being challenged.

Due to the office load and the shortness of time available, I will sign off and certainly hope that if any one has any questions or requests they will contact this office as they see fit and I will do my best to oblige their every wish.

John T. Ford  
Secretary



Jack Ford

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Steve Ritter

From West Central:  
Once again, thanks to you that took the time to come and learn. You have made the West Central Fire School the best attended of the six schools, but there is something happening to this school. Attendance was down to only 150 firefighters.

I'm going to talk with the State Training Committee and the District Chairmen and try to update the school for next year.

District 21 with new chairman, Ward Suter, is starting to jell together. Keep up the good work, Ward.

Just a reminder to check your winter liner and gloves and ear protection for the frost bite season is just around the corner.

Now that the summer has gone, how about each of you planning to attend your district meeting and bring an idea with you.

See you there.

Steve Ritter

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

The Fair for 1979 is over. What good or bad comments did you hear? Please let one of the committee know. This is the only way we can improve for next year.

Steve Ritter  
Chairman

State Training Committee

The trailer has been in use a lot since the fair. On September 14th and 15th it was in Clay Township Fire Station in St. Joe County for Clay Days. It was then taken to DeKalb County Fair on September 22nd through the 29th by Bud Grogg. From there it went to Winchester Days on October 1st through the 6th by Bud Sears. Then it went to Marion City Fire Department. They used it for October 7th through the 14th for Fire Prevention in the Marion Mall. I hope it was a big success and that we can do more to help later.

The Committee does have the coloring books that are left to sell at what they cost us. So please call your District Chairman or me to order your books. See you in the next issue.

Douglas A. Bechtel  
Public Education Chairman

**Sergeant-at-Arms**



Butch McGill

Hi Brother Firemen and Auxiliary,

The summer is fading away. It's time to think about getting our news in to Bob Laney and on time so we can save our newspaper.

This is Fire Prevention Week. I'm sure several of our Departments are busy working with the schools, pointing out the damages of fire to the children. I was asked to go to the Cayuga School and talk to the children.

Don't forget to start thinking about the 1980 Convention at Fort Wayne. They are working real hard to give you a good Convention.

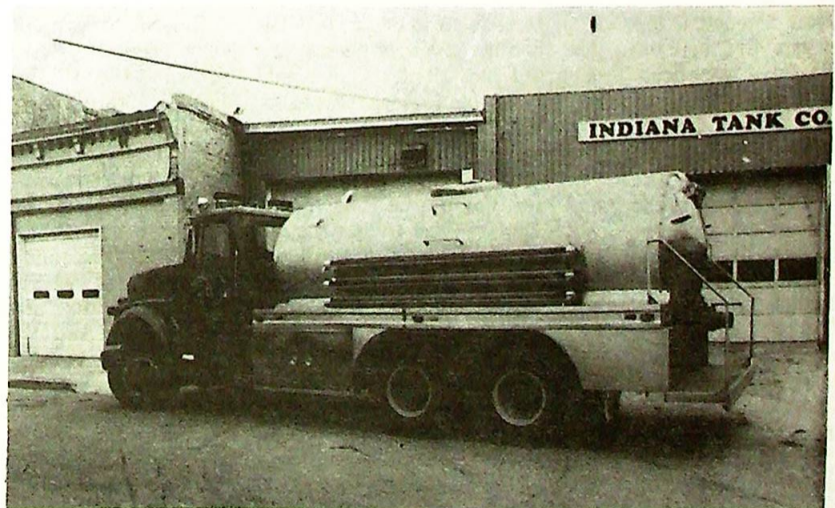
I attended the West Central Fire School and for both days they had 175 firemen registered. We were pleased but we hope for more next year. They had real good classes and instructors. No matter how many Fire Schools you attend, you can always learn something.

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



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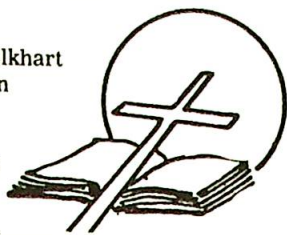
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**Proverbs 4: 1 - 6**

Young men, listen to me as you would to your father. Listen and grow wise, for I speak the truth -- don't turn away. For I, too, was once a son, tenderly loved by my mother as an only child, and the companion of my father. He told me never to forget his words. "If you follow them," he said, "you will have a long and happy life. Learn to be wise," he said, "and develop good judgment and common sense! I cannot overemphasize this point." Cling to wisdom -- she will protect you. Love her -- she will guard you.

**Luke 2: 15 - 19**

When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found their way to Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. The shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story expressed astonishment, but Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them.

The autumn atmosphere is about to leave us. The splashing tints of reds and browns and yellows that so brilliantly assume their roles over the once-soft green of the summer have given up their rolls to the oncoming of winter. One likes to think of the change as something like the dawn that pushes its way out of the night. Summer gives way to autumn and winter, winter brings Thanksgiving and Christmas. As winter starts to end we think of the new life of spring.

Are we growing, as the scripture states in wisdom and knowledge -- doing our fair share in our fire departments, church and committees. We cannot rest on the accomplishments of the past. The Lord has given us a responsibility to fulfill today.

Tragedy has come to our association again. A young man was killed by an antenna falling onto a high line and another in a car accident. These tragedies are a true test of our faith. This Thanksgiving thank God for that great faith he has given to us. His Son who gave His life for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

We are looking forward to the Christmas season -- the birth of a child is always exciting. This year let us look with excitement to the birthday of Jesus Christ, the babe in a manger, the babe in Bethlehem.

Pick up your bible. Read the beautiful Christmas story. Go to the church of your choice -- YOU'LL LIKE IT.

Whate'er the Crosses Mine shall be,  
I would not dare to shun,  
But only ask to live for Three,  
And that Thy will be done;  
Thy will, O Lord, be mine each day  
While pressing on my homeward way.

**The House of Prayer**

"The House of Prayer" is no farther away  
Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray.  
For the heart is a temple when God is there  
As you place yourself in His Loving Care

Helen Steiner Rice

Your Chaplain, Duane D. Lantz



## DISTRICT 1 and 2

On August 5th Districts 1 and 2 met at Pine Township Volunteer Fire Department. The Pledge to the flag was led by Frank Pirillo. Roll Call was answered by 39 men from 12 departments.

Along with guest Frank Pirillo was his sidekick, Mr. Beckman, Training Officer for St. Joseph Township.

Tim McCarthy spoke on safety when going to and attending an emergency.

There was a discussion on the Mid-West Award, which was set up

years ago and goes to each deserving fireman in each district.

The next meeting will be at Lake of the Four Seasons on September 19th.

Porter Fire Department hosted the District 1 and 2 Meeting on October 18, 1979. Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin led the Pledge to the Flag. Several guests attended the meeting including Vice President of the I.V.F.A. and Bill Goodwin who was the speaker for the program.

District 1 and 2 have a traveling trophy to be presented to the department that has the most attendance to the meetings for the year. Lowell won the trophy after a

draw off of two other departments with the same number of attendance. Porter County Fire Association announced at this meeting that they would donate \$1,000.00 to the film co-op which consists of Lake and Porter Counties.

The meeting was adjourned to hear guest Bill Goodwin, speaker for the program.

The ladies served a wonderful meal.

Vernon P. Jones

## DISTRICT 4

The 4th District had its final camp-out of the year at the KOA Campgrounds in Elkhart. We were well blessed with the weather and people. There were 58 people at the evening meal on Saturday night. The meat for the evening was hamburgers cooked by the camp-out committee which they supplied. The committee was Dennis Myers, Bill Diedrich, Ralph Bechtel Jr. and Patrick Bogucki. Thanks guys for a fine meal. Also, many thanks to the ladies for their part.

We held our meeting and had 25 men in attendance. The guests were Jack Ford, Be Cameron, District 16 Chairman and his wife and daughter. Hope to see these people and all the others next spring at the first camp-out.

We also talked about having a Miss Flame Dance to help pay the girl's way to the Convention next year.

The Holiday Season is here so I would like to wish all of the people in the IVFA and the IVFAA a happy and prosperous New Year. We, the Bechtel's and the members of the 4th District wish this to all. Don't forget to get ready and make plans for next year's Convention. Thanks to all of you for your help and may God bless each of you.

Doug Bechtel and Family  
District Chairman  
From the 4th District

## DISTRICT 5

The 5th District Meeting on August 8, 1979 was held at the Claypool Fire Department with 21 members present from 6 departments.

The meeting was called to order by 5th District Chairman, John Huff. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Ivan Nevil. Roll call was then taken and the Secretary's Report was read and approved. Chairman Huff at that time introduced the IVFA President, Norm Crocker and Northeast Public Relations man Ivan Nevil.

Before starting into new business, Huff gave a report on the 1979 Convention at Madison, Indiana.

IVFA President Crocker and Chairman Huff explained how the new membership forms should be filled out and how they would be used.

President Crocker then reported on a meeting of the representatives of our area concerning the problems of Volunteer Fire Departments. He also reported from the National Fire Council on fire investigation. Before closing, he stated that there is a bulletin on Scott Air packs with faulty parts in circulation.

Ivan Nevil then reported on a study made by the FDA on a hay additive which they stopped producing. He also said he would like to get some input on what people would like to have for the 1980 Fire School. Huff at this time reported on the Northeast Fire School which will be held September 29. This school will be on Defensive Driving.

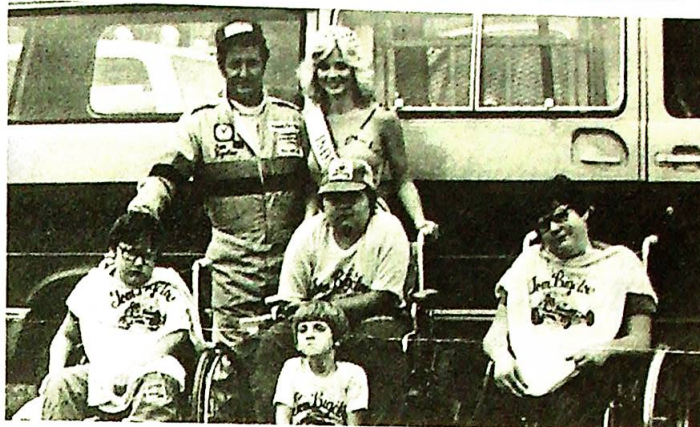
Election of Officers was conducted by Norm Crocker. Chairman John Huff was re-elected and Secretary Matthew Shafer was re-elected. The meeting was then adjourned, the program for the evening was a film on Communications that the Claypool Fire Department presented.

5th District Secretary  
Matthew Shafer  
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## WARD TWP. ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Ward Township Volunteer Firemen's and Auxiliary served their 4th Annual Breakfast at the Portland Fair Grounds on August 22nd through 25th for the "Old Dime Threshers and Steam Engine Convention".

## DISTRICT 8B FUND RAISER



The Randolph County Firemen's Association collected \$750 for Muscular Dystrophy over the weekend at the Winchester Speedway. The money is used to help those suffering from the disease in Randolph County.

Pictured here are: (front row from left) Tom Moyers, Union City; Todd Worth and Shane

Worth, both of Lynn and Jeff Moyer, Union City.

In the back row are: Debbie Haynes, Miss Indiana in the Miss Universe contest, who served as Queen at the speedway and race driver Tom Bigelow, who gave the four youngsters "Tom Bigelow" T-shirts prior to the race.

## 1980 State Fire School

Linda Baker, Chairperson for the 1980 State Fire School, would like to announce the date for the 1980 School. It will be held April 12th and 13th, 1980, at IUPUI and Wayne Township Fire Academy.

All firefighters are asked to forward any comments or suggestions they feel would help us put on the best State Fire School ever to: Linda Baker, Indiana Fire Instructor's Association, P.O. Box 34048, Indianapolis, IN 46234.

## Auto Workshop

Four members of the Randolph County Emergency Organization attended a two-day Auto Extraction Training workshop the weekend of August 24th.

The workshop was one of a series sponsored by the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission. Adrian Van Osch, representing the Randolph County Ambulance Service, Larry Midlam and Gail Sears from the White River Fire Department and Scott Garrett of the Union City, Indiana Fire Department all attended both sessions of the course.

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- Mary Stafford, R.R. 1, Box 76, St. Paul, Indiana 47272
- Ruth Fairfield, 5128 North Bend Drive, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46804
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### COMMITTEES

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Lucy Stofer

I want to welcome District 21 into the I.V.F.A. and congratulate Connie Suter, who is the new District Chairman and Karen Culross, District Secretary. I am sure they will keep the district growing.

Congratulations to all newly elected District Chairmen. I will be glad to help you in any way I can. For the District Chairmen who have held their offices before, keep up the good work.

I am sure all districts are organizing their Miss Flame Contest. Remember, we are hoping to have a Miss Flame from each district. The rules were in the last issue of the I.V.F.A. paper, but each district chairman will receive copies. Also, the Doe Doll tickets will be passed out to the district chairmen, so in turn they can get them to the Auxiliaries.

Gene and I enjoyed a beautiful day and fine food at the Wayne Township Picnic.

Send cards to all officers. They will be glad to know of your activities and meetings and if at all possible attend them.

Good luck in all your future activities and meetings.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to all!

Lucy Stofer  
Auxiliary President

## FROM BARBARA



Barbara Parker

Auxiliary members, thank you for your warm hospitality when I visited your District.

We have two new District Chairmen, plus a new District.

District 9A, the new Chairman is Fay Sallee. November will be her first Officer's Meeting, so let's all welcome her.

District 12, new Chairman is Mary Brooks. Welcome back Mary.

Our new District is District 21 with Connie Suter as Chairman. Ladies in District 21, help support your Chairman and get this District established.

Two Committee Chairmen asked to be relieved of their duties for this year. President Lucy appointed Joyce Nevil as Games Chairman and Marlene Poling as Jewelry Chairman. I know we can count on these girls to do a good job too.

## In Memorium

- DORIS KINNEY, Hazelwood, District 12
- DELORES McBRIDE, Raleigh, District 13
- JULIA WISSING, Manilla, District 10



THELMA LESTER, Chaplain

Deuteronomy 10:14

Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

**FALLING LEAVES** — God owns everything, even our falling leaves. Leaves are falling now that autumn is here. They fall everywhere — in yards, on walks and on porches. They have served their purpose. Once they were a source of light and life. Now the trees drop them freely, gladly.

Leaves are like ideas in the mind. They come when needed. They flourish and give beauty, light, life, shade and wisdom. When ideas have served their purpose, they need to be swept away, lest they block the way for new ideas. We must constantly sweep out the old to make way for the new.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, may we be thankful for the many things God has given us. Sometimes we may be discouraged when we have such high cost of living and so much wrong being done by people, but let us remember we have our God, who is willing to help us if we will ask and try to live a good life.

As we approach our Christmas Season, may we remember the true meaning of Christmas. God gave us His Son, Jesus, because He loved us; so no matter how small or great our gifts are, may they be given in love.

### BEAUTY OF LIFE

Beauty of life has been given to me  
In the patterned leaf of every tree;  
In the golden gleam of each ray of light  
That comes to me from morn till night . . .

In the radiant color of every flower,  
In fashioned garden or country bower.  
Let me be grateful enough to say,  
"Thank God for the beauty I found today."

Mary Miles Colvin

I wish all of you a very good Thanksgiving and a very nice joyful Christmas and New Years.

Lovingly,  
Thelma Lester, Chaplain

Thanks to Janet Yoder and Barbara Ritter for a job well done. State Dues are past due but will be accepted late. Check to be certain your dues has been sent in.

members, do you know that you can attend with your husband and learn more of what he is doing?

The Holidays are just around the corner, so I will wish all of you "Happy Holidays!"

Barbara Parker  
2nd Vice President

# Auxiliary Officer's Meeting

The IVFA Auxiliary Officer's Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Lucy. Each officer and guest introduced themselves.

Prayer was given by Chaplain Thelma Lester.

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The Lucky Doe Doll is our money-making project again for 1979 - 1980. Let's all try and make it a better year.

I want to thank Phil Cronk, owner of Cronk Fire and Safety Equipment Co. located in Richmond, for sponsoring the tickets again this year. THANKS PHIL!!!

It won't be long before the District Miss Flame Contest will begin. I hope we have a Miss Flame from every District this year at Convention. As last year, I will try to make as many contests as possible. District Chairmen, please keep up the good work in notifying me of your scheduled meetings.

The IVFA sponsors a Fire School every year in your area. This year the attendance at these Fire Schools was poor. Could we, as wives of these firemen, encourage them to attend their Fire School this coming year? Auxiliary

## AUXILIARY OFFICER'S MEETING

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Pledge to the American Flag was led by Bonnie Crocker.

Roll Call was answered by 27 Officers and 18 Guests. Recording Secretary, Nickie, read the minutes; they were approved. Motion by Barbara Parker not to read District reports. Vi Cambron 2nd, passed.

Treasurer Loretta reported:

Previous Balance	\$4,480.72
Cash Received	1,353.50
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	5,834.22
Disbursements	-1,079.03
Bal. 11-3-79	4,755.19

Chaplain reported: 9 Get-Well cards sent, 5 Birth Congratulations, 20 Sympathy, and 3 deaths: Dorris Kinney, Hazelwood, District 12; Delores McBride, Raleigh, District 13; Julia Wissing, Manilla, District 10. Our sympathy goes to Katie Mason, Past President, at the loss of her husband Jim.

IVFA President Norm Crocker, shared some ideas for 1980 Convention. The Lois Boaz Award, Mr. IVFA Award and Miss Flame Award will be announced at the Thursday night opening joint meeting. The ladies highly approved. Does the delegation want a key-note speaker outside of invited guests? The ladies thought not. Norm then introduced Bill Kensey, Linda Schenkel, and Sandy Hand, 1980 State Convention Chair-people. They explained their tentative plans for Convention. The May Officer's Meeting will NOT be at Fort Wayne, 1980 Convention site, but will be within 50 miles of Indianapolis to save officer's traveling expenses. The February meeting will be at Lebanon at Holiday Inn.

IVFAA membership now stands at 2,342 members, 156 auxiliaries, 39 individuals, and 2 new auxiliaries: Benton Township, District 15, and Veedersburg, District 11B. As of November 4th, Nickie has sent out all membership cards. If you have not received them, check with local auxiliary officers. Be sure to contact Chaplain when an IVFAA member passes away.

DOE DOLL -- Barbara Surber said the tickets are ready and were donated by Mr. Phil Cronk of Cronk's Fire & Safety of Richmond.

GAMES -- Joyce Nevil will pass out rules and regulations at the February Officer's Meeting. She will take care of ordering trophies.

JEWELRY -- Marlene Poling said men's jewelry was sent back and silver tie tacks have been received.

CONVENTION CHARM -- Toni Sorg passed a picture of the Old Fort Wayne Fort Blockhouse where men threw out water for fires. Toni asked that the 15 local auxiliaries that make up the Allen County Auxiliary Unit, that is co-sponsoring the Convention be permitted to buy the charm dye and then present it to the Old Fort Museum. After much discussion, Mary Boyd made a motion: The IVFAA had a written consent that the Allen County Auxiliary Unit may buy the dye and present it to the Old Fort Society. The Society will not sell charms before the June Convention and the IVFAA may re-order at our cost. Mary Stafford seconded. Passed. The date on the back of the charm is up to Convention city's decision.

Nickie reminded all officers that handle IVFAA funds, that she had given them a receipt book and they will be audited at 1980 State Convention.

BY-LAWS -- The revised by-laws books are in. Betsy Howe made a motion that each District Chairman take allotted books back for distribution to members to save postage expense. Ruth Fairfield seconded, passed. The Treasurer stated she has not received a bill for new by-law books.

LOIS BOAZ AWARD -- Mary Stafford strongly stressed this award and asked each District Chairman to stress to the locals to send in letters. All locals have a worthy member.

MISS FLAME -- Verta Engle passed out new rules and regulations. There is an addition, check this paper. Verta stressed to each Chairman to make sure each Miss Flame candidate knows what is expected at the State contest.

Butch McGill, IVFA Sergeant-at-Arms, showed eight pictures enclosed in plastic, depicting IVFA that will be given to each deceased member's family. The cost to the IVFA is \$1.50. They are very nice.

Linda and Sandy gave Convention reports. They will have a table set up at lunch to take pre-registration and reservations. The Koffee Klatch money will be presented to them in May.

The IVFAA proudly welcomed our new District Chairwomen and hope to have prospects of more. They will each automatically receive a case and District name bar. Loretta Nulliner is to purchase six new cases. Kaye Kemper, Chairman of newly organized 8A was presented her bar by President Lucy. Kaye also has a new son. Congratulations!

OLD BUSINESS -- Slides of 1979 Convention by Mr. Kadell had been shown at the August State Meeting along with pictures by Curly Percell. Mr. Kadell's bill was \$819.22. He gave the negatives to the men to be used for Memorial pictures. Very good pictures. Mr. Percell, Photographer for IVFA has offered to do 1980 Convention slides for his cost. Vi Cambron made a motion the IVFAA hire Percell. Toni Sorg seconded. 12 yes, 3 no, 12 abstained. Ray Percell will be 1980 Convention photographer.

NEW BUSINESS -- Officers asked District Chairmen to send cards to notify of Miss Flame contest. Poe invites everyone November 18th and December 2nd to make Peanut Brittle.

District reports were given. Meeting was adjourned and Thelma closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemary Sears  
Corresponding Secretary

## DISTRICT 3

The September 19, 1979 meeting of District 3 Auxiliary was held at Michiana Shores with the same acting as host.

Carolyn McCarty, Chairman, opened the meeting with a welcome. Rosetta Loomis lead the group in prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 32 members present. Lincoln Twp. won the traveling plaque award. The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given with current balance of \$101.87.

The Chaplin had no illness' to report.

The State Officer's Meeting report was read.

Old Business: The traveling plaque awards were presented to Coolspring and Lincoln Twp. who tied last year for attendance.

New Business: Be sure to send in your new membership to the State by Sept. 30th. Our next meeting will be at Scipio Twp. Fire Station, at which time there will be a White Elephant Sale for Miss Flame.

Coming Events: Coolspring will have a Bazaar at the Mall Sept. 20

& 21. Koontz Lake will have a Christmas Bazaar and Lunch on Nov. 3rd at the Station. Michiana Shores will have a Thanksgiving Raffle on November 18, a pancake breakfast on October 28th. Springfield Twp. will have Bingo on September 21st and November 10th. Also a Pancake Breakfast on October 21st. Scipio will have a Feather Party on October 27th and are also selling candy bars. Noble Twp. will have their Open House and dedication on September 23rd.

The Meeting was adjourned by Selma Pry and seconded by Mary Torneano.

50 - 50 Club was won by Annabel Konieczny and Gwen Bennitt of \$7.00 each. \$14.00 went to the treasury.

Marilyn Kessler  
District 3, Secretary

## DISTRICT 6

The Sixth District held its annual picnic on September 16th at Columbia City Fire Hall with a carry-in dinner with 100 people in attendance.

Bob Shanabarger led us in the Pledge to the American Flag and Donna Cole returned thanks.

After dinner we adjourned to the Courthouse square to bask in the sun and play games. The results were:

WOMEN'S WATERBALL  
1st Place - Ashley  
2nd Place Adams 3 No. 1  
3rd Place - Arcola No. 2

BUCKET BRIGADE  
Adams 3  
Arcola

MEN'S WATERBALL  
1st Place - Columbia City No. 1  
2nd Place - Adams 3 No. 1  
3rd Place - Columbia City No. 2

HOSE REPLACEMENT  
1st Ashley  
2nd Spencerville  
3rd Columbia City

BUCKET BRIGADE  
Spencerville  
Adams 3  
Columbia City

The first place teams were presented trophies by Bud Grogg and Ralphine Robinson. Each member of the winning teams were presented ribbons.

As the sun set in the West, we all adjourned to our homes after a day of fun and fellowship.

Ralphine Robinson  
District 6 Chairman

## DISTRICT 10

The 10th District IVFAA met August 20th at Hartsville with 54 members and 4 guests attending, representing 13 auxiliaries.

A pitch-in supper was enjoyed by all with Connie Ray of Hartsville returning thanks.

Alvie Gilbert of Hope showed pictures of his trips to Tokyo, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Alaska and Haiti.

Chaplain Thelma Miller read a poem "God Be Good To You", for devotions.

Nancy Neal, President, opened the meeting by leading the group in the Pledge to the American Flag.

Nancy Emsweller and her mother were present. She was Miss Flame for the 10th District.

State Officers present were Barbara Parker and Loretta Nulliner, Treasurer.

Other guests included District 12 Chairman Mary Brooks; President Pro-tem Barbara Ritter and Secretary Rosie Johnson.

Nancy reported on State Convention. The Lois Boaz Award winner was Mary Brooks. Lucky Doe Doll winner was Luann Crouch of Hope.

Third Place Waterball Trophy went to District 10. Other District contestants were Acton, Sunman and Hope.

District 10 received \$25 and a plaque for selling the most Lucky Doe Doll tickets -- 687.

The next meeting will be November 19th at Fountaintown.

Barbara Parker, Chairman of Nominating Committee, submitted the following names for new officers: Chairman Nancy Neal, Hope; Secretary and Treasurer, Debby Nulliner, New Palestine, and Chaplain, Vivian Thomas of Acton.

Barbara was installing officer and was assisted by Loretta Nulliner of Marshal.

Nancy Neal read a poem "A Personal God".

The meeting was adjourned.  
Marian Hickman  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 11A

Here it is fall again, everything is beautiful outside. In our travels around, we have enjoyed the fall colors.

It seems like there is always something going on or to do so we have been very busy.

We had our September 15th Meeting at Pimento Fire Department. A very good meal was served before the meeting. We had a very good turnout. A committee was named to help plan the meals for the Fire School. A discussion was held on how to make auxiliaries work together better, also on activities of the fire departments and auxiliaries. Meeting was adjourned and we went back into the men's meeting.

District 11A and 11B prepared the noon meals for the Fire School again this year. The money that was made will help defray the District's expenses for Miss Flame next year. I would like to thank all that helped from both Districts. We need more people like you. Thank you again.

I would like for everyone to be thinking about a Miss Flame entry from your department. The rules are in your I.V.F.A. paper. Also, I will be contacting all of you in a few weeks.

Again, it is not to early to get reservations in for Convention in Fort Wayne in June.

I went to Wright Twp. Fire Department. They are in the process of forming a new Auxiliary. They really seem to be anxious to get started. I hope by the time the paper is out to have their membership in. If they need any help, please call on me. Good luck.

Our next meeting will be held at Curry Twp., Farmersburg, on November 18th at 1:00 p.m. Then in January at Parieton on the 20th. We hope that you will try to attend both of these meetings. Also, please let us know if you have any activities coming up.

We won't have anymore newspapers before the Holidays, so I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very safe and Happy Holiday Season from the Bigg's - Larry, Sue, Tish and Wade.

Sue Biggs  
District 11A Chairman

## DISTRICT 11B

As I write this article, it is unseasonably cold and some parts of the country have already received snow. Time sure flies when you are having fun!

Our September District Meeting was hosted by the Veedersburg Fire Department at their beautiful city park; such a lovely day we had. I am real happy to report that a Veedersburg Auxiliary was organized on that day and they joined the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary. Welcome to a great organization and good luck in your future endeavors, Veedersburg! Our next District Meeting will be at the St. Bernice Fire Department on November 11, 1979. As a challenge and a goal, I would like to see every department in the District represented there.

Districts 11A and 11B served lunch at the West Central Fire School on September 22 and 23. It turned out to be quite successful. I would like to thank Betty Osborne for being co-chairman for our District and everyone who helped serve or donate food. The money we made should help finance our Miss Flame candidate to the convention next year.

Speaking of Convention, it will be held at Ft. Wayne next year. It is not too early to be thinking about your Miss Flame candidate. We will be holding our District contest in March. Also, while you are sitting by the fire this winter, may I suggest that you write a letter recommending someone for the Lois Boaz Award. I'm sure you have a member of your Auxiliary who is deserving of this honorable award. If you know someone who "fits the bill", please don't let their efforts go unrecognized.

Have to get a little advertisement in for my own: the Dana Auxiliary will be hosting a bake sale and Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1st at 8:30 a.m. at the firehouse.

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

Eula Bush  
District 11B Chairman

## DISTRICT 14

District 14 had their election of officers at their meeting on September 19th. Those elected were: Marie Dickey, Chairman; Bette Sethmer, Vice Chairman; Deana Kaskie, Secretary and Treasurer; Lucille Newhausen, Chaplain; Lillian Bower, Sergeant-at-Arms and Mabel Brock, Historian.

Auxiliary Chairman Marie Dickey presented the Travel Award to Mabel Brock of Underwood. This Award is given at each District 14 meeting to the Auxiliary who has the most members, percentage wise, at the meeting. At the end of the year the Award goes to the Auxiliary who won it the most during the year.

## DISTRICT 7

The 7th District of the IVFA Auxiliary met on September 17, 1979 at the Geneva Fire Station. The meeting was opened by our new Chairman, Toni Sorg with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We had a roll call response of 11 ladies from 5 departments. Standard business was discussed. A committee of members from three departments was appointed to review the By-Laws. We had a vote to change our Christmas gift exchange to \$2.00. We will hold our exchange at our regular District Meeting at Hoagland Fire Station on November 19, 1979.

Antoinette Sorg  
District 7 Chairman  
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## OFFICER'S MEETING

AUGUST 4 - 5, 1979

The regular Officer's Meeting was called to order by President Crocker at 1932 hours in the meeting room of the Ramada Inn at Kokomo, Indiana. At this time Sergeant-at-Arms McGill presented a block and gavel with the proper inscription to President Crocker. This was mandated as a standard practice by the board of directors.

The invocation for the day and the meeting was presented by the Chaplain Duane Lantz.

Vice President Parker led the group in the pledge to the flag. Secretary Ford called the roll with the results on file in the secretary's office.

President Crocker introduced the new district chairmen who are: Larry Hoskins of District 1, Mort Sorg of District 7, Bruce Neal of District 10, Tom Sellmer of District 14, Ira Cambron of District 16, and Charles Jones of District 20. Norm also announced that he had recently attended a meeting with a group who wish to start a new district. Norm will present this request to the board of directors who will decide if indeed this will be the start of District 21.

Also introduced were several chairmen pro-tem who were sitting in for the absent chairman.

Before getting into the officer's reports, Norm asked that all reports be held to a minimum so there would be time for him and the board chairman, along with the secretary, to scrutinize the vouchers and get them signed. Also, the time to present the vouchers for the district secretary allowance is at this meeting.

President Crocker has been very busy and traveled throughout the state. He will make a further report on the Legislative Study Committee at a later time.

Vice President Parker said the fire schools are in progress. Everyone should get out and spread the word to get everyone to these schools. Jim has been trying to get to all the district meetings he can, just keep the cards coming.

Jim also asked all district chairmen to get on with the Midwest award program, as the nominee's names are to be in no later than February 1.

Secretary Jack Ford had no report at this time.

Treasurer Stofer gave the following report:

CD Notes:		
	American Fletcher Bank	\$40,000.00
	Merchants Bank	40,000.00
	1st Bank & Trust	16,000.00
	Peoples Bank & Trust	15,000.00
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		111,000.00
	Less Loan on CD note	12,000.00
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		99,000.00
General Fund Balance		3,374.60
Death Benefits		1,163.56
Clothing Fund		475.19
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	BALANCE August 5, 1979	104,013.35

FINAL: 1978 - 1979 paid members 16,772  
1979 - 1980 paid members 3,369

5 deaths reported to date

Recording Secretary Poling has no report, except to say all requests should be in writing to him so he won't forget.

Chaplain Lantz told of one more death in the state, a tragic accidental shooting. As his schedule looks now, he is going to continue to be very busy in the future.

Immediate past president Jones passed to give his report as district chairman.

Past President Baker gave the following report: he was asked to serve on a committee from the NVFC to give an award from the national council. He also suggested the president of the IVFA form a committee to study the possibility of someone from our organization receiving such an award.

Following is his report from the NVFC:

"The big meeting is coming up in two weeks. The Ryland Research has set the meeting for three days in Aspen, Colorado on August 17, 18 and 19.

We will meet there and attend workshops that we ask to attend. There are 32 different subjects that were listed to talk about.

Each delegate picked six which he would like to attend. Norm appointed a committee to pick out the subjects that we thought should be addressed. The committee met and picked out the following:

1. Qualified leadership in the fire service.
2. Determine the cause and origin of the fire first, then if it is a suspicious fire then finish the investigation.
3. Discuss the management of business affairs of a volunteer fire department.
4. Standards for volunteer firefighters be discussed.
5. Training needs for volunteers.
6. Role of general public in fire protection.
7. Recruitment, retention and motivation of volunteer fire fighters.

These workshops start at 1:20 on Friday and finish at 10:00 on Friday night. 8:00 on Saturday until 10:00 Saturday night. 9:15 Sunday morning until 1:15 Sunday afternoon.

There should be a lot of good come from this conference and I hope to have a good report for the next issue of the paper.

The National council will sponsor the conference and receive \$2,000.00 for doing so. Altogether the National Fire Administration has appropriated \$71,181.00 for the conference. I have received \$50,000.00 of that amount and got it in a savings account to start paying bills from. You can see that a conference costing that much is not going to be a small thing.

So far this year there have been only 10 states paid their dues to the National council. We expect to get a lot more after this conference. There have been 94 departments paid their associate membership dues, and 3 companies have paid as sustaining membership.

The states belonging are Oregon, California, Missouri, Indiana, Connecticut, South Carolina, Texas, Delaware, Wisconsin and Kentucky. The state with associate members are: New York 17, Maryland 15, Illinois 15, Indiana 11, Connecticut 11, Kentucky 6, California 4, Virginia 4, Wisconsin 2, Ohio 2, New Hampshire 1, Wyoming 1, Pennsylvania 1, Arkansas 1, New Jersey 1, Massachusetts 1, Rhode Island 1 and Florida 1. Sustaining

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## REPORT FROM INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The Insurance Committee has been very busy the last quarter. We've met twice in Kokomo to discuss various aspects of the affects of the amended statute on insurance for volunteer firefighters.

One of the most significant changes in the law has to do with liability insurance for individual firefighters. We've been asked by several people just what this means. Very often individual insurance agents make the mistake of thinking that this statute means when the firefighter is driving the fire truck. This is not so. This law requires insurance to be carried on an individual firefighter during the performance of his duty as a firefighter. I.E., when you're at the scene and the roof is ventilated and the home owner later thinks you should not have done that. So he runs to his friendly attorney and a law suit is filed against you for cutting that hole. This law mandates coverage for you of at least \$300,000.00. So you can see with the growing tendency to file law suits for alleged wrong doing, this protection becomes very valuable.

The Insurance Committee will gladly meet with any department and make every effort to help you with your insurance questions. CHECK to make sure that your department or local government carries the insurance for you as required by law. If they don't and you're injured or killed they are completely liable for all of your hospital bills, disability payments and, if killed, the \$40,000.00 accidental death benefit. Make your insurance agent give you a letter stating that the coverage he has sold you meets the requirements of the Indiana law. Many agents are selling insurance that does not. Just because he sold it to you does not mean its approved. Contrary to popular opinion, there are a lot of agents selling less coverage and telling you it meets the law.

At the present time it looks like only a few insurance companies will be able to meet the letter of the law and have a policy that is OK.

Remember, the IVFA does endorse a policy of insurance that completely meets or exceeds all of the statutory requirements. For information call 1-800-382-8837 and ask for Tim Downey. He'll be more than happy to help you out. Also, when you purchase your accident and health insurance direct from him you help out the IVFA. So don't go through your regular insurance agent. If you do, then a commission must be paid to him.

At the present time the committee is looking into the possibility of increasing the death benefit to members by having a \$1,000.00 accidental death benefit for each member. As this develops you'll hear more about it.

If you have any questions concerning the insurance required by law, please call 1-800-382-8837. This is a free call.

I'd like to welcome the new members of the Insurance Committee: Carl Bruns, Chairman of the Board; Tug Sutton, District Chairman, and Harold Stofer, IVFA Treasurer.

Also the other members of the Committee are: Jack Ford, Secretary of the IVFA; Jim Parker, Vice President of the IVFA, and Marion Bush, Jr., District Chairman and Committee Chairman.

Also, Norm Crocker, President of the IVFA, who is not really a member of the Committee anymore, but he works very hard and still meets with us. Norm has been a real help.

REMEMBER, CHECK YOUR INSURANCE POLICY. MAKE YOUR AGENT TELL YOU IF IT MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF INDIANA LAW. The only person who stands to lose if it does not is YOU.

Marion Bush, Jr.  
Committee Chairman

## PORTER COUNTY DONATION

The Porter County Fire Association recently donated \$1,000.00 to The Lake-Porter Firm Film Coop for the purchase of additional fire training material.

The film coop is headed by Larry Hoskins of the Lake Station Fire Department and IVFA District 1 Chairman. Several of the Departments in Lake and Porter County joined the Coop by paying yearly dues. Several films and slide and tape cassettes have been purchased along with a slide projector and tape player. The material is now located at the Chesterton Fire Station. The Station is manned from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, Monday through Friday, and films can be checked out during these hours.

District 1 and 2 of the IVFA also have contributed with \$500.00 last year and another \$300.00 this year.



## Thanks

Thanks to all who sent in clear black and white photos to be published in this issue of the paper.

Thanks also to those who sent newspaper clippings with the original black and white glossies attached. To those that sent the newspaper clippings in without the original photos, we are sorry that we were unable to print the pictures that accompanied the stories.

If you want a newspaper clipping and picture printed, please go to the newspaper office and request the original black and white picture. These can be returned after our use.

Please include the name of the newspaper along with what town it is published in, along with the date it was published so that we may give credit to that paper.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members IVFA:

The Legislative effort at this time is just in the forming stages with nothing to report of great impact.

The Resolution of the Last Session that formed a Study Committee for the Volunteer Fire Service is functioning. They have had meetings in Ligionier, Jasper and Indianapolis. At these they have asked the Volunteers to attend and tell what they like and dislike. This they have done and the Committee has had its' knowledge of the Volunteer Fire Service greatly expanded. Once again, it proved that many people know of the Volunteer Fire Departments and appreciate them greatly but just are at a loss to know exactly how and the manner in which they operate.

Many times we take things for granted that others have no idea of and we think they should and this always winds up back home to do more homework to get your ideas and problems before those that can help.

The Study Committee is very receptive to the plight of the Volunteer and its' Governmental entities that support them and they are indeed trying to make corrective measures to assure an equitable solution.

By the time this gets to you, all of the Meetings will have taken place and maybe all of the information will be compiled so that a good study of all of the problems can be looked into.

Your Legislative Committee is open for your input and we would invite each and everyone of you to place your input with us so that we

can truly have a perfect cross section of your opinion. We all know that this would not be possible but we sure do need your input so let us know.

Results of this Committee will be forwarded to many places so that I am sure that you will hear of them from many sources and then you too will be able to give your opinion of this also the members of your Legislative Committee.

This being a 30 day General Assembly Session, we will indeed take home work for anything to happen but we await the findings of the Legislative Study Commission for final action.

Respectfully,  
Legislative Committee  
John T. Ford, Chairman

## Note From Sec. Ford on Insurance

The LIABILITY STATUTE that says \$300,000 must be carried is being misunderstood on account of the DIGEST of the LAW that has been distributed.

The REAL LAW says \$300,000 for each occurrence for the fire department members, NOT ON EACH MAN, as the Digest infers.

This should eliminate the confusion that is going on at this time.

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## AUXILIARY MEETINGS

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### DISTRICT 4

The October 6, 1979 Meeting of the 4th District of the IVFAA was held at the KOA in Elkhart. There were seven members from 2 departments, two individual members and seven guests present.

A discussion was held on the possibility of having a dance honoring the 4th District Miss Flame when she is chosen in March. It was decided we would assist the men if and when they decide to put on one.

The next meeting will be at Goshen Rubber in November. The date is to be set at a later time.

Kris Bechtel  
Chairman 4th District

## Auxiliary Antics

Dana Firemen's Auxiliary will have a Bake Sale and Christmas Bazaar at the Dana Firehouse on December 1, 1979 at 8:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 17 -  
Hoagland Firemen's Dance  
NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 2 -  
Poe making Peanut Brittle

The Pine Township Ladies Auxiliary hosted a Cash Party to help the Fire Department. There was a good attendance. The door prize was a \$25.00 bond which was won by Bob Tally of Chesterton. Refreshments were sold and served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

## DISTRICT 8B Auto

The District 8B Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary members met July 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Ridgeville Fire Station. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman Betty Nickens of Selma, due to illness in the Chairman's family. Roll Call was answered by 8 members from 6 departments.

The District and State Convention minutes were read and approved.

Several members reported on up-coming events of different departments.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bousman presented a trophy to each individual that played on the Bucket Brigade that came in third, hoping in the years to come that an individual trophy will be purchased by the state for district teams instead of one large one.

Those on the District 8B team were Mrs. Almeda Brown of Montpelier; Mrs. Rosemary Sears, White River; Mrs. Joy Wright, Parker; Mrs. Betty Nickens, Selma and Miss Jenny Braun of Parker.

The ladies joined the men for a film. Refreshments were served to all.

The September District 8B meeting will be held at Salamonia.

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### DISTRICT 11A

Hi again! On September 22nd and 23rd we held our annual Fire School at the Pfizer Company plant in Terre Haute. There were about 75 registered each day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and learn a lot. The instructors are excellent and made the guys really work. And guys, you can't learn any better way than to get right down there and do it.

## Workshop

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Course curriculum consisted of a lecture and slide presentation by instructor Owen B. Streeper and a physical demonstration of tools and techniques used in dismantling cars to allow extrication of pinned accident victims.

Highlight of the seminar was a day of rescue exercises in which students were put in cars to simulate an actual wreck scene. Groups of rescue trainees then practiced dismantling the cars and extricating the victims with minimum pain and physical damage possible.

Garrett and Van Osch participated as both victim and rescuers during this sessions. Three different wreck scenes were simulated including one with the car on its side with four victims pinned in one, and with six people trapped in a car that was rolled completely over.

Students who attended received their certification from the State EMS Commission this week. Training sessions for local ambulance and fire personnel will be held in the near future.

We have had an instructor's school at I.V. Tech in Terre Haute on the 13th, 14th and 20th of October. I was unable to attend due to job responsibilities, but from what some of those who did tell me, it was a very thorough and professionally taught school. They were really impressed.

We had a good District Meeting on September 15th at Pimento. Our guests included Carl Davis, Public Relations Southwest and Trooper Don Jackson of the Indiana State Police who talked to us about the I.N.C.E.R.T. Program. This is a

good program for helping people and I urge anyone who doesn't already belong to join.

By the time you read this we will have had our November meeting at Curry Twp., Farmersburg. Our January meeting will be in Parieton on the 20th at 1:00 p.m. Hope you can make it.

There has been a lot of departments throughout the State who haven't paid I.V.F.A. dues for next year. I'd like each of you to check to see if your department is paid. It's very important so as to keep your benefits intact.

See you around. Have a nice Holiday Season.

Larry Biggs  
District 11A Chairman

### DISTRICT 11B

Hello from District 11B!

Well the summer has almost gone again and winter is just around the corner. We have gotten a little done this summer, but not as much as I would have liked. We had a real fine West Central Fire School in September. I was very pleased with it and it seems most everyone else also enjoyed it. The classes were well attended. A big thanks to District 11A & 11B Auxiliaries for the fine meals they served.

The September District meeting was held at Veedersburg. Thanks to the Veedersburg Fire Department and their new Auxiliary for being fine hosts and hostesses.

I was very proud to be invited to a Tri-County Fire meeting at Perrysville. It was very enlightening. It has been my pleasure to assist Ward Sutter in signing West Lebanon to the I.V.F.A. Welcome aboard, men!

I hope to see my district get their dues paid in full again this year. Keep up the good work men. If I

can be of any help, just give me a call. Since everyone says I never stay at home, my wife will answer the phone.

Big Blunder (Dwayne Osborne, Cayuga Fire Department) and I are having the time of our life. We are attending the Instructor's School at Ivy Tech in Terre Haute. I wish more men in the district could take advantage of this school. (My wife says I don't need to go to an instructor's school since I'm always giving orders around home anyway.)

I would like to extend a very big thanks to Bill and Mary Patterson for a fine job of entertaining with their music at the Dana Fall Festival and the Clinton Little Italy Festival.

Even though it is quite early, why don't you start making plans to attend the I.V.F.A. Convention in June at Fort Wayne.

Again, if you need anything from your District Chairman, my address is in the front of this paper. Please, do not hesitate to call.

Bill Bush  
Chairman - District 11B

### DISTRICT 12

The 12th District IVFA meeting for July was held in White River Township, Greenwood, Indiana on July 16th.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darrell Jenkinson at 7:35 p.m., with 23 members representing nine departments present. Sergeant-at-Arms Art Kinney led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Jenkinson decided that we should suspend with the business meeting in order to show a safety film program regarding to Emergency Medical Service Technician. After the program the regular business meeting was held and Roll Call was taken.

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## OFFICER'S MEETING More District Meetings

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memberships are: F&C Publishing Co., Ft. Wayne; NFPA, Boston, Mass. and Oklahoma State University."

Jim Parker said he was thankful that Ivan Nevil had established his 1980 fire school date a year in advance, and advised all the other PR directors to do the same. The date is much more important than the place at this time, as all other fire schools and seminars can be scheduled around those first established.

Norm would like to have all dates by the November meeting.

Bill Sunday announced the East Central fire school would be August 16-17, 1980.

PR Director W.C. Ritter announced several dates of proposed classes on various subjects.

PR Director E.C. Sunday told of some of the particular events of the East Central fire school and how the school will be run. He hopes to see everyone there.

PR Director S.W. Davis thanked everyone who attended their school. The attendance was down and very discouraging. The dates for the 1980 fire school will be ready by next meeting.

PR Director S.E. Doan has two new district chairmen. Dick announced one department had been destroyed by flood and is in need of equipment. The S.E. fire school as yet has no place to be held.

### BEGINNING OF DISTRICT REPORTS

District Chairman 1 - Hoskins said there will be an instructors school in East Gary. He told of a hydraulics school to be held in District 1. He will meet with all departments in his district to get them back in the fold.

D.C. 2 - Smith and D.C. 3 - Yergler both had no reports.

D.C. 4 - Bechtel thanked all who attended their campout.

D.C. 5 - Huff, D.C. 6 - Grogg, D.C. 7 - Sorg and D.C. 8 - Sears had no report.

D.C. 8A - Marion Bush was absent.

D.C. 9A - Sutton thanked those who attended his meeting and also stated he was a little disturbed by the death of one of his fire chiefs.

D.C. 9B - Swartz was absent and his standing had no report.

D.C. 10 - Neal told of some upcoming festivities in District 10.

D.C. 11A - Biggs said his district picnic had been a huge success with all having a great time.

D.C. 11B - Bush said his district picnic was also enjoyed by those who attended. Also, there had been a loss of a firefighter while swimming.

D.C. 12 - Jenkinson and D.C. 13A - Schaekel had no report.

D.C. 13B - Paul amplified a little on the L.P. school coming up in his area will be a practical school in that they will have all water tanked in. This will give the area some practice in what could happen at a fertilizer plant that has a 10,000 gallon L.P. storage tank. This is located approximately 2 miles outside the nearest town with a water system.

D.C. 14 - Selmer said he realizes there are some big shoes to fill in his area. He hopes he can fill them.

D.C. 15 - has no chairman at this time and therefore no report.

D.C. 16 - Cambron and D.C. 17A representative - Purcell no report.

D.C. 17B - Pece expressed his thanks for those who came to the poorly attended fire school in his area.

D.C. 18 - Secretary told of some upcoming events in his area including the auctioning off of a cake won in another district.

D.C. 19 - Bruns had no report.

D.C. 20 - Jones told of an upcoming fire school. He also has been busy in getting around to all the departments in his area to get all of them into the IVFA. He hopes to have this accomplished by the next meeting.

The district chairman of the proposed District 21, Ward Suter was absent, but will be at the next day's session.

At this time the following minutes were read into the records by Secretary Ford of the elected officer's meeting held in Windfall:

"July 7, 1979, Present: Ivan Nevil, James Parker, Robert Esserman, Charles McGill, Steve Ritter, Norm Crocker and John Ford. Absent: Richard Doan, Carl Davis, Billy Sunday, Max Poling, Gene Stofer and Charles Jones.

Report of insurance committee meeting of July 5, 1979 was given. Summary that Downey is having his bookkeeper recheck the figures and will pay IVFA for services \$1,000.00 a month with a certified audit each six months with settlements then.

Much discussion of overall IVFA expenses and where they went up and what to do in future to keep track of them. Seemed that committee expenses and meetings expenses were doubled in the past year. This would be the place to start to tighten up on.

Business cards are for convention elected officers, chairmen and any other will have cards but no name. Place names on when each uses them. Suggested the host convention committee be limited to three persons at the quarterly officers meetings. Need not be same three each time.

Each quarterly meeting site and menu will be coordinated by PR men and for final approval they must consult Crocker and McGill.

Much discussion on the officers and what they were doing and what they should be doing. Discussion revealed that many were not doing the job. More on this at a later meeting when all are present.

Discussion of IVFA paper ended with a firm stand that deadlines be set and abided by and bent for no reason. If NO news NO ads. Makes no difference. Print paper and say in big headlines NO NEWS SENT IN. Opinion of all present that about one time of this and news would be in. In each issue of paper all committees WILL or SHALL have a report to the membership saying the functionings of that committee, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Mass printing of convention minutes was discussed with more on this at a later meeting with all present.

Provisions -- in case of gas rationing -- for Volunteers to get gas. Goodwin coming up with a report.

Next meeting of the above will be August 4, 1979 at Ramada Inn, Kokomo, IN at 10:00 a.m. It will be early for many to get around to make this meeting but the PREZ SEZ that it is important and rattle your but in the buggy and be there."

Recording Secretary Poling read the following minutes into the records. These were of the elected officers meeting held in the AM of this date:

"Those in attendance were: Crocker, Parker, Stofer, Ford, Poling, Laney, McGill, Lantz, Esserman, Nevil, Davis and T.R. Downey. Those absent were: Ritter, Sunday and Doan.

Tim Downey presented a proposal on news clip service. This service will scan all papers throughout the state and clip all items of interest to the volunteer fire service and mail them to our editor. The fee for this service will cost \$30 per month plus 23c per item. This agreement can be stopped at any time we desire.

Bob Laney explained his reluctance to accepting the editor's job for another year. He said he has been very busy lately with the Firehouse mailing, the convention booklet, the convention paper, along with his regular business. He also cited the total lack of co-operation by the general membership in meeting the deadlines of the paper. Bob also said that should he accept the editorship for another year, he will do everything in his power to get the paper out on time, but he will need cooperation with getting the news in on time.

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## More District Meetings

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Guests at the meeting included J.D. Lake of L & W Sales and Service; Steve Ritter, Public Relations, West Central; Chief Larry Robinson of White River Township Fire Department. Chief Robinson then introduced his group.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The financial report was also given and approved.

Miss Flame Committee reported that our 12th District girl didn't win at the State Convention contest.

There were no other committee reports.

Election of District officers were held with Steve Ritter and Harry Fisher appointed to oversee the election. Nominations for 12th District Chairman were only one for Darrell Jenkinson. Steve Ritter cast one unanimous vote for Darrell.

Nominations for Vice Chairmen were Don Johnson and Jim Kite. After taking a secret ballot, Don Johnson was the winner.

Charles Bogden was the only name nominated for Secretary and Treasurer and Steve Ritter cast one unanimous vote for Bogden, making this Bogden's 25th year as District Secretary.

Steve Ritter cast one unanimous vote for Art Kinney was Sergeant-at-Arms since there were no other names presented.

One unanimous vote was cast for James Bruner of Mooresville for Chaplain, since no other names were presented.

There was no new business.

Steve Ritter gave the report for the Training Program. He asked the members what kind of classes they were interested in for the balance of the year for certification. Steve also stated that there is money in the pot for training and someone must have some idea for future classes.

Chairman Jenkinson presented Steve Ritter with the Annual 12th District Midwest Award.

Marion County Association Meeting will be held July 25th at Perry Township (Madison Ave.)

The Ben Davis Centennial will be held July 16th through the 22nd. There will be several types of events going on for the celebration.

Wayne Township Fire Department will host their Silver Anniversary Open House on July 27th at the Township Headquarters.

Roll Call was taken for the 2nd time.

Discussion was held regarding the annual picnic. Chairman Jenkinson appointed Don Lippincott and Al Mendel to check for a site and they will report at the next meeting.

The next 12th District Meeting will be hosted by Oak Park County No. 14 (Wayne Township) on September 17th.

Refreshments were served by the ladies.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The September 12th District Meeting was held on September 17, 1979 at Oak Park County No. 14, Wayne Township.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darrell Jenkinson at 7:45 p.m. with 30 members present representing 12 departments.

The opening prayer was given by our District Chaplain Jim Bruner. The Pledge to the Flag was led by our Vice Chairman Don Johnson.

Introduction of Guests included Gene Stofer, State Treasurer IVFA and Steve Ritter, Public Relations, West Central.

Roll Call was taken and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The Communications Committee had no report.

The Picnic Committee, with Don Lippincott and Bill Kirchoff reporting, said that all Sundays in August were taken up and no other parks were available. A motion by Jim Bruner to do away with the 1979 picnic was seconded by Bill Laux and carried. Chairman Jenkinson appointed Rosie Johnson, Mike Ross and Art Kinney to work on a picnic site for the year of 1980.

Jim Bruner, reporting for the Training Committee, stated that there will be one more aircraft school at Hulman Airfield and that approximately 37 people have signed up for this class. He also gave several other dates and places for future schooling. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the aircraft training and how important this was for firemen.

Public Relations Chairman for West Central, Steve Ritter, gave some pointers regarding an article in the IVFA newspaper pertaining to our insurance program. He also stated that our West Central Fire School is coming up September 22nd and 23rd. He gave out several brochures regarding the two day program.

There will also be a small class for the women and children regarding how to handle fire extinguishers.

Chairman Jenkinson appointed Don Johnson, Bob Sutton and Jim Bruner to be the 12 District Training Committee.

New Business -- Gene Stofer, State Treasurer, gave a report regarding the Legislative Study Committee that has been going on in various parts of the State. He stated that this is giving the Legislature more ideas on what our problems consist of regarding the fire service and etc.

Gene also gave some remarks to members of departments whose dues were not paid. This must be postmarked before September 30th or you will lose all previous benefits.

Don Lippincott suggested that we have our host department drawing for the year of 1980 and 1981. They are as follows: November 19, 1979 -- Stilesville; January 21, 1980 -- Mickleyleville Co. No. 5 (Wayne Township); March 17, 1980 -- Bridgeport Co. No. 7 (Wayne Township); May 19, 1980 -- Drexel Garden No. 6 (Wayne Township); July 21, 1980 -- Decatur Township; September 15, 1980 -- Washington Township in Martinsville; November 17, 1980 -- Cartersburg; January 19, 1981 -- Fleming Gardens (Wayne Township); March 16, 1981 -- Bridgeport (Wayne Township); May 18, 1981 -- Bellville, and July 20, 1981 -- Brooklyn.

Alternates are Pittsboro, Coatsville and Eel River Township.

Second Roll Call was made.

Bob Sutton stated that Danville will sponsor a Swap Shop on October 13-14. Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department will be having a Chicken Barbeque on September 21-22.

Mike Ross of Perry Township gave out some good comments regarding Perry Township Fire Department.

A motion to adjourn was accepted at 9:05 p.m.

Refreshments were served by the host, which made the evening enjoyable for everyone.

Thanks to everyone.

Charles Bogden  
12th District Secretary

## DISTRICT 18

The September 20th Meeting of District 18 was hosted by the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department at the Ferdinand American Legion.

Roll Call was answered by eighty-nine firemen from twenty-one departments who reported answering one-hundred six calls. Nine guests were in attendance.

Chairman Reinhart thanked Kenny Lau for attending the State Officer's Meeting in August at Kokomo in his absence.

All departments were reminded to get their 1979-80 dues paid if they haven't already done so.

Information was passed out to those present on the new insurance laws concerning volunteer firemen that went into effect on September 1.

The new Celestine Fire Department that is forming in District 18 is well underway as their new building is nearing completion. Jim Roshone is the Fire Chief.

The cake raffle in District 18 is still going strong. It was raffled off again at Ferdinand and the winner was Curtis King of New Boston. Curtis wants it raffled off again in November and once again the proceeds to be given to Celestine.

The one-half jackpot drawing was won by Dale Eckert of Birdseye. A fire extinguisher donated by Hoosier Fire Equipment was won by Ralph Hoppenjahns of Ferdinand.

Dick Moldenhauer and Nick Swartz from Hoosier Fire Equipment of Valparaiso provided the program for the evening. They presented a demonstration using the Lucas Rescue Tool, a hydraulic operated unit used in vehicular rescue. Thanks follows.

The next District 18 Meeting will be hosted by the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department on November 15th at 8:00 p.m. E.S.T. in the Rockport Community Building at the Rockport Fairgrounds.

Kenny Lau  
District 18 Secretary

## DISTRICT 21

The new District 21 is on the move. We have had two District Meetings since we started. The first District Meeting was held at Battle Ground Volunteer Fire Department on September 24th. There were six departments at that meeting. There was also two P.R. men and Secretary Jack Ford for State IVFA.

The second District Meeting was held at Wea Volunteer Fire Department on October 22nd.

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**District Meetings**

There were eight departments at that meeting. The meeting was on Grain Bin and Grain Storage problems.

We have signed two new departments into the IVFA. They are West Lebanon and Attica. We have more departments to talk to about the IVFA.

Ward Suter  
District 21 Chairman

**DISTRICT 15**

For Mt. Vernon (Indiana) Fire & Rescue, Inc., the last six months of 1979 have been very busy, not only in fire runs, but also in the maintenance of our station and our equipment.

The members of our department decided to change the color of our station. For years, it was always painted white, so we decided to "spruce up" the corner of 3rd and College in Mt. Vernon by painting our station a beige color with dark brown trim.

The warehouse behind our station was also painted the same color, thus making our corner a much neater and brighter part of our city. The City furnished a large flower pot for the front of the station, in which we promptly planted a variety of flowers.

All of the painting was done by the members of our unit. A new kitchen and restroom had been installed the latter part of 1978. This too, was done by the members of our unit. The inside of our station (truck bays, office, etc.) has also received a fresh coat of paint. All in all, the station is ready for winter! These are a few of the good things that have occurred in Southwestern Indiana this year -- now for the bad!

In May it was necessary to remove the pumps from our 1962 International Fire Truck and send them to Michigan for overhauling and re-certification, leaving our department with only one truck to operate with. To ease the pain of the repair bill, the members decided to remove and re-install the pumps. If the members had not performed the removal and re-installation, it would have been necessary to drive the truck to Michigan and have the pump company do the labor for us. Even though we did the "hard work", the cost of this to the department was approximately \$4,000 for the overhaul and some other mechanical repairs which were again done by our members. Once the International was back "in-service", things began to run smoothly again for our department, until about three or four weeks ago and our department was called to assist the city department in the form of another pumper and additional manpower. Our "trustworthy" International responded! All was going quite well and the fire was pretty well "knocked down" when our "trustworthy" International quit running.

The truck was pulled to our department's garage and upon inspection, it was discovered that the engine was beyond repair. Upon calling a garage to find out the cost of a new engine, we received the sad news -- it would cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000. In our business, when YOU ARE the fire protection for miles and miles of rural families, you can't say "well, we'll fix it at a later date". A new engine was installed and after we got the truck back, decided this would be a good time to repaint the "old reliable" International.

The International had just been put back "in service" the afternoon that the Mt. Vernon TV & Appliance Store burned, so it got broke in quite well. One of the most rewarding things about this partic-

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ular fire was the response the City Fire Department received from other departments. The bulk of the additional manpower at this fire was from Volunteer Departments. Two city trucks were called from nearby Evansville, Indiana, Marris Volunteer Fire Department, German Township Volunteer Fire Department, Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department, and one pumper from our own General Electric Plant, to answer the call for help.

We would like to thank all departments that did respond. It's nice to know when you need help, it's there! The help and cooperation from these departments will not be forgotten. The Red Cross, as well as several ladies of our unit, served cold drinks and sandwiches to the firemen and one of the local restaurants brought a truckload of hot sandwiches up to help serve the men who fought the fire! Again, we

say thanks for a job well done guys!

On August 22nd, my wife and I attended a meeting at Scott Township Volunteer Fire Department and heard State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin, speak on "Back To The Basics of Fire Fighting". This was the second time that I had heard Bill speak. The first time was in Columbus, Indiana at an Instructors Training Session. Mr. Goodwin enlightens his audiences more and more about the fire service each time he speaks.

On September 1st, our department held its annual election of officers. Re-elected as Chief was myself; 1st Asst. Chief, Fred Freimiller; 2nd Asst. Chief, Rod Webber; Honorary Chief, Manus Bishop. President elected was Fred Freimiller; 1st Vice President, Emiel Smith; Orrin Estes, 2nd Vice President; Roy Schmitzer, Secretary and Mac Rueger,

Treasurer. Trustees elected were: Darrell Chambers, Walt Schisler and hold-over Trustees are: myself, John Yaggi, Leonard Wentzel and Glen Curtis.

Recently I was appointed Chairman for District 15 of the IVFA. I hope I haven't bitten off more than I can chew. As I check around the district, I see that it's going to take a lot of work on my part, as well as ALL DISTRICT 15 DEPARTMENTS, to get this area back on its feet and going again. Come on fellas, LET'S LET THEM KNOW THAT DISTRICT 15 IS IN SOUTHERN INDIANA!

After the October 21st meeting of District 15 at the Fire & Rescue in Mt. Vernon, it was very discouraging to see the turn-out for the quarterly meeting. All of the dignitaries of the IVFA were present, with one member from Perry Township and 12 members from the Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue. No other departments were represented! It sure wasn't because you weren't notified! President Crocker and PR man, Carl Davis, mailed the cards since this was my first meeting and I mailed maps to our station to all departments. Apparently, someone didn't pass this information along to the other members of their respective departments! IN THE FUTURE, IF YOU RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THESE MEETINGS, PLEASE SEE THAT EVERYONE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT IS NOTIFIED! SOMEONE ELSE MAY WANT TO ATTEND, EVEN IF YOU DON'T!

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**Two Hoosiers Killed in Blast**

Reprinted from Post-Tribune, Gary, Indiana, October 5, 1979.

BREMEN, IN -- A barn, apparently used to house a fireworks manufacturing operation, was the scene of a powerful explosion and fire that claimed two lives, fire officials say.

The blast early October 4th resulted in the deaths of Daniel L. Hess, 29, of South Bend, and Brian Berry, age unknown, of Canton, Ohio, said Marshall County sheriff's dispatcher Don Holderread.

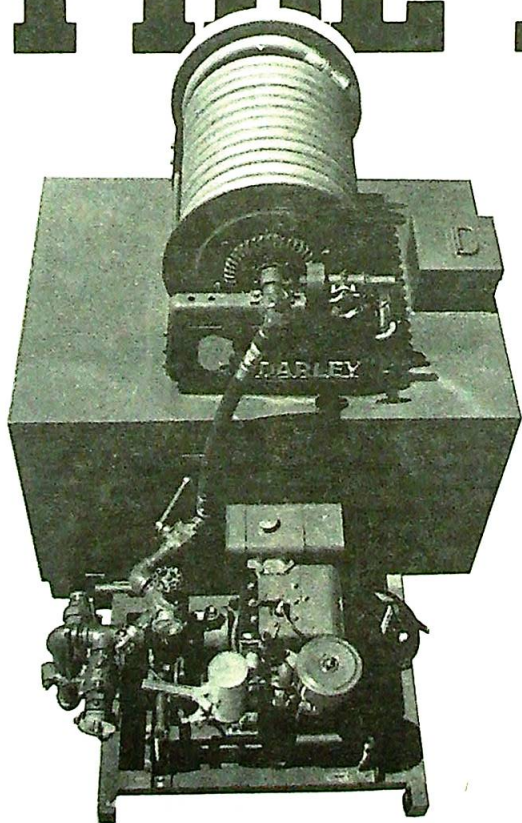
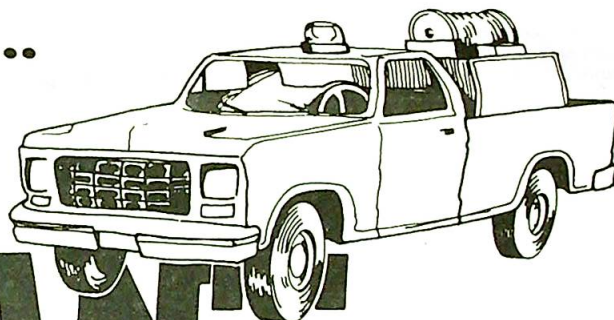
Investigators said the barn, located just south of Indiana 6, was owned by Dennis Mangus, a Marshall County farmer, who had rented it to a group of South Bend residents.

Bremen police Chief James Brown said the explosion broke windows in nearby homes and produced vibrations more than three miles away.

Brown said he was unaware that a fireworks manufacturing operation was being conducted in the area, and Bremen Town Attorney David R. Holmes said there has not been a permit requested or granted for such an operation.

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**OFFICER'S MEETING**

TRD Inc. offered the services of his office along with the normal 400 number to his office and the use of a tape recorder and secretarial help. His office will take the call on recorder, have it typed up and mail it to Laney's office.

Jack Ford suggested the president announce to the officers of a deadline for news articles of the 20th of the month preceding the month of printing. This would be January, April, July and October. Also, the president would subscribe to the clip service for a trial period only. This to be stopped if unneeded or unsatisfactory."

**READING OF THE MINUTES STOPPED**

President Crocker said this was a proposal to the body and would be activated only if approved by the board of directors.

Norm said that Laney has at this time agreed to do the editor's job on the paper on a trial basis only. Should we offer no help in getting the news in, he will resign immediately. It is up to the body.

Norm also restated the offer by T. Downey. If you have an article or news item to put into the paper, just call his office on 800-382-8837 (toll free). The item will be recorded, typed up by his secretary and mailed to Bob Laney.

Norm also stated every committee chairman will, without fail, have an article in each paper on the events and proceedings of his committee. The membership has the right to know what is going on.

The recording secretary continued with minutes of the morning meeting:

"There was a suggestion from one of the attendees that the host department or host city for the next convention shall also put articles in the paper along with pictures to publicize and promote their convention. This helps everyone to find out just what to expect at convention.

Tim Downey suggested we make up and have printed an annual calendar of events pertaining to fire service in the November issue of our paper.

At this time Norm Crocker stated the PR directors could have the dates of their fire schools set so those dates could be printed on the calendar as it is printed in the paper. The editor's assistant committee will meet with the editor immediately after the quarterly deadline to choose those articles and pictures that will be printed in the paper.

A discussion was held on the publishing of the annual convention minutes. Since it is a function of the by-laws to print the minutes, we will print them this year and then take action on this matter later."

**MINUTES READING STOPPED TEMPORARILY**

Norm Crocker explained this was one of the high expense areas which probably should be looked into to be changed. If it is changed it will take a resolution on convention floor. At this time the total cost of everything for putting the minutes in the paper is around \$2,500. The question that came up, "Do we need this kind of expense or are there that many people who actually read the minutes or even care to read them in their entirety?"

Since there are several questions that would or should be brought up on this matter and since this is board business, everyone should think about it and be ready to discuss it at the board meeting. Continuing with the minutes...

"The convention minutes this year will be printed on news print. This will reduce the cost of paper to print and the price of postage to distribute. This ended discussion on the paper and the editor.

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall receive all requests for supplies and printed materials. No one will order anything printed without first going through the Sergeant-at-Arms, except the secretary, treasurer and the ads taker.

Business cards will be personalized for state elected officers only. The district chairman cards will have no personal information on them. They will have only the state information along with "District Chairman" printed on them. All business cards will be ordered through the Sergeant-at-Arms."

**MINUTES WERE STOPPED**

Discussion was held on the different possibilities of printing business cards.

A motion was made by Carl Bruns that we continue with the printing of business cards as in the past with the policing of the printing be coordinated through the Sergeant-at-Arms, seconded by R. Yergler and passed by voice vote.

**FURTHER READING OF MINUTES**

"Carl Davis made a suggestion that the pamphlets to be used in conjunction with the PR area fire schools shall be printed and in the hands of the fire school officials at least 30 days prior to the school so they can be used for flyers and advertisement of the school. The program that will appear in the pamphlet will be in the hands of the printer at least 60 days prior to printing."

**CONTINUING WITH THE MINUTES**

"Norm Crocker mentioned a condition that exists in the succession of one officer to another and the passing on of an empty brief case. The list of items that will be passed on from one officer to his successor was read. This list will be made available to each officer and one put into the permanent records. STOP

Motion was made by Billy Sunday and seconded by Doug Bechtel to use this form as it has been submitted, motion was passed by voice vote.

**CONTINUING WITH THE MINUTES**

"The use of the undersized notice cards has been rejected by the post office. To make use of these cards just put them in a proper sized envelope, and mail them with proper postage affixed. No more cards will be printed until the old ones are used up.

Tim Downey presented an outline of insurance as it pertains to members and non-members. The full text of his presentation will be given later to the full body.

A new revised emergency call list was read to the body for their study. A copy of this call list will be sent to each officer with a copy on file.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 hours." End of minutes.

Butch McGill asked that all officers present jot down a complete inventory of all materials (except stationery) he now has in his possession. Get this list to him prior to going home for the weekend.

It was pointed out that in some of the larger districts the membership is so large that the district chairman should have 2 of each kind of Bible. This was granted as a special exception of the possession list.

Bill Goodwin threw a challenge to the group by reading a letter his office received from a fire victim. It pointed out some of the inadequacies of fire protection so often shown by different and poorly trained departments and personnel.

Bob Esserman told of some of the problems he has encountered with the presentation of the LP gas schools and of some of the excuses he has received from different departments for not attending. It makes you wonder why certain organizations are in the fire service.

Norm Crocker mentioned a recent Michigan firefighters convention he had attended. He had received a flag from their organization as a gift to the IVFA. This flag he presented to the Sergeant-at-Arms to be retained as a memento from the Michigan volunteers to the IVFA.

Norm received and read a letter from a local fire department in appreciation of a recent fire school held by the IVFA in an area which they could attend and participate.

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**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

It takes work FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN! If you can't respond, see that someone else in your department does. A lot of time and effort is spent in planning one of these meetings, not to mention the distance that the IVFA officers must travel to attend. Let's all try to make plans to attend the next quarterly meeting and if you receive notification of this meeting, pass it on!

Chaplain Lantz of the IVFA also conducted a memorial service for Mac Rueger, one of our members who passed away quite suddenly October 20th. Mac has been in our unit from the start and has been our treasurer for a number of years. Needless to say, Mac will be missed greatly. Our deepest sympathy to the Mac Rueger family.

In closing, I'm looking forward to being the District 15 Chairman, and will try to do my best to get things in order, but I'll need some help from you fellas too! How about it guys, are you with me? If you need to contact me, my home phone number is (812) 838-3933. Feel free to contact me if need be.

Respectfully,

Max Butler

District 15 Chairman

**Boats and Facility Afire**

Reprinted from The Herald-Telephone, Bloomington, Indiana, October 1, 1979.

Perry Township firefighters battled a Sunday morning, September 30th fire at Lakeview Boat Storage, 8255 S. Fairfax Road.

Seven boats, 10 trailers, seven motors, a car and the boat storage facility were destroyed in the blaze that began at 9 a.m.

Perry Township fire investigator Rex Walters said the cause of the blaze is still unknown. He said the fire spread quickly because of the highly flammable fiberglass composition of the boats and the large amounts of gasoline stored in the boats.

An Indianapolis woman, Ruth Pratt, apparently overcome trying to pull a boat from the storage area, was taken to Bloomington Hospital. No other injuries were reported. The owner of the facility, Glenard Miller, could not be reached for comment.

Total damage was estimated by Walters at more than \$100,000.

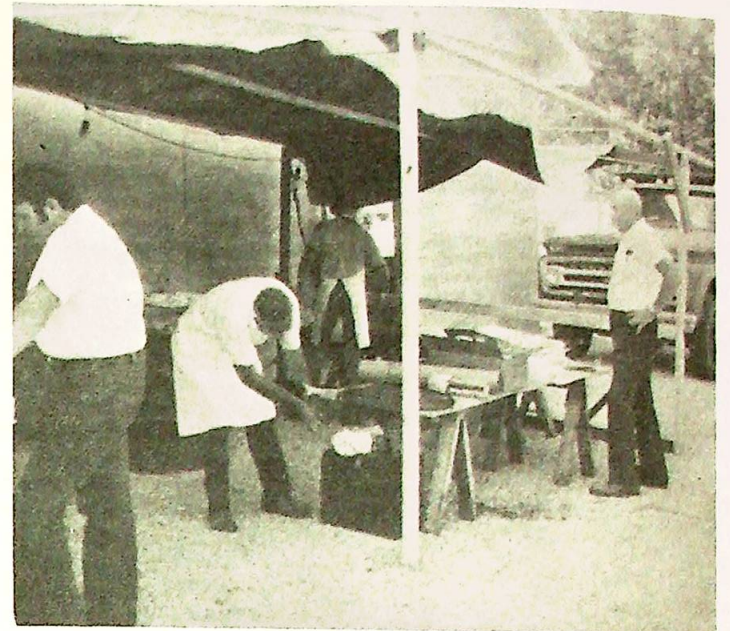
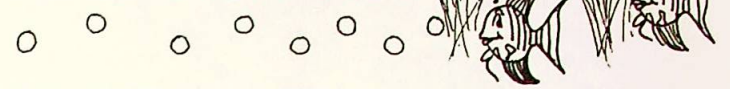
**Foam, Foam, Foam**

On August 21st, approximately fifty firemen gathered at the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department for a three-hour training session on the use and the application of foam.

Invitations were sent to area departments to join the demonstration. Six area departments showed their interest by attending. They are as follows: Francesville, Morocco, DeMotte, Wolcott, Monon and Lincoln Township.

The class was taught by John Wozniack, a training instructor with the East Chicago Fire Department. He stated the program with an interesting slide presentation and the group then moved to a vacant lot at the edge of town for the actual use of the product. It was very rewarding to see the interest and also participation by those attending.

Perhaps we should look to having more of this joint training sessions in the future for evening sessions as the turnout was excellent.

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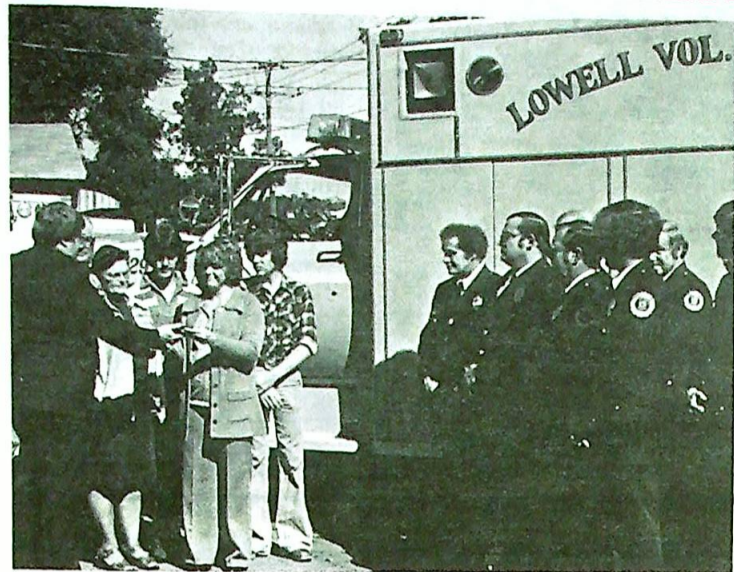
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# LOWELL HOSTS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



**DEDICATION OF NEW RESCUE IN MEMORY OF ROBERT COBURN 1943-1978** - Janet Coburn accepts a plaque to be mounted on the new \$40,000 dollar fire - rescue truck purchased by the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured left to right are Asst. Chief Jim Purkey, Chief Jack Eskridge presenting the plaque, Bob's parents, Bob's sons Rick and Greg and accepting the plaque is Janet Coburn, Bob's wife. Looking on are the members of the Lowell Fire Department. A prayer was offered by Reverend Lynn Henry.



**FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS** - Pictured are the children selected with the best poster drawn from grades kindergarten through fifth in the Lowell Fire District. Five schools participated. First place winners each received a smoke detector and second place winners received a fire extinguisher.



**JAWS OF LIFE** - The Department demonstrates the use of the Jaws of Life and the rescue procedures the Department follows in a rescue operation.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** - Lowell Volunteer Fire Department hosted the seventh annual open house for Fire Prevention Week held October 7th through the 13th. The Department displayed the fire rescue and ambulance units. The Department conducted several demonstrations to the public near downtown Lowell.

Over 1,000 people attended the open house and the demonstrations and were impressed as well as being enlightened on several very important factors having to do with firefighting and fire prevention. In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department hosted six children's groups with tours of the Fire Station. They also had a window display in the Red Wing Sports Store in downtown Lowell. Five schools were visited and a special flip chart program was presented to approximately 750 students in grades kindergarten through the third grade. One-thousand Sparky Fire Prevention comic books were given to the students. Chief Eskridge feels that the efforts of his men in the schools and the community have definitely lowered the statistics in fires and emergencies his fire district.



**CAR FIRES** - The Department reacts quickly to a simulated car fire.



**PETROLEUM FIRES** - Here they are using fuel oil to show the spectators the effect of foam in petroleum fires.

## LOWELL PICKS A SITE

A site for the proposed \$250,000 fire station was approved by the town board of Lowell. The board met in a special session for preliminary action on the construction of the facility, proposed to house town, Cedar Creek Township, volunteer fire and Tri-Creek Ambulance Agency equipment.

Approximately three acres, east of the Zip Food Store on the north side of Indiana Avenue (Ind. 2) has been designated as the site.

Construction depends on funding, officials said.

Town Manager James Mandon was instructed to search for funding sources and to outline steps required for municipal construction based on the specifications for the building.

Attorney Richard Brown said he will contact the State Highway Department regarding necessary curb cuts on the state highway.

The property was originally donated to the Lowell Cemetery Association by Gerald Huber.

When the Cemetery Association was dissolved several years ago, the property was deeded to the town.

It is zoned for public use and according to a tentative site plan presented by Fire Chief Jack Eskridge, contains sufficient land for the fire station and a future town hall and police station.

The plan submitted by Eskridge, which has not been adopted by the town board, places the building in a triangle.

Town board member W. Dick Childress is advocating combining the fire and police stations and town hall as an energy-saving measure.

The proposal was met with concern by Eskridge because of the safety measures to be considered when volunteer firemen respond to a call.

Plans for the 10,500-square-foot station are for three offices, a maintenance room, restrooms for men and women, radio room, kitchenette, sleeping area for paramedics, meeting rooms and six double drive-through bays with floor drains.

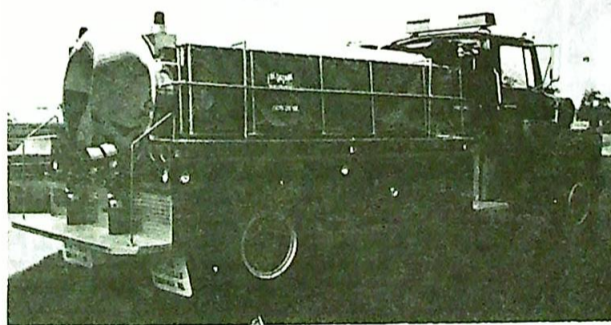
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**OFFICER'S MEETING**

The meeting was recessed for the evening at 21:43 hours to be reconvened at 08:30 in the morning.

President Crocker reconvened the meeting at 08:35 hours on Sunday morning.

Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation for the day and Vice President Parker led the group in the pledge to the flag.

Norm introduced the new district chairman for District 21. He will need lots of help as he is new as well as having a new district.

At this time Norm read the appointments to the different committees as they stand at this time. Changes and additions will be made as they arise. A copy of these committees is attached.

Jack Ford of the legislative committee said we must get started now on getting our wants known to the legislators. We have only four short weeks to work with them as this is a short session.

The EMS committee chairman Ivan Nevil read some of the changes they are trying to get passed in the EMS guide lines. If anyone has more they should get in touch with him.

Chairman Bechtel said the public education committee is ready for the state fair. He read some guide lines to be followed this year. He also read the list of people who will be in charge of the trailer on the different days of the fair.

Jim Parker of the redistricting committee said District 20 is now functioning and District 21 will be brought before the board for approval.

Ads taker Murphy had no report except he will take back to Laney any news articles that are turned in at the meeting.

None of the other committees had as yet met so they had no reports to give at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** It was reported the returning of the new membership forms was very slow and Parker advised everyone to beat the bush to get these in. A mailing will be made to each officer at a later date informing all of those departments that are delinquent.

Gene Stofer told those present that from this date there will be no changing his mind when he stops payment on any checks. If a person calls wanting to know where his or her check is, Gene will tell it like it is.

Norm Crocker said Jim Baker had requested we consider submitting names for a national award. He asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to serve on this committee. Steve Ritter said he would volunteer the training committee to handle this study and come up with a recommendation. If anyone has a name to submit just give it to the training committee as soon as possible, also we are not limited to one name only.

Norm Crocker asked the convention '79 committee to give its final report. Bill Kalb gave a summation of the financial statement for this year's convention and said the convention will cost the association nothing. (A copy of this report is on file.)

Gene Stofer said there was one bill that had to be paid by the Association. There were four district chairmen who reserved rooms at the Clifty Inn and then failed to show up. The Association will pay this bill.

Norm announced the picture taking for new district chairmen and-or officers would be at the November meeting. Any of the other officers who think they need new pictures can have them taken at that time.

Past President Jones presented a plaque of appreciation to the convention hosts for this year. Bill Kalb thanked all who attended and invited everyone to return at a later date for possibly a convention of the future.

Norm read a letter of invitation from the president of the Kentucky Firefighters Association asking that Norm and his wife attend their convention to be held on August 12 - 15, 1979. Norm will be unable to attend the full session and asked that Dick Doan and-or Tom Selmer go down if possible as our representative. The two said they would at no cost to the Association.

Norm received another letter of invitation to attend the meeting of the Legislative Study Committee. Norm read the list of problems he presented to this study committee at the State House meeting. There will be two more field meetings to which everyone is invited to present his views.

Fire Marshal Goodwin gave his opinion on how the officers of the Association should be used in the programs at the different district meetings. They should be asked to help in the presentation of the different functions of the fire service and how these different functions join to form the total fire service.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Norm asked everyone to help in getting the membership forms back. They are getting in very slowly.

Robert Esserman said he has received a verbal request for convention '81, but as yet there has been nothing in writing. Norm asked that he and Larry Hoskins get together and try to get the necessary work done to get this city to host that convention.

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**"All work and no play" .....**



Roy Richardson hard at work during the 1979 State Fire School which was held at IUPUI last April "Take it easy, Roy!"

**Party At Poe**

Poe Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary felt that everytime we get together with our neighboring departments, Preble and Hoagland, one thing is always on the minds of one department or the other: WORK! It may be a fire or a fund raiser for the department. Poe Ladies decided to invite all Hoagland and Preble Firemen and Auxiliary members to join them and their firemen at a Halloween Party at the Poe Fire Station. Everyone was asked to come in costume, if not be prepared to pay a fine. This was held on October 20, 1979. The result was an evening of refreshments and plain good fun. It gave everyone a chance to meet their neighboring departments and learn their names.

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The 1969 El Camino was so heavily damaged as to be almost unrecognizable. Having received a new "Jaws of Life" a year ago the Rensselaer Rescue squad set to work at extricating the victim. As we worked it was soon discovered that the demonstrators of the "Jaws" tell you, "Don't forget how to use your basic tools", is a true statement. The "Jaws" literally tore through the car due to the rusted sheet metal.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SEVEN



Butler and Poe playing for the Championship.

Poe Volunteer Fire Department men won first place in the International Waterball meet in Bucket Brigade. Team members were Jim DeKoninck, Scott Schroeder, DeWayne Gallmeyer, John Wilson, Sam Wilson and Arlo Hoffman.

Poe Volunteer Fire Department men's team placed second in the International Waterball meet at Angola. Team members were Jim DeKoninck, Ken DeKoninck, Jean Smith, Leonard Bultemeier and Jerry DeKoninck.

Poe Volunteer Fire Department Women's team placed second in the International Waterball meet at Angola. Team members were Mary Gallmeyer, Cheryl Bultemeier, Dot Cole, Virginia Wilson, Joyce Wilson and Judy Treace.

District 7 completed Fire Training with Cooney Tucker on Hydraulics on October 2, 1979. We had approximately 35 men at each session.

Preble Volunteer Fire Department had a pancake and sausage supper on October 13, 1979.

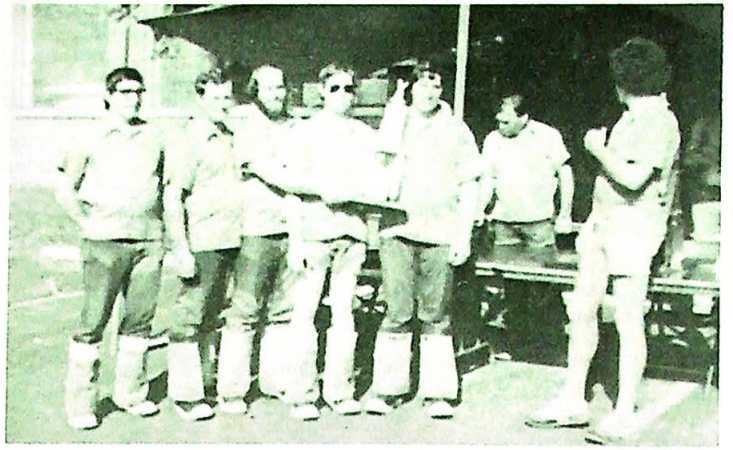
On October 14, 1979, Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department had an Open House in honor of their new quarters.

Poe Volunteer Fire Department E.M.T.'s sponsored a spook house on October 26, 27, 28 and 29.

A Halloween Parade was held on October 27, 1979 at Geneva.

Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department will have their Annual Dance and Turkey Raffle on November 17, at the Hoagland Hayloft at 9:00 p.m.

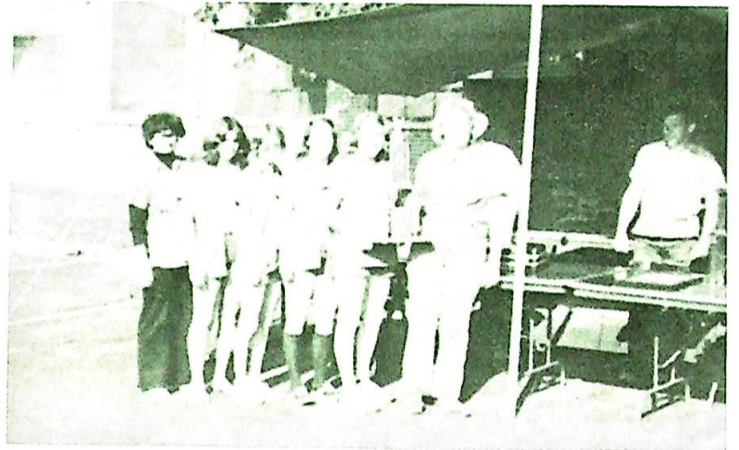
Some departments in the district will be attempting to raise some needed funds for their stations with the following annual fund raisers.



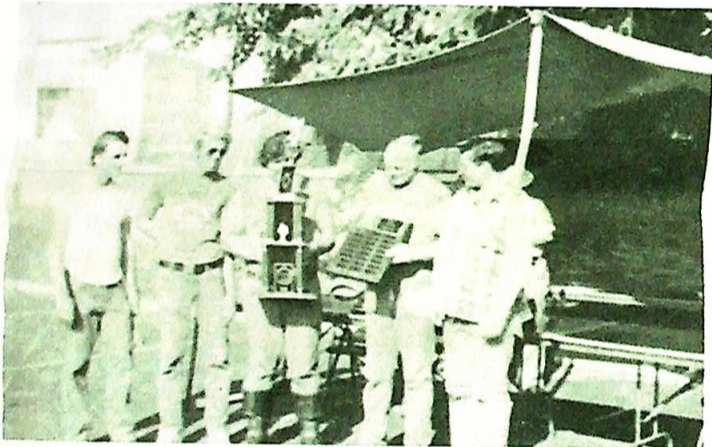
Poe Volunteer Fire Department, left to right: Jerry DeKoninck, Leonard Bultemeier, Jean Smith, Ken DeKoninck and Jim DeKoninck, won the Men's Waterball International Second Place Trophy.



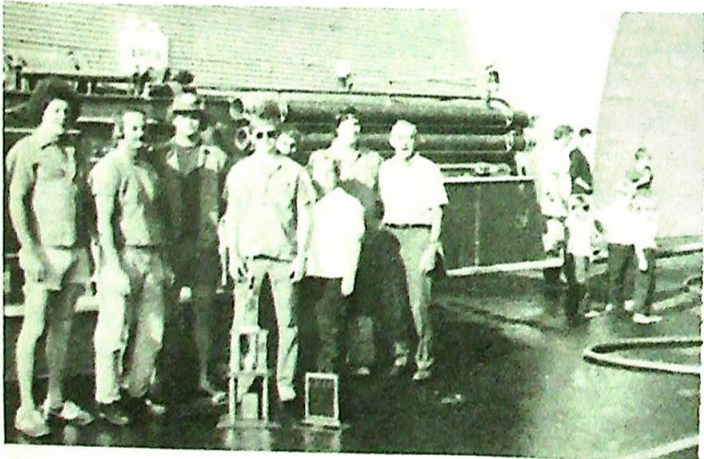
Montezuma, Ohio Ladies' Waterball in First Place.



Poe Auxiliary Waterball Team won Second Place. Left to right: Virginia Wilson, Joyce Wilson, Judy Treace, Dot Cole, Cheryl Bultemeier and Mary Gallmeyer.



Butler Men's Waterball Champions.



Men's Bucket Brigade Champs - From left to right: DeWayne Gallmeyer, Arlo Hoffman, Scott Schroeder, John Wilson, Sam Wilson, Jim DeKoninck, along with Marjorie and Shorty Brames who presented the Jim Brames traveling trophy for Bucket Brigade.

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### OFFICER'S MEETING

Kenny Lau read a letter of commendation to a local fire department. This letter was printed in a local paper. He said he would send a copy of this letter to the editor of our paper.

Norm Crocker chided all district chairmen for their collective lack of representation of the IVFA to the general membership. Every chairman has a responsibility to the members of this Association and should get busy and do the job.

Jerry Marquardt made a short report on the progress being made for convention '80 to be held in Fort Wayne and will be hosted by Allen County Firefighters. He has a long list of exhibitors who wish to support the convention.

Bob Esserman asked for pictures for the paper of the different places where the major events will take place. Jerry will make them available for publication in our paper along with a map of the general convention area. Any other information as it becomes available will be printed in the paper.

Jack Ford told of some of the meetings he had attended recently. Included were the Canadian convention and a convention held in Ohio at which only 60 people were registered. Jack said the reputation of the IVFA is known and respected through the North American Continent and we should be well proud of the Association and what it represents.

Doug Bechtel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bud Grogg and carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 hours by President Crocker.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chairman Jim Parker.

Bud Sears made a motion to dispense with the preliminaries, seconded by Bud Grogg. Motion carried by voice vote. Roll had been taken and is on file. No communications.

The Mr. Volunteer Fireman Committee having finished its function and is therefore dismissed.

The Non-Related Income Committee has finished its work and has drawn up guide lines on how to report our income. Their work being completed, they also were dismissed.

The Bulletin Board Committee is released because of lack of further directions to pursue. Any further developments along this line will be handled by the Insurance Committee or pursued by a later appointment by a succeeding board chairman.

The Clothing Claims Committee has not functioned fully though part of the ground work was laid. Since one of the committee was not re-elected, Jim decided to release this committee and hoped the new board chairman would appoint a new committee and pursue the matter to the adoption of a resolution to ease the situation.

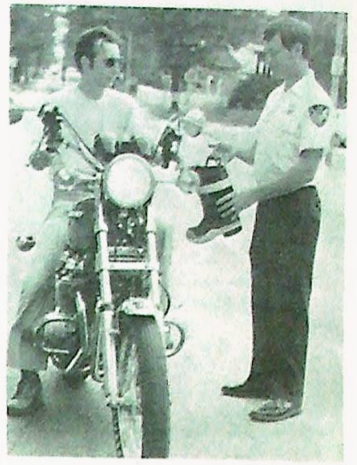
Jim Parker said that we had lost our manufacturer of our grave markers and had gone with another company pending our approval of their sample. At this time Jim announced that Ralph Yergler would take over the responsibility of the grave markers. This had been handled by Paul Fairfield who no longer is a PR director. Ralph had just recently contacted a representative of a manufacturing concern. However, the man whom he should have seen was off on vacation and could not furnish the proper information we needed. He will contact Ralph as soon as he returns.

Jim informed Ralph we would like to see the proof sample of the production run prior to the issuing of an order. The final decision will be

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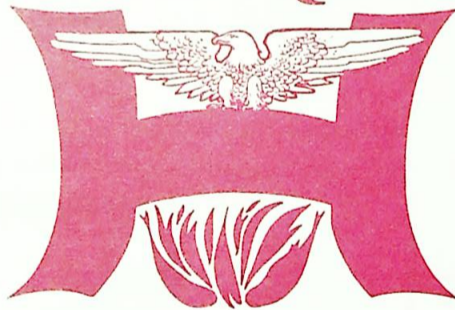
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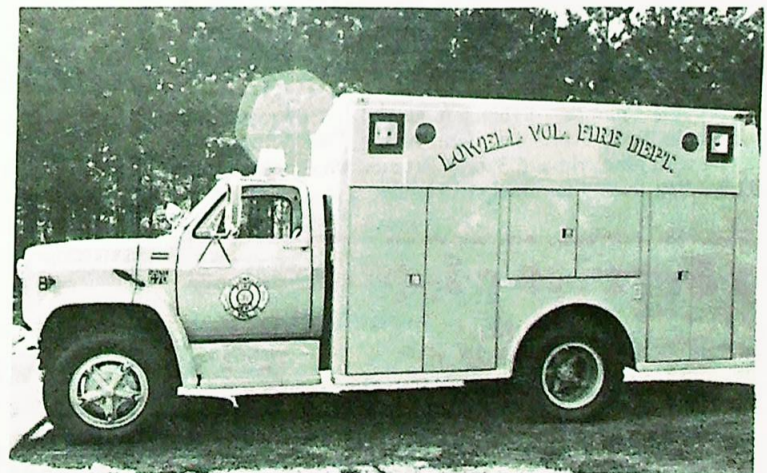
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**"Did You Know?"**

**Silver Anniversary  
1952 - 1977** By Thelma Lester

**Purpose** — To inform new members how we humbly started and to reminisce with older members of our happy events.

**Issue No. 12**  
 August 22, 1971 the IVFA Auxiliary officers held their meeting at King's Crown Inn at Kokomo. Seventeen officers answered roll call.  
 A thank you card was read from Mr. and Mrs. Verne Konopasek from Griffith for the lovely present presented to them at their 50th Anniversary celebration given to them the day following the 1971 Convention. Several of the officers stayed over for the observance after the 1971 Convention.  
 A report was given that \$619.38 profit was made from the sale of the Lucky Doe Doll at 1971 Convention. No records show who was the lucky winner. If anyone knows, please contact me to keep for our records.  
 Treasurer, Barbara Surber, reported a balance of \$1,527.26. Recording Secretary, Jo Lantz, reported a membership of 790 ladies. Nancy Kraft was appointed as the new jewelry chairman.  
 In November 1971 there were 26 officers and six guests attending their meeting at Kokomo again. Memberships really have rolled in; we now have 1,850 members this date.  
 At the February 1972 meeting our state has gained 100 more members. Thanks girls; the more, the merrier; also the more we learn to help.  
 Eva Ruth Weaver showed the sheets that she painted our emblem on, which we bought and will use for the tables at memorial and installation services. Thanks so much for a job well done.  
 May 1972 — Twenty officers met at the Holiday Airport Inn in Indianapolis. The Chaplain reported the State's first memorial service was given by her for Kathryn Ruble at Newpoint.  
 Not only are we interested in our State, but our State is interested with love for others. A representative from Acton auxiliary reported their auxiliary had sent Betty Crocker coupons, Top Value and Green Stamps to a fire department in Alaska so they could buy a needed fire truck. It was found out other auxiliaries had also sent the needed coupons and stamps. They remembered the second commandment — "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."  
 Are you all dressed, suitcase packed, car with plenty of gas? Well, at least your thoughts had better be alert because I'm ready and "Looking For You in '72" (June 15, 16 and 17). I looked and I saw — the 26th IVFA and Auxiliary Convention held at Wayne Township, Indianapolis. It was one we all will remember. We had combined with the men the largest registration of any convention to that time.  
 An unusual ride none of us realized we could ever do! A ride on the noted 500 mile Speedway race track — well, we didn't get to go all the way around; just part of it because they were making improvements on some of it. It was still a thrill to ride on the track even though we were not racing. Also, how about those beautiful race cars used by several noted race drivers which were displayed in the museum there. And it was all free!!  
 Thursday evening an officer's meeting with 20 present was held in a room at the K of C, Holy Family Center, with Carolyn McCarty presiding and Rosella Bousman, Immediate Past President, pinning a corsage of red roses on her.  
 Everything seemed to be doing fine for Convention, so our meeting was dismissed for the officer's buffet given by the host firemen. Wonder how that tray ever got in the Chaplain's attache case?  
 After the buffet meal, everyone got settled for the opening of 1972 Convention. Several officials from Wayne Township and Indianapolis also introduced and welcomed us all.  
 Carolyn McCarty, our president, was introduced and gave a warm welcome to all the ladies attending convention. She also presented each officer of the men's association a billfold with their names engraved on them from the State Auxiliary.  
 Friday morning President Carolyn called the meeting to order. Gene Stofer honored us by bringing our Honorable Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb and his wife in our meeting to greet us and give a short talk.  
 At roll call time we had 22 officers, 205 individual members from 67 auxiliaries and 18 guests. One of our past presidents was unable to attend because her mother passed away during our Convention. We missed you, Inez.  
 The Koffee Klutch was enjoyed by all. The secretary reported our membership list stands at 2,124 members with \$1,051.88 balance on hand.  
 We were dismissed for Memorial Service held at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. The auxiliary had five members remembered during the services. They were Marcella McCarty from Sandford, Kathryn Ruble of New Point, Bess Cartmel of Waldron, Verna DeLacey of Angola and Blanche Ferrell of the Washington Township Fire Belles of Knox.  
 At noon the women were so thankful for all being served a free lunch at the school, our meeting place, by our gracious hostesses. Much time was enjoyed and very intellectual by all participating in a discussion for forming and working with new auxiliaries.  
 Election of officers for the coming year voted in were all re-elected. They were Carolyn McCarty, Union Mills as President; Joe Shanabarger, Churubusco for Vice President; Barbara Surber from Acton as Treasurer; Mary Boyd from Sellersburg as Corresponding Secretary; Jo Lantz, Scipio Township as Recording Secretary; Thelma Lester, Raleigh as Chaplain; Lucy Stofer, Wayne Township Indianapolis as Sergeant-at-Arms, and Rosella Bousman, Saratoga as Immediate Past President.  
 Bernice Esserman, Chesterton, was re-elected as District 1 and 2 Chairman; Margaret Tarnow, Scipio Township near LaPorte for Chairman of District 3; Dorothy Anstett from Pleasant Lake for District 6; Joyce Nevil from Geneva for District 7; Barbara Parker, Acton for District 10; Vica McGill from Dana for District

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**Public Relations  
East Central**



Bill Sunday

Gentlemen:  
 The East Central Fire School is over and once again the only complaint was the attendance. The I.V.F.A. officers are continually trying to build a training program that will boost our attendance. Gentlemen it's time we heard from you. We have a committee working, we've tried to get some input from you people and we are not hearing from you. I think it is about time some of you people who are sitting around bitching about the programs we have and crying because it costs too much or just because you personally are not involved or you have to drive 40 miles to attend, get out your pencil or get on the phone and let someone hear from you. If you have talked to someone and it didn't do any good, tell them again or tell one of the other officers involved. You know some of us are not doing the job we set out to do because of work or other personal reasons so get the word to us. We are not all perfect and we cannot settle everybody's problems but we are here to try. So let us help. That was not an ass chewing it was fact. I want to thank all the people who helped with the E. C. Fire School. I think it was a good school. I would hope everybody has heard that the I.V.F.A. has training programs in your districts available for your dept. to use. If not, contact your district chairman so he can make arrangements for you to use them. In closing gentlemen, for those ones who wonder where I have been this quarter it is called working 2nd trick. I hate it.

Bill Sunday  
E. C. Public Relations

**Public Relations  
Southwest**



Carl Davis

From the Southwest:  
 Just a few lines to let all know that we are still going strong. Have attended several district meetings and visited all of the departments that I could get to. Many of the meetings are on the same nights and just have to make them when I can.  
 Attended the 18th Fire Prevention Parade at Jasper and must say that they had a fine and very good parade. They picked their Miss Flame and the Judges had a lot of work choosing one from the eight pretty Miss Flame entries.

The annual turkey barbecue of the 17th District put on by the Odon and Madison Vol. Fire Departments will be November 1st. Talked to the head cook and he reported that he had 500 lbs. of turkey and plenty of livers and gizzards bought. The baked beans and other fixins will be ready for all to enjoy.

We are trying to get a state calendar printed so that all fire schools and any other meetings that you would like to have printed on it can be placed for all to see. This must be completed by Jan. 1, 1980, so if any dept. has something they want on the calendar let your district chairman know at once.

We have three slide sets for any department that would like to use them. I have another ordered that should be in at any time. Several departments have been using the slides and think that they are very good training aids.

We have a meeting set up on October 21, 1979 at Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue Department. Hope to get the 15th District rolling again. Fellows, this is your organization so let's get out and do our best to make the Southwest District the best in the State.

Yours for now,  
Carl O.  
P. R. Southwest

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In a demonstration conducted at the Fort Wayne Fire Academy, a gasoline pump dispensing station was set on fire.

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In a similar situation involving an actual fire in Louisville, Kentucky, several firefighters were injured, one with third degree burns over thirty to forty percent of his body and he is still in serious condition.

So, please, wear all protective clothing and no matter how small the fire in the dispensing station, approach with caution!

The gasoline pump in the demonstration failed in 10 to 12 minutes, so lines should be charged with light water before the fire is approached.

**Dedication &  
Open House  
at Monon**

Sunday, August 12, a Dedication and Open House was held at The Monon Town and Township Volunteer Fire Department in Monon.

The entire construction of the building was completed by the volunteer firemen. Much of the building costs were paid for by the firemen through pancake breakfasts, fish fry suppers and other fund raising projects.

The fire station will be dedicated to the Town of Monon and Monon Township, White County, when it is completely paid for, which will be very soon.



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OFFICER'S MEETING

made by President Crocker, Chaplain Lantz, Secretary Ford and Chairman Yergler.

The Insurance Committee chairman was unable to attend the recent meeting held with and in the office of TRD Inc. Therefore, Board Chairman Parker gave the report for that committee.

To prevent this mixup in the future, Jack Ford said TRD Inc. will pay the Association \$1,000 each month with a certified audit to be held semi-annually.

There followed much discussion on the legal and illegal claims by the insurance carriers and what the law says is the minimum amount of coverage.

Marion Bush made a motion to include the treasurer of the Association and that the chairman of the board shall automatically be one of the three appointees from the Board of Directors.

Meeting recessed at 11:27 to be reconvened at 13:30 following noon lunch.

Meeting reconvened by Chairman Parker at 13:54 hours.

Jim said he had asked everyone to think about the placement of the officer's meetings. He thought we should exercise restraint in holding our meetings in the farthest reaches of the state.

The contract with Frank Murphy has expired and is due for renewal. Marion Bush Jr. made a motion to renew the contract with Murphy to be our ads taker for the next 3 years.

Norm Crocker was authorized to sign the contract for the Association at the direction of Board Chairman Parker.

At this time the chair accepted nominations for the office of Chairman of the Board.

Bill Bush nominated Carl Bruns who accepted. Dale Smith nominated Marion Bush Jr. who also accepted. Ray Purcell nominated Bub Holscher.

Roll was again called to determine the correct number of votes to be cast. Following a tabulation of the votes by President Crocker and Chaplain Lantz, Duane announced there were 3 votes for Holscher, 6 votes for Bush and 16 votes for Bruns.

Carl briefly stated how he would like to have the meetings run so there would possibly be better continuity and the meetings would progress much more rapidly.

The first order of new business was the discussion of the use of the clipping service. Norm Crocker said he was willing to put his neck on the block and okay the use of this service in order to retain the services of our editor of past years.

Following several other talks on this matter, Marion Bush Jr. made a motion we accept the editors offer of the use of this service and that the editor would have a report ready for the November meeting.

Much discussion was held on the pros and cons of whether we should print the minutes of the annual meeting in the IVFA paper.

Doug Bechtel made a motion to solicit a resolution to do away with the printing of the minutes of the annual meeting in the paper and that the important facts of the minutes are drawn up, possibly by the recording secretary and made available to each state officer and all district chairmen, seconded by Marion Bush Jr.

Doug Bechtel volunteered his services to get this resolution drawn up and to have it ready for presentation to the body.

Carl Bruns said he felt the Board of Directors should meet on Saturday evening of the first meeting following the annual meeting.

To make it a matter of record and in order for all to know the board chairman read as a directive the facts as they were discussed previously in the officer's meeting.

Jim Parker explained the situation as it applies to some paper that was purchased by Laney. It was to be used for a program booklet we were to give out at State Fair time.

Doug Bechtel made a motion to pay Laney the \$2,300 for this paper with the stipulation that as this paper is used by Bob or sold to someone else, the Association would be reimbursed or the receipts would be deducted from expenses incurred by Laney for work done for the Association.

Marion Bush made a motion to have the Sergeant-at-Arms acquire 10 gavels to be distributed to those district chairmen who do not have one, seconded by Doug Bechtel.

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IVFA COMMITTEES

FOR 1979 - 80

LEGISLATIVE John Ford, Chairman Charles Jones, Interim James Parker David Workmen Bill Sunday Charles Bodgen Marion Bush Jr.

TRAINING Steve Ritter, Chairman Carl Bruns Jim Parker Robert Esserman Richard Doan William Goodwin

BY-LAWS UPDATE Dale Smith, Chairman Ralph Yergler Charles Sutton Max Poling

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HISTORICAL UPDATE Carl Davis, Chairman Bub Holscher Tom Sellmer

FIRE SCHOOLS Jim Parker, Chairman All Six (6) P.R. Directors

EDITOR'S ASSISTANTS Robert Esserman, Chairman Duane Lantz Lawrence Swartz Dale Grogg

SAFETY Bill Sunday, Chairman Larry Biggs Cooney Tucker

PUBLIC EDUCATION Douglas Bechtel, Chairman John Ford Bruce Neal Mort Sorg M. (Pete) Lockhart

BY-LAWS Bill Engle, Chairman All Past presidents

CONVENTION Harold Stofer, Chairman John Ford Paul Fairfield

BIG 9 CERTIFIED

The "Big 9" were Certified on October 9th. Fire fighters from five Elkhart County fire departments completed the one hundred hour Second Class Fire Fighter course.

The Big 9 includes: Jan Buntsfield, Benton; Dale Brubaker, Steve Brumbaugh and Lowell Troyer, Elkhart Township; Bruce Mathews and Ervin Miller, New Paris; Lowell Bontrager and Chuck Mabie, Clinton Township and Dennis Myers, Concord Township.

Instructors were: Kenny Schmucker and Lowell Culp, New Paris; Doug Bechtel and Ralph E. Bechtel of Concord Township; Bill Timmons, Cleveland Township; Norman Crocker, Harris Township and Cooney Tucker of the State Fire Marshal's office.

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Reprinted from The Indianapolis Star, September 6, 1979.

Daniel H. Mills, a Decatur Township volunteer fireman, was credited with saving the life of an electrical shock victim and administering medical aid to several other persons injured during the six-day competition of the U.S. National Drags, at Indianapolis Raceway Park in September.

Mills, 28, who has worked as a medical technician at the park during the last three drags, described this year's competition as "the worst ever" in the number of freak accidents that resulted in injuries.

In addition to administering medical treatment that probably saved the life of Gary Tollefson, 31, Lawrence, Kansas, on September 3rd, Mills and an off-duty nurse attempted vainly on September 1st to revive a Genoa, Ohio free-lance photographer who was fatally injured when struck by a super-charger that flew off one of the competing vehicles.

Tollefson was one of four persons suffering burns and shock when he accidentally grabbed a live 7,200-volt power while sitting on a metal railing atop the bleachers near the starting line.

With Tollefson grounded to the railing, electric current then flowed through the structure, injuring the other three spectators.

Mills was seated in an ambulance near the starting line when the accident occurred. He heard the crowd scream and saw a surge of spectators.

Sensing something had happened, Mills raced from the ambulance, hurdled a 5-foot picket fence and fought his way to the top of the bleachers where he found Tollefson unconscious.

The victim was not breathing and Mills could detect no pulse beat. He immediately began administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and within 1 1/2 minutes Tollefson began breathing, regained consciousness and then was flown by helicopter to the hospital.

Wayne Township and Wishard Memorial Hospital technicians also participated in the rescue effort, but Mills was credited with being the first at the scene and the person whose actions prevented Tollefson from dying.

When the photographer, Joseph M. Rooks, who was covering the drags for a California production company, was struck by the super-charger, Mills and the unidentified

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11; Mary Brooks from Bridgeport or Wayne Township No. 7 for District 12; Loretta Nulliner, New Palestine for District 13; Kathy Huckleberry, Sellersburg for District 14; and Lois Boaz, Greenville, for District 16.

The officers were installed by Pauline Glaub from Manilla and installing Marshal Eula Bush from Dana. Pictures of the pretty installation were taken by Bob O'Reilly, photographer from Fort Wayne.

The business sessions for the 1972 Convention came to a close as ditty bags were given each one present as they left the building.

Friday evening a large crowd attended a gracious banquet dinner at West Lake Beach Club pavilion. Do you remember the surprise looks upon so many faces as the roof began to roll back for an opening to the beautiful starlit sky?

After the banquet dinner and awarding of Mr. IVFA and Paul Becker awards were given, all had the choice of staying at West Lake for ball room dancing or square dancing out to Clermont Lion's Club.

Saturday morning early waterball games were under way at the RCA parking lot on Rockville Road. Wayne Township No. 1 (Waynedale) from Fort Wayne was the 1st place winners in waterball; Ashley girls were the 2nd place waterball winners. In the Bucket Brigade the Wayne Township No. 2 (Anthony Wayne) from Fort Wayne won 1st place honors; and Poe Auxiliary south of Fort Wayne was 2nd place winner. The Lucky Doe doll winner was Charles Shafer of Lakeville, Indiana.

These "Did You Know" series are just a small account of the many events and decisions that have transpired during our years. Anything that you may know and think should have been recorded in our history and I have unintentionally omitted up to this time will be welcomed suggestions.

Thank you very much,  
Thelma Lester  
October 15, 1979

## Beverly Shores'

### First Woman

### President Person

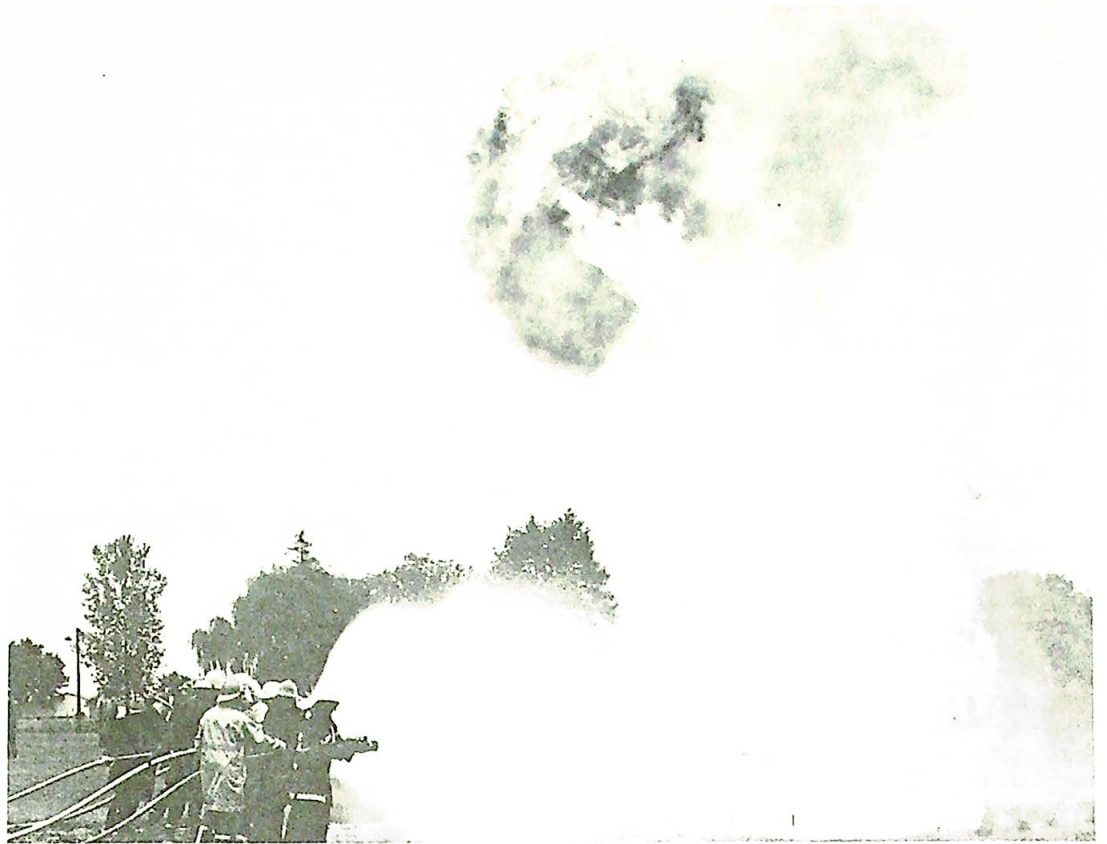
The Beverly Shores Volunteer Fire Department accepted the resignations of both their President, Keith Blozis, and their Vice President, Vince Kowalczyk at last month's firemen's meeting. The men tendered their resignations as

they have been selected by their party to run in the November election for town trustee.

Taking the President's seat is Cindy Blozis, who has been departmental secretary for the past year. Mrs. Blozis is the first woman president for the department and has been a fire fighter for over a year and a state certified Emergency Medical Technician for the past 5 years.

John Bodine was appointed to fill the post of secretary.

## PROPANE GAS FIRE TRAINING SESSION CONDUCTED



Reprinted from Courier-Times, August 30, 1979.

Firefighters representing 26 communities from seven counties participated August 26th in a propane gas fire training session at New Lisbon.

Part of Henry County's fire training program, the event was sponsored by Indiana L.P. Gas Association, Henry County Fire Instructor's Association and New Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department.

Those departments represented were: New Lisbon, Dublin,

Kennard, Straughn, Cambridge City, Blountsville, Williamsburg, Selma, Mooreland, Centerville, Chesterfield and Milroy.

Also Liberty Township (Milleville), New Castle, Middletown, Lewisville, Wilkinson, Knightstown, Mays, Raleigh, Hagerstown, Economy, Shirley, Milton, Bentonville and Mt. Summit.

Myers Appliance, New Castle, a member of Indiana L.P. Gas Association, was instrumental in bringing the school to the county.

The 115 firefighters in attend-

ance spent the day both indoors and outdoors in training sessions. Firefighters had the opportunity to bring an actual propane gas fire under control as shown in the accompanying photo.

Object of the training was to familiarize firefighters with the nature of L.P. gas so that they might have the necessary knowledge to handle propane gas emergencies that could affect public safety.

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**OFFICER'S MEETING**

made a statement for the records that the gavels of the district chairmen shall be passed on to the succeeding chairmen and not be retained upon leaving office.

The Public Education Chairman is in need of a briefcase. Tug Sutton made a motion to purchase a briefcase for this office, seconded by Marion Bush. Following the disclosure that an unused briefcase is available at the office of the Recording Secretary and could be used by the Public Education Chairman, the motion was defeated by voice vote. The available briefcase from the Recording Secretary will be transferred to the office of the Public Education Chairman.

Following some clarification on appointments to the Insurance Board, it was pointed out that Marion Bush Jr. is the permanent chairman of that committee with Vice President Parker, Treasurer Stofer, Secretary Ford and Board Chairman Bruns. The sixth member of this committee shall be appointed in the near future by Bruns after he has had some time to consider the proper person.

Marion Bush Jr. said we still have to approve officially the formation of a new district in the Lafayette area. Charles Jones made a motion to allow the new district and normal expenses for this chairman to be known as District 21, seconded by Chas. Sutton. Carl Bruns asked all other district chairmen who would be involved in district changes if this proposal would be okay with them. All involved said yes. The PR Directors said they concurred. Following an explanation that this area is virtually unrepresented and that there are only a handful of departments which belong to the IVFA, the motion passed by voice vote.

President Crocker asked that all district chairmen and both PR Directors who are involved with this move shall meet with him immediately following this meeting to set up the boundaries for this district and to clarify to which PR area it will belong.

Secretary Ford presented his case for an increase in funds to pay help in getting the work accomplished in his office. Following extensive discussion on the matter Ward Suter made a motion to allow Ford to spend up to \$1,000 to hire help to get the overload of work accomplished in his office, seconded by Charlie Jones. Motion carried by voice vote.

Bob Esserman said we should try to get legislation passed making it possible for us to pass out the materials at State Fair as we so desired in the past but were prohibited from doing this year. Doug Bechtel said the problem is being worked on and possibly could be resolved another way. The vendor who gave us the problem is due for contract renewal this year.

Following several announcements of district functions, Bud Sears made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bud Grogg, motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 15:16 hours by chairman Carl Bruns.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Max L. Poling  
Recording Secretary

**UNION MILL'S**

Ronald Hicks, Chairman of the building committee, Randall Kessler, Chief of the Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department and Robert Bailey, participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday, September 23rd, during the Open House at the new fire station on County Road 800S, Union Mills. Approximately 100 persons attended, toured the building and enjoyed refreshments. Sheriff Jan Rose, of the LaPorte County Police Department, and Duane Lantz, Chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, were featured speakers. The latter presented a history book of 25 years of the IVFA to Jim Tarnow, historian

**RIBBON CUTTING**

responsible for maintaining enough income to meet expenses.

A great deal of thanks goes to all the firemen for their labor and to the Auxiliary for their support, as a new building was badly needed. The old stations had been in use since the beginning of the department in 1946, which was sections of three buildings brought over from the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant in the late 1940's. Needless to say, the new fire station aids the firemen in making a faster response to fires. Making Noble Township Fire Department one of the finest in the area.

**Kendallville Fire School**

Approximately eighty-one firefighters from a six county area attended the August 12th L.P. Gas School held in Kendallville at the Noble County Fairgrounds.

The school sponsored by the Indiana L.P. Gas Association was instructed by Mr. Robert Esserman and Maynard D. Masters.

Esserman from the Liberty Township Fire Department and Masters from the Kendallville Fire Department first showed a film and lectured on the hazards of L.P. gas that a firefighter may encounter. At the conclusion a question and answer session was held with adjournment to the fireground for work on the L.P. tree.

The L.P. Gas was furnished by the Amtane Corporation of Kendallville. The school was termed by Esserman and Masters as a huge success.

for the Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The Open House culminates a year of work to construct the new building which was begun last September. Volunteer firemen have donated their spare time and labor to work on the building. Work on the structure is now 95 percent complete with only minor details to be finished. The new building has a three bay area, approximately 50 x 60 feet, which houses at the present time our 5 pump-tanker trucks. The meeting room is 50 x 20 feet. The kitchen is fully equipt to serve large meals and meets the state health requirements.

There are also two offices, two restrooms, a shower and a storage room.

Several local firms donated part of the supplies and labor to build the structure. At the dedication ceremony large placards covered one wall of the fire station, thanking firms and individuals for their donations and labor to build the station.

Almost half of the money used to pay for the new structure came from donations, however, donations are still being accepted and the rest of the money will come from fund raising projects, including the fire department's annual Hog Roast. Although the department is called the Noble Township Fire Department, it is not funded by the township. The township does pay a certain fee for fire protection each year, but the department is

**SHE'S A WOMAN & FIRE FIGHTER**

Cynthia Loos, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane A. Loos of Hardinsburg, Indiana, has recently completed her training as a first-class firefighter and is certified by the State of Indiana.

sprinklers and stand-pipes, fire sciences, mathematics, fire department records and fire department laws, to receive her first class certification for a total of hours at 177.

In addition to the above training, Cynthia has attended a fire training course at Jackson Township in 1977, Indiana State Fire School for Rural Water Supply and Rural Firefighting in 1978, Indiana State Fire School for Public Relations and the Fire Department and Driver Training 1979.

Cynthia is a regular Volunteer with the Hardinsburg Volunteer Fire Department in Hardinsburg, Indiana. Her duties with the Department consist of pumper operations, first aid, communications, public relations and maintenance of the fire equipment plus firefighting. All of the firemen with the Hardinsburg Department says that Cynthia does a wonderful job and they are proud of her.

After completion of high school in May of 1980, Cynthia plans to further her education in firefighting and plans to become a full-time arson investigator.

Cynthia Loos was one of the youngest girls in the State of Indiana to ever be certified as a first class firefighter.

**WRESTLING AT SCPIO**

Members of the Scpio Township Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a wrestling match on March 29, 1980. at 8:00 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

Tickets are now available from any member of the department, and are also at the Auditorium. For advance tickets sales call 219-362-5718. The tickets cost: Ringside \$4.00; Adults \$3.00 and Children under 12 - \$2.00.

The list of performers includes "Dick the Bruiser" with ladies being the highlight of this season's show.

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Cynthia has also been trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and Red Cross first-aid training in addition to her firefighting which consisted of training in fire behavior, fire extinguishers and agents, fire streams, fire hose practice, ladders, protective breathing equipment, forcible entry, ventilation, ropes and knots, salvage and overhaul and fire rescue for second class firefighter and for first class firefighting. Cynthia has also completed basic practice and hose practice, ladders: ground and aerial, inspections and fire pre-planning, fire apparatus and maintenance of fire apparatus, water supplies,

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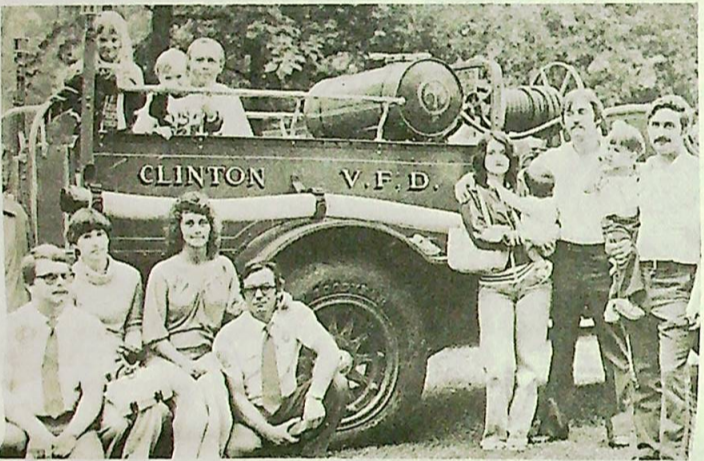
Districts 11A and 11B's

joint picnic on July 8, 1979

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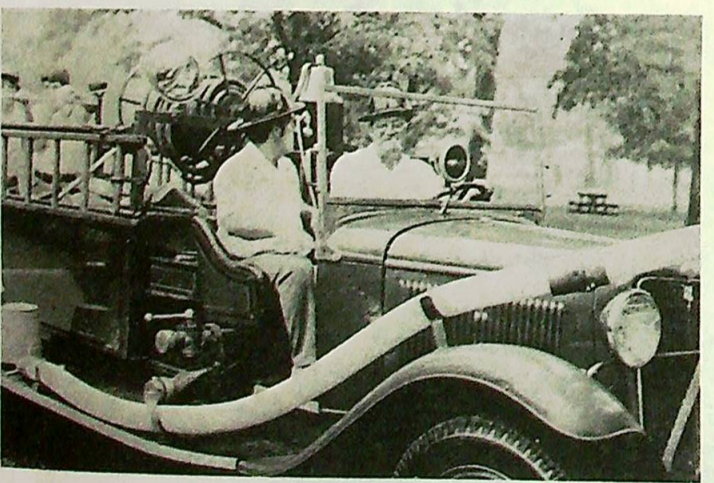
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## INSURANCE FACTS from TIM DOWNEY

The 1979 Indiana Legislature passed several new statutes regarding Volunteer Fire Departments and their activities.

The major items regarding insurance for Volunteer Fire Departments, are under the Accident and Health and General Liability Insurance requirements.

It is amazing to us that so many Volunteer Firemen are willing to accept half truths and no information at all, when it comes to finding out what type of insurance covers their department has.

Upon the effective date of the new Statute, September 1, 1979, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, and The Nationwide Insurance Company were the only

two plans of Accident and Health Insurance that have been filed and approved by the Indiana Department of Insurance.

All other carriers, providing the Accident and Health Insurance, had not complied with the statute as of September 1, 1979.

It would seem, that an individual fireman, would be concerned about the welfare of his family, and would inquire regarding what type of coverages and with whom his department is insured.

The General Liability Insurance requirements of the new Statute, are quite clear.

It is the responsibility of the sponsoring political sub-division,

either town, or township, to provide not less than \$300,000.00 of liability insurance for the benefit of the firemen, at the scene of a fire or other emergency.

To our knowledge, the majority of the fire companies in Indiana have done nothing.

Again, it is amazing, that the fire companies are not more concerned about their personal possessions.

We certainly urge each and every fire company to carefully review the insurance coverages that they have on their department, and demand the best coverage they can possibly afford.

As always, the insurance representative of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association will assist any department in any manner that they so require.

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nurse administered CPR from each side of the stretcher as the photographer was rushed to an ambulance. He died later in Methodist Hospital.

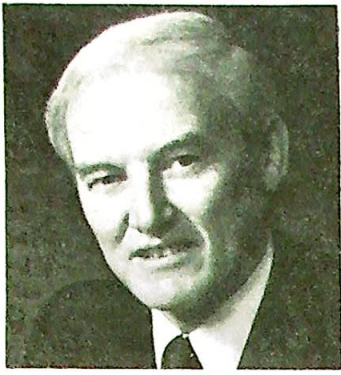
After coping with tragedy and near-tragedy for six days at Raceway Park, Mills admitted that it is

difficult not to suffer an emotional impact from the experiences.

He credited his fellow emergency personnel and a "very professional" hospital staff for helping to relieve the trauma, observing that, "You can take it when you know you've done your best."

Mills was one of a regular crew of about 30 medical personnel, including emergency medical technicians, doctors and nurses, who are assigned to the drags. Their nickname is "medichanic."

# HUDSON FOR FIREFIGHTERS



"It is my thought that the Department of Insurance was established to serve the ultimate interests and benefits of the insuring public. This does not mean that we are to function in the adverse interests of the insurance industry, rather, to bring about and perpetuate a mutually beneficial and equitably responsible relationship between the industry and the citizen."

H. Peter Hudson - August, 1975

Pete Hudson was appointed Commissioner of Insurance in August, 1975 by Governor Otis R. Bowen and his inaugural statement (cited above) set the direction that the Department of Insurance has pursued since. Often noble causes become waylaid in the bureaucratic maze of state

government but Hudson has remained steadfast to his commitment that the Department should serve the interests of the public.

In his four years as Commissioner of Insurance, Hudson has reorganized the Department, improving the workforce and still operates with a budget at less than 3 percent of the departmental income. The Department contributes in excess of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to Indiana's General Fund. Most notably, Hudson has strengthened the Consumer Services Division providing Hoosiers with better assistance to resolve their insurance problems.

Prior to his appointment as Insurance Commissioner, Pete Hudson was an insurance agent. He entered the business as the manager of a newly organized insurance, securities, real estate and mortgage loan agency in Kouts, Indiana. Eventually, Hudson purchased the agency and devoted 16 years expanding the business to include offices in three cities. To avoid the possibility of any conflict of interest he sold the agency upon assuming the commissioner's post.

After having served four years in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict era, Hudson entered the University of Minnesota where he received a degree in business.

Fire safety and arson control are two subjects that Hudson regards as priority items. In May of this year he issued a news release listing several safety measures citi-

zens should adhere to if they deem it necessary to store flammable materials at home. In that news conference, he sought and still solicits the assistance of every fire department in Indiana to better educate the public in proper fuel storage methods.

Pete Hudson is empathetic of the thousands of firefighters who jeopardize their lives and physical well being subduing fires that have been ignited solely to collect insurance benefits. He says that evidence indicates that as much as 25 percent of the fire insurance premiums we pay can be directly linked to the costs of arson caused losses. Regarding this matter, Hudson said, "I sincerely commend the many individual volunteer firefighters who donate their time and efforts taking specialized courses dealing with arson detection. This act alone could serve to deter would-be arsonists, thereby saving Hoosiers countless thousands of dollars and more importantly, preserve human lives."

This year, the State of Indiana and Pete Hudson were honored when he was elected President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Hudson is firmly convinced that government functions best when it is nearest to those it governs, therefore, he has led the battle to prevent the federal government from establishing a new agency that would regulate insurance in every state.

Hudson's duties as Indiana Insurance Commissioner and as President of the NAIC many times

takes him coast-to-coast in a week's time. In spite of this type of schedule, he still finds ample time to spend with his wife and six children. Pete is also active in church and civic affairs which include Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA and the United Way.

## LETTER HAILS FIREMEN

Reprinted from the Indianapolis Star.

To The Editor of The Star: I placed a call to the Decatur Volunteer Fire Department at 5:30 a.m., August 28th because my house was filled with smoke.

This letter is to commend the Decatur Fire Department for its excellent service. The response was immediate and thorough. The concern for property was most unexpected. The portable fan the volunteers used to pull the damaging smoke from my house saved me considerable expense. Upon tracing the source of the smoke to a burned-out fan motor for the air conditioner, they recommended the necessary action required for repair and future safety.

Those of us who live in the Decatur area are very fortunate to have this reliable service available. My thanks go out to all of those volunteers for their early morning help.

V.K. Merrell  
Indianapolis

## Letter to the Editor . . .

Dear Sir:

A copy of a news item that appeared in the Journal-Reporter, Gas City, Indiana is enclosed.

As the article states, this was a first for the Gas City Rescue Squad. It was also a first for the one year old Grant County Emergency Ambulance Service.

The squad currently has six husband and wife teams. These people work ambulance and rescue. We currently have one husband and wife E.M.T. team. The other couples are attending E.M.T. classes.

Your newspaper is very interesting. It is filled with good news-worthy items. It would be interesting to hear how other departments raise money for various equipment. We know that some donate, but when you are strictly volunteer (not paid for rescue runs, and \$9.00 for an ambulance run; which is \$9.00 for the crew, not a piece), it is difficult.

Sincerely,  
Gas City Rescue Squad

## Pride of the Department

The Kendallville Fire Department's new rescue and equipment truck was recently received.

The \$26,000 vehicle was financed by a \$9,000 grant from the Olive B. Cole Foundation, and by Wayne Township and Kendallville city funds.

Fire Chief Larry McGahen expects the truck to serve the fire department for 20 years, largely because of its aluminum body. The truck's predecessor "just wore out". It is now used by the street department.

The new truck is more spacious, has better external lights and interior accommodations for equipment, and other advantages, McGahen said.

## CONVENTION 1980

### "Light Your Flame in Ft. Wayne" June 19, 20, 21

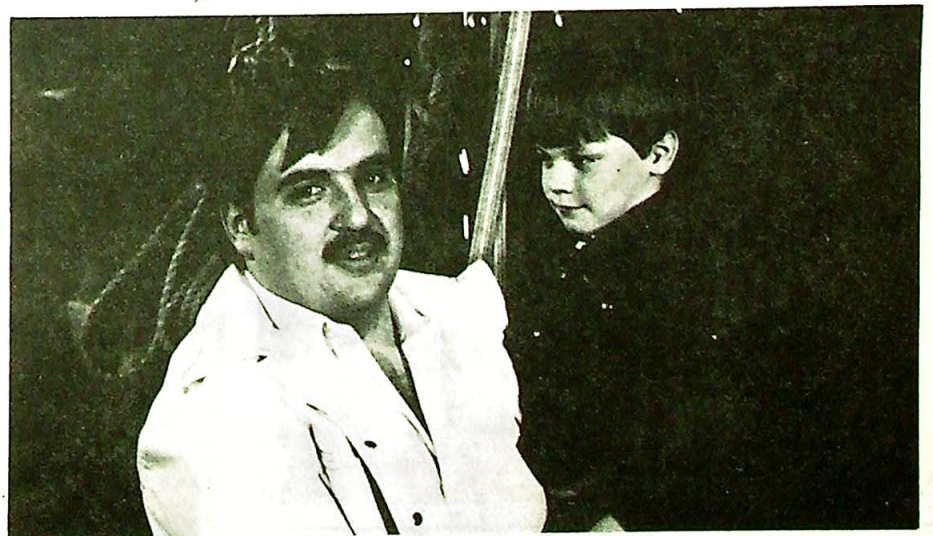
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# In Retrospect...



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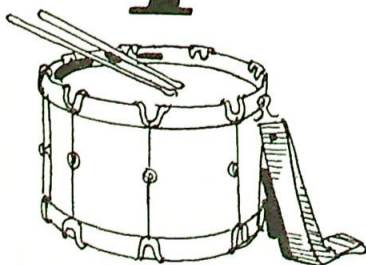
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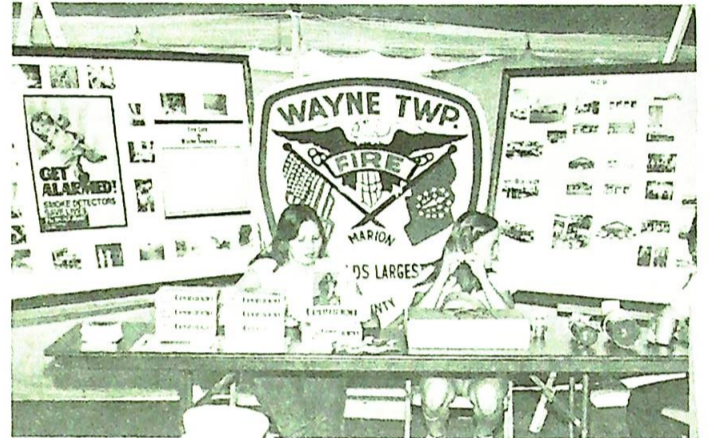
Smokey the Bear leads the parade atop the Ben Davis Rescue Truck

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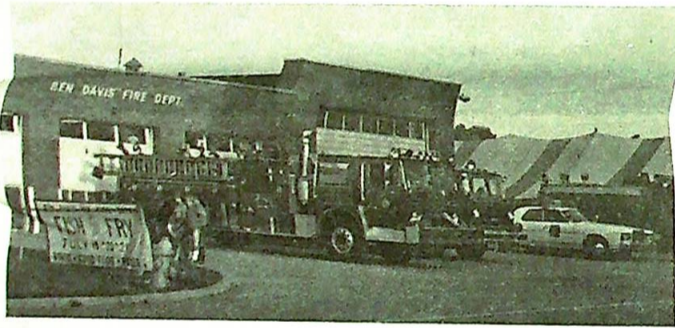


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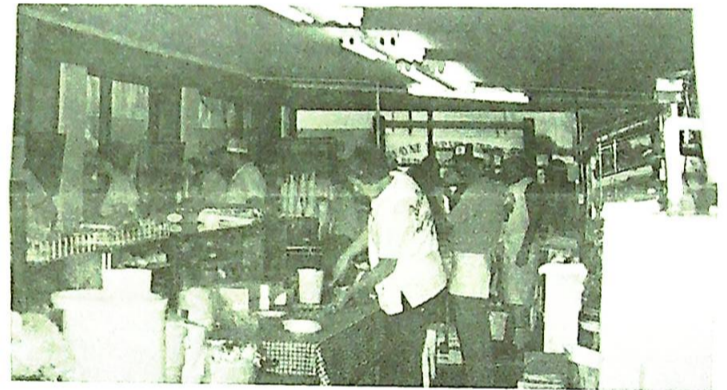
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Wayne Township Public Education Display



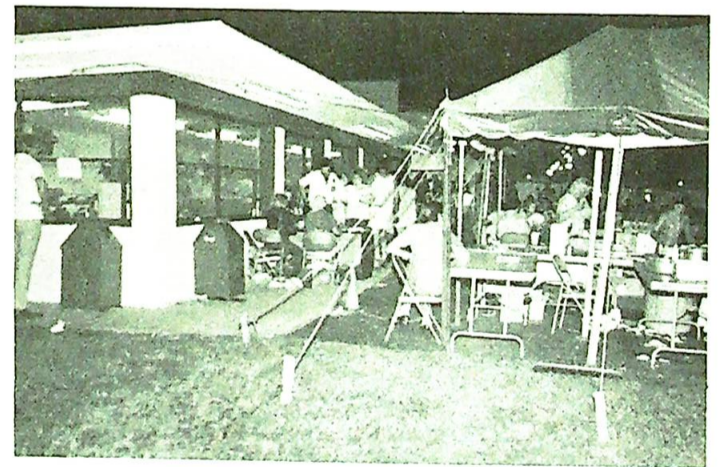
Ben Davis Fire Station



Where all the action is - the kitchen area



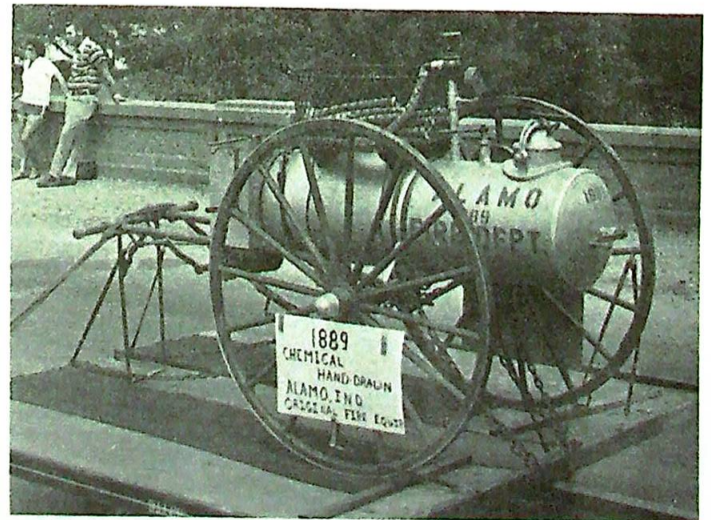
Taps for the old Ben Davis Train Station before demolition for souvenir sales



View of the Grounds



Wayne Township Fire Department equipment in the Parade



The Parade entry from Alamo Fire Department, Alamo, Indiana

# JURY FINDS TWO GUILTY

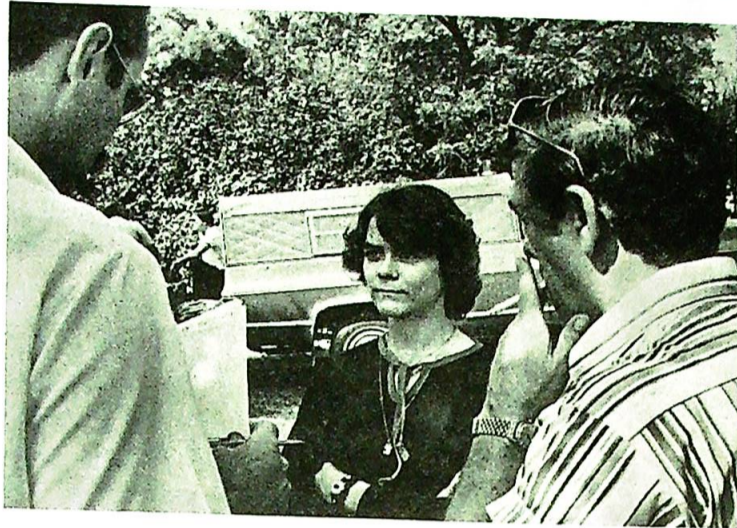
Two people were tried and convicted of arson at the conclusion of the two-day arson school hosted by the Porter County Fire Association in cooperation with The Indiana Arson and Crime Association. The program was held on September 29th and 30th at the Ben Franklin Jr. High School in Valparaiso. The on-scene fire investigation and interrogation was at 300 South and 300 West in Porter Township.

Barker Davie Jr., Police Chemist, Fort Wayne Police Department and William Lehmkar, Investigator, Highland Fire Department and Regional Chairman I.A.C.A. were in charge of the torching of the building on Friday afternoon September 28th. The fire was set by the "arsonist" and after a short burn it was then extinguished. The firefighting equipment was furnished by Chief William Casbon and the Porter Township Fire Department.

Davie and Lehmkar then worked up a script for the 5 people involved in the "arson" to follow during the investigation and interrogation by the investigators the next day. The five were the store owner, his wife, the neighbor across the street, gas station owner, and the fire chief of the responding fire department. These were played by: Bob Schoonover, Mary Esserman, Delbert 'Butch' Collinworth, James Branham and Gary Peterson.

Saturday morning the school program was started with the Key-note speech 'Arson In Indiana' by State Fire Marshal William C. Goodwin. Next was Davie and Lehmkar on the 'fire scene search and interrogation'.

The 80 fire, police and insurance investigators in attendance were then divided into 4 teams and



shown the 5 people involved. The teams were then sent to the fire scene to get a case put together. A search of the fire area, layout of the building, and an interrogation of the five to determine their role in the fire was made by each team. Two of the teams worked until after midnight getting their cases together.

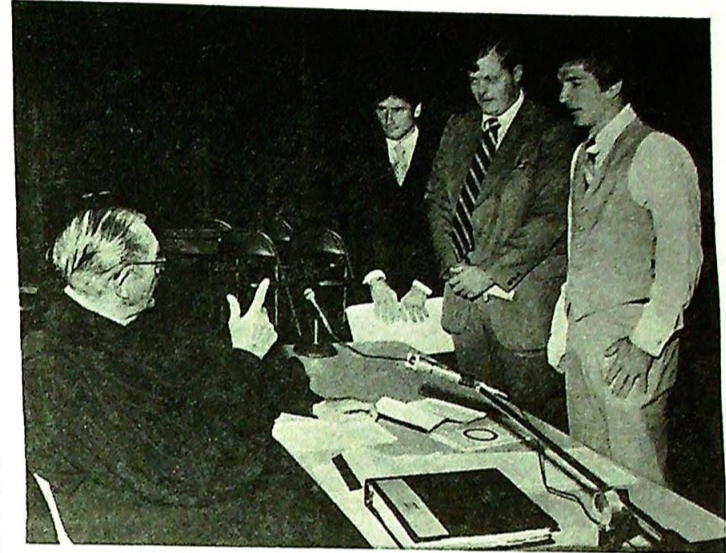
Sunday morning each team made a presentation of their case to the group and one was then picked to be presented to the Judge and Jury.

Presiding Judge was Russell Nixon, retired Superior Court Judge of Porter County, Prosecuting Attorney was Gary Germann, Porter County Prosecutor, and the Defense Attorneys were John Highland Jr. and George Livar-chik, Chesterton Attorneys. The Jury were High School Students of the Porter County Schools.

The Defendants in the case were the owners wife (Mary Esserman) and the neighbor (Butch Collinworth). They were charged of conspiracy to commit arson. After a



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regular court trial, lasting all day Sunday, the two were found guilty as charged.

Many of those attending said that this was the best fire training program they had ever attended.

Appreciation is extended to all that helped make this program a success.

The program Chairman was Bob Esserman of the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department.

## "Light your flame in Ft. Wayne" — June 19, 20, 21

Indiana Volunteer



Firemen's Association

The Registration and Reservation Committee of the 1980 Fort Wayne Annual Meeting wishes to inform you that the situation is well in hand. We have plenty of motel rooms and camping for your convenience. In a one-mile radius of the Convention Center are numerous motels and eating facilities from fast-food serve up to elegant dining.

We have some 375 rooms committed for Thursday evening and even more for the evenings following. You will note the forms for Reservations and Registration below and they can be forwarded to the address mentioned.

Registration will be Ten Dollars per person with advance registration and Twelve Dollars at the site. Advance registration will end May 1, 1980. The Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Allen County Firefighters, with each fire department in the County taking assignments for separate activities.

Washington Township Fire Department has taken the Registration and Reservations and once again the address is: 1834 West Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 for all Registrations and Reservations.

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### T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE

T'was the night before anyway  
 And all through the town,  
 Few people were stirring  
 Houses dark all aroun'.  
 Coats and helmets were hung  
 In the station with care,  
 Not hoping - but expecting  
 They were to go elsewhere.  
 The trucks were parked,  
 All snug in their place,  
 Prepared for a run,  
 Prepared for a race.  
 The firemen were sleeping  
 All nestled in their beds,  
 While visions of fishing  
 Danced in their heads.  
 When out through the air  
 There arose such a clatter,  
 They sprung to their feet  
 Knowing what was the matter.  
 More rapid than eagles  
 Their feet seemed to fly,  
 For the siren at the station  
 Was their battle cry.  
 Into their clothes  
 They flew like a flash,  
 Down to the station  
 In a mad dash.  
 While sprinting along  
 They fasten their clothes,  
 No longer was the town  
 Dark, quiet and composed.  
 One man flipped the switch  
 The tape to replay,  
 When they knew the location  
 They were off and away.  
 Out on the street  
 With red lights aglow,  
 Sirens were screaming  
 They were "on the go".  
 Arrived at the fire  
 The hoses unwind,  
 They knew upon sight,

It would be a long grind.  
 Up went the ladders,  
 Men climbed to the top,  
 The ten below temperature  
 Had turned very hot.  
 They spoke few words,  
 But went straight to work,  
 Spraying the dread flames  
 Some leaped - some lurked.  
 They ate smoke all night,  
 But with faces of gray  
 They had conquered the flames.  
 At the break of a new day,  
 They prepared to leave,  
 Started rewinding the hose,  
 All wet and tired  
 All nearly "half froze".  
 Returned to the station  
 Work yet to be done,  
 Cleaned trucks and hoses,  
 To the very last one.  
 All smelling of smoke  
 From head to foot,  
 All covered with ashes,  
 All covered with soot.  
 Returned to their homes,  
 Crawled in the tub,  
 Asking themselves, "Why  
 Be a fireman Bub"?  
 "It's in your blood,"  
 Is the answer they get,  
 Crawled out of the tub  
 Again soaking wet,  
 Jumped into clean clothes,  
 Racing against time  
 They were off to the factories  
 Another eight hour grind.  
 Wives hear them exclaim  
 As they drove out of sight,  
 "See ya' later, Honey, and  
 I hope there's no fire tonight."

Ralphine Robinson

### ARSON SUSPECTED

Reprinted from The Herald-Telephone, Bloomington, Indiana, October 3, 1979.

Arson was the cause of a late-night fire which damaged Kleindorfer's Hardware and Variety Store Tuesday, investigators said today.

Police are searching for a stocky, 5'8" male, about 17 years old, who was seen fanning the blaze at an entrance to the store. Authorities believe he robbed the store before setting the fire.

"I glanced out my window as I was turning off my television set at 11:45 p.m.," said Barbara Ramon, who lives across the street from Kleindorfer's at 1402 W. Kirkwood, "and I saw a kid bending over,

moving his hands, beside the side door of the store.

"I ran out to the porch and then I heard a big boom. Then flames began to shoot out of the place. I saw the kid run. The fire caught on pretty fast because of all the paint and varnish, I suppose. I called the fire department right away."

Bloomington Township firefighters, assisted by the city force, arrived on the scene shortly after midnight. In all, more than 30 men using five trucks fought the blaze and had it under control in 20 minutes, Bloomington Township Fire Chief Dale Livingston said today.

Livingston said most of the damage to the store was caused by smoke and heat.

"There was very little water damage and the flames were confined to a small area," he said. "But smoke and heat, I'm afraid, caused major damage."

Phyllis Kleindorfer, wife of store owner Dave Kleindorfer, said official estimates of the amount of damage cannot be determined until insurance investigators have completed their work.

"I would think, though, that we're talking about \$50,000 to \$75,000 damage," she said.

Detective Rick Blocksom of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department said the suspect also made off with about \$300 in cash.

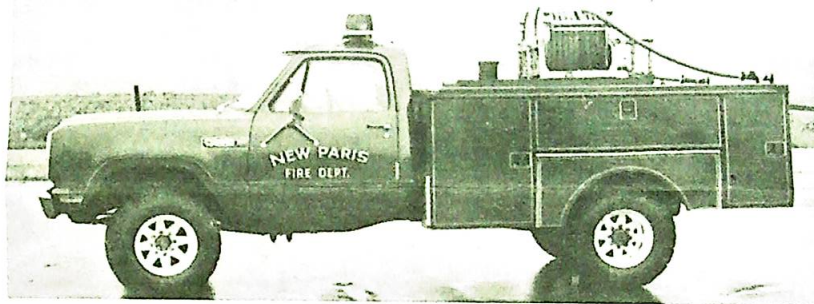
"He dropped a bunch of change in the entrance-way," Blocksom said. "We are investigating this as a burglary-arson."

No one was injured in the fire, which was fueled by many flammables in the store. Ruined merchandise lay strewn throughout the store among melted shelving. Livingston said although the damage was major, the structure of the building remained sound.

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Assisting Bob Esserman were, Norm Crocker, Jim Bruner, Ray Catron, Ward Sutter, Jim Glenna, Maynard Masters, Bill Howe, Leonard Grizzle, Charles Jones, Dan Johnson and several others.

The cooperation extended by the hosts departments is greatly appreciated and also to all of the departments that supplied equipment.

Some of the other training learned from these programs are firefighters working as a team, hose lays, hydraulics, water supply-tanker relay, and for many of the firefighters one of the hottest fires they have ever encountered.

Plans are being made to continue this program next year, with an L.P. class planned for the State Fire School at Indianapolis in April.

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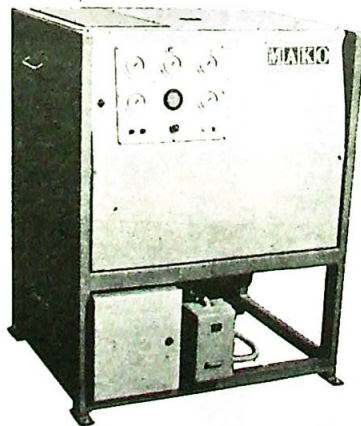
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# BOYS SAVED BY SMOKE ALARM

Reprinted from News-Banner, Bluffton, Indiana, September 27, 1979.

This is an ad for smoke detectors. It is also an ad for family alertness and training.

Because of both, two Bluffton boys escaped unharmed in the middle of the night from an \$18,000 inferno blaze that gutted and baked the interior of their Mobile Manor home.

One night after another fatal city fire, death was cheated this time.

Flames, heat and smoke late that night ravaged the trailer home of Mrs. Barbara Kyle of 926 Westfield Drive in Mobile Manor near the city's east edge.

Mrs. Kyle already had left for her job at International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

Her boys, Jimmy, 15 and Chris, 9, had gone to bed.

The older boy told relatives in the aftermath that the home felt too warm -- enough to cause awakening -- but no smoke or other sign of trouble was evident.

Surmised was that it merely must be too stuffy, and a fan on the bedroom floor was started up.

Scarcely had this been done when the smoke detector alarm in the residence suddenly went off.

Jimmy told the relatives that he wasted no time -- immediately gathering up Chris and ushering him outside.

This was shortly after 11:30 p.m., judging from the 11:35 p.m. that the fire call was logged at city headquarters.

Within minutes the home was a virtual oven.

Firemen suspected that a wiring short in the middle part of the home -- in or near the just-evacuated bedroom -- could have been the fire cause, although no official determination was made, pending more thorough examination being undertaken.

The boys, clad in bed clothes, temporarily were taken in at a nearby trailer.

As fire fighters were reaching the scene, however, they had no information in the fire alarm report about the occupants being out of the house.

Learning quickly that the two boys normally would be in the home, department representatives had a moment of open serious con-

cern and gripping fear that the youngsters were trapped inside, amid what then was a blistering fire.

Even with accounts that the boys were in a neighboring mobile home, firemen with airpacks battled through the modern 70-foot long trailer-house to seek making sure no one was inside.

As had been the case in the big fire on the previous night, firemen efficiently attacked the blaze and gained the upper hand within a short time.

The intensely hot fire had eaten away the interior in the central area where it seemed to have started and concentrated.

But smoke and the searing heat appeared to have reached into almost every cranny along the home's long, narrow extent -- charring and blackening in its path -- almost baking the interior.

The two boy's exit had been none too soon. Within minutes it may have been virtually impossible to have survived inside.

In their summary, firemen called the home, plus furnishings and belongings, a total loss, placing an estimated figure in their report of \$18,000, although they said it could be revised upward.

working. The Ossian department used their tankers and pumpers, taking three pieces. They also hooked into a large above ground swimming pool to get additional water.

Fortunately, no one was hurt by the mass of flames. Smoke was seen as far away as Ossian. The barn was a total loss, but corn in an open storage bin nearby and other buildings were saved.

Reported was that the mobile home was a good one that was well-furnished and obviously well-kept.

Firemen, assisted by Fire-Police Chaplain Msgr. James Conroy, worked with relatives in contacting International Harvester to notify Mrs. Kyle about the fire -- and particularly that the boys were all right.

The youngsters, with help also from their uncle, Glenn Williams, were reported taken home with their grandparents, the Hobert Williams of the Verz Cruz area -- Mrs. Kyle's parents -- firemen noted.

Related was that the boys were asking about their pet dog who had been in the home when the blaze occurred.

A fireman told the News-Banner that the dog had perished in the fire.

Firemen and assisting police urged strongly that the public know the factors by which tragedy was averted.

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## OSSIAN TO THE RESCUE

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A raging barn fire on the Don Gruss farm called firemen from four fire departments at 6:55 p.m., August 9th. The large barn, filled with hay, some farm equipment

and a truck, evidently caught fire through heat in the hay or electrical problems. The barn, according to the owners and people passing by, burst into flames. A truck was saved by the owners. The Gruss property is one half mile west of Road 1 on the Yoder Road.

Firemen from Poe, Ossian, Wayne Township and Madison Township all responded with a total of nine heavy pieces of fire equipment. Tank trucks kept the pumpers

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