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CHURCH, HOME FIRES KEEP FIREMEN BUSY

By Angie Howland
Banner-Graphic Staff Writer

After about a week with no calls for help, the Greencastle Fire Department was bombarded with emergency calls Wednesday after a torrential rain and wind-storm damaged much of the city.

Downed power lines and lightning were the primary cause for three major fires which destroyed the Greencastle First Presbyterian Church and a residence on Washington Street and partly damaged a second Washington Street home.

The 111-year-old Presbyterian Church, located at 110 S. College Ave., caught fire about 4:30 a.m. when a bolt of lightning struck the bell tower. The back of the tower exploded and set the main structure a blaze. Additionally, a section of the roof was blown off the building and into the street.

GFD did not have a total damage estimate of losses but said the sanctuary was a total loss.

Firefighters worked 14 hours at the scene until the fire was completely out. They did not leave the church until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

One bright note, however, was the basement of the main structure was saved and the Sunday School addition, located at back of the church was untouched.

GFD Capt. Bill O'Brien said the Sunday School wing was saved because of the barrier between the two sections and the concrete in front of the stairway. "The fire kept trying to spread but we were able to contain it because of the barriers," he said.

The basement suffered water and smoke damage but will still be usable, O'Brien said.

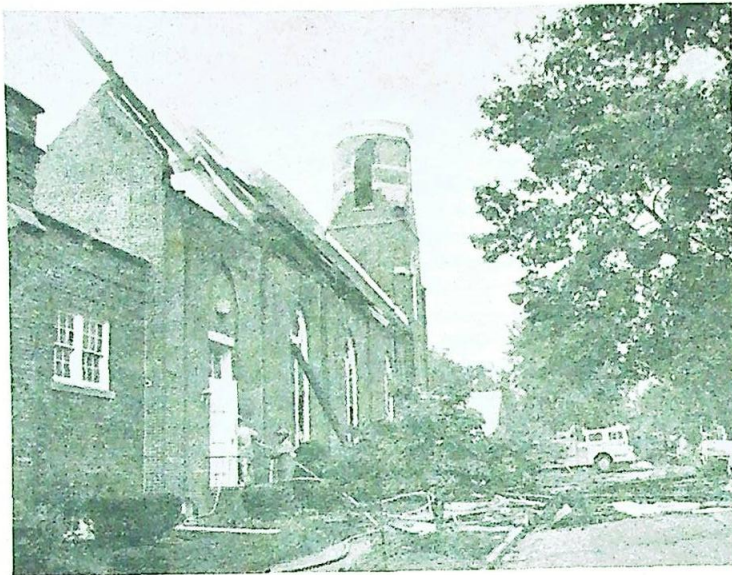
Four firefighters were sent to the hospital. Mike Burgess, David Varvel and Mike Long were all treated and released from Putnam County Hospital for heat exhaustion. Cloverdale Volunteer firefighter Kenny Gerlach stepped on a nail and was also taken to PCH.

Firefighters from Cloverdale Fire Department., Reelsville Volunteer Fire Dept., and Madison Township Volunteer Fire Dept., assisted GFD while Bainbridge and Fillmore Volunteers were on stand-by.

To complicate matters, the Larry Whitlincok residence at 208 W. Washington St. was also hit by lightning at the same time and firefighters battled that blaze as well. According to a GFD report, the house was a total loss.

O'Brien said all the assisting departments rotated men to both fire scenes.

Two houses down, the John and Sue Frazier residence at 210 W. Washington St., caught fire at 11:10 p.m. when an overhead power line dropped on the house. GFD estimated the loss to the



Banner-Graphic Photo by Gary Goodman

building and its contents at \$10,000.

Luckily, no one was injured in any of the incidents.

O'Brien said the county's Mutual Aid Operation aided GFD immensely. "We can't ever repay those people for what they did for us."

Presbyterian Church Destroyed By Flames

By Joe Thomas
Banner-Graphic Assistant Editor
By Angie Howland
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Smoke from the burning remains of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church wafted over the downtown square as the sun rose about 6:30 a.m., the odor telling everyone of the destruction wrought by the violent storm that hit town early Wednesday.

The storm racked up damage in a wide strip across central Putnam County between 4:15 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. However, no injuries resulting from the storm have been reported as of press time.

Firefighters confirmed the church, which was built in 1879 as the

College Avenue First Presbyterian Church, was the victim of a bolt of lightning that came at about 4:30 a.m. with the natural violence that weather officials called a downburst. The church went through a major renovation within the last four years.

That renovation transformed the basement into Browning Hall and remodeled the sanctuary.

"It's like a death in the family," Rev. Keith Geckeler, pastor, said as firefighters battled the flames before dawn. The inside of the church was gutted by the fire that also consumed most of the roof. The steeple that contained the church's bell exploded in the fire, Lt. Bill O'Brien said. O'Brien said the steeple could have exploded either because it was hit by a lightning bolt or by pressure built up due to the intense heat of the fire.

Four fires were reported although no information was available at press time.

Firefighters also had to battle the lack of electricity, which meant they could not open their electrically-controlled doors. That meant that each of the large bay doors had to be opened manually before the trucks could roll.

The storm also claimed the GFD's paging system, which meant firefighters not on duty at the station had to be called in for service.

O'Brien said that when firefighters arrived on the scene, ash

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Volunteer Firefighters Fighting Financial Battle

This is the first of a two-part series examining the current and the future financial status of volunteer departments. Volunteer firefighters protect a major portion of the property in the Truth readership area.

By Truth Correspondents

"Volunteer fire departments are still the biggest bargain in America today."

William Kinsey, Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association (IVFA) public relations director for northeast Indiana, predicts the next five years will be a critical period for the institution of volunteer firefighting.

"It is essential that changes be made in the way financing and recruiting are handled. We will see fewer volunteer departments. Either because of consolidations or because of the economics, they go out of business," said Kinsey.

Area towns and townships rely heavily on volunteer firefighter coverage and the firefighters rely heavily on the IVFA to lobby for their survival.

IVFA employs a lobbyist who has been successful with the State Legislature in focusing attention on several critical issues including insurance benefits, departmental financing alternatives and pension plans. On an individual basis, volunteer departments try to cope with rapidly expanding residential and commercial areas, limited daytime manpower, lack of central water supplies and limited funding to repair, upgrade or purchase new equipment.

The pension fund question weighs heavily on the minds of volunteer fire chiefs. Legislation does exist allowing for contributions to a pension fund, but Kinsey says the tax freeze prohibits towns and townships from participating. The lack of a pension fund is one of several reasons manpower turnover is high, according to Kinsey.

"There's not much incentive for a young married guy to tell his wife he wants to be a volunteer and when he gets ready to retire there won't be any extra income from a pension," explained Kinsey.

Local governments are not mandated to compensate volunteer firefighters except for a nominal \$75 per year per firefighter clothing allowance. Towns and townships occasionally are exception to the rule when they pay out compensation based on the points for the number of responses and training taken by each member.

This year the IVFA successfully lobbied for and won the right for towns and townships to establish

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Fires, Powerless Residents Left By Storm



Greencastle firefighters battled a fire at the Larry Whitlincok residence, 208 W. Washington St., for a second time Wednesday afternoon after thinking they had it extinguished earlier in the morning. Lightning was the cause of the fire. And the house was reported as a total loss. (Banner-Graphic photo by Steve Hendershot)

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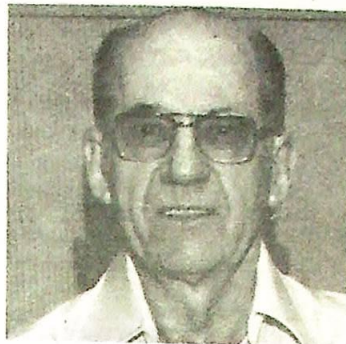
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Hi Everyone!

Winter is near and people are starting to use their wood burners, electric heaters, furnaces and never check them. So far, things have been fairly quiet on the fire scene; we haven't had any major fires in my community, but anything can happen very quickly. I hope everyone will make a small investment in smoke alarms and be safe. Be sure to check all you have so they are working.

I've been to Wyoming for my Navy Reunion, took Bob and Joann Hays from Honey Creek Vol. Fire Dept. with us. Had a great time and saw a lot of interesting things. MT. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Mt. were two of the outstanding things we had the pleasure to view. Since I was in Wyoming, I missed going to Dist. 11 B's meeting. I'll catch their meeting in Nov.

Dist. 11A had our yearly picnic and meeting. We had about 60 people there. We had plenty to eat and lots of fun. We missed having Theada and Lawrence Swartz come; they are always fun to be with.

Attended the West Terre Haute Fire Prevention parade. West Terre Haute took over the fire prevention parade when Terre Haute ceased to have it. Now it gets better every year. Kenny Eads and all his helpers did a fine job this year.

January 20, 1991, District 11A will be having their meeting at the Indiana Theater, 7th and Ohio St., Terre Haute at 1 P.M. This is something special. It's an old theater and they are restoring it. We welcome all of you to come join us.

I hope all of you exercised your right to vote. Some don't get that opportunity.

Since I won't get another chance, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! Be seeing you in 1991.

DISTRICT 9-B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by chairman Mitch Parish at 7:58 P.M. at the Chalmers American Legion Post in Chalmers, IN.

There were 11 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 43 with 69 alarms among the 11 departments answering roll call.

Program on Open Burning was presented by Dave Rice of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Items discussed were: Need for input into Legislation; need news for paper in by Nov. 20; Bridgeport scholarship fund; need to register to vote; Fire Chief's Association; Fireman's license

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From
Your Chaplain
Duane Lantz



SCRIPTURE: St. Luke, Chapter 1 Verses 28-33

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever: and of His kingdom there shall be no end.

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Well, here we are into Fire Prevention Week. Teaching the children of our country the proper way to prevent fires.

Fall is well upon us, the Little League games are over, no more from the garden. (Don't forget to dig your carrots.) The flower pots are brought in from the cemetery--seems each year is busier, whether you are on the up side of the hill of life or gently sliding down the other side.

Oh yes, the World Series hasn't been played off yet. The Reds are playing the Oakland A's. Football is in full swing.

The best ahead of us is Thanksgiving and Christmas. For Thanksgiving we have so many blessings to be thankful for in each of our families.

At Christmas time taking time out of our busy lives to worship the Babe in swaddling clothes. The birthday of the Christ Child, our Lord and Savior.

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, our families and friends are very important to us. The most important part of this season is the love we feel for our families, friends and the Babe in the manger who is part of all of our lives.

Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 28

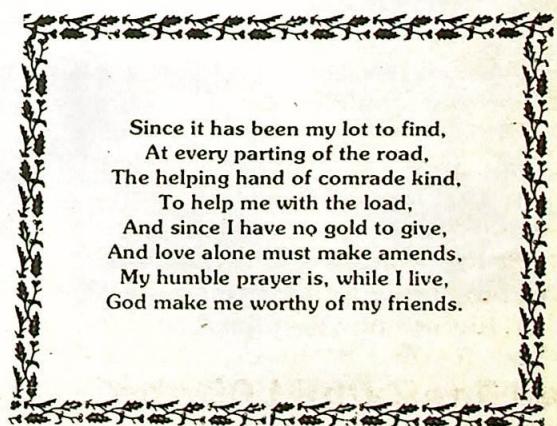
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called, according to His purpose.

Dr. Peale's inspiring sermon, "Love, The Greatest Feeling of All", made me think of what another speaker had said. Both were talking about the same thing, though each put it differently. The Volunteer Fire Service is based on love, but love comes first.

How often in the midst of the daily rounds we forget that the single most important unit of the world is the individual - - each member of our family, the neighbor next door, the person down the street. And we too often fail to remember that such individuals, no matter how old, does have specific needs, not only for food and clothing and shelter, but for love; for the sure knowledge that there are others close by who offer security and strength through the sharing of joy and sorrow and concern.

In a nutshell, love is the essence of life, the basis of peace, the thing that binds us, one to another. It is the outward expression of the Golden Rule.

As we enter these holidays our memories wander - - Mother's love overflowed through her warm apple pies, through the patches she sewed to our worn clothes in the evening's dim light. As Dad read from the Bible, his favorite was Corinthians, "There are but three things that last forever: Faith, Hope, and Love, But the greatest of these is Love.



Since it has been my lot to find,
At every parting of the road,
The helping hand of comrade kind,
To help me with the load,
And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends,
My humble prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends.

I believe in the life of love, given to us by Jesus Christ who is our Savior and Lord; and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the life of love now becomes the life of God in the soul of man.

Thomas A. Carruth

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Your Chaplain.



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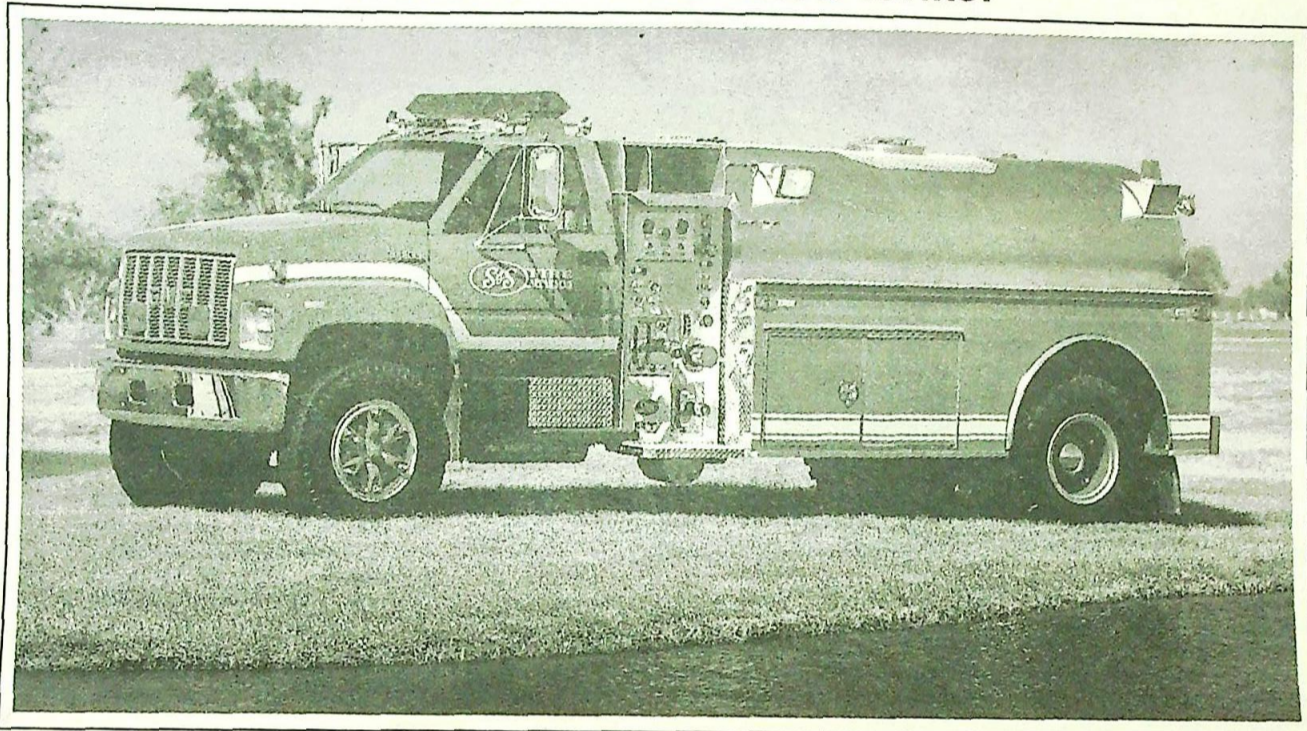
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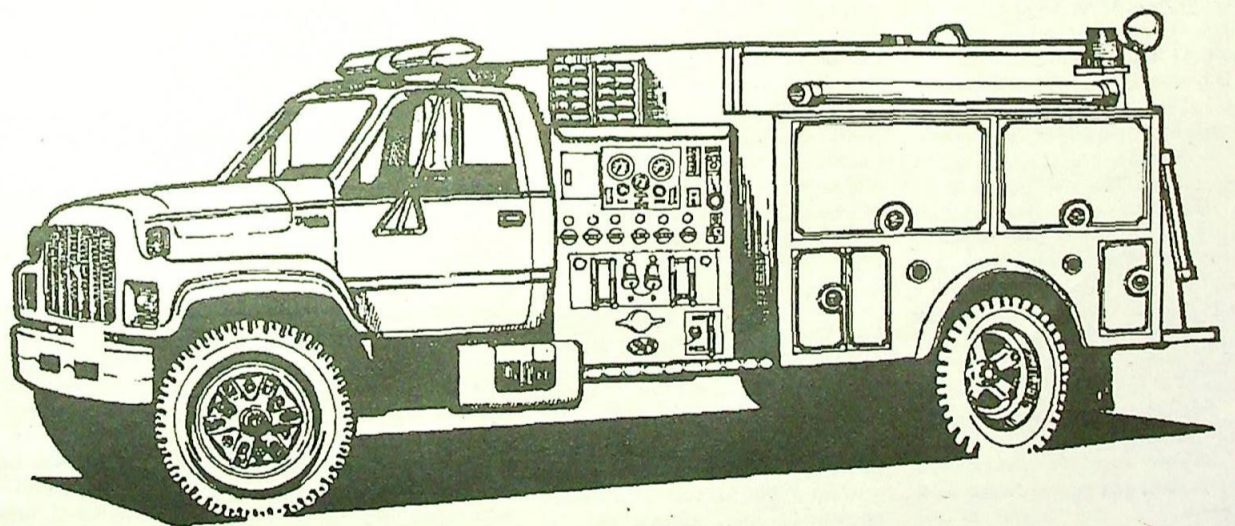
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CHURCH FIRE KEEPS FIREMEN BUSY

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was blowing as far away as the Walden Inn, three blocks away. Firefighters said the entire back section of the church "was like an inferno." Flames could be seen from four blocks away.

The GFD used its aerial truck to contain flames and damage, saving the Sunday School wing that contains classrooms and Rev. Geckeler's office.

GFD personnel said they planned to be on the scene all of Wednesday, waiting for the fire to burn itself out. They were assisted by the Cloverdale Fire Dept., Reelsville Volunteer Fire Dept., Madison Township Volunteer Fire Dept. and Operation Life.

Five firefighters were taken to Putnam County Hospital for heat exhaustion. They were not listed in serious condition, according to Lt. O'Brien.

Fr. John Schoettelkotte, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, just one block away from the Presbyterian Church, was out early Wednesday morning with a handsaw, working on some downed tree limbs. He said the only damage at his church was a storm window that was blown out of a second story window at the rectory. "Some rain blew in through that," he added.

Greencastle firefighters responded to the emergency without the benefit of a call from Central Dispatch, which lost power in the storm. Gasoline powered generators were eventually obtained to get the command center back on line.

"We can keep the place running as long as we can get gasoline for the generators," Dave Costin, Chief Dispatcher said.

But getting gasoline may be a



Struck by Lightning, Church is a Total Loss

Banner-Graphic Photo by Gary Goodman

problem because modern gasoline pumps use electricity to move the liquid from the station's storage tanks to your car's tanks. And electricity is something that

Greencastle has very little of in the storm's wake.

Staffing Volunteer Fire Stations Getting Tough

By Truth Correspondents

This is the second of the two-part series examining volunteer firefighting departments and the demands placed on the volunteers and equipment to cope with rising populations.

It's a double-edged sword. While full-time firefighters are often needed to offset limited daytime coverage expected by volunteer fire departments, funding for paid staff must be justified by a substantial increase in the number of runs per department.

Harris Township was the leader in the new home construction sites in St. Joseph County (Ind.) in 1989. All indications are that the housing boom will continue this year. "I can guarantee two people to a daytime call and a half that amount for a mutual aid," said Harris Township Fire Chief Norman Crocker. "In the case of a major fire, we would do a defensive attack until mutual aid help arrives."

Crocker carefully stresses that the situation is not as bleak as it sounds. "A new recruit is basically scheduled for daytime coverage. We do have good mutual-aid agreements with surrounding departments. It takes long-range planning for equipment purchases. We're trying not to fall too far behind."

William Kinsey, Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association (IVFA) public relations director for northeast Indiana, says a change in lifestyles has created the shortage of daytime coverage. "Factory and office workers have replaced the farmers, garage mechanics and school personnel from small towns that used to respond to daytime calls. Many

businesses today don't allow employees to leave for fire calls. The majority of volunteer firefighters are day workers and consequently more and more women have gotten into firefighting to fill in the daytime gaps."

Kinsey sees paid personnel as a means to an end of daytime shortages despite budget constraints. Several departments such as Concord Township have initiated staggered daytime coverage. They pay three firefighters for day coverage and are investigating the possibility of a per diem payment to keep one firefighter at the station overnight. Some departments are looking into a "job-share" situation to increase daytime coverage. Two departments in close proximity to one another would share the cost of one or more daytime personnel that could be used when and where needed. Other areas such as Wakarusa, Nappanee, Bristol, White Pigeon and Edwardsburg have an adequate roster of volunteers for daytime coverage.

Mutual aid, either in a verbal or written contract form, is an intricate network of departments helping departments to help the general public. Travel time delays notwithstanding, mutual aid response bolsters the number of daytime firefighters and equipment available.

Just as a good number of departments do not have a daytime personnel shortage, several departments do not experience water supply problems. Those departments that do lack central water supplies, such as Osceola, Harris Township and the two Penn Township departments, have had to resort to other means of creating an adequate water source. Water retention basins, mobile tankers that supply 250 gallons per minute for up to two hours, tanker shuttles and dry hy-

drants are workable solutions for many departments. Volunteers design and implement the solutions to problems they face depending on the geographical areas they cover.

Willful in their desire for continued training at their own expense and to provide the best protection available to their communities, volunteer firefighters are in the words of Kinsey "a very special breed of people."

IT'S NOT FUN ANYMORE

At the kind invitation of Past President Carl Bruns I addressed the convention at the close of the business session. I attempted to make two points.

The first is stated in the title of this article.

As I move around northeast Indiana, I hear this comment with more and more frequency. Two issues back it appeared in the Secretary's report. Lee Kissell was the first man with the courage to put it in writing.

We have always had complainers and nay sayers, but these remarks are coming from the leaders, men who have met the challenges and made challenges to others. Men with whom I have worked with enthusiasm and for whom I have much respect. It saddens me to hear this.

I apparently struck a cord, because until the close of the convention, men approached me with their approval. But upon questioning, few could tell me why "It's not fun anymore". However some did have an answer.

From Bill Goodwin: "too much government regulation."

From John Barrett, who is a retired fire marshal inspector and fire fighter at Portland in Jay County; "the volunteer fire ser-

vice is growing up, becoming more professional which means more and more responsibilities which we have to meet. Growing pains."

Lee Kissell suggests additional training in management courses. He also adds that men respond to hands-on training but might hesitate at a management class. My thought is such a class is just hands-on - on how to use your people, your money and your paper work.

For years I have occasionally read of the criticism of some writers that the fire services are "inbred." That our leaders always come from the ranks and perpetuate what they learned from those before them. That we need people from other fields to round out our professionalism. There may be some truth to this criticism. I have one experience as an example.

Years ago I had a group of young people who were planning to make the convention. They had hopes of winning the hose replacement contest. They trained diligently, but when I reviewed their times, I had to be pessimistic. It so happened that a new member of the department was a time study man at a Ft. Wayne industry and he ask to take over the group. After half a dozen sessions he had cut their time to a fourth of that figure of which they had been so proud.

We used that man to smooth out the action of many of our standard operating procedures. A time study man in the fire service? God forbid. No way. But he taught us how to look at our own operations.

From Jack Ford, who makes me ashamed of myself: "don't worry about it. The new recruits will meet the problem."

I am ashamed because through the years I have sponsored and encouraged the young people and as I reflect on the years past, nothing gives me more satisfaction than the acceptance this old man received from the young firefighters of Indiana. Jack had to remind me of my faith in the new recruits.

To all of you who have said or even thought "it's not fun anymore", think it through as to WHY. I would sure be interested in your answers.

The second point I attempted to make on the floor was in reference to a remark that was made at a district meeting. In answer to complaints of required administrative duties, required training hours, lack of financial support, difficulty recruiting, etc., etc., it is being priced out of the time of the volunteers.

The remark: "You may be seeing the beginning of the end of the volunteer fire service. We may have to go to fire districts and paid fire fighters to get the man power to meet these requirements."

I expressed my displeasure with this remark and announced my intention to fight for the volunteer fire departments.

However, our President Pete Lockhart came to me later and stated that there were more than fifty fire districts in the state at this time. Most report better financial support and more successful recruiting. Then he added "the association should probably know more about these experiences."

Pete, I sure would like to see you follow through on this. I think the association is the logical agency for such a study and the information secured would surely guide and benefit the entire fire service of Indiana.

Gentlemen, it sure is a pleasure talking to you again.

Conrad W. "Cooney" Tucker, P.O. Box 255, Hometown, IN

46748
219-637-3992.

State Fire Marshal Appointed

Welcome.....is extended to the newly appointed State Fire Marshal from members of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education. The Board looks forward to a spirit of cooperation in attending to their statutory responsibilities of establishing minimum training requirements. Standardization of and adjunct testing for certification is a long-sought goal and we anticipate progress being made with our new Board Member.

Potential instructors 1st class..... are to follow the steps outlined below to have certification granted:

- Hold an instructor 2nd class certification (taken prior to the instructor 1st class course);
- Be a certified 1st class firefighter;
- Have completed five years fire service;
- Successfully complete an approved instructor 1st class course with written test and practical presentation;
- Submit application signed by instructor/trainer
- Attach a copy of certification of successful completion (giving title of course, where and when the course was held and the instructor/trainer signature);
- Attach "Notification of Instruction Completed" forms to verify having taught three (3) classes as an instructor 2nd class, co-signed by instructor 1st class who supervised classes.

If you have any questions, please contact the program coordinator (317/232-2325) for correct procedures.

Master category task forces are preparing rough drafts for final decision of the Board in all subjects. It has not been an easy assignment for those traveling far distances in the State to volunteer their time and expertise. Testing remains a serious consideration and solutions are being sought so that the Master programs can be utilized in the near future.

Board Members:

Michael Brooks, Newburgh; Norman Crocker, Granger; Wm. "Tony" Johnson, Elkhart; William Kinsey, Fort Wayne; Tom Miller, Indianapolis.

State Fire Marshal

Jess Roberts, Evansville; Jill Robertson, Mishawaka; John Tumilty, Greensburg; Roland Walls, Richmond; Pats Babbs, staff coordinator.

Program Coordinator,
Pat Babbs

District 11-A MEETING & MISS FLAME CONTEST TO BE HELD IN THEATER

The historic Indiana Theater in downtown Terre Haute is the site for the January meeting and Miss Flame Contest for District 11-A. The theater was recently purchased by William Decker, a well known county official and friend. He has graciously offered the use of the theater and will cancel the afternoon matinee. This should be a fine setting for the special occasion of selecting our district Miss Flame. Meeting time is 1:00 P.M. January 20, 1991.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday - August 16, 1990
Cass-Clinton Townships Fire Station

The meeting was bought to order at 7:48 PM by chairman Bob Bentley. There were 17 members representing 6 departments in attendance along with 6 guests. The Pledge was led by host Chief Dan Culver.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Bob Esserman, District 1; Joe Komiscar, Fireman's Store; Ted Bombagetti, Fireman's Store; Jon Mack, Kankakee Valley R.E.M.C.; Jim DeHaven, Kankakee Valley R.E.M.C.; Larry Stott, District 2 Chairman.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and corrected concerning the report from Bob Esserman on the Fire Department being used. This was in Pennsylvania and not in Indiana as recorded.

The chairman deviated from the normal routine and had Mr. Jon Mack, the president of Kankakee Valley R.E.M.C., put on a program on electrical hazards and safety precautions before the regular meeting. The program was very good and was well received.

Communications: Chairman Bob advises us that all dues in our district with the exception of Washington Township, Starke County, were paid on time.

Rob was on the radio Tuesday with PR program.

As far as we know, Ivan Nevil is still in the running for Fire Marshal. It will help if you all take time to write letters to the Governor to help Ivan. Write to: Governor Evan Bayh, State Capital Room 206, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Committee Reports: Prevention, Gary Ekert - absent. Promotion, Tim Sandy - absent. Edith House, Pete Sass - the trailer frame is done. Pete will go to Kankakee Twp. next week to get started on supplies. We will build at Kankakee Twp. station after their Firemen's Ball.

OLD BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: None.
Guests: Bill Howe, PR North-

west, advised that if your dues were paid in the last 10 days of July, your cards will be out slowly especially if there were any changes. Be sure to send new address forms if you have changes in beneficiary or address.

- New VISA card available for members of the I.V.F.A. from Trans-National Bank in Boston. Will cost \$20.00 for regular card or \$40.00 for gold card. I.V.F.A. will receive \$1.00 per card and \$.25 per transaction.

- The association is working on the mandatory certification for extrication. We are trying to get this changed.

- The 1991 convention will be at Vincennes. Send for reservations and registration now and you will be billed at a later date. They cannot accept credit cards for either.

- All of the 1991 awards are open as of now. Ollie Sandberg cannot be State Officer, send letters to Vice President.

- Nominations for Mr. I.V.F.A. need letters to the last 3 recipients.

- Midwest awards need to be in by February 1.

- The Bridgeport fund is at \$210,000.00.

- The State association has a net worth of \$274,830.80.

- The I.V.F.A. will co-sponsor the 1991 Fire Conference at Indianapolis in February. It will be at Lawrence North High School. This is in association with I.F.I.A. It will cost \$2.50 per individual. The association will also help on the 6 regional State Fire Schools.

- Mitch Parish, Chairman of District 9B, was re-elected as Chairman of the Board.

- Firefighter license plates may be at the price of vanity plates but they are not supposed to be. They were presented as only going to be \$10.00 over. It may have been I.V.F.A. logo, but we are not sure.

Bob Esserman, District 1, passed.

Larry Stott, Chairman District 2, passed.

Joe Komiscar, Navistar will have a National Fire Buff Show for International Equipment in Melrose Park, IL. It will be an all day thing. Joe delivered a new pumper to Hamlet in the last couple weeks and would be glad

to show it.

Ted Bombagetti, passed.
GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There were no deaths or injuries to note in our district.

Second Class Fire Schools around the district as follows: Westville 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM, contact Dave Osika.

We are to have a meeting with I.D.E.M. sometime soon in LaPorte. We will announce more as we get it.

Lincoln Township Steak Fry on September 1st, 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Kankakee Township Fireman's Ball on September 8th, 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM.

The next meeting will be held at the Kingsbury Fire Station on Thursday, Sept. 20, 1990, and will begin at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 9:20 PM to a meal of Bar-B-Ques and trimmings.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman, Secretary

A Word From IVFAA Chaplain

I do hope everyone had a safe, fun Halloween. My family and I had a very memorable one. We received over 100 pumpkins in our yard, on our front porch and even on our roof. I am in a situation where I am not sure how to handle this. I can only make so many pumpkin pies.

The last article I wrote was about my duties as State Chaplain for the IVFAA. This article will give a little history of the office.

1) Mrs. Clarence Reid of Koontz Lake was elected to this office when we organized in June of 1952. In May of 1955, Mrs. Reid advised that she could no longer fill this position due to ill health.

2) Ruth Ford volunteered to act as the Chaplain for the 1955 convention in Rushville. Mrs. Ford is from Fort Wayne.

3) Ruby Probst of Union Mills was elected to the office in 1956 at the New Haven Convention.

4) Mrs. Guy Misner of Fort Wayne was elected to the office at the convention in Munster 1957.

5) Catherine Mason of Wayne Township in Marion County was elected to the office in 1958 at the convention in Madison.

6) Thelma Lester of Raleigh was elected to the office in 1959 at the LaPorte convention. She held the office through 1968.

7) Opal Laughman of Columbia City was elected in 1969 at the convention in Warsaw.

8) Thelma Lester was returned to the position in 1970 at the convention in Shelbyville and held the office through 1981. Thelma did not accept the nomination to the office in 1982.

9) Bette Selmer of McCulloch was elected to the office in 1982 at the convention in Clarksville. She held the position until the 1990 convention.

I was elected to the office at the 1990 convention in Fort Wayne. I am very proud to hold this office and will do my best to fill some pretty big shoes which have been left for me to fill by some very special ladies.

I would like to thank Thelma Lester for supplying me with this information to pass on to you. I would especially like to thank Thelma for the copies of prayers and poems which she has forwarded on to me to use. I greatly appreciate it.

I do wish each and every one of you a Blessed Thanksgiving and the most Joyous of Christmas Holidays. Let us all remember that we are celebrating the birthday of a very special man, Jesus Christ. While we celebrate let's not forget to ask him for his guid-

ance in the upcoming year. Take care and talk to you next year.

MR. IVFA AWARD

Please forward your recommendations for the IVFA award to:

Toddy Michl
Rt 26 Box 16
Terre Haute, IN 47802
or
Carl Bruns
P.O.Box 172
Sunman, IN 47041
or
Jim Parker
9006 Shelbyville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46259

Your letter must be in their hands by April 1, 1991.

NOW IS THE TIME

The time is quickly approaching to apply for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Please get in touch with your District Chairman or any elected IVFA officer. They should have the applications available for you. It does take time to properly prepare the forms and gather the information that is needed. After all the work necessary to prepare the applications, make sure it is in the IVFA State Secretary's hands by March 1. Just remember, with the cost of college tuition increasing every year, \$1,500.00 should be a welcome gift. If you don't apply, we can guarantee that you will not receive the scholarship. Let's see more than 30 applications this year, after all the Association has 16,000 members.

With the appointment of Mr. Gene Goddard as the new Fire Marshal, I am sure we will once again see a great relationship re-emerge between the marshal's office and the firefighter in the field. Please give him your support. Don't forget to support our Association also by attending your district meetings.

I want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season as 1990 comes to a close.

Lawrence Swartz,
Immediate Past President
Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association
Bridgeport Scholarship Fund
Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

The September meeting was held at Parker Volunteer Fire Department, Parker City, IN. Our attendance is getting better, however, there is still much room for improvement. We have 478 active members in the district and 87 inactive members. It is hard to understand why we have less than 10% of the members at a district meeting. Every department in the district should have four or five or more members at each meeting. It is no wonder the firefighters in this district do not know what is going on around them in the fire service of Indiana. If you would attend the meetings and be an informed member some things could be changed in this State Fire Service. Uninformed people only make fools of themselves when they complain and do not have the facts. Are you one of the uninformed? Chances are very good that you are.

The next meeting will be held at the Pennville Fire Department, Pennville, IN, on December 12, 1990. The program will be the Miss Flame Contest. Hope to have all departments involved in the program.

Remember it costs just as much for one person to drive to the district meeting as it costs for a car load of members.

"Let's be careful out there."

Yours for fire safety

Larry D. Petro

DISTRICT 9-B

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plates; Bridgeport Death benefit; State Fire Marshal appointment; Hepitus B shoots. I.V.F.A. supporting State Fire Schools, Fire Service Awards; I.V.F.A. supported credit card, Fort Wayne Fire School Sept. 27-30; Fireworks Safety, Francesville Fall Festival Sept. 14-16; Handicap Day at White County Fairgrounds on Aug. 25; Brookston Apple-Popcorn Festival Sept. 29; Chicken Fry at Battleground Fire Dept. on Sept. 14.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. Next meeting is Nov. 8, at the Earl Park Vol. Fire Dept. at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time.

Sec./Treas.
Dennis J. Risner

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 11-A

District 11-A held its September meeting and annual picnic September the 16th at Dobbs Park. A good turnout of firemen and their families enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. November meeting will be held Nov. 18 at the North Terre Haute Fire Station.

With the increase in oil prices, we can foresee the use of more supplemental heating systems. We, as firemen, know the importance of proper installation, use and maintenance of wood burners and fireplaces. Unfortunately, many times the public learns from a bad experience.

Our January meeting and Miss Flame contest will be held the 20th of January at 1:00 P.M. This meeting will be held in the historic Indiana Theater in downtown Terre Haute.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a most enjoyable and safe Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Robert Meyers,
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 3

Thursday September 20, 1990
Kingsbury Fire Station

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Bob Bentley. There were 13 members representing 8 departments in attendance along with 8 guests. The Pledge was led by host Chief Steve Williams.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Bob Esserman, District 1; Larry Stott, District 2 Chairman; Tom Allen, District 1 Chairman; Bruce Yonkers, Secretary I.A.A.I.; Duane Lantz, State Chaplin; Al Merrick, N.I.P.S.CO.; George Walda, Priemere Fire Equipment.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and corrected on a motion from Doug Miller.

Communications: None.
Committee Reports: Prevention, Gary Ekert - absent. Promotion, Tim Sandy - absent. Edith House, Pete Sass - We will be working on the house at the Kankakee Twp. Fire Station soon.

Old Business: None.
New Business: None

Guests: Bill Howe, PR Northwest, reminded all that the elections are coming up November 6 and that only approx. 10% of all volunteer firefighters in the state are registered to vote. Do your part - register and vote!

-Will request the State to fund all of their new programs or changes.

-The new Fire Marshal is Gene Goddard from Mishawaka. He is a retired Chief and is 60 years old.

Bruce Yonkers - passed.
Bob Esserman - passed.
Larry Stott - passed.
Tom Allen - passed.

Duane Lantz - has been very busy. He has had 4 memorials and attended the S & S Fire Apparatus Open House. He also attended and spoke at the open house at Lincoln Township for the retirement of Mike Quinn. Attended and dedicated a new fire truck at Long Beach and attended Center Township's Ice Cream Social.

George Walda - passed and thanks all for support.

For the Good of the Order: There were no deaths or injuries to note in our district.

Second Class Fire Schools around the district as follows: - Westville 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM, contact Dave Osika.

Duane Lantz reminds us that you must have I.V.F.A. dues paid for members that you request memorials for. He believes the departments should pay the dues for retired members, etc., so the situation does not come up. Duane will do the memorial, however the department would have to pay for the Bible and grave marker and this is much more expensive than paying the dues.

Dave Kaufman updated us on the States new EMT-D program that should be in place around January 1st. It will allow basic EMT's with the update training to use automatic or semi-automatic defibrillators, advanced airway maintenance techniques, and maintain an already running IV during transport.

Doug Miller of Center Township advised that Lucas will be putting on a demonstration of equipment along with airbags at their station on Saturday the 22nd. at 9:00 AM.

The next meeting will be held at the Koontz Lake Fire Station on Thursday, October 18, 1990, and will begin at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 8:15 PM to coffee and doughnuts. N.I.P.S.CO. then put on a very good program on

electrical safety.

Chairman Bentley won \$10.00 and Tom Allen won a flashlight donated by George Walda. Respectfully submitted, David G. Kaufman, Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

Last meeting was held at Amboy Vol. Fire Co. on Sept. 12, 1990 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was attended by 31 members. There were 11 departments represented.

The next meeting will be Nov. 14 at Cicero Township in Tipton.

The following is a schedule of District 8A meetings for the year of 1991.

Jan. 9 at Center Twp. in Marion, Mar. 13, at Chesterfield in Madison Co., May 8 at Converse in Miami Co., July 10 at Duck Creek Twp. North of Elwood, Sept. 11 at Fairmount Twp. in Grant Co., Nov. 13 at Fowlerton Vol. in Grant Co.

It will soon be cold weather and that means heating stove hazards. We can all hope for a safe winter for everyone. When we have snow, may it only be in the yards and fields.

Seems early to be thinking of it now but this is the copy of the paper to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

May all your fires be small ones.
Robert E. Fleener

DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting - District 3
Thursday - October 18, 1990
Koontz Lake Fire Station

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Bob Bentley. There were 14 members representing 6 departments in attendance along with 3 guests. The Pledge was led by host Chief Paul Cleveland.

Guests present were: Bill Howe - PR Northwest; Bruce Yonkers - Secretary I.A.A.I.; Duane Lantz - State Chaplin

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Communications: - None
Committee Reports: Prevention, Gary Ekert - absent.

Promotion, Tim Sandy - absent.

Edith House, Pete Sass - We will be working on the house at the Kankakee Twp. Fire Station soon.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Guests: Duane Lantz, State Chaplin, has been very, very busy. He has been all over the state for memorials, wedding receptions, truck and station dedications, etc. Duane has also met

our new Fire Marshal and believes he will be O.K.

Bill Howe, PR Northwest, advises of changes in the State Fire Marshal's Office. There were State Instructors at the Fire School in Fort Wayne!

Quarterly State Officers Meeting is next month. He will report on same in November.

Convention is in Vincennes. The hotels are Holiday Inn and Executive Inn. These are across the street from each other. You need to get reservations in soon. They will bill you later for registration and one nights room. Cash or check only! No credit cards.

All of the awards are open. Nominees should be submitted to the proper people in the near future.

Next month there will be a joint meeting at Lincoln Township for I.V.F.A. & I.V.F.A.A. This will be Wednesday, November 14, at 7:30 PM.

Bruce Yonkers - passed.

For the Good of the Order: James Fulton, retired member of Lincoln Township died last month. Duane had the memorial at Haverstocks in La Porte.

Second Class Fire Schools around the district as follows: - Westville 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM, contact Dave Osika.

The next meeting will be held at the Lincoln Twp. Fire Station on WEDNESDAY, November 14, 1990, and will begin at 7:30 PM. This will be a joint meeting with the women of I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 7:47 PM. to a meal of sloppy-joes. N.I.P.S.CO. then put on a very good program on Compressed Natural Gas (C.N.G.).

Bill Howe won the 50/50 (He drew his own ticket!!!)

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman, Secretary

1991 IVFA CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

For June 19 - 22, 1991

VINCENNES TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., VINCENNES, IN

Pre-Registration Fee: \$25.00 Per Person with Banquet
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NAME: _____
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IVFA AUX. MEMBER:	_____	_____
GUEST:	_____	_____
GAMES:	_____	_____

TOTAL OF PRE-REGISTRATION FEE(S) ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Cash or Checks only please.

Mail This Form To: IVFA CONVENTION '91, P.O. Box 575, Vincennes, IN 47591. Attn.: B. J. Engle

1991 - VTFVD - REQUEST FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
No. of Persons _____ No. of Rooms _____ Group Name _____
Names _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Phone No.: _____
Room Type Requested: Single/ Double Triple/Quad Cabana Double Queen
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DISTRICT 11-A

District 11-A held their September meeting at Dobbs Park with a picnic. We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Autumn is now upon us and this is my favorite time of year, although I am never ready for Winter. Bob and I have been attending a lot of Fish Frys but even so, we missed some and for that we are sorry, but its almost impossible to attend them all.

The next District meeting will be November 18th at North Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Station. We hope to see another big turnout. So please try to attend. These meetings are for the volunteer's benefit and there is lots of good food and fellowship.

We are working on plans for Miss Flame contest. We are planning on making this a special reception. It will be held in the historic Indiana Theater at 7th and Ohio in Terre Haute, Indiana, on Jan. 20, 1991. We hope to see a lot of friends and members there.

Bob and I want to wish all of you a safe and Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Janet Meyers, 11-A
District Chairman

LOIS BOAZ AWARD

Please forward your recommendations for the Lois Boaz Award to:

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or
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Your letter must be in their hands by April 1, 1991.

Information for the February issue of the Newspaper needs to be in our office no later than Jan. 20, 1991.

Thank You,
Robert Laney,
Editor

Queen's Job Lacks Charm, City Girl Finds



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Kelly Deen Dwyer, 17, of Fort Wayne, was named Miss Indiana State Fair last week. Dwyer, a Bishop Luers High School student, said the pageant was an investment in her future as a model.

By David Penticuff
Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS - The queen had just returned from handing out awards and attending a cheer-leading contest last week when she arrived for an interview.

"I have the worst headache," she said, after she unstuck the tiara from her hair.

For Fort Wayne's Kelly Deen Dwyer, being Indiana State Fair Queen has its advantages - but glamour isn't one of them.

The 17-year-old junior at Bishop Luers High School won the state competition, followed by Chandra May Shull, Miss Noble County, who was named first runner-up.

Since opening the fair Wednesday, Dwyer has had several concerns - not least among them a sore face from smiling so much and stepping around livestock manure while running from one event to another.

"I try to steer clear of that," Dwyer said. "No pun intended."

Being Fair Queen and participating in pageants is an investment in her future, said Dwyer, and one that has paid off.

Dwyer, a brown-haired, green-eyed Eucharistic minister at St. Patrick Catholic Church, works at Charmaine School & Model Agency in Fort Wayne. She was encouraged by Charmaine to participate in beauty pageants to further her modeling career, she said.

In addition to being Miss Allen County, Dwyer was named "Miss Flame" by the Indiana Volunteer Association and is ambassador for the Aboite Township Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary.

At Charmaine, Dwyer teaches girls ages 9 to 12 how to walk, talk, sit and eat properly - "basic etiquette," she said.

Pageantry can cost a lot of mon-

ey. Most contests have an entry fee, Dwyer said, and an evening gown can cost \$2,500.

"I have a car that cost that," she said.

A day at the State Fair for the Queen includes consecutive appearances and ceremonies, as well as the perpetual queenlike smile.

For instance, one day Dwyer found herself among other royalty on the dirt floor of the Coliseum during the pre-competition ceremony at the selection of the grand champion 4-H wether and steer.

Included was the Southdown Queen, the Lamb and Wool Queen, the Indiana Oxford Queen and the Indiana Angus Princess, just to name a few.

The head of the fair's sheep department, C. Ray Lamb - his real name - introduced the Lamb and Wool Queen, and the fair president introduced the State Fair Queen. The title of State Fair Queen looks good on a resume, Dwyer said. It's the third-ranking pageant title in the state behind Miss Indiana in terms of prestige, she said.

So she stands perilously close to animals she's never met before, and who out-weigh her tenfold, and she keeps a tiara in her hair, even when she has a headache.

On the positive side, she gets front-row-seats for all fair events, earrings, a diamond ring "valued at over \$500," a \$500 shopping spree at L.S. Ayres department store, a \$200 shopping spree at Units clothing store, "lots of gift certificates" and \$1,000 at the end of her reign in July 1991.

During the year, she will visit every county in Indiana to promote the fair, using a car on loan from a car dealership. She also receives tickets to stage shows in Indianapolis.

Dwyer is genuine and talks in an honest way about her position and her expectations. Perhaps that played a role in her winning the crown.

"You have to be yourself. Judges will see right through you," she said.

The contests have provided great training for modeling - "it's all being natural," Dwyer said.

She plans to attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and study communications, eventually using her talents to become a TV news anchor.

"I want to be the next Jane Pauley," she said. "Now I just have to find a cartoonist and marry him."

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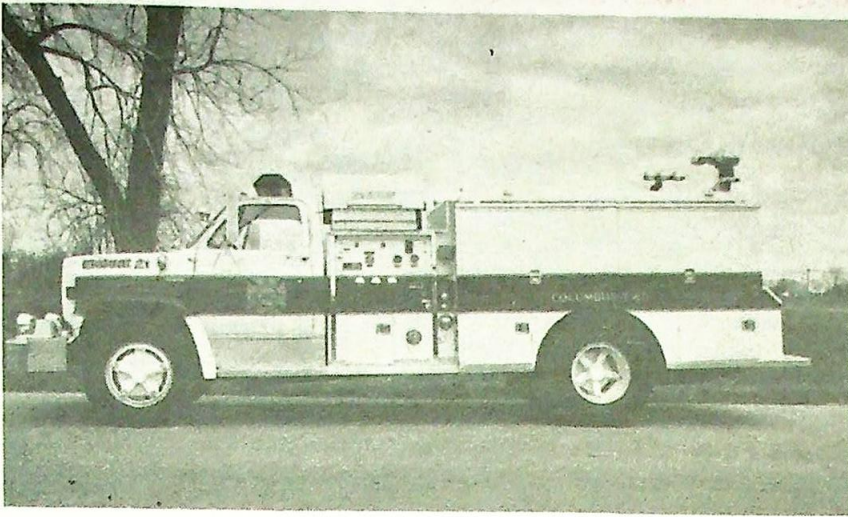
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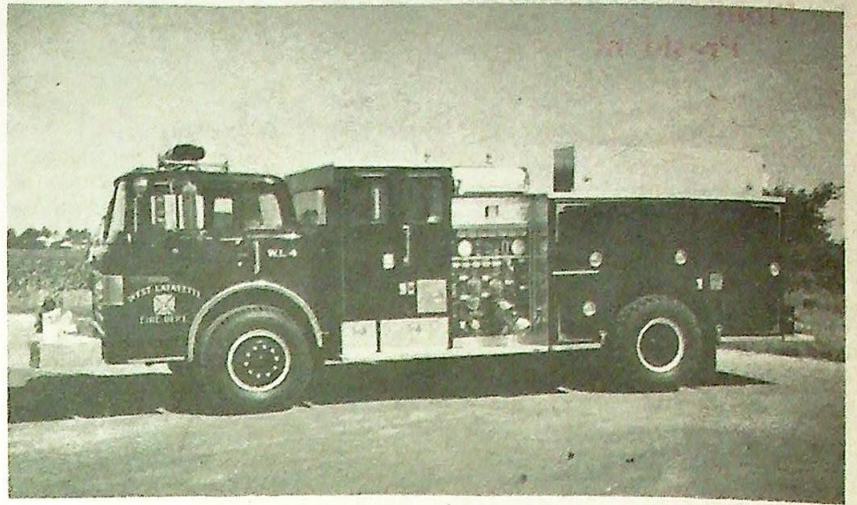
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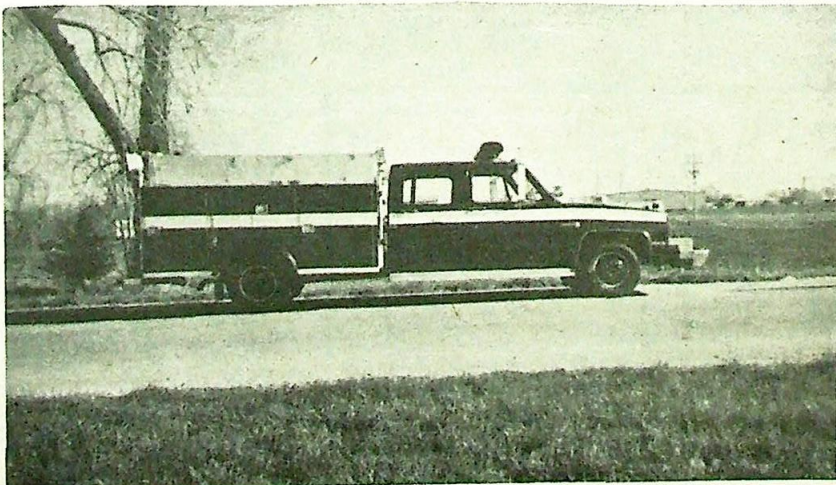


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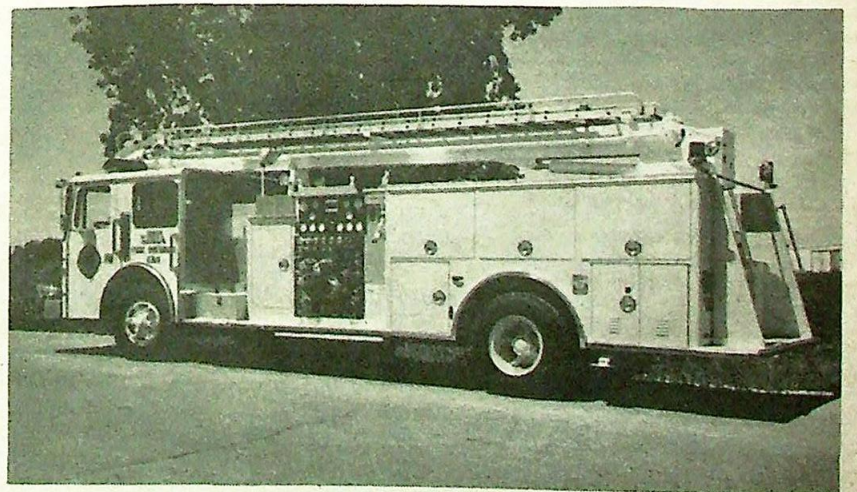
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**Memo
From
President**



Pete Lockhart

We are fast approaching the Holiday Season again. This time of year is busy for everyone, creating a busy time for fire departments. It is a good time for us to remind everyone of the dangers the Holiday Season creates. The fire service (NVFC) in the United States has been busy as you can see by reading the articles in this issue. We are approaching the 1991 Legislative session and our representatives will be watching over the proposed legislation for its effect on the Fire Service. If you know of legislation which may affect us, please advise Mr. Stofer by dropping a note in the mail. He reads his mail, but cannot always be reached by phone. Federal Legislation also affects us. In fact in recent years it has had more impact on us than the local legislation. The manner in which the federal rules and regulations are handed down makes it appear that the State Government is responsible, when in reality it is the Federal laws which have created the most trouble and expense for us. We need to keep in touch with our Congressional delegation and when something is going to impact us we need to keep them advised. We are hopeful that the Indiana Legislative Fire Caucus can get off the ground very soon. I want to wish you a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.

Volunteer Fire Department Takes Delivery



The Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. has taken delivery of their new heavy-rescue unit. Purchased by the Ross Twp. Fire Service, Inc., the apparatus was built by Saulsbury Fire Apparatus of Tully, New York on T800 Kenworth chasses. The unit features a Caterpillar diesel engine with 300 H.P. and 1,100 ft./lbs. of torque, a 15-KW power-takeoff-driven electric generator, built-in 8-bottle cascade system, hydraulic rescue tool system, etc.

The body features include a rust and corrosion resistant stainless steel underside, with fiberglass wheelwells both front and rear.

Letter to the Editor

Our association is sponsoring the 20th Annual Broward County Firematics Competition on March 16, 1991 in the City of Plantation, just west of Fort Lauderdale. We would like to invite any department from Indiana who would care to send a team to our event to come on down. Could you print the following invitation letter in the Indiana Volunteer Fireman for us? If you have any additional questions let me know. Thanks for your help.

**Dear
Indiana
Firefighters**

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us on March 16, 1991, for our 20th Annual Broward County Firematics Competition, being held in the city of Plantation, just west of Fort Lauderdale. We have expanded our competition to include an invitational division for teams from outside our county in which you would not have to compete against our local teams. Each division has its own set of trophies. A team can be made up a single department or fire organization or members of several combined together. The competition is made up of 8 basic fire related events and the only equipment you have to bring is your bunker gear. In addition to the competition we will have an antique fire apparatus show in which we encourage owners of apparatus to bring them out and display them for trophies in different categories. We will also have vendor space for rent for fire related equipment and supplies. We have special room rates for the competition, at the Marriott, in Plantation.

March brings beautiful weather to South Florida and it is an excellent time to vacation here. The proceeds from the event will go to the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Burn Center. For any information or a set of the rules contact me at the following:

Lou Doucet, President
Broward County Firematics Association
P.O. Box 636431
Margate, Florida 33063
or
Phone for Information:
(407) 736-6836
(305) 792-2740

We are hoping to see the State of Indiana represented in our competition.

Thanks in advance for your assistance. If our Association can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call on us.

Thanks,
Lou Doucet, President

**Chairman of The
International
Association of
Fire Chief Appointed**

John M. Buckman Incoming President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Dave Hilton of Cobb County, Georgia has announced that Chief John Buckman of German Township Volunteer Fire Department in Evansville, IN will be appointed to the Position of Chairman of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Committee.

This committee is charged with the responsibility of representing the interests of Volunteer Fire Chiefs throughout the World. The committee monitors new standards and proposes changes to standards that adversely affect the Volunteer Fire Service. Chief Hilton looks forward to

the commitment and enthusiasm that Chief Buckman brings to his job.

Chief Buckman's goals for the committee are quite ambitious.

1. To recruit more volunteer fire chief/officers into the IAFC.
2. To improve the activity and interest of our existing volunteer chiefs (or chiefs who manage volunteers)
3. To provide information on:
 - a. Volunteer needs
 - b. Volunteer/Career transition (both ways)
 - c. Planning in a volunteer atmosphere
 - d. Recruitment and retention assistance, tips and ideas
 - e. Establish a "speakers bureau" so we can have a cadre of "experts" to help deal with our unique issues
4. Enhance relations between IAFC Volunteer Committee and the National Volunteer Fire Council and other regional organiza-

tions

5. Improve credibility as the leader of the volunteer fire service.

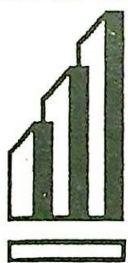
6. Develop workshops and seminars that will address issues that directly affect the volunteer fire service.

7. Obtain positions on code committees and address the concerns of the volunteer fire service.

About the Chairman: John Buckman has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Service for 20 years. Chief Buckman has served the German Township Fire Department as Fire Chief for 15 years. Chief Buckman is Chairman of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Committee.

Chief Buckman presents programs on Volunteer Fire Service Management and is an associate of Management Development Institute of Lake Oswego, Oregon and teaches in the Fire Science program at Owensboro Kentucky Community College. In 1989 he was awarded Instructor of the Year honors by the Indiana Fire Instructors Assn.

Chief Buckman has addressed several national and international seminars presenting programs dealing with volunteers as well as on the development team for a 6-tape video tape training series on the "Volunteer Firefighters A Breed Apart." Chief Buckman participated in the Satellite Teleconference *Leading Volunteers Into The '90s* presented by Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services of York, PA. Chief Buckman writes a monthly column for the *International Society of Fire Service Instructors Voice*, entitled "The Volunteer Connection."



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CONVENTION 1990

DIGEST MINUTES OF THE 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1990 - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

President Lockhart: "We will now call to order and reconvene our 44th annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association."

Father Lantz offered prayer.

Vice President Nevil: Pledge to the flag.

President Lockhart: "At this time, I would like to thank the Allen County Firefighters, the firefighters in Districts 6 and 7 for hosting this meeting. We have two resolutions this year to be considered and we will be having an election and selecting the 1992 convention site. I know that the fire service is healthy when you go to the meetings and there is open and frank discussion among the firefighters. And I know the fire service is healthy when I see the firemen in the State of Indiana concerned about their community and not just their fire department or themselves. We are entering the 1990's and we are looking to the future with hope that in certain areas we can improve our service. I hope that this can be done through cooperation among all of the fire service organizations and with the members of the Indiana Legislature and our members of Congress and our Governor and State Fire Marshal. I feel our response to fires will change considerably and we will become more selective than we are now about what fires we fight. A few years ago we went hell bent for election on every one, but in the past four or five years we are saying and rightfully so, "Can we fight this fire safely, should we fight this fire?" I think we will be even more cautious in the future. We have been responding to an ever increasing number of automatic alarms and automatic sprinklers systems. Are we going to complain about the false alarms from these devices that the fire service has requested? Or are we going to learn to deal with them in a sensible manner? In the future we will need to reassess our ability to make an interior fire attack due to the higher temperatures brought on by the R-factor requirements in the various codes of Indiana. Twenty years ago when we responded to a dwelling fire, we were dealing with temperatures in the range of 700 to 1200 degrees. We are now dealing with temperatures in the range of 1000 to 1600 degrees, maybe even higher. What is this change doing to our firefighters? There must be limits to our endurance or we must adopt new methods to cope with the problem. We must adapt and not be afraid to try new and different methods or even go back to the old ones. It is my hope that we can work closely with the Indiana Fire Instructors Association and that our membership gains strength and knowledge from that relationship. I have really enjoyed the past year and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve you. Now, I will call on Ivan Nevil."

Vice President Nevil: "Thank you Pete. I want to thank everybody that has attended the district fire schools and the seminars that were put on for your benefit. There was a mandate that came out and I think that there was a report given to all of the district chairmen concerning the Hepatitis B mandate by OSHA. If you are not familiar with the Hepatitis B shot or the paper, the paper stipulates that if you come under the OSHA regulations that you would be mandated to have Hepatitis B shot. There is a series of three shots. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "Father Lantz. I would ask him to give his report, Father."

Chaplain Lantz gave his report and thanked everyone that assisted him over the state with the twenty memorials that he performed this past year.

President Lockhart then went over the convention procedures and committee assignments. The President Lockhart introduced Steve Mason, substituting for Games Chairman, Al Mendel.

Steven Mason: "We had a great turn out this year as far as teams go. Waterball had twenty-two teams, ten hose replacements teams, seven men's cart race teams and four women's waterball teams. The games will kick off at eight o'clock sharp. I have to say, thanks to everybody for their support this year. I have one donation that will be given away as a door prize by Midwest Fire and Safety. It is a hundred watt siren and we will give it away tomorrow. Thank You"

President Lockhart: "Thank you, Steve. At this time, I would like to call on our secretary, Lee Kissell to explain the roll call sheet and the procedures so that the district chairmen can get started. Lee."

Secretary Kissell explained the roll call sheets.

President Lockhart: "At this time, I would like to call on the Convention Chairman."

Chairmen Mike Mackin explained the directions to the Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception for the Memorial Service.

President Lockhart: "Thank you, Mike. I would like to call on Mr. Stofer."

Treasurer Gene Stofer gave his financial report as certified by Robert L. Stewart, Certified Public Accountant.

President Lockhart: "I will call on the Chairman of the Board, Mitch Parish, for the Audit Committee Report."

Mitch Parish: "We met yesterday morning early. We went over the report and the Audit Committee feels the body should accept the report as given."

President Lockhart: "Could we have a motion from the floor concerning the Treasurer's report?"

Jack Winkler: "Jack Winkler, District 12, Wayne Township Fire Department. I make a motion that we accept the report as audited."

President Lockhart: "Bob Esserman, District 1."

Bob Esserman: "I second that motion."

President Lockhart: "A motion has been made and seconded to approve the audited Treasurer's report as presented. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed 'Nay' Motion carried. At this time, I will call for the reading of the minutes of last year's annual meeting."

Max Poling: "Mr. President."

President Lockhart: "Max Poling."

Max Poling: "Max Poling, District 6. I make a motion that we accept them as printed and do not read them at this time."

President Lockhart: "Do we have a second to that motion?"

Richard Glant: "Mr. President, Richard Glant, District 5. I second that motion."

President Lockhart: "A motion has been made and seconded that the minutes of last year's annual meeting be approved as published. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed 'Nay.' Motion carried. At this time I will call on Lee Kissell, our secretary, for his report."

Lee Kissell: "Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. We have, on the books, sixteen thousand and seventy eight people paid. In 1987, we had officially paid, 15,300 members. In 1988, we had 16,205 members paid. In 1989 we went up a little more, we had 16,538. In 1989, to further break this down, we had paid on time, which means by July 31st in my office, 14,937. Paid late 1,601. Job is getting a little tougher. We still need your dues in on time by July 31st to be eligible for the scholarship fund next year or death benefit. Please make sure that they are in by July, 31st."

President Lockhart: "At this time, I would like to ask Eula Bush to bring the Miss Flame and the Miss Flame Court forward."

Eula Bush: Presentation of Miss Flame and Court.

President Lockhart: "Thank You. Now, I will turn it back over to Lee and let him finish what he had to say."

Lee Kissell finished his report and stated that he had enjoyed serving the last three years as our secretary.

President Lockhart called on John Davies for his Recording Secretary's report.

John Davies gave his report.

President Lockhart: "We will continue with the officers' reports. Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms."

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush gave his report.

President Lockhart: "I would like to call on Past President Lawrence Swartz for his report."

Past President Swartz spoke on the Bridgeport Scholarship and Benefit Fund and mentioned to the group the IDEM \$100 fee for burning any building. He finished his report by saying: "Gentlemen, I think that we as an organization need to get out there and make sure that the members of our departments are registered to vote and to do their public duty."

President Lockhart called for the Past President's Reports. All Past Presidents in attendance passed.

President Lockhart: "Are there any other past presidents here that I have missed? At this time I would like to call on Tim Downey to say a few words if he wishes."

Tim Downey: "For those of you who have not been informed, as of July 1 the death benefit on the accidental coverage will be \$60,000. By July 1 volunteer fire companies were to be covered under medical only workman's compensation. To our knowledge the best numbers we have found is that about 2/3's of you have done something. Two years later that is about a third that hasn't done anything. Now what the whole thing is about is unlimited medical care for your injuries received in line of service for \$254 a year for the entire department."

President Lockhart called on Toddy Michl, West Central PR, and Mr. IVFA 1990.

Toddy Michl addressed the group.

Each PR representative either passed or gave a short report. Kent Davis filled in for Carl Davis, PR, Southwest.

President Lockhart called for the District Chairmen Reports. The District Chairmen either gave a short report or passed.

President Lockhart: "I would like to call on convention 1991 chairman, Bill Engle."

Bill Engle gave a report on the 1991 convention.

President Lockhart called on Vice President Nevil to give us a report on EMS.

Ivan Nevil spoke on the make up on the new EMS Commission and commented about the semi-automatic or automatic defibrulators. President Lockhart recessed the meeting at 10:30 for Memorial Service to be held at The Cathedral Of The Immaculate Conception.

AFTERNOON

President Lockhart reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and called on the delegation from southern Indiana who gave their report for the convention in 1992.

President Lockhart: "At this time I would like to ask you, is there any other bids for 1992 convention? If there are none could I hear a motion?"

Bill Kinsey: "I make a motion that we accept the bid as far as now for the 1992 convention."

Max Poling: "Max Poling, District 6. I second that motion to accept their bid."

President Lockhart: "There has been a motion and a second that we accept the bid to go to southern Indiana, Clarksville, in 1992. All those in favor say 'aye,' opposed 'nay.' The 'ayes' have it. We will continue with the committee reports."

President Lockhart called Gene Stofer for his National Volunteer Fire Council and Legislative reports.

Gene Stofer gave his reports on the Legislature and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

President Lockhart introduced Past President Charlie Jones.

Charles Jones addressed the group.

President Lockhart reminded the group that by-law updates have been mailed to each department, and at this time asked, "Is there any old business to come before the floor? Is there any new business?"

President Lockhart called for the Election and the Nominating Committee.

Roll Call Committee reported a total vote tally of 257.

President Lockhart turned the meeting over to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Bill Goodwin.

The Nominating Committee nominated and re-elected unanimously, without opposition with the exception of Southeast PR District. The Nominating Committee nominated Roy Richardson.

Bob Rinehart: "Bob Rinehart, District 19. I would like to nominate Paul Hildebrand, PR Southeast."

Jim Parker announced the election results and that the PR Director for Southeast is Paul Hildebrand.

Bill Kinsey was asked to report on the Standards and Education Board Commission.

Bill Kinsey gave an up-to-date report on the Standards and Education Commission.

President Lockhart called on Bill Howe for the Resolutions Committee.

Bill Howe reported there were two resolutions for consideration.

On the 21st day of February 1990, at St. John Fire Department with at least five (5) member departments from District 2 present we adopted the following resolution for your consideration. This resolution pertains to Article II, Section 3. Whereas: The amount of paperwork for the Secretary and the Treasurer of this association has increased considerably. Whereas: The expense allowance for the Secretary and the Treasurer has not changed for many years. Whereas: This association can afford to update the expense allowance for their services. Therefore, be it resolved that the 1990 annual meeting approve this resolution for the betterment of our association. Article II, Section 3, lines 4, 5, 6, and 7 in part now state: The expenses of the Secretary shall be fifteen cents (\$.15) per member per year. The expense allowance of the Treasurer shall be seven and one half cents (\$.75) per member, per year. Our resolution will change these lines to read as follows: The expense allowance of the Secretary shall be twenty-five cents (\$.25) per member, per year. The expense allowance of the Treasurer shall be twenty-five cents (\$.25) per member per year. Submitted by Bob Davis District Chairman and signed by the District Secretary, Patrick W. McKeague.

President Lockhart: "Is there a motion on the floor?"

Bob Esserman: "Bob Esserman, District 1. I move that we accept this resolution as read."

Mike Mackin: "Mike Mackin, District 6. I will second the motion."

President Lockhart: "It has been moved and seconded that we accept the resolution as read. All those in favor signify by raising your right hand. All those opposed, signify by raising your right hand. Motion carried by much more than seventy five percent of the vote."

Bill Howe: "The second resolution: In the duly assembled meeting of District 12 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held at Wayne Township, Department #2, on January 15, 1990 with five (5) departments in good standing present, we drew up and adopted the following resolution for your consideration and adoption:

Whereas: The membership of the Indiana Volunteer Fire Departments Association has been and is in the process of change in the past twenty one years and Whereas: The Indiana Volunteer Fire Departments have a recognizable percentage of women as active members, Whereas: The Indiana Volunteer Fire Departments are recruiting more and more women as active members. Therefore, we submit this resolution.

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That the officers of this organization take those steps as are needed to change the name of the organization to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association with a target date for completion of this change, January 1, 1992. Signed Don Johnson, Chairman. Charles Bogden, Secretary."

President Lockhart: "Is there a motion on the floor concerning this resolution?"

Don Johnson: "Don Johnson, 12th District. On further checking on this motion with Washington, D.C., the way that the Indiana Volunteer Fire Department is registered with them is through the principal. There are two ways of registering. One is principal and I do not know the name of the other. We are registered to one, which is called, Principal. The only way that the IVFA can change their name is to completely disband, start in again under a new name and work under that name for one year before they could register it. So, we wish to withdraw our resolution at this time or have it rejected."

President Lockhart: "Do you wish to withdraw or do you wish to make a motion to withdraw the resolution?"

Jack Winkler: "He made the motion to withdraw at this time. I wish to speak of the second. As some of you know, I packed this resolution for the last three conventions. I believe in the resolution. I believe that it is something that this organization is going to have to face sooner or later. At this time, because of the restrictions of the federal government that have been put upon us in changing the name, I would like to second that this resolution be withdrawn."

President Lockhart: "There is a motion and a second to withdraw this resolution. All those in favor of the motion to withdraw raise your right hand. All those opposed to this motion raise your right hand. Motion carried by much more than seventy-five percent. I would like to relieve all of the committees for the convention. I would like to call on Vice President Nevil."

Vice President Nevil discussed the federal register pertaining to blood alcohol level under the federal death benefits.

President Lockhart called on Mike Mackin for some announcements. Mike Mackin spoke on the banquet and the entertainment.

President Lockhart called for any other business to come before this meeting.

Carl Bruns asked that Bill Goodwin and Cooney Tucker address the group.

Cooney Tucker addressed the group.
Bill Goodwin addressed the group.

President Lockhart asked if anything else was to come before this meeting.

Jack Winkler suggested that we investigate the possibilities of moving our convention times from Thursday, Friday and Saturday to possibly Friday night, Saturday and Sunday or something of this nature.

President Lockhart stated that a change of bylaws takes a resolution and it is in the bylaws that we will meet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. President Lockhart asked, "Is there any other business? If not, I would accept a motion to adjourn."

Richard Glant: "Mr. President, Richard Glant, District 5. I make a motion that we adjourn this meeting."

Bill Howe: "Mr. President, Bill Howe, District 1. I second that motion."

President Lockhart: "A motion has been made and properly seconded that we adjourn and I declare the meeting adjourned."

Transcribed by John Davies
DIGEST COMMITTEE: Pete Lockhart
Ivan Nevil
John Davies

ADDENDUM:

AWARD WINNERS

- MR. IVFA - Toddy Michl
- LOIS BOAZ - Betsy Howe
- PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Ivan Nevil
- OLLIE SANDBERG - Larry Metcalf

**INCIDENT
COMMAND SEMINAR
COMING
TO
NORTHERN INDIANA**

On February 23 & 24, 1991 the Concord Twp. Fire Department, Elkhart, IN., is hosting a two day seminar on Incident Command. The seminar speaker will be Chief Alan Brunacini, Chief of the Phoenix, AR. Fire Department. Chief Brunacini has been a member of Phoenix Fire Department since 1958, and chief since 1978. He is Chairman of the NFPA Board of Directors, and chaired the NFPA Fire Ser-

vice Occupational Safety and Health Committee when it presented Standard 1500. Chief is the author of "Fire Command" which has become the basis for many of the nations fire departments Standard Operating Procedures.

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Thank You
Dennis Lienhart
Concord Twp. Fire Dept.

Second Rescue Truck Placed In Service At Union Vol. Fire Dept.

On October 13th, the Union Volunteer Fire Department placed a second rescue truck in service for use in their newly dedicated Fire Station #2. The new vehicle was presented to Fire Chief Derrell Lawless by Lt. John Kepshire, Public Relations Officer of the department, during the dedication ceremony of the new building.

The van was a vehicle acquired by the department as a donation from General Telephone Company in late March of this year. After discussion as to the use of the vehicle, it was decided to add a second rescue unit for the use in the southern portions of the township. As soon as the new station was ready to house equipment, the van was moved into the old station and restoration was begun.

The vehicle was taken down to bare metal and all needed body work was completed. A raised floor was installed to allow backboards to slide under the floor for storage. A bench seat was added with two S.C.B.A. packs mounted to a bulkhead to facilitate donning packs while the unit is responding to calls. Under seat storage for airway kit and trauma box was also provided as was room for rope bags, linen, splints, and blankets. A one piece floor covering was added to prevent slipping and debris contamination. Tool holders, lightbar siren and radio were also added when the vehicle had been painted red. All lettering was done in reflective material as was a 7" stripe around the middle of the truck. A generator was also added to pro-



vide electrical power on scenes.

While many members of the department helped on the restoration project, three members emerged as the prime movers. Firefighter Mike Mantz, Lt. Kepshire, and Cadet Firefighter Karl Naggatz are to be commended for their dedication to the restoration project. A special thank you also must be given to Firefighter Mike Parsons of the South Haven Vol-

unteer Fire Department who gave valuable technical advice when the members of "Ziffco Auto Body", as the members working on the van became known, ran into problems.

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STATE OFFICERS MEETING

August 4, 1990, Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis. The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart with the Pledge to the flag led by Chairman of the Board Mitch Parrish. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz. The roll call was taken by Secretary Lee Kissell with a quorum present.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Lockhart reported that he had been on vacation. He had attended the IFA convention and the IFIA Picnic. He also reported that he had been selected to serve on the committee to select a new fire marshal. President Lockhart stated that he had attended one district meeting and other functions.

Vice President Nevil reported attending several EMS meetings in Indianapolis along with several district meetings. He stated that he had attended the Farmland 100th Anniversary and was in Indianapolis for an interview.

Secretary Lee Kissell reported that on July 23rd the third dues notice was sent out. Secretary Kissell gave the following statistics from his office: he reported that in 1988, there were 564 departments paid on time with 672 total paid departments. In 1989 there were 606 departments paid on time with 684 total paid departments. In 1990 there were 621 departments paid on time. He also reported that 49 departments were not paid for the year 1990 yet were paid in 1989. There were 9 new departments who had not paid since 1986 that were received this year. Those districts who have 100% departments paid were: 9B, 10 and 19 for 1990-1991, and there were six districts with only one department missing or they would have been 100%.

Recording Secretary Davies reported that he had attended several district meetings and attended the Farmland 100th Anniversary.

President Lockhart called on the recording secretary for the reading of the minutes of the June meeting. A motion was made by Bill Howe and seconded by Charles Sutton that we accept the minutes as received in the mail. A question was raised by Bill Engle that the secretary's report was approved but the approval was not indicated in the minutes of the June meeting. President Lockhart requested Bill Howe to amend his motion using the words "as corrected." So the amended motion is to accept the published minutes of the June 14th meeting as corrected. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Gene Stofer gave his financial report as of 7-31-90. Bill Engle made a motion that the report be accepted as printed. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chaplain Lantz reported he had performed several memorial services since the convention. He had attended the 100th anniversary at Farmland and also had attended services for a new fire station. Chaplain Lantz thanked Mitch Parrish and Bruce Neal for the pictures taken during the memorial service at the convention and expressed his appreciation to the convention committee.

President Lockhart introduced the new District Chairmen at this time. The new chairmen are: District 1, Tom Allen; District 2, Larry Stott; District 14, Bob Woodfill and District 19, Paul Covington.

Treasurer Stofer announced if the new chairmen and any others need new identifications badges, they are to give their names to him so they may be ordered. Also, he needs the last year's secretary vouchers turned in.

President Lockhart announced that all of the PR and district chairmen vouchers need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush reported that all supply requests had been filled since the convention.

President Lockhart announced that Larry Bartlow is filling in for Dwayne Osborne, District 11-B.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

NW Howe reported that he had made all the district meetings. He announced that the paper still needed articles sent in.

NW Kinsey announced that all four district chairmen in his area had been re-elected. He reported 1 death in his area.

At this time, President Lockhart asked Bill Kinsey for his Standards Commission report.

Chairman Kinsey reported that all areas were improving and that Pat Babbs is still working in the office. He stated that the board was asked to submit a budget to the Marshal's office, also that the Master Categories were in the final stages and were ready for the final approval.

WC Michl reported that he had attended all district meetings in his area, and that all district chairmen were re-elected. He requested that the towns be indicated on the meeting notice cards. He made a statement that the cross used at the convention memorial service was in need of repair and that he would take care of the problem. He thanked everyone for the honor of Mr. IVFA, which he received at this year's convention.

EC Jackson was absent.

SW Kent Davis sitting in for Carl Davis, gave an updated report on Carl at this time.

SE Hildebrand announced that he had attended the district meetings and that there were two new district chairmen elected in his area.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lawrence Swartz reported that he had attended several district meetings. He thanked everyone for all of the support in his candidacy for the office of State Fire Marshal. He remarked that everyone give Ivan Nevil their support in his candidacy for that office.

Carl Bruns passed.

Bill Engle passed.

Gene Stofer passed.

At this time, President Lockhart introduced Mr. Larry Saklad representing Trans National Financial Services of Boston, MA. He spoke to the body concerning the endorsement of the IVFA and asking for their support in this program. Following his presentation, there was question and answer session held about the program.

President Lockhart thanked Mr. Saklad for his informative presentation and then announced that he had several books on the fire school to be held in New Albany.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Allen thanked Bob Esserman for his past service to the district.

D2 Stott reported that he had just been elected to the position of chairman and had nothing further to report.

D3 Bently spoke on several activities being held in his district.

D4 Ferro was absent.

D5 Glant reported that his district activities have been quiet.

D6 Mackin announced that the district officers had been re-elected. He reported 2 deaths in the district since the last meeting and that he was after a department to re-join the association.

D7 Sorg thanked Ivan Nevil for attending his district meetings. He reported 1 death in his district and asked about an old style fire emblem we used to have.

D8A Fleenor thanked Ivan Nevil for attending his district meetings and reported that he attended the 100th Anniversary in Farmland.

D8B Petro thanked Ivan Nevil for attending his district meeting. He announced he had been re-elected District Chairman, the attendance had been small and he was after delinquent department dues.

D9A Sutton announced that he had been re-elected District Chairman.

D9B Parrish reported the attendance at the last meeting was down. He thanked several of the officers for attending his meeting. He reported that he had visited Districts 1 and 2 on the retirement of the district chairman and went to Farmland on their 100th anniversary.

D10 Neal thanked Lee and Mary Kissell for their assistance on his dues. He reported that he had been re-elected District Chairman and that there had been 1 death in his district.

D11A Meyers reported the attendance at the district meetings had been down. He also reported there had been 1 death in the district.

D11B Bartlow reported 1 death in the district. There was a Master Class upcoming in the district and he had memorial flags available.

D12 Johnson reported on activities within his district.

D13A Nulliner was absent.

D13B Cox spoke on his district activities.

D14 Woodfill reported that the district had been quiet since he had been the new chairman.

D15 Seitz reported on the vandalism that had happened at a station within his district. Three pieces of equipment had been damaged and one engine burnt up due to the oil being drained from the engine. He announced that there was a seminar coming up in the district and that there would be a waterball contest in the near future. He spoke about an article concerning vehicles equipped with airbags and the hazards that were being encountered during the emergency.

D16 Adkins was absent.

D17A Engle announced that he had been re-elected Chairman. At his last district meeting a concern was raised about letters sent from the Fire Marshal's office.

D17B Zeeks reported that he had been re-elected Chairman and that the district had a new secretary.

D18 Heneisen announced that his last district meeting attendance was small. He thanked the state officers that attended his meetings.

D19 Covington reported on the events of his last district meeting.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin reported that all district officers had been re-elected and that there had been 1 death in the district.

Bob Esserman spoke at this time about a train fire in his department's area involving two carloads of lumber and the events that followed the fire.

Treasurer Gene Stofer presented his proposed budget for 1990-1991 at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training-Ivan Nevil spoke about a possible joint venture with the Fire Instructor's Assn. He announced that we may or may not drop the district schools and go with the PR schools.

Gene Stofer read a letter from the IFIA containing three proposals from them for our consideration. He stated that this program could get the association more new members down the road if it was accepted.

Following the reading of this letter, Ivan Nevil announced that this proposal will be referred to the board for action.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. until the following day at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 1990

The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart at 9:03 a.m. with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ford passed.

Goodwin passed.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

D13A Nulliner passed.

President Lockhart questioned those present as to where the miscellaneous equipment of the Association is located. He reported that several pieces of equipment have been misplaced. At this time, President Lockhart introduced Past President Bill Goodwin who spoke to the body about getting a volunteer fireman appointed as a new Fire Marshal. He proposed that all of us write to the Governor requesting that Ivan Nevil be the next appointment. Carl Bruns, past president, also spoke in favor of this proposal. Jack Ford, Past President, spoke in favor of Bill Goodwin's proposal. Bill Goodwin requested that a letter be written to the Governor by each one present in this room this morning. President Lockhart announced that he would allow time during this meeting so that the letters could be written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

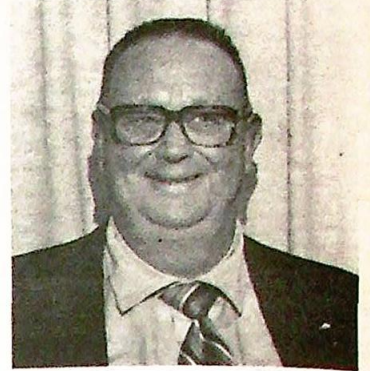
Legislative Representative - Gene Stofer announced that he does need input on the legislative work towards bills that we need to get passed. Those bills not passed in the last session will be introduced again this session. He stated that the license plate for volunteer firemen using our logo is in the making to become a reality if we want to take this approach. A motion was made by Tony Palmeiro that we make the plate open for all volunteer firemen, and seconded by Don Johnson. Motion defeated. After much floor discussion a motion was made by Richard Glant to have the IVFA emblem on the plate and have it exclusive for IVFA members only. If the emblem cannot be put on the plate, then Gene Stofer can use his own judgement. Seconded by Virgil Heneisen. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Gene Stofer commented on the new blue light law and the problems that have come up and he stated that this law needs clarification as soon as possible.

Ad Solicitor - Jack Ford reported that he received a good report from the recent convention committee about the vendors. He stated that we need to be a very selective about our ads in the paper. There was an update on several companies who have taken out ads in the

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Public Relations Southwest



Carl O. Davis

Just a few lines to let you know that I am back from the hospital. I was there for 5 weeks. Mayo Clinic is a nice place to be if you have to be in the hospital. But nothing looks as good as Indiana.

So much for my troubles. Sorry that I can't be more active in IVFA operations, but hope to get back soon.

Want to thank all depts and members who sent me cards and flowers while in the hospital and at home. Sure was nice to hear from all of you.

Time to think about the coming legislature and what we need to try for. Get your thoughts in to Gene Stoffer now.

From all reports the 1991 convention is going good. Time to think about getting in your reservations and save some money.

To chiefs of all depts: Do you know what a deceased member of your dept. is entitled to from the IVFA? Each member is entitled to a memorial service if requested by his family or dept, a Bible and a grave marker. All that is required to get these is that he be a member in good standing at the time of his death. Just call your district chairman or PR rep. and they will help you with the details.

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Based upon fire statistics, the rapid spread of fire resulting from improper regulation of interior finishes is the number two cause of death in building fires.

"Regulation of Interior Wall and Ceiling Finishes is available from the International Conference of Building Officials for \$49 (\$5 per additional workbook). For more information about this video or any in the upcoming fire resistivity series, contact: ICBO, ORDER DEPARTMENT, 5360 SOUTH WORKMAN MILL ROAD, WHITTER, CA 90601, Phone# (213) 692-4226, FAX# (213) 692-3853.

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ARSON SUSPECTS ARRESTED

By Janet Mauck
Post-News staff writer

DeMOTTE - An investigation that involved the combined efforts of the Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Department, the Jasper County Sheriff's Police, and the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office has resulted in the recent arrests of two persons suspected of arson.

Paul Teunissen, 27, 416 Cedar N.W., DeMotte, and Joanie Huber, 30, 2569 Royalton Road, Salyersville, Ky., are both being held in Jasper County Jail on charges related to two different arson investigations.

Teunissen has been charged with arson, theft, and burglary in connection with the Saturday, Aug. 26 fire that damaged the interior of the Cheryl Born residence on County Road 600 W, just north of CR 1100 N. The house was owned by Born's father, William Ooms of rural DeMotte.

Huber was arrested on Aug. 27 by county police on a warrant charging her with arson, a class B felony, in connection with the Dec. 26, 1988 fire that gutted the Wheatfield area residence of Olen Collins, Rt.1, Box 153, Rensselaer.

No one was home at the time of either fire.

Teunissen, who was arrested following an interview at the County Sheriff's department on Sept. 6, was arraigned on the charges Monday. Bond was set at \$15,000, but he still remained in Jasper County Jail as of Tuesday afternoon.

An attorney for Teunissen was

appointed, and an omnibus hearing date was set for the later part of October.

As of Monday morning, Huber was still being held in Jasper County Jail pending the posting of \$50,000 bond. Her trial date has been set for Nov. 13.

Although the Indiana Arson and Crime Association, Inc., had offered up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the Born blaze, no one qualified for this reward.

"We did receive a call on the arson hotline," said Indiana State Fire Marshal Brad Sandberg, "but the information given we already knew. In that particular case, there will be no reward given."

Sandberg, who noted that "a lot of work was put into" the investigation of the Collins fire as well as the Born blaze by the three agencies, was proud of the contributions each group made.

"An arrest can result through team effort," he said.

Several car fires that have been determined to be arsons are still being investigated by the local and state fire officials and county police.

Sanberg said anyone having any information regarding these blazes may write or call the Indiana Arson and Crime Association, Inc., at P.O. Box 2282, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206 (telephone 1-800-382-4268). Those contacting this agency do not have to give their names.

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President Signs Firefighters' Safety Study Act

WASHINGTON: H.R. 4522, the Firefighters' Safety Study Act, was signed into law by President Bush late yesterday. Introduced by Congresswomen Jan Meyers (R-KS) as the result of a tragic 1988 explosion which killed six Kansas City firefighters, this law will reduce the dangers to firefighters when dealing with hazardous materials.

The bill, which passed the House and Senate on October 5, 1990, would direct the Administrator of the USFA to review existing information relevant to hazardous materials emergencies, examining these materials for their clarity, accuracy, and orientation towards emergency implementation. The forum for such a review would be established via a working group composed of representatives from federal, state and local agencies, as well as chemical industry representatives.

The working group would be charged with the task of rendering current hazardous materials response information into more clear and concise form, oriented towards the urgency of implementation in emergency situations. Beyond issuing a report to the USFA Administrator in one year's time, the working group would be required to meet yearly to update and recommend changes as necessary. Congresswomen Meyers believes the passage of such legislation will ultimately lead to "safe and adequate response to incidents involving hazardous materials."

Sincerely,
John J. McNichol

Scientists Discount Increased Likelihood of Earthquake in Midwest

In a report released to the Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia, on October 18, 1990, scientists who work with the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council concluded that a much publicized prediction for a large earthquake in the New Madrid seismic region of Missouri, Arkansas, and Tennessee, in December 1990 is without scientific validity.

The report emphasizes that "Although a long-term potential for a large earthquake does indeed exist for New Madrid, there is absolutely no scientific basis for selecting New Madrid from among other seismic zones as the site of a major earthquake on December 2 and 3, 1990."

The USGS helped organize a working group of 11 scientists

from academia and state and federal agencies to evaluate the prediction. The group, chaired by Dr. James F. Davis, California State Geologist, included experts in the fields of seismicity, tectonics, the New Madrid seismic zone, and the effects of tidal loading of the earth. National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council scientists reviewed the report.

"My staff and I agree with their conclusion that there is no scientific reason to believe an earthquake is any more likely in the Midwest in early December than at any other time. At the same time, there is a very real, long-term earthquake hazard posed by the New Madrid seismic zone. It is essential that scientists continue to work closely with state and local officials to use scientific information in developing public policy that will reduce the risk to life and property," said USGS Director Dallas Peck.

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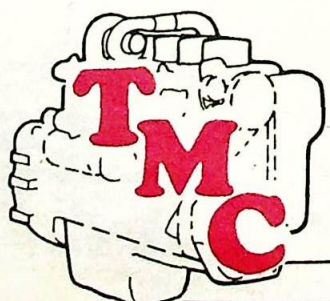
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Bill Howe

As we are about to enter another Holiday Season, I would like to extend the Best Wishes to you for a Safe and Happy Season.

This association is going to be very involved with legislation again this year. There will be bills that will be supported and bills that will be opposed. We will be asking your support during the session starting in February and ending in April. You will see in another part of this issue of our paper the license plate that has been worked on for several years. Thanks to Mr. Stofer this has finally become a reality. Instructions for obtaining this plate will be presented at the District Meetings. If you have questions contact your District Chairman or attend the District Meeting.

There are several seminars coming available in the very near future. Most of these are announced in the monthly report from the Fire Marshal's office. This report should be made available to each fireman and not just received by the Chief or Secretary and then destroyed. If your department does not make the mail available, you, as the fireman, should ask about it.

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association will again this year make the area Public Relations Seminar available. The topic this year will be Critical Stress. This will be on one (1) day with the Northwest area most likely being at Rennselaer in the spring. There will be more information to follow as well as a letter to each department. Your attendance would be appreciated.

In closing, I would like to urge each department to select at least a couple of people to attend the district meetings and bring back the information to the local department. If your department is attending with several people, we appreciate this and don't stop.

Happy Holidays

HAZMAT BILL SENT TO PRESIDENT

S. 2936, the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990, was passed by the Senate late on Saturday, October 27th and by the House on Thursday, October 25th. The bill has been sent to President Bush for signature.

The bill is the result of a last minute compromise between the Senate and the House, with the final version utilizing pieces of several hazardous materials bills.

The final version takes most of its language from H.R. 3520, the Hazardous Materials Transportation Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1990, offered by Mr. Mineta (D-CA).

Specifically, the bill calls for the mandatory registration of all hazardous materials shippers and carriers, with registration fees of between \$250-\$5000/year.

Establishes a public sector planning program and a training program for emergency response, funded by registration fees, at \$5

million and \$7.8 million per year, respectively.

The bill calls for a Hazmat Employee Training Program to be administered by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. This grant program will total \$250,000 per year for 6 years starting in FY 1993, with grants being awarded to "non-profit organizations which demonstrate expertise in implementing and operating training and education programs for hazmat employees."

The bill also includes parts of HR 2546 (the Applegate/Boehlert bill) which directs DOT to initiate a rulemaking with respect to the establishment of a Central Data Reporting System for hazardous materials shipments, and provides for the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a feasibility study of such a system.

John McNichol

Denver Firefighters Receive Haz-Mat Training

Denver firefighters received mandatory 8 hr hazardous material training required by law. It's required that firefighters receive

this training before they can legally respond to a haz-mat incident. The firefighters were, Steve Hagon, Allen Hetzner, Lewis Murphay, Bob Myers, Fred Raider, Rich Robins, Carl Statzer, Ron Statzer, Doug McKain. The class was conducted by Jerry Hammon, who is the Miami County Emergency Management Director. Mexico Fire Dept. and Macy Fire Dept. had members also present. Also Doug McKain on the Denver Fire Dept. was appointed Safety Officer and just completed the State Fire School 16 hr Safety Officer Course in Oct. at Ft. Wayne.

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Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. (VFIS) announces the availability of videotapes of the November 7, 1990 teleconference which they co-sponsored on "Communicable Disease Infection Control: Issues and Answers for Fire and Emergency Service Personnel." Other co-sponsors for the broadcast included the U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Academy, American Ambulance Association and NEMT.

The program addressed such topics as: Overview of Infection Control, Responder-Work Practices, Supervisor-Role Model, Managers-Infection Control Program, and the National Fire Academy Course Development Process. Speakers during the program included: Olin Greene, Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration; MacNeil Cross, Chief of EMS Field Services, City of New York; Dr. Continued on Page 22

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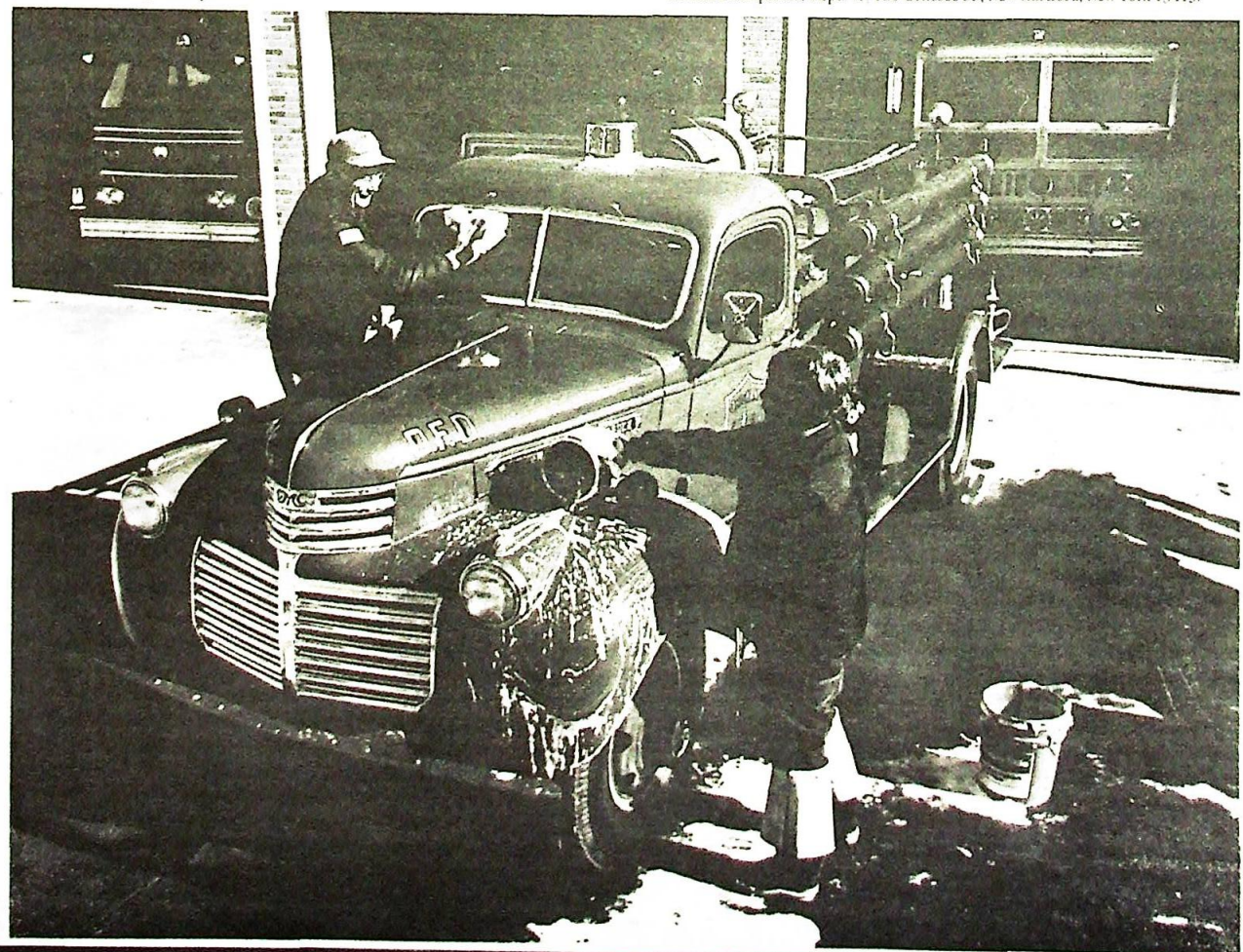
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\$200,000 Damage to Colfax Township House



A fire caused extensive damage to this Colfax Township home of Ronald and Dawn Christenson. The fire apparently started in the garage. That is now rubble shown on the right.

Fire Causes \$200,000 Damage to Colfax Township House

By John Scheibel
Morocco Courier Editor
MOROCCO - Five area fire departments battled a house fire in Newton County's Colfax Township Tuesday that caused an estimated \$200,000 damage to a family's home but left no one injured.

Fire departments from Morocco, Lake Township, Shelby, and Schneider assisted the Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department in battling the blaze that practically destroyed the house owned by Ronald Christenson, said LTVFD First Assistant Chief Ralph Knapp.

The house is located on County Road 250N, near CR 100E, about 2 1/2 miles east of North Newton Jr. - Sr. High School.

Christenson's wife, Dawn, and their three children were home at the time of the fire but all escaped injury, Dawn Christenson said.

Knapp said the H-shaped house was built by retired Army Major Rafferty who designed the house to resemble an Army insignia.

Rafferty owned what was once

called the Green Acres Farms in Newton County.

Knapp said the fire, reported at 3:25 p.m., apparently started in or near the connected garage located on the southeast side of the house and then spread into the home.

It took the firefighters about three and a half hours to bring the fire under control, Knapp said. Because there are no hydrants in the area, firefighters from Lake Township set up a portable pump in a drainage ditch to feed the pumper trucks at the scene, he said.

Knapp said firefighters were called back to the house early Wednesday morning to extinguish flames that were rekindled by smoldering debris.

No cause has yet been determined but the State Fire Marshal's office will conduct a routine investigation Wednesday afternoon, Knapp said.

Dawn Christenson said Wednesday morning the family is actually lucky to have what they salvaged from the house that continued to smolder Wednesday morning.

"We're luckier than most people that have a fire in their home," Dawn Christenson said. "Most of the kids clothes were down by the washer and a lot of my husband's clothes were to the cleaners."

The Christensons were also able to salvage several pieces of antique furniture and some kitchen appliances.

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tankers to off-load their water. The two Union tankers, aided by one from Lake Eliza and two from Ainsworth, began a water shuttle operation from the closest usable water source, approximately 3 miles away. A pond on the adjoining property was rendered useless due to extremely muddy conditions caused by 5" of rain that had fallen on the area in the 2-3 hours prior to the fire being reported.

Three hand lines were able to bring the fire under control after one hour. There was no reported damage to the exposures, but the barn, owned by George Glasshagel was completely destroyed as was all the contents inside. 42 firefighters manning 10 pieces of apparatus were required to bring the blaze under control. Mutual-aid companies were released at about 2:15 and all Union units were back in quarters by 5:00 after the cause and origin investigation.

Mr Glasshagel reported being awakened from sleep at midnight by a very loud thunder clap and thought at that time that lightning had struck something on his property. He checked all buildings at that time but could not find anything. The lightning that struck the barn was attributed to a storm that began at 9:00 the night before and dumped between 7" to 8" of rain on the area before subsiding late Saturday morning. Many of the telephones in the homes facing the Glasshagel farm had been knocked out by the storm prior to the fire breaking out. Damage estimates to the barn and it's content were unavailable from the insurance company as this article went to press. No livestock was lost in the fire, but an extensive wood working shop in a corner of the barn was completely destroyed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. John E. Kephshire EMT-P

From the Vice President

First I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for your support in the attempt to get me appointed to the position of State Fire Marshal. It's is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Gene Goddard on his appointment to the position of Fire Marshal. I have had the opportunity to visit with him at various functions in different areas of the state. I feel that we should have no problems working with him. Hopefully he will be able to attend the next Officers Meeting in November at Shelbyville and speak to us.

As I have attended several meetings in different districts, concern has been raised on the certification of rescue units. The biggest concern is the "what if" on liability if they are doing the rescue procedures. This issue along with some others were addressed to Mr. Jerry Haver, Director of the State Emergency Management Agency. He stated that some answers would be available at the November meeting.

With the impending winter coming, now is the time to check all aspects of the heating system in your home. Remember carbon monoxide does not make a sound, whereas a chimney burning out does.

Along with the onset of cold weather it also signals the beginning of the Holiday Seasons. May all your Holidays be Joyous and Safe.

And as we approach the New Year let your resolutions include one that you will attend at least three extra schools or seminars this year.

Happy Holidays
Ivan Nevil

Lightning Destroys Barn

In the early hours of August 18, 1990 a fire attributed to a lightning strike destroyed a barn in rural Wheeler.

A fire in a structure was reported to the Porter County Fire Dispatch Center, who in turn notified the Union Volunteer Fire Department. While members responded to the station, Fire Chief Derrell Lawless responded to the scene. Still approximately 2 miles from the scene, Chief Lawless reported flames showing and requested mutual-aid tankers from Lake Eliza and Ainsworth-Deep River Volunteer Departments. Upon his arrival at the scene, Chief Lawless found a 50' by 80' dairy barn heavily involved in fire with the nearby garage and house of the barn owner also threatened.

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paper who still are indebted to the association.

National Fire Council - Gene Stofer reported that there were no changes since his last report.

EMS - Ivan Nevil reported that they are setting up a meeting for future guidelines.

Membership - Carl Bruns announced that some departments in the state need to have special contacts made. They have not paid for the past two or three years and we need to know why they have not replied.

President Lockhart spoke on the new membership committee that he formed and why he asked the three past presidents to serve on this committee.

Convention 1991 - Bill Engle reported everything is going well. All correspondence regarding registration and reservations will be answered in the future. Room reservations will require one night's fee to be paid in cash to the convention committee and the balance of the room bill may be paid by credit card if the person wants to.

Convention 1990 - Mike Mackin reported that he had an income of \$38,743 and the expenses were \$30,205 with a net profit of \$8,537.

Awards - Ivan Nevil reported that only four names were turned in to the committee for the Ollie Sandberg Award out of 17,000 members, which in his opinion, is a terrible disgrace to this program.

Safety - Jerry Nulliner passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mort Sorg asked about the telephone credit cards.

NEW BUSINESS

Gene Stofer commented about having all fire service associations consolidating into one convention annually. This would be sponsored by the manufacturers and suppliers. This is being pushed for 1992. This organization should consider this idea for future acceptance.

President Lockhart commented that under this plan, there would be only one opening ceremony for all fire service organizations. Separate business meetings would be held and then there would be a joint banquet. He also said more meetings and open discussions will be held concerning this project.

State Fire Caucus - Gene Stofer stated that he had received an endorsement by the Indiana Chief's Association to the formation of a State Fire Caucus. Talks about this program have included the legislative people within the state and also the officers of the IFA.

Several members in attendance remarked about the smoke level that was present during the business session.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush commented on the amount of training folders he still has in his inventory that needs to be distributed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Howe and seconded by Jack Zeeks. Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order. A motion to accept the corrected minutes as mailed was made by Richard Glant and seconded by Gene Stofer. Motion carried by hand vote.

Chairman Parrish's first order of business was the TNFS credit card proposal and whether we were going to participate in the program. A motion by Bill Engle and seconded by Mike Seitz to accept the proposal from TNFS. Lawrence Swartz will contact those people. Motion carried by hand vote.

Chairman Parrish discussed the IVFA decals. These are the bumper type and also are applied to the outside of windows that were needed as requested by Chaplain Lantz. A motion was made by Bill Howe to purchase a quantity with a price break. Chairman Parrish requested a price on these stickers, both window and bumper, therefore putting a hold on Bill Howe's motion. After much discussion, Charles Sutton seconded the motion. Further open discussion concerning this topic resulted in the request to table the subject. A motion was made by Bill Engle and seconded by Bill Howe to table the decal project.

Pete Lockhart offered for consideration, an increase of the funeral fund by \$1,000 and the printing costs of \$1,000. A motion was made by Virgil Heneisen and seconded by Jack Cox to accept the budget as printed with these two additions. Motion carried by hand vote.

Chairman Parrish opened the floor for further discussion on the decals, both the window and bumper at this time. It was announced that Chaplain Lantz would take care of this and order what was needed.

Chairman Parrish asked Gene Stofer for comments concerning training and the proposal letter received from the IFIA. At this time, Gene Stofer re-read the letter to the body.

A motion was made by Bill Howe to accept the co-sponsor of the IFIA proposal and the state fire schools, including the one in Vincennes. Seconded by Richard Glant. Motion carried by hand vote.

Chairman Parrish remarked that a motion was needed to re-appoint Bob Laney as Editor of the IVFA paper for 1990-1991. Richard Glant made a motion to re-appoint Bob Laney as editor of the IVFA paper for 1990-1991, seconded by Bob Bently. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Pete Lockhart announced that an election for the Chairman of the Board was needed at this time. Chairman Parrish turned the podium over to Pete Lockhart to conduct the election. Pete Lockhart announced that the floor is open for nominations for Chairman of the Board. A nomination by Richard Glant was made for Willie Parrish as Chairman of the Board. After asking three times for further nominations, it was declared nominations closed and Pete Lockhart asked Recording Secretary who is Secretary of the Board to cast one unanimous ballot for Mitch Parrish. This was done by the Secretary of the Board.

At this time, Pete Lockhart turned the meeting over to Chairman Parrish. Lawrence Swartz commented on the need by some of the District Chairmen for new briefcases. Chairman Parrish appointed a committee to look into this request. They are: Chairman from Districts 1 and 2 along with Bill Howe to check on prices of new brief cases and report at our next meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush commented that a new American Flag was needed to replace the one we currently have. Lawrence Swartz stated that he had literature on flags and would forward it to Bill Bush.

The meeting was adjourned by the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Davies
Recording Secretary

Site Selected On West Coast

WASHINGTON - - The Congressional Fire Services Institute announced today that the Sacramento Community Convention Center in Sacramento, California has been selected as the West Coast sister site for the Third Annual National Fire Emergency Services Dinner on Tuesday, April 30, 1991. The East Coast site will be the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

CFSI decided earlier this year to utilize satellite technology to create a truly national experience for the Third Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner.

A western states steering committee has been formed to coordinate the Sacramento event. "This committee is under the steady chairmanship of James McMullen, California State Fire Marshal. Jim (McMullen) will spearhead this undertaking with the support of competent individuals from the western states' fire and emergency community," said Congressman Curt Weldon. The western states steering committee is comprised of the following organizations:

California State Firemen's Association, Office of Nevada State

Fire Marshal, California Fire Chiefs Association, Office of Wyoming State Fire Marshal, California Metropolitan Fire Chiefs' Association, Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs, California Professional Fire Fighters, Washington State Fire Districts Association, Office of California State Fire Marshal, Western Fire Chiefs Association, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs and Fire Districts Association of California.

"All of the following National Steering Committee organizations will also be represented on the Western States Committee: International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, International Society of Fire Service Instructors, National Fire Protection Association, National Volunteer Fire Council, Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, and Fire Equipment Manufacturers Services Association.

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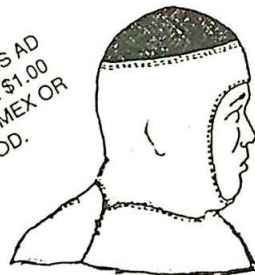
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 five-year cumulative funds for fire-fighting buildings and equipment. Kinsey said clarification is still needed to determine if the fund is renewable after five years is up or if the fund was at one-time shot in the arm for townships to accumulate monies.

Numerous towns and townships took advantage of the new fund to go outside of the tax levy and collect taxes for their fire-fighting units. Establishment of cumulative capital funds could eliminate the need for towns and townships to go in debt to provide for upgraded or new equipment.

Many small departments are hampered by small populations that produce a low tax base for operating funds. Township trustees and town councils are hampered by the tax freeze. Consequently, volunteer firefighters are often thrust into the realm of "professional" fund raising to keep their department afloat.

"Many departments would cease to exist," Kinsey said, "if it were not for their individual fund raising efforts."

While the community chicken dinners and fish fries are good public relations for the volunteer departments, it's more time fire-fighters must spend to raise money to support their departments.

LETTER FROM NEW STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Dear Fellow Firefighters,

It's my pleasure to be working so closely with all of you. You are Indiana's best! As Indiana's State Fire Marshal I want to help every firefighter - career and volunteer - and the supporting associations to continue to work together to make Indiana safer. We must begin with fire prevention

and education.

I see the importance of fire prevention and education every-day, just as I am confident each of you do as well. I plan to continue to emphasize fire education and prevention during my tenure as State Fire Marshal, as I have since I took office in September. Effective fire prevention plans, programs and education will help the public and you the firefighters statewide. Fire injuries and property losses must be reduced and firefighter safety in battling fires must be improved. By supporting each other and continued education and training, those goals can be attained.

Please realize, I will base the many decisions I make as State Fire Marshal on my experiences and yours. While my membership in the Professional Firefighter's Local 360 for 27 years, the Indiana Fire Chief's Association for 11 years, and the Indiana Fire fighter's Association for 30 years, and my service to the Mishawaka Fire Inspection Bureau for 6 years are and have been very valuable tools to me thus far, it is your teamwork, honesty, dedication, and suggestions that will be most important to me and the citizens of Indiana in the long run.

Remember, we are a team - a team united by a common desire to save Hoosiers lives and property. Let's all work together for a safer Indiana!

Gene A. Goddard
 State Fire Marshal

DISTRICT 9-B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 7:47pm at the Earl Park Volunteer Fire Department in Earl Park, IN.

There were 13 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 41 with 66 alarms among the 9 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: Dale Cooperation, Fireman's License plates, Grave markers and Bibles not for sale to non-members, the need to keep retired fireman on as inactive members, Length of Service Pension for I.V.F.A. State Officers, Rescue Service Certification, Blue light law, Gene Stofer running for Treasurer of the National Volunteer Fire Council, Scholarship Fund, Legislation to have volunteers to be covered under State Death Benefit covering Public Safety Officers, Federal Death Benefit, Need Miss Flame Contestant, Hepatitis B shots, new Fire Marshall Goddard, credit card for fire service, Underground storage tanks coming under the fire service, Fireman's Bill of Rights Coin, Fire Service Awards for Convention, State Fire

School, "Indiana Weekend" at National Fire Academy March 9-10, Alan Brunacini coming back for Seminar at Chesterton, Haunted house as fund raiser, a Dance at Rensselaer the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and the National Fire Caucus.

Program on Grain Elevator Explosions was presented by John Knox Jr. of Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Company.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm. Next meeting is January 10 at the Fowler Volunteer Fire Department at 6:30pm slow time, 7:30pm fast time.

Sec./Treas.
 Dennis J. Risner

Governor Appoints Goddard State Fire Marshal

Governor Evan Bayh announced the appointment of Gene A. Goddard of Mishawaka, former Chief of the Mishawaka Fire De-

partment, as State Fire Marshal on September 14, 1990.

Goddard, 60, is a 27-year veteran of the Mishawaka Fire Department.

"Gene Goddard has a combination of expertise in fire prevention, and management that will serve the State Fire Marshal's Office and this administration well," Governor Bayh said. "Gene enjoys great respect statewide and is committed to working with paid and volunteer firefighting units and local governments to enhance the safety of Hoosiers."

The State Fire Marshal enforces state fire safety laws and regulations, promotes fire prevention and educates firefighters. The office is responsible for fire prevention inspections of public and commercial buildings, training and certification of firefighters, and fire investigations. The office is part of the DFBS.

"I am delighted at the government's appointment of Gene Goddard as State Fire Marshal." Continued on Page 24

PROPOSED LICENSE PLATES (IVFA)



New IVFA proposed license plate. These plates for Volunteer Firemen will go on sale around the first of the year and will cost \$10.00 more than regular fee.

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The recent approval of State Fire Marshal rule 650 IAC 15 -1 by the Governor became effective July 19, 1990 (a copy of the rule and the pertinent law are attached).

The two attached publications establish the billing criteria which volunteer fire companies must use to calculate bills and the value of the assistance they provide when responding to vehicular fires or chemical or fuel spills on state or interstate highways.

Volunteer fire departments billing for services after July 19, 1990 must use the following norms:

- For initial response with fire engine, trucks, or fire apparatus, \$250.
- For each hour or fraction of on-scene assistance, \$150.
- For expendable materials, or other agents used in cleanup operations, the actual replacement cost of those materials.
- For collection of debris, chemicals, fuel, or contaminated materials resulting from a spill, the actual cost of removal and disposal at an authorized location.

Bills must be accomplished within thirty days of the assistance provided and must be accompanied by a copy of the incident report furnished to the State Fire Marshal, and funds collected under these provisions must be used to purchase fire-fighting equipment or supplies.

Further requirements for billing, correspondence, and collection are contained in the attached copies of the pertinent sections of the rule and the law.

Sincerely,
James Kloboucnik
Acting State Fire Marshal

TITLE 650
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LSA Document #90-10(F)

DIGEST

Adds 650 IAC 15 to implement IC 36-8-12-13 by establishing the value of assistance that might be provided by a volunteer fire company that renders services in the event of a vehicular fire or chemical or fuel spill on state or interstate highway. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

650 IAC 15

SECTION 1. 650 IAC 15 IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
ARTICLE 15. VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

Rule 1. Value of Services Rendered

650 IAC 15-1-1 Purpose

Authority: IC 36-8-12-13

Affected: IC 22-14; IC 36-8-12-13; IC 36-8-13

Sec. 1. The purpose of this rule is to establish a means to calculate the value of assistance that could be provided by a volunteer fire company responding to a vehicle fire or chemical or fuel spill on a state or interstate highway. Any bill prepared by a volunteer fire department for services as authorized in IC 36-8-12-13, shall be in accordance with this rule. (State Fire Marshal; 650 IAC 15-1-1; filed Jun 20, 1990, 4:05 p.m.)

650 IAC 15-1-2 Services charges

Authority: 36-8-12-13

Affected: IC 36-8-12; IC 36-8-13

Sec. 2. Services charges are cumulative and shall be computed as follows:

- (1) For initial response with fire engine, trucks, or fire apparatus, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

(2) For each hour or fraction thereof of on-scene assistance, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

(3) For expendable materials such as absorbent materials, or other agents used in cleanup operations, the actual replacement cost of those materials.

(4) For collection of debris, chemicals, fuel, or contaminated materials resulting from a spill, the actual cost of removal and disposal at an authorized location.

(State Fire Marshal; 650 IAC 15-1-2; filed Jun 20, 1990, 4:05 p.m.)

650 IAC 15-1-3 Billing; collection

Authority: IC 36-8-12-13
Affected: IC 36-8-12-13; IC 36-8-13

Sec. 3 (a) Procedures for billing are established in IC 36-8-12-13(b).

b). A provision for collection of an unpaid bill is in IC 36-8-12-13(c). (State Fire Marshal; 650 IAC 15-1-3; filed Jun 20, 1990, 4:05 p.m.)

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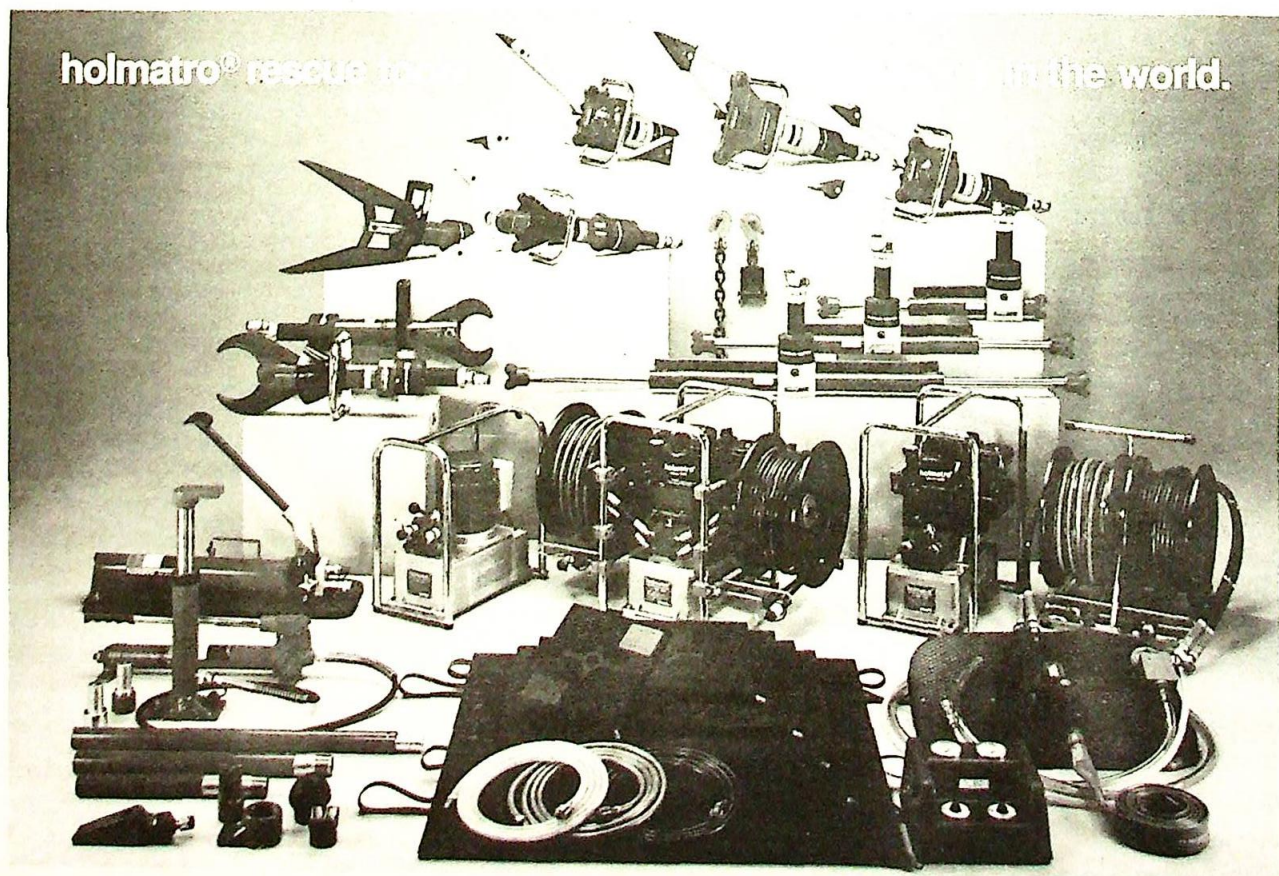
Photo of Sparky (Paul Neely) and fireman Dan Galvin. Children are from the Montessori School.

SPARKY THE FIREDOG JOINS THE CHESTERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Sparky the Firedog made his debut last week at the Chesterton Fire Station. Sparky taught the children from Brummit Elementary, Baily Elementary, the Montessori School, Wee Care and the Y.M.C.A. about fire safety. Members of the dept. showed the children two short videos. The first was Donald Duck's "EDITH" (Exit drills in the home) and the second was Learn Not To Burn with Dick Van Dyke. The children toured the station and were shown firefighting equipment.

The dept. members who participated during the week were Skip Highwood, Scott Wynder, Jim Bendt, Paul Neely, Dan Galvin, Jim Stineback, Mike Orlich and Ray Lawson.

Ray Lawson
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Higgins Pleads Guilty to Murder

By Kevin Terrence Murphy
Republican staff writer

KENTLAND - Murder suspect Joey M. Higgins pleaded guilty to murder in Newton Superior Court before Judge Daniel J. Molter Monday afternoon a week before his jury trial was scheduled to begin.

The plea of guilty for count one of murder was in exchange for a motion to dismiss the death penalty count filed against Higgins May 25 by Newton County Prosecutor Steve Ryan. Molter is scheduled to sentence Higgins at 1 p.m. Oct. 22 for an imprisonment term of 30 to 60 years.

Higgins, 29, is charged with murdering Francis C. Perrin III, 19, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Perrin was last seen leaving a truck stop on foot at Interstate 57 and U.S. 45 south of Kankakee the evening of Jan. 9, 1988. Perrin's body was found by Lincoln Township Volunteer firefighters in a farm field off Newton County Road 400E north of CR 200N at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 9, in the trunk of a burning 1977 blue Chevrolet Monte Carlo belonging to Higgins.

Perrin's body was burned beyond recognition but was later identified by matching clothing, personal belongings and hair samples.

Police believe Higgins attempted to stage his own death so his family could collect insurance funding. He was reported missing by his wife, Elizabeth, to authorities Jan. 9 from their home in Portage, Ind.

More than two years after his disappearance, Higgins was captured in Nevada after a third showing of a segment depicting the murder case on the national crime fighting TV show "America's Most Wanted."

Higgins was arrested at his apartment in Elko, Nev., located 250 miles east of Salt Lake City. Within half an hour after the conclusion of the show Elko City Police received a telephone tip from

a man saying he knew Higgins.

Higgins was living in Elko, a town with a population of 17,000, under the alias of Kevin J. Harmon and was employed for nearly two years at the Big O Tire Center.

He was bought back to Indiana April 1 on a commercial air flight from Salt Lake City to O'Hare International Airport with an escort from Indiana State Police detective William Krueger and Ryan.

Higgins appeared before Molter shortly after 1:30 p.m. dressed in a white short-sleeved shirt with a red tie, blue cotton trousers and a pair of white high top basketball shoes with blue trim.

Higgins sat between his legal counsel with Richard F. James to his left and Donald R. Capp on his right. James and Capp are with the firm of James, James and Manning of Dyer, Ind.

The plaintiff consisted of Ryan along with Newton Deputy Prosecutor John Barce. Ryan read the sentencing for Higgins, which is imprisonment for a fixed term of 40 years with not more than 20 years to be added for aggravating circumstances while not more than 10 years to be subtracted for mitigating circumstances.

Higgins answered without hesitation with the word of "yes" when asked by Molter if he understood his guilty plea which waived the right to a jury trial.

"You agree on the ninth day of January, 1988, you did knowingly kill Francis Perrin III by carbon monoxide poisoning and incineration when committing the act of arson," Molter said. "When I read the statute you understand you could not receive a sentence of less than 30 years. Murder is not reduceable sentence."

In withdrawing the formal plea of guilty, Molter asked, "How do you plead to count one of murder?" As he eyed the microphone while seated at the defense table without hesitation Higgins replied, "I'm guilty."

Immediately following his plea of guilty, Higgins was motioned to the witness stand to provide his own account of what he says transpired Jan. 9, 1988.

Firefighters Rescue Man After Another Dies In Fire

By Kevin Corcoran
Staff Writer

Washington Township firefighters rescued a critically injured man from a smoke-filled house early Wednesday after another man had already died fighting the fire, township fire officials said.

Firefighters Barry Hand and Tom Rotering found Gene L. Tipton, 21, lying by a bed inside the house at 6625 Goings Road and dragged him to safety. Tipton was later taken to St. Joseph Medical Center, where he was in critical but stable condition Wednesday night.

But James F. Beck, 35, was overcome by smoke as he attempted to extinguish the blaze, which began about 3 a.m., said Assistant Fire Chief Mark Calhoun of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department. Beck, whose body was not burned, apparently died from smoke inhalation.

Both men listed the Goings Road home as their address, but Tipton also has an address in the 400 block of East Wayne Street.

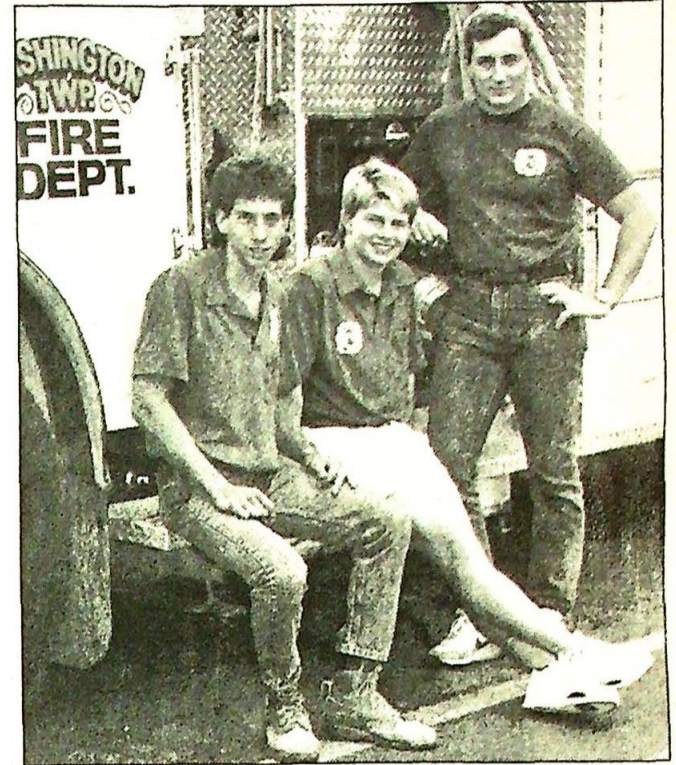
The fatal blaze appears to have been an accident caused by smoking materials, possibly a lighted cigarette, Calhoun said.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation by the county's volunteer arson squad.

The single-story, wood-frame house off Ludwig Road near Indiana 3 had garbage strewn throughout it, said Detective Sgt. Tom Gratz of the Allen County Police Department. Police are participating in the fire investigation to ensure there was no foul play.

Beck did not report the fire before trying to put it out, and firefighters did not hear of it until a neighbor called police to report smelling smoke, Calhoun said. The fire was found by firefighters Tim Daniels and Rotering as they came back from another call.

Their rescue unit arrived at the fire ahead of the other firefighters and used the garden hose to battle remaining flames. As the men did this, neighbors told them res-



Staff Photograph by Andrew Johnston

Barry Hand, left, Tom Rotering and Randy Brown sit outside the Washington Township Fire Department at Wallen and Lima roads Wednesday afternoon. The three rescued a man from a burning home earlier Wednesday.

idents were still inside, Calhoun said.

Hand kicked in the front door and went inside with firefighter Randy Brown to bring out Beck's body. The smoke was so thick firefighters could see only the floor with their flash lights, Brown said. Within seconds, Beck's body was found in the kitchen and removed by Brown and Hand, who did not know Beck was dead.

Minutes later, in the bedroom, Tipton moaned and shook his head as Hand rolled him over to carry him outside. Paramedics tried to revive Tipton outside before taking him to the hospital's burn unit.

While the two rescues were in progress, about 25 firefighters battled flames that had spread

into the attic. The blaze was brought under control 11 minutes after the first pumps arrived at 3:28 a.m., Calhoun said.

"If the fire had gone through the roof, the house probably would have burned to the ground," Hand said.

"As it was, the fire had pretty much put itself out."

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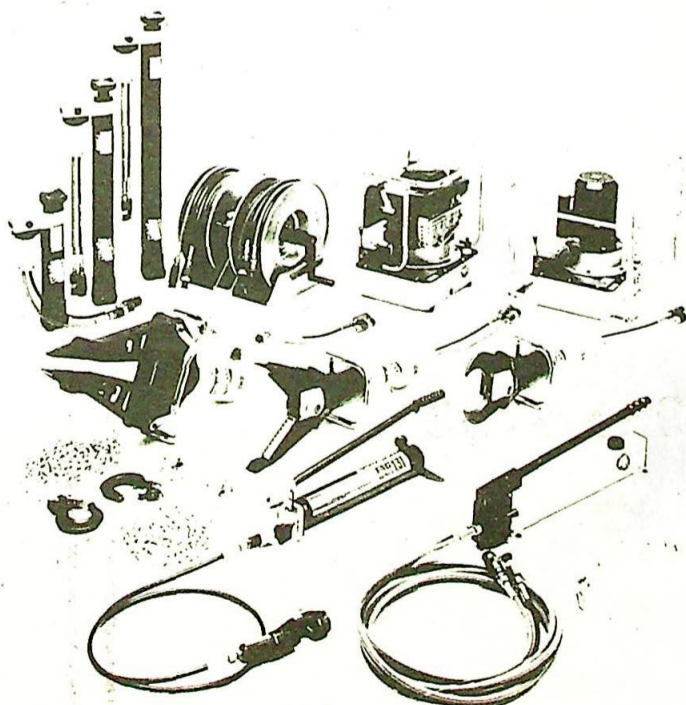
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Viewing Fatal Fire Scene



Canaan Fire Chief Larry Brawner, center, Assistant Fire Chief George Kessler, left; and Lt. Larry Dunn of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department look over the remains of a trailer in which the occupant, Dorsey Mullins, was killed by fire at about 7:18 a.m. today on Hicks Ridge near Canaan. (Staff photo by Dale Wilson.)

Canaan-area Man Victim as Trailer is Destroyed in Blaze

Fire believed caused by a faulty electrical heater caused the death of Canaan-area man this morning at 7:18 a.m.

Dorsey Mullins, believed to be in his late 40s or early 50s, died when his trailer home was destroyed by fire on Hicks Ridge Road, west of Canaan, about 1.5 miles northeast of Madison.

A passing school-bus driver spotted the fire and radioed to Principal Alvin Sonner at the Canaan Elementary School to re-

port the fire. Sonner in turn telephoned Dispatcher Bettie McCormick at sheriff's department, who dispatched firemen to the trailer.

It was fully involved in flames when Canaan Fire Chief Larry Brawner and other firefighters first arrived on the scene, Brawner told *The Madison Courier* this morning.

"The hottest part of the fire was at the center of the trailer, back to the bedroom area," Brawner said. "The door was in the front portion; we couldn't tell where the windows were by the time we got the fire out."

When mobile homes burn, they melt down.

Brawner said the roof of the

trailer already had caved in when he arrived, but the walls were still partially standing in the living room area.

According to Assistant Fire Chief George Kessler at the scene, Mullins was a retired employee of Reliance Electric, having retired because of a disability.

Fireman speculated that the fire was electric in nature, although no official ruling had been made at presstime.

They told this newspaper that the fire started in about the middle part of the trailer, where the electric heater was located. The firemen said they had heard he had been having trouble with the heating unit in the trailer.

Two of Mullins' sons were believed to be living with him, the firemen said.

One son, James, who was home at the time the fire erupted, reportedly escaped through a window of the trailer and started breaking windows in the rear portion to arouse his father, who was believed to be hearing impaired.

The son was taken to the King's Daughters' Hospital for treatment of injuries. He was being admitted this morning and was in stable condition, according to KDH Community Relations Director Betsey Vonderheide.

The other son, whose first name was not available, had not been accounted for at presstime. He was believed to have gone to work this morning in a tobacco field, but no one at the scene was sure where the field was. Firemen said they would continue to search the trailer.

The investigation was continuing at presstime. In addition to Brawner and Kessler, Jefferson County Coroner Markt Lytle, Sheriff Wayne Hamilton, Lt. Larry Dunn and Tom Hinkle of the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office were investigating.

Three fire engines and 15 firefighters from the Canaan Fire Department responded to the alarm.

Obituary information on Dorsey Mullins was not available at presstime.

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Dedication Held For Union Volunteer Fire Departments Of Wheeler

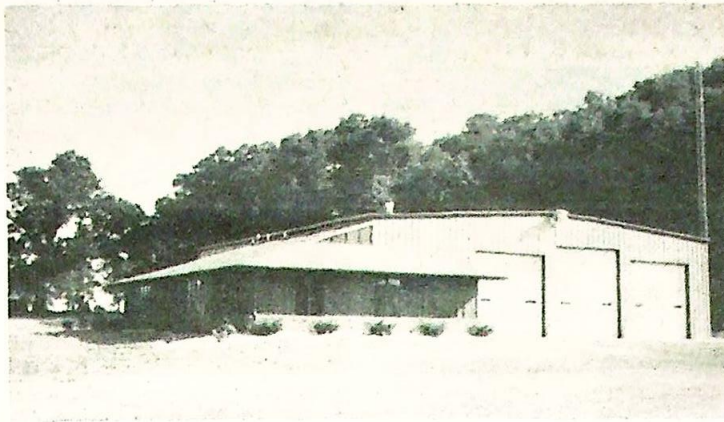
On Saturday, October 13th, the members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Wheeler held a formal Dedication and Open House of their new Fire Station #2. The new facility is located just north of U.S. 30 on County Rd. 600 West and replaces a three bay pole barn built in 1975.

Due to the projected growth within the township, the development that had taken place over the last 15 years, and the fact that the department had run out of room in the two existing stations, the department Board of Directors approved the construction project in October of 1989. The general contractor chosen was Carmen Good Construction of Valparaiso and the project continued throughout the winter and spring of 1990.

The department began using the building in late May of this year as the final touches were still being put in place. Jack Runion, a 15 year member of the department as well as an employee of Good Construction, along with his son John spent many long evenings making sure that everything was completed on time.

At 1:00 p.m. on the long awaited Dedication Day, American Legion Post #502 raised the U.S. and Indiana State flags over the building for the first time. A ceremonial ribbon was then cut by Mr. Runion and Safety Officer Duane Betz, who is the only active charter member of the department. Chaplain Duane Lantz of the I.V.F.A then gave a short blessing prior to members and guests moving inside for the program.

Lt. John Kepshire, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, welcomed every one and introduced several guests. Union Township Trustee Richard Herzog and Advisory Board Member Jerry Ruschak were thanked for their support. State Senator William Alexa and Porter County Commissioner Larry Sheets were also recognized. Retired Fire Chiefs Earl Stowers and Floyd Nalleaux were recognized as was Chuck Stowers, who currently serves as 1st Asst. Chief and is also a past Chief of the Department.



President Jane Lamb of the Ladies Auxillary then made a presentation of a clock for the meeting room of the new station to Chief Derrell Lawless. Lt. Kepshire then presented Chief Lawless with a special present. Several members of the department reconditioned a used van donated by General Telephone and the van was officially placed in service for use in the new building.

Vice-President Ivan Nevil of the IVFA then spoke for several moments before presenting Chief Lawless with IVFA station decals for the doors of the new building. State Fire Marshal Gene Goddard then spoke briefly on his new position and where the fire service is currently at in Indiana. Marshal Goddard then presented the Chief Officers with a dedication plaque to be hung on the wall of the new facility. Chaplain Lantz then closed out the program with a final blessing of the new station, vehicle and all present. The program was then adjourned to refreshments and tours of the new building.

The new building was constructed at just under \$150,000 and will have room to house six to eight vehicles. An enlarged radio room wired to conform to the 911 equipment expected to go on line within the county in 1991, as well as an office for the Chief, are located in the front office area. A records storage room, meeting room, lounge area, kitchen and bathrooms complete the office area. A balcony area above the meeting room overlooks the apparatus floor and will be used for

future storage.

The old building will be maintained by the department as a vehicle maintenance facility, providing a place to complete major as well as minor repairs on department equipment. The new van was re-conditioned in this building at a cost of just over \$1,000. The department will maintain three pieces of equipment at Station #1 just east of Wheeler for protection of the northern portion of the township, as well as the four units housed in the new station.

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and test after December 31, 1990.

TRAINING BASED ON HOURS . . . according to the old 1979 "Redbook" is ENDING!! DECEMBER 31, 1990 IS THE DEADLINE to submit those 2nd Class (100 hours) and 1st Class Firefighter (61 hours) applications and training records. The 14-year era of how many hours a firefighter sat in class is ending, however the training hours can only be submitted from the past 36-months. SO REMEMBER, DECEMBER 31, 1990! LAST DAY FOR APPLICATIONS BASED-ON-HOURS!! After that date, certification will only be by NFPA objectives.

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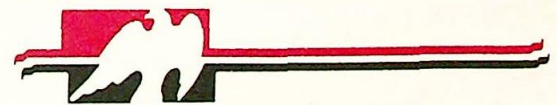
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Cause of The Fire Undetermined at Historic Country House

By John Scheibel
Morocco Courier editor

MOROCCO - Officials from the State Fire Marshal's office found no evidence to determine what caused a fire which gutted a Colfax Township home Tuesday afternoon.

Ralph Knapp, First Assistant Chief of the Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department, said Brad Sandberg of the State Fire Marshal's office classified the cause of the fire as "undetermined" after Wednesday afternoon's investigation.

Knapp said investigation revealed the fire started in the garage connected to the southeast corner of the house but said they could not find what started the fire. He also said there was never a reason to believe there was any foul play involved in the incident.

Five area fire departments battled the blaze for about 3 1/2 hours before it was under control, Knapp said. The house is located on County Road 250N near CR 100E, about 2 1/2 miles east of North Newton Jr.-Sr. High School.

Dawn Christenson and her three children, Joshua, Jessica and Lauralee were at home when the fire started but all escaped without injury. Ronald Christenson, the owner of the house, was not at home when the fire broke out.

The Christensons' home was built by Army Major William Rafferty a popular figure during the 1940s and '50s in Newton

County. Rafferty was a close friend of World War II Army Gen. Mark Clark and was married to Virginia Insull, who came from a wealthy and powerful family.

Insull's father was Martin J. Insull who was the Vice President of Middlewestern Utilities from 1912 to 1924 and the President until 1932.

Virginia Insull's uncle was born in London in 1859 and came to America as a financier. In 1881 he was hired as a secretary to Thomas A. Edison and then ventured out on his own creating an empire of utility companies across the country. His empire collapsed in 1932 and he fled to Greece and Turkey. He was extradited to the U.S. and faced several fraud charges in the 1934 and 1935 but was never convicted.

Rafferty ran what was known as Green Acres Farms in Newton County and raised black Angus cattle on his ranch.

The fire, which gutted the H-shaped house, caused \$200,000 worth of damage to the structure and \$75,000 worth of damage to the Christensons' personal belongings.

Dawn Christenson said the peculiar H-shaped design might have resembled the design of Army barracks while Knapp said it may resemble some Army insignia.

Christenson said it is not likely the house could be rebuilt because too much of the structure was damaged.

"We were lucky because the fire did not get into the basement," Christenson said. "We've got clothes because a lot of the kids' clothes were in the basement to be washed. We got a lot out yesterday.

"It's not a total disaster," she said, "It's a major disaster, but not a total one.

Christenson said her family is lucky because a lot of friends from the area have helped them salvage items from their house.

"A lot of people are helping us by doing laundry and some people are taking in furniture that we've managed to save," she said.

"We got a lot of help from people who stayed out at the house until the sun went down yesterday. It's just unbelievable the work they've taken home for us."

Gerald Born, a Morocco Courier correspondent, contributed to this article.

Public Relations Southeast

Paul Hildebrand

Greetings from the Southeast,

By the time you see this in the paper, the 6th day of November, 1990 will have already passed. For those of you who do not know what this day was, shame on you. It means that the election process for the year 1990 is complete. We now know who we will be dealing with in the coming year as our Governmental body. Whether it be local, state or federal government, the candidates are no longer candidates; they are elected officials or also rans. We now need to go out and get to know our elected officials and express our concerns for the future of the fire service to them and ask for their support. The elected officials of this association will be busy doing our

part explaining that the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association is nearly 17,000 members strong and to try to use a little of this muscle to work for you on the state level. Our communications to our state legislators has little effect however, if you the 17,000 members of this association do not get up off your duffs and contact the legislators in your area and tell them how you feel. The 1991 session is fast approaching and there is little time to get the attention of these people. The time is now, before the session begins, not after it's already over with. I keep hearing, "IVFA is not doing enough for me." The IVFA cannot do any more for you than what you will do for yourself. If we do not get input from you, the membership, we do not know what you want. We, therefore, are left with no alternative but to do what we think is right for the fire service. We are left with a lot of big decisions to make for you. I assure you that we try to do what we think is best for you, but we cannot be sure if you do not convey your ideas to us. We sometimes feel mighty foolish when we are trying to push a bill through and find out that you do not support it. Therefore it is essential that you advise the officers of this association of your feelings as well as the legislators. I also hear, "The IVFA does not let me know what's going on." The IVFA has made several diligent efforts to keep you informed. We are still without a definite solution. One thing that I might recommend is for you to call your District Chairman and ask him what's happening. If he can't tell you, ask him to find out and call you back. If this brings you no satisfaction

then call your Public Relations man and see what he can do for you. All of the officers are advised at least once a week as to what's going on in the State Legislature.

The new year is fast approaching and I would like to wish each and every one a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season and a Fruitful New Year. Let's all make a New Year's Resolution to make it our business to find out what the IVFA is doing and how we might help the association help us.

The Benjamin Franklin Memorial Fire Service Bill Of Rights Summary:

The Benjamin Franklin Memorial Fire Service Bill of Rights authorizes the minting of three commemorative coins in honor of the 200th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's death. The surcharges would provide funds for the renovation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia and for new and existing federal fire programs in the following proportions:

*25% to the Franklin Institute for renovation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial;

*8% to fund research and public education activities authorized under sections 6, 8, 9, 18, and 24 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974;

*25% to establish and fund a National Fire Center and Museum in Washington, D.C. to depict the history of firefighting and related professions;

*7% to provide scholarships for study at institutions of higher education for children and spouses of fallen firefighters;

*3% to provide tuition assistance to individuals pursuing advanced degrees in fire science and related programs;

*30% to provide money to states for the purchase of computer equipment by local fire services;

*2% to provide a grant for burn research.

In addition, the Benjamin Franklin Memorial Fire Service Bill of Rights:

*Amends the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to place activities of and funding for the National Fire Academy under the authority of the U.S. Fire Administrator.

*Requires the preparation of manuals for use by the fire service on the availability of surplus federal property and on the risks posed by infectious diseases.

Section 202, the "Fire Service Bill of Rights" is a series of findings about how the fire service deserves to be treated. These include:

*That the fire service should be recognized as America's first responder to emergencies;

*That the families of firefighters and emergency service workers should be provided for in the event that a firefighter is killed in the line of duty;

*That firefighters and emergency service workers should have access to the best available emergency response equipment;

*That firefighters and emergency service workers should have access to information about the dangers they face as a result of the responding to emergencies;

*That firefighters and emergency service workers should have access to such training and education as is necessary to perform emergency response and life-saving activities.

Nothing in Section 202 shall create any private right of action in any person under this or any other Act.

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Indiana State Fair Queen Kelly Dwyer of Allen County, right greets Barbara Parker of Indianapolis on the first day of the State Fair on Wednesday.
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

President Bush Signed Proclamation Designating The Week Of October 8th As National Fire Prevention Week.

WASHINGTON: Please find enclosed remarks made by the President at the National Fire Prevention Week Proclamation signing ceremony held on October 11, 1990.

In attendance were Senators Bryan and McCain and Congressmen Weldon, Boehlert, Walgren, and Valentine. Also in attendance were members at the CFSI Advisory Board and other key service leaders.

John J. McNichol

Remarks by the President at National Fire Prevention Week Ceremony

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building
2:45 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Sorry we had to move indoors here. Let me just first greet the members of the fire service community; members of Congress who are here; officials from FEMA; Fire Marshal Bernard Johnson; Fire Chief Rayfield Alfred; my own firefighters - - call them my own - - Engine Company 13 and Tower 10 - - welcome to the White House. We've got a few fires to put out around here, and that's why I've been late. (Laughter) Thank you very much.

More than 2,100,000 fires broke out in the U.S. this year, claiming 6,000 lives. Fires strike at the most vulnerable among us, especially children and the elderly. And it also strikes the most valiant among us - - many casualties are, indeed, the firefighters who lose their lives in a last-ditch struggle to save somebody else - - save someone else's life.

Then, after the cost in lives, we've got to count the enormous property losses in excess of \$8 billion. Now, these dollars cannot adequately represent the tragedy of so many beloved homes, churches and businesses literally "going up in smoke."

There is an army of dedicated Americans who stand ready to fight these fires, any time, any place - - the more than 1 million firefighters. The organizations in-

involved in fire prevention efforts are to numerous to mention. But all are true heroes, and their heroic role is on display here today for National Fire Prevention Week.

At the federal level, the U.S. Fire Administration, part of FEMA, is the national leader in firefighting and emergency response. These men and women from the Fire Administration are dedicated to the development of effective programs to help fire departments, state and local governments, private business and organizations, and educators promote fire safety and awareness in communities across the country. At the state level, many dedicated agencies labor to provide training courses for firefighters and emergency medical technicians, arson investigation services and research. And of course, in virtually every community across this great country are the men and women who make up the

front lines in the battle - - the firefighters - - both career and volunteers, who continue a long and distinguished tradition of firefighting that goes back all the way to the first volunteer fire company founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1736.

Congress also has a role to play through the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, whose co-chairman are Senator McCain and Congressman Curt Weldon. The Caucus boasts 370 congressmen and senators - - 370 - - making it the largest on Capitol Hill. Most of all, Congress recently updated our safety laws in the Hotel-Motel Fire Safety Act, authored by Congressman Sherry Boehlert.

All of these groups - - from volunteers to members of Congress - - can tell you that the best way to fight fire is not with fire - - but with prevention. The National Fire Protection Association does a great job in this endeavor, working with young people such as Shanta Jones, the 1990 NFPA National Fire Safety Poster contest child winner. In this and in so many other ways, they are getting the word out on fire prevention.

As you know, Tuesday marked the anniversary of a key event in American history, the "Great Chicago Fire," a sweeping conflagration that destroyed most of that great city back in 1871. Years later, outrage over devastating city-wide fires led to a national effort to prevent fires.

To focus this national campaign, President Wilson proclaimed October 9, 1920, National Fire Prevention Day. In 1922, President Harding made it Fire Prevention Week, saying that fire prevention should be practiced "by every man, woman, and child, not only during the week designated in this pronouncement, but throughout every hour of every day of the year."

That's true today. Every hour of every day we can help save a life by preventing a fire. And we

can keep these brave men and women with us today from having to risk their lives to save ours.

So I am again very pleased to be with you all, and to sign the Proclamation declaring this week as National Fire Prevention Week. Thank you all for coming down. (Applause.)
2:50 P.M. EDT

Governor Appoints Goddard State Fire Marshal

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or's selection of Gene Goddard as State Fire Marshal," said DFBS Executive Director Charles W. Coffee. "Gene is a distinguished fire service leader and a team player. His expressed interest in supporting volunteer and career fire departments and fire service association promises to nourish the team spirit that saves Hoosiers lives and property."

Goddard served in the Mishawaka Fire Department from July, 1959 to October, 1986, including four years as chief of the department. He had been chief inspector for the department and worked 17 years in fire suppression. He has been a member of the Professional Firefighters Local 360 for 27 years, the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association for 11 years, and the Indiana Firefighters Association for 30 years.

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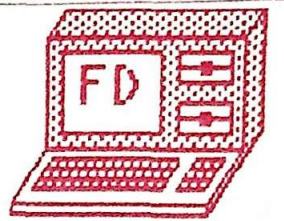
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