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South Haven Vol. Fire Dept. 30th Anniversary

Hello fellow firefighters from across the state. Up in the north-west corner of the state we of the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department have been busy. We have been preparing for the department's 30th anniversary celebration as well as answering the call of duty. The department's birthday was on March 19, but we celebrated it on September 5th and 6th, 1992.

The entire department was on display from the freshly painted interior and exterior to the shining apparatus. Including our new in 1992 ambulance- Medic 2 as well as our new heavy rescue truck- Rescue 5 which is so new that it is not even in service yet.

That brings our equipment up to 3 ambulances (2 ALS, 1 BLS), 2 engines, 1 tanker, 1 light rescue, 1 heavy rescue, and 1 fast attack/brush truck. We also have a 1929 American-LaFrance engine that we use for parades.

All of the equipment was displayed in front of the station with identifying signs as well as fire personnel being available to answer questions.

Free blood pressures were taken for anyone that was interested. The Porter County Sheriff's Department assisted by donating the supplies to take fingerprints of the children who attended. The Ladies Auxillary did the actual fingerprinting and they were great with the kids.

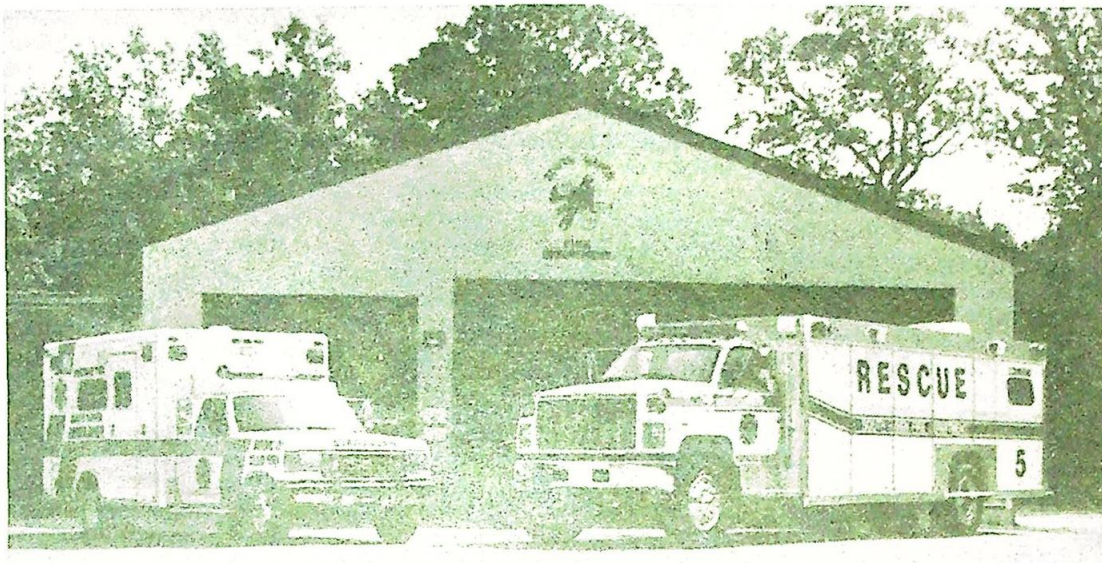
The NALCO Emergency Response Team from Chicago was on hand Saturday giving the kids rides in their mini-ambulance and talking to the children about seat belt usage and bicycle safety. The fire department also distributed pictures to the local schools for a coloring contest which turned out to be highly successful.

The biggest attraction for the weekend was the EDITH (Emergency Drills in the Home) house. The house on wheels was borrowed from Clay Township for the weekend and was greatly appreciated.

Over the two days the house was here well over 600 children and adults went through it. The line to enter the house was constant - throughout the entire weekend.

Firemen in full protective gear entered the smoke filled house to perform "rescues" and to let the kids hear the sounds of the air packs as well as to see the firemen under these conditions.

We received many thanks for this demonstration and requests that it be done again. The kids learned alot and many of the surprised adults also learned a tremendous lesson after being in the smoke filled rooms and not being



Pictured is South Haven Ambulance on the left and #5 Rescue truck on the right.

able to see anything.

We all thought we were pretty tired the week before, doing last minute cleaning, shining, and all those last minute arrangements. It was nothing like how we felt Sunday evening after ap-

proximately 5000 people visited our department. We were totally exhausted.

Many thanks to Larry Carr who was the chairman for this event as well as to his wife, Susan, who also helped out in many ways.

Thank you both from the entire department.

We would also like to thank all of the businesses and corporations that made donations and contributions that made this open house the success that it was.

Thanks also to the ladies who worked in the kitchen keeping our personnel in coffee, pop, and sandwiches as well as serving birthday cake and juice to all of our guests. The ladies in the kitchen also inflated and distributed over 400 balloons for the kids.

Thanks to Chaplain Duane Lantz and his wife for attending and for everyone's information both of their blood pressures are good.

One final giant thanks to the people of South Haven for supporting the department and giving us those much needed pats on the back.

To the men and women of the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department - hold your head up high and stand a little straighter, you have done one heck of a job.

Our station is manned 24 hours a day. If you are in the area stop in and say "Hi" and take a look around. We are proud of our department and love to show it off.

Bob Dillin
Tom Parsons
Ron Bishop

State Officer's Meeting

The November Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association State Officer's Meeting was held at the Waterfront Plaza in Indianapolis on October 31 and November 1, 1992.

During the two-day meeting some questions were raised concerning proposed changes by the Firefighter Standards and Education Board. This board is appointed by the Governor.

During the thirty minute discussion about training the officers of the association voiced their opinions about the proposals. The IVFA officers are always supportive of new ideas that will enhance the fire service but these proposals did not receive favorable support.

The first issue is the requirement to complete an application form to provide fire training at the local level. The form was explained as simply a means for the State Fire Marshal's Office to track when and where the courses will be conducted.

The form was presented to the Standards and Education Board by Deputy Fire Marshal Dan Lee at the September 12 Board meeting in New Albany. The subject was again presented at the October 26 meeting of the Board by Deputy Fire Marshal Ivan Nevil. Deputy Nevil is the Fire Marshal's

liaison with the Volunteer Fire Service.

Paul Covington of the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department was recently appointed by the Governor to represent the IVFA on the Standards and Education Board. He also attended these Board meetings.

The form covers all levels of training except the twenty-four hour basic course. Master Courses have required Board approval in the past and this has been acceptable by courses at the local level has sparked debate.

The form and it's intent was discussed at length. An exact date for implementation was not known. Some minor changes are being worked out by the Board.

The second and most controversial change involves the administration of tests for the courses. At the present time the 1st Class instructors are responsible for the security and proctoring of the tests. These standard tests are published in the 2nd and 1st Class course outlines which are made available to certified 1st Class Instructors.

The Board is working toward national certification with college credit for training courses. To receive this credit the tests need to be secured and made available only when the test is to be taken.

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association officers discussed this and the general opinion of the body was against this procedure for 2nd and 1st Class tests.

More control of local training would be taken away from the fire service instructors. Volunteer firefighters may not have easy access to training at the local level as they do now.

The issue of who will proctor the tests, when the tests will be given and where the testing will take place was also questioned. If the task is handed to the Fire Marshal's Office, it appears that they do not have the staff to administer the tests in this manner.

The training for volunteers could be adversely impacted by this if it is passed by the Board.

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association officers are very concerned that these changes will indeed restrict volunteer firefighter training programs and result in less training being made available in the field.

With the advent of the Public Safety Training Institute, under the direction of the Public Safety Training, additional concern that field training for firefighters may be restricted further in the future.

Lee Kissell
IVFA State Secretary

Pershing Twp. V.F.D.

A passing motorist is being credited with saving the lives of a rural Jackson County couple during a rapidly spreading house fire. Mike and Teresa Rouse were awakened at approximately 3:00 a.m. on August 8th by a pounding on their back door.

Stephen Peacock had spotted the fire as he traveled near the residence and alerted the Rouses' moments before the entire structure was engulfed in flames.

Pershing Township Fire Department responded within minutes of the call. Mutual aid from Owen Township and Brownstown Township followed.

"The house was completely involved when we arrived," said Pershing Chief Richard Blaker. "Sadly, there was nothing we could salvage from the house." Picture on page 11.

Firefighters were able to protect adjacent structures including a garage and a barn filled with hogs.

Downed electrical lines and a severe thunderstorm and heavy rains made firefighting more difficult.

The fire is being attributed to lightning from the electrical storm activity in the area.

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From the President



Willie "Mitch" Parish

As I travel the state I see a lot of different color foliage, red, yellow, rust, green, and a pretty color of red on yellow.

As the days get shorter and colder it's time to look at the month of November to see what is going on.

Nov. 15, 1992 the Second Annual Fire and Emergency Service Dinner will be held Adams Mark Hotel, 2544 Executive Dr., Indianapolis, IN. There will be two seminars, one on Legislative Process and the second on ADA. Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M.

Nov. is also the month to go to the polls and vote. It's too late this year, but every fireman in the state should register to vote and vote when possible. This is one of our freedoms and we need to carry some clout with the legislature when we vote. Look at the records of our legislative people and see how they vote and see if it helps the fire service of Indiana or does it hurt the fire service.

Scholarship time is getting closer and need to be in the hands of the Secretary by the 1st day of March, 1993. There are two \$1,500.00 scholarships to be given out. If your son or daughter needs a scholarship form call Lee Kissell at Lawrenceburg, Ind. (812) 537-2111

Important dates in 1993 fire schools are: Fire Conference at Lawrence North H.S. on February 20 and 21, 1993. Duneland Fire School at Chesterton, Ind. on March 27 & 28, 1993

DUES need to be discussed. The last dues raise was in 1984. This association CANNOT exist without raising dues. This dues increase will require a resolution on the floor at the convention in June. We need a resolution written for the dues increase.

With the holidays coming up, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and be thankful for what they have in life. Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.

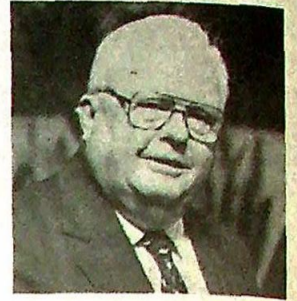
BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Before you get too involved in the upcoming holidays, take time to ask for a Bridgeport Scholarship application for those waiting to go college. Two lucky people will receive at least \$1,500.00 each this coming June to help further their education.

Applications are available from all District Chairmen as well as any state elected officer of the IVFA. If these people cannot provide you with an application, please give me a call or drop me a note and I will see that you can get one.

Lawrence Swartz, Chrm.
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From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



Scripture Colossians Chapter 2 Verses 2 thru 7

This is what I have asked of God for you: that you will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love, and that you will have the rich experience of knowing Christ with real certainty and clear understanding. For God's secret plan, now at last made known, in Christ Himself. In Him lie hidden all the mighty, untapped treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this because I am afraid that someone may fool you with smooth talk. For though I am far away from you my heart is with you, happy because you are getting along so well, happy because of your strong faith in Christ. And now just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust Him, too, for each day's problems; live in vital union with Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him. See that you go on growing in the lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all He has done.

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St. Luke 2 Chapter 2 Verses 9 thru 14

And lo, the angel of the lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising god, and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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The beautiful fall leaves are upon us, the garden almost gone, the potatoes should be dug and our thoughts are mixed up as we prepare ourselves for the winter months. However, there are moments in most of our lives when we are confronted with tragic circumstances. Our hearts grow heavy, we feel lost and forsaken when we see the effect of old age on those who are dear to us; when we see the consequences of illness and the circumstances of death; when we see how isolated and alone some individuals can be. We often feel abandoned by the love of God, when we see tragedy in the lives of individuals and fire departments. If God loves us, then why does He allow us to suffer? When human life is burdened by suffering and tragedy, we feel like crying out "where is He now, where is this God of mercy whom we have praised and worshipped?"

The difficulty we have in reconciling the existence of evil and suffering in a universe created and sustained by a loving God is one of the greatest problems facing man and women of the Christian faith.

Although many people may feel that worship of God should insure the health and happiness of the worshipping individual, the Bible tells us that the Christian faith does not really mean this. In the New Testament, it is written that God makes the sun to rise, and the rain to fall, on the unjust as well as the just. Through Christian faith we do not avoid suffering, rather we are strengthened by the assurance of God's love so that we might be better able to deal with that suffering which may be our cup to drink.

Faith signifies a certain openness to the will of God. When we fall on our knees, realizing our shortcomings and placing all our trust in the love of God, then our lives are lived not for ourselves, but for God and for those around us. God has touched us with His love so that we might touch others.

Thanksgiving is almost here,
With the turkey and all the cheer.
The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will be here,
Dad will be groomed; sitting in the easy chair.

We thank God for all the good things this year,
Our memory starts to work, before we know it, there's a tear.
God has been good to our family, I.V.F.A. and all,
That's why Thanksgiving is in the fall,

The next month comes the big day,
There the babe in a manger did lay.
With shepherds gathered all around,
Beautiful straw scattered on the ground.

May this Christmas be very special to you,
Your friends, your family, the I.V.F.A. too.
Start thinking about your new year resolutions too,
This will give you something, the whole year through.

Duane D. Lantz

This Sunday go to the church of your choice, you'll like it.

Your Chaplain,
Duane D. Lantz

P.S. Hope the Holidays will be very happy for you and your family.

Addition to Fremont Volunteer Fire Department



Randy Palmerton, Fire Chief; Earl Greenamyer and Shirley Hantz, Secretary.



Putting the flag on the flag pole: left to right - Earl Greenamyer, Shirley Hantz and Randy Palmerton.

The Fremont, Ind. Volunteer Fire Department was pleased to receive a Fire Department Flag from James and Mary Kaye (Greenamyer) Shutt of Hookstown, PA., to honor their father, Earl (Bunk) Greenamyer, for his fifty-two years of outstanding service to the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department and his many hours of help to other area fire departments.

The flag, as it waves with the American Flag, is a great addition to the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department.

Lois Greenamyer

Marion Township Fire Department is 20 years old

By Jeff Routh
Times-Mail Special Projects Editor

The Marion Township Rural Fire Department will celebrate its 20th Anniversary Sunday, October 4, with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the fire barn on the north edge of Mitchell. Fire Chief Don Wedgewood invites all area residents to come and tour the fire barn during the open house.

Marion Township Rural Fire Department was organized during the late summer and early fall of 1972. During the early summer of that year, Bob Burch began discussing the possibility of having fire protection within the township. He met with Gene Mundy, Wayne Mann and E. Earl Erwin. At one of their meetings, a former Mitchell resident, Ira Hunter, was present. Hunter was an employee of the Howe Fire Company of Anderson.

A short time later, Hunter called Mundy and told him that

Howe had two used fire trucks that it wanted to bring to Mitchell for inspection. The trucks were met by a delegation including Mundy, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardner, Lester Sheeks, Mann, Burch and Wayne Gorbett.

The local delegation liked the trucks, but had no organization or money with which to purchase the trucks. They thanked Howe for their offer, but told them they would have to take the trucks back with them. But the Howe delegation insisted that the trucks be left in Mitchell. The company even went further. It stated that no down payment would be needed for the purchase of the trucks and even arranged financing at 4 percent interest.

With the trucks available, the local group approached Erwin, who was township assessor and asked him to send a letter to township residents about the organization of a rural fire department. The first meeting was held on August 15, 1972. During the meeting officers were elected and Wayne Gorbett was named as fire chief. The trucks were purchased with officers signing the note at that first meeting.

Officers elected were: Burch, president; Willis Clock, vice president; and Erwin serving as sec-

retary/treasurer. Directors selected were Ralph Gardner, Geneva Gardner, Wayne Gorbett, Myrlen Hunter, Bill Jenkins, Arthur Kinser, Wayne Mann, P.J. McMinds, Gene Mundy, Lester Sheeks, George Sorrells and Howard Westfall.

The group was now organized as Marion Township Rural Fire Department, but it had no money and no fire station. Department members went door-to-door soliciting funds for the department. They also bought most of their own fire gear. The fire trucks were housed at Carpenter Body Works and at Burch's home during those early months.

The fire department later rented the old Bartlett Garage as a fire barn. Mary Alice Mann said the rent was nominal because the owners felt it was being used for a worthy cause.

Bono Township contracted the department to provide fire service in that township as well. This was a paid service and the money came from revenue sharing funds.

The Auxiliary was formed in February, 1974 and they began various fund raisers to help the fire department purchase much needed equipment. The firemen also had various fund raising efforts for the purchase of equipment and this helped make MTRFD one of the best equipped departments in the county.

Later the department began receiving revenue sharing money from Marion Township as well as annual donations from Farm Bureau.

A building fund was begun in 1977 and the 100 Club was formed. This was an incentive to get local residents to donate \$100. The campaign went well and a considerable amount of money was raised. Wayne Mann alone raised over \$2,000.

By 1981, Marion Township Trustee Rowana Burton had succeeded in getting an increased tax rate that included revenue for some of the department's operating expenses. This money was over and above the contract the department had with the trustee

to furnish the township with fire protection.

With the aid of Bud Hartzell, president of the First National Bank, the department was able to purchase the old foundry building at the north edge of town. The purchase was completed in April of 1982.

The building was gutted and the firemen donated their time and effort to remodeling the building. The department moved into its new home early in 1983.

Since that time the department has purchased several pieces of equipment. It bought its first new truck in 1986 and another new truck, a 1991 GMC pumper/tanker. It also began a Junior Fireman's program. Scott and Kyle Wedgewood were the first two Junior Firemen and are still with the force. Junior Firemen must attend a mandatory 24 hours of training as do the regular firemen. There are presently 10 Junior Firemen, one of which is a woman.

Of the 24 original firemen, there are three with 20 years of service - Gene Mundy, Jack Zeeks and Jim Carnes. Two of the original board members, Gene Mundy and Bill Jenkins are still in service. There have only been four fire chiefs since the department was formed 20 years ago. Wayne Gorbett was the first chief. He was followed by Morris Walton, Jack Zeeks and now Don Wedgewood.

MTRFD has 30 regular firemen, nine state certified instructors, two Master Fire Fighters and 16 second-class firemen, 12 of which are nearing completion of training to become first-class firemen. Seven firemen are EMS first responders and they also have three EMTs.

The open house will kick off Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10. The department will be visiting schools during the week to give talks and demonstrations of the fire fighting equipment. Weather permitting, the department will give some demonstrations of fire equipment during the open house. Door prizes will be awarded.

From the Vice President



Richard Glant

Hello fellow firefighters:

Here it is election time again, and by the time you read this the election will be over, so I hope you exercised your right to vote. As most of you know the IVFA is over 17,000 members strong, most are married, (34,000) and all have a few friends which adds up to conservatively 68,000 votes. As you CAN see we as a group can make a difference. Especially in times as these when budgets are tight and our own money is tight.

As I stated in the last issue of the paper, I would be traveling as much as I could, and I have met with many of you, but I still have many miles to go.

I would like to thank Dist. 18 and Dale Fire Dept. for their warm welcome and hospitality for their Miss Flame contest and Dist. 18 Parade. I would especially like to thank Lisa (my driver) for taking time out of her schedule to haul me around - - what a great person. Thank you. I was really suprised at the turn out. Good job Virgil.

It just came to me that this will be the last issue before the holidays. So I would wish you all and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and the very best of a New Year. If you travel, may your travels be safe and fun.

Hope to see you soon.

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1, 2

August 19, 1992. Meeting Location: Beverly Shores

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman Joe Komoscar at 7:45 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President Schwartz.

Guests Introduced: Past President, Lawrence Schwartz; P.R.N.W., Bill Howe; Chaplain, Duane Lantz and Bob Frye of Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Roll Call: District #1 - 41 members from 10 depts. & District #2 - 11 members from 4 depts.

Program: Discussed and demonstrated the uses of compressed air foam as a firefighting method.

Department History: Given by Chief Andy Himan.

Minutes of July Meeting: Were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Communications: Past President Schwartz reported on the Bridgeport Scholarship Program, the Fire Service Institute on November 15th and the need to vote in the upcoming election for people that are supportive of the fire service. Chaplain Lantz reported on his various travels since last meeting. P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the IVFA membership and financial reports, noting that some type of dues increase will be necessary to keep the organization financially strong. He also discussed Fire Prevention Week of October 4th-10th, that the 1993 IVFA Convention in French Lick would be held on Thursday thru Sunday instead of Wednesday thru Saturday, that the 1993 license plate forms will only come from the Secretary of the IVFA, and that the new Bingo Laws need to be changed because they hamper our fund raising efforts.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The Fire Service Caucus ticket drawings were held with District #1 winner being Jerry Schmitt and District #2 winner being Bonnie Clinton.

Held a moment of silence for departed firefighters Dusty Schoonover of Lake Eliza and

Melvin McMahon of Cedar Lake.

Good of the Order: Announced that next months meeting to be held on Sept. 16th at Lake Dale.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Bob Holl - Dyer - \$64.00.

Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1 - Lake Ridge, District #2 - Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed at 9:35 PM.

Jerome P. Schmitt
Dist. #1 Secretary

DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting - District #3 Thursday - July 16, 1992 North Judson Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bentley at 7:40 PM. There were 21 members present representing 8 departments. The Pledge was led by host Chief Ray Oakle.

Guests present: Mitch Parish, IVFA President; Duane Lantz, IVFA Chaplain; Bill Howe, PR Northwest; and Bruce Yonkers.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved on a motion by Gary Ekart. Bill Howe mentioned that he had talked to someone about the Pierce cabs that are cracking. The cabs that are affected were supposedly built prior to 1986.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications:
Chairman Bentley reminded all present that IVFA dues are due by July 31, 1992. They must have a registered postmark on or before that date.

Secretary Wiatrowski read a letter outlining the Volunteer Firefighter's Death Benefits. A copy of the requirements are included with the minutes.

Convention:
Mitch Parish was elected IVFA President. Richard Glant from Bremen was elected Vice-President. Congratulations fellas!

Our Miss Flame Felicia Robowski placed 1st runner-up. She is reported to have had a great time. We are very proud of you Felicia!!

The next IVFA convention will be in French Lick. We will not be

having the State Fire Expo due to minor problems. We may join in a couple of years according to President Parish.

The association reports \$284,369.89 in assets. The association lost almost \$25,000.00 this year. Chairman Bentley advised to be prepared for a dues increase to be brought up at the next convention meeting.

Our own Duane Lantz was re-elected as IVFA State Chaplain. We congratulate Duane on his many fine years of service to the IVFA.

Committees:

Tom Tharp thanked everyone for nominating him for the District #3 Midwest Award. Tom also talked about information that he has received for a fire awareness program. Contact Tom if you are interested.

The EDITH house was at North Judson & Lake Station. Around 11,000 kids have now been through it.

The smoke machine was dropped and damaged. Regency fixed at no cost to us except for shipping. We also ordered another case of smoke.

The EDITH House will be at the LaPorte County Fair. Each department will be allowed to take one truck to be used as a display. Firefighters arriving after the truck comes in will have to pay admission to enter.

The house will be going to several places in Lake and Porter Counties. The Salvation Army has also contacted Tom about using it.

Tom mentioned that a rheostat is needed to pump smoke into the upstairs. We also need to make the sign for the side of the house with the district's departments names on it. Motion to pay for smoke, shipping of smoke machine, rheostat and materials for sign by Gary Ekart. Carried.

Prevention - Gary passed.

District Award - Secretary Wiatrowski reminded everyone that the deadline for nominating someone for the award is July 31. Contact the secretary with the names of whoever you feel may be deserving of this award. It will be presented at the August meet-

ing.

Guests: Mitch Parish - The Fire Marshall wants an updated roster from each department ASAP. Also start getting in your monthly fire reports. If you fail to do this no information will be sent down to your department from the Fire Marshall's Office.

The NFPA regulation requiring 4 firefighters for an initial attack was shot down.

34 applications were received for the Bridgeport Scholarship. 6 were not eligible because of dues coming in late from sponsoring departments.

The Fire Marshal's address is 402 W. Washington, Room 241, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739.

Bill Howe - EMS Conference is July 31, & August 1 & 2 at the Hoosier Dome.

Grissom Air Force Base was offered as a site for the Fire Academy. We will know more later.

Monsanto has set a preliminary date of September 9th for their class. A definite date will be set before the August minutes.

Bill talked about a fire at a mini-warehouse that contained radiation. The local fire chief did not know about this until the fire.

The Fire Services Institute Dinner will again be held at Adams Mark on November 15.

A bill to drop the \$10.00 fee for IVFA plates will be introduced into the General Assembly.

Make sure that your departments dues are in by July 31. They must be postmarked on or before that date.

Duane - Was at Nappanee for their 100th Anniversary. Was also in Florida and had a great time.

Bruce - Passed

The meeting was then turned over to Bill Howe for district elections. Bill opened up the floor for nominations for District Chairman. Secretary Wiatrowski nominated Bob Bentley. There were no further nominations. Secretary Wiatrowski then cast one unanimous vote for Bob Bentley for District Chairman.

Bill then opened the floor up for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Gary Ekart nominated Jeff Wiatrowski. There were no further nominations. Chairman Bentley then cast one unanimous vote for Jeff Wiatrowski for Secretary/Treasurer.

Good of the Order:

President Parish then presented Glen VanDemon with an IVFA gold membership card for 50 years of service with the IVFA. Congratulations Glen! We all hope that we have the chance to put in that many years as Glen has.

Announcements:

Lincoln Twp. will hold a carry-out chicken dinner at their station on August 11:00 am-? Center Twp. will hold their Ice Cream Social on July 22 at their station.

Schererville will hold their annual Softball Tournament on September 19 & 20. To enter or for more information contact Bill Howe at 736-8825.

The next meeting will be at Bass Lake VFD on August 20 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM on a motion by Gary Ekart.

The 50/50 was won by Gary Ekart.

The meal was coffee, doughnuts, cake and pie.

There was no program.
Jeff Wiatrowski, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 7:50 P.M. at Rensselaer Fire Station.

There were 7 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 47 with 75 alarms among the 9 departments answering roll call.

The 1992 District 9-B Midwest Award was presented to Harold Lakin by Lawrence Swartz.

Items discussed were 1993 IVFA Convention at French Lick; All dues paid on time but 1 department in District 9-B; New forms for 1993 license plates; Mandatory training to raise to 30 hrs. to include Haz./Mat. Awareness; IVFA Budget \$34,000- IVFA dues must be increased; 2nd Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner on Nov. 15; Fallen Firefighters Memorial Oct. 15, 10:00 A.M. in Indy; Sprinkler trailer to be at Rensselaer Oct. 9, for Fire Prevention Week; Fire Schools - New Albany Sept.12-13; Fort Wayne. Sept. 26-27; Lafayette, Oct. 17-18; Master Tactic's Class, Sept. 19-20, 26-27 & Oct. 3-4 in Hartford City; Master Management Class, Oct. 24-25, 31 & Nov. 1, 7-8, 14-15 in Marion; News for paper due in by Oct. 20; New license plates for fire trucks will be light blue in color; Fire department liability insurance; Bridgeport Scholarship fund; Departments using games of chance as a fund raiser that are having problems with new law need to write a letter to Gene Stoffer.

Motion was passed for District 9-B to send LeMoyné Koehler and Dennis Risner at a cost of \$100.00 per person.

Discussion was held on raising the IVFA dues. Members present voted by a majority to pursue raising dues to \$15.00 per year.

Program on the Knox Train derailment was presented by Gary Ekart of the Knox Fire Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 P.M. Next meeting is Nov. 12 at the Reynolds Fire Station at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time.

Dennis Risner, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 12

Greetings IVFA members, District 10 has met three times since convention '92. Thanks to Bob Stewart and all of his committee people for their hard work to make our annual meeting one of the best I have ever attended.

Our July meeting was at the Clay Twp. Fire Dept. at Jewell Village in Barth Co. 47 members from 14 departments reporting 704 runs since the last time we met, answered the first roll call.

Guests for the evening were Dan Lee of the Fire Marshal's Office; IVFA outgoing president, Ivan Nevil; E.C.P.R. Director, Larry Jackson and Jolen Maudlin from Midwest Fire and Safety.

Our 1992 Midwest Award was given to Hope Fire Dept. Secretary/Dispatcher Nadine Graig at this meeting for her hard work for the district.

July was election month for District 10 and David Israel and I were re-elected to our respective jobs.

The August meeting was at Fairland Fire Dept. in Shelby County with 29 members from 11 departments reporting 500 runs from the previous month. Guests for the evening were our new IVFA President, Willie Parish and Vice-President Richard Glant. Jolen Maudlin from Midwest Fire & Safety had our training for the evening on Task Force Tips, nozzles and foam.

A motion was made on a membership dues increase at this meeting and this will be voted on by those in attendance at Convention '93.

The September meeting found us back in Barth Co. at the

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Elizabethtown Fire Dept. with 40 members for 16 departments reporting 638 runs from last month answering the first roll call.

Guests for the evening were Dan Lee of the Fire Marshal's Office and John Maudlin from Midwest Fire and Safety. Ersel Rogers, Letts Fire Department Chief had an interesting program for us on the Drafting Basins installed and used by the Decatur Co. Depts.

Thanks to all of the fire fighters and ladies Auxiliary members from these three departments for making these meetings a success.

Best Wishes,
Chairman, Bruce Neal

DISTRICT 11B

District 11-B meet on Sept. 13, 1992 at Roachdale.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. with 8 departments represented by 19 fire-fighters.

Guest speakers were Rep. Susan Crosby of Roachdale and Rep. Tracy Boatwright of Marion. They spoke on their desire to help the fire service and volunteer firemen in meeting the challenges of tomorrow. They also answered several questions from the group concerning fire service legislation.

A short business meeting was held with much discussion about the need for the Hepatitis-B shots and physicals. We also discussed the need for everyone to talk to their State Representative and State Senator about the needs of the fire service in the up-coming Legislative session.

Coming events in the district include the Miss Flame Dance Feb. 13, 1993 at the Half-Century Club in Clinton. We would like to have as many departments represented as possible. Each department will be getting more information about the dance in the near future. Hope to see you there.

The next meeting will be at Reelsville on Nov. 8, 1992 at 1:00 P.M.

Larry Bartlow
District Chairman

DISTRICT 15

McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department held a groundbreaking ceremony for their second station on Saturday, October 10th at the new site which is located at the corner of Mohr & St. Joe Roads. The land for the new station was donated to McCutchanville by Browning Ferris Industries. Early spring is the target date for service to residents in Center Township out. McCutchanville will continue to work with German & Scott depts. to continue to provide the good ser-

vice that has been provided for them in the past.

A number of the district's departments were participants in the annual Fall Festival Parade sponsored by the Westside Nut Club. Floats, trucks, mascots along with the volunteers always have a great time at the festival and the parade. Parades give us a chance to show our communities that we are indeed a vital part of the communities in which we live and work.

Attendance has been down at our district meetings. Summer is always a busy time for all of us, but hopefully we can get back to our meetings.

Several of our departments have taken delivery on new trucks and equipment in the past few months. Other departments are laying plans for additions as well as new equipment.

DISTRICT 17A

The regular meeting of District 17A was held in Wheatland at the Steen Township Volunteer Fire Dept., Sept. 8, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. There was 28 men representing 10 fire departments and one guest, Mr. Bill Engle, Past District Chairman.

The next IVFA district meeting will be held at the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Dept. in Odon on Sat. November 21, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a barbecue turkey dinner.

Also there will be a IVFA District Meeting in Vincennes, Jan. 16, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. This is their annual sausage feed.

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 17B

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Chairman Jack Zeeks at 7:35 p.m., at Eastern Greene County Volunteer Fire Department, Solsberry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Galloway.

Twelve members from seven departments answered Roll Call.

Don Trester made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read. Seconded by Bill Raines. Minutes were approved.

Carl Davis discussed the convention. The convention will not be held in conjunction with an equipment expo. Next year the convention will be held at New Albany.

Jack Zeeks reports that Jack Kerney is the new PR man for IVFA S.W. Also, the Fire Marshal will be having a memorial service at the state office auditorium on October 3.

Discussed some legislation on increasing the death benefit and increasing the mandatory training to 30 hours.

Discussed some confusion on haz-mat training & requirements.

Discussed the new Death Ben-

efit policy (survivor only).

Jack mentioned the need for Bridgeport Fund applicants. The deadline is March 1. Also, members who want IVFA plates must use the proper forms.

A committee has been formed for Midwest Award nominations.

Discussed the need to reduce costs to IVFA. Officers have reduced spending at their meetings. There will still have to be an increase in dues to continue benefits. Some members suggested that rates could be raised incrementally, beginning with the payments due next year. This would bring funds in sooner and would lessen the impact of one large increase.

50/50 drawing was won by Tim Deckard.

Motion to adjourn was made by Beth Inman. Second by Mark Galloway.

Luke Kluender

DISTRICT 19

District 19 IVFA Meeting was held at Batesville Fire Department on July 23, 1992.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington.

Pledge to the flag and prayer by Bill Klusman.

Guests: Newly elected Mitch Parish, Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association President and Margot Hall, American Red Cross, from Hamilton County, Ohio.

Ms. Hall spoke about juvenile firesetter. Two types: curious and arsonist. 58% of children in Hamilton County are abused. Of 58%, 79% are firesetters. Cincinnati Red Cross is only one in U.S. involved with juvenile firesetters program. Educate curious fire-setter and their family, if troubled firesetter refer to mental health.

First roll taken with 36 men from 14 departments reporting 65 runs.

Minutes read and approved.

Second class instructors training course August 8 and 9 at Bright Volunteer Fire Department 9am. to 5 pm. fast time.

State of Indiana requiring fire departments to change plates before Jan 1, 1993.

Death Benefit; time to turn in number of men to Trustee and Fire Marshal's office.

Miss Flame Jennifer Hambrink is state Miss Flame.

Ollie Sandburg award to Frank Martin of Morris Volunteer Fire Department. District 19 had 3 submitted for Ollie Sandburg.

Paul Covington won District American Legion Firefighter of the Year.

Need to start working on submitting personnel for awards. Turn in by Feb. and March.

Officers for District 19, IVFA: President, Paul Covington, Moorefield; Vice President, Tony Moster, Morris; Sec./Treas., Mark Wirth, Napoleon; Chaplain, Bill Klusman, Sunman.

No old business.

No new business.

Nov. 19 Miss Flame contest at Dillsboro.

For Good of the Order:

1. Convention for June 1993 at French Lick, Indiana

2. Start making plans for scholarships for children or spouse, due by March 1st.

Dues need to be in by end of July or you won't be eligible for scholarships or death benefits.

Second roll call.

Cedar Grove - 33 propane bottles in camper.

Call representatives and senators and tell them about feelings on fee for bingo, etc. \$25.00 this year, next year a percent of take.

We need to vote to make our voice heard.

8:47 p.m. Adjourned.

Mark Wirth, Sec./Treas.

Meeting was held at Versailles Volunteer Fire Department on September 17, 1992.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington. Pledge to the flag.

Guets: Ed Gable; Bob Bischoff; Gene Goddard, State Fire Marshal and Mrs. Goddard; John Nugent; John Shanks, Attorney and Lobbyist for IVFA; Yvonne Geis; Bob Woodfill, District 14 Chairman & Mrs. Vivian Woodfill; and Jim Gilmore, Koorsen Fire Protection Service.

First roll taken with 59 men from 22 departments reporting 56 runs.

Minutes read and approved.

John Shanks spoke about dinner at Indianapolis in November.

Next State Fire School is at Lafayette.

Paul Covington was appointed to standards and education board. Asking for instructors input.

If you have candidates for Miss Flame contact Mrs. Paul (Judy) Hildebrand for application before November 1. Address and phone in IVFA paper. Election at Dillsboro, November 19 at 7:30 p.m.. District level not required to wear formals.

Mr. Goddard's office is now: 402 W. Washington Rm 241. All chiefs: it is extremely important for us to get your current roster in our office.

Paul Covington needs list of candidates for Midwest and Ollie Sandburg awards to get write up we need to be success at convention.

If you have trouble getting license plates; call Cheryl Phillips, with license bureau at 317-232-2872.

Master Certification; should it be fire academy or kept at standards and education board. Paul Covington would like your feelings on this.

License plates for 1993 forms are no good. Lee Kissell is working on process for 1993.

IVFA dues increase, do we want large increase or in steps? \$7.50 now; making it \$15.00, and no charge for 10 years or increase \$2.50 every 3 years. Motion made increase \$2.50 every 3 years 3 times. Motion second, & carried. Paul Covington will write motion and submit by March 1.

Several legislative members at meeting. They spoke on gambling law, bingo bill & death benefit.

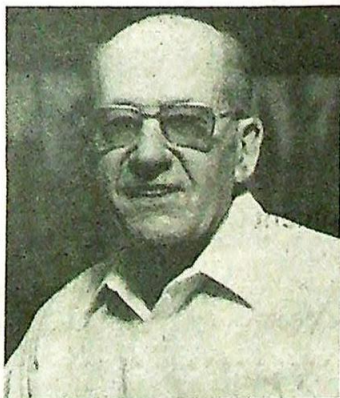
Second roll call.

\$73.00 half the pot

Mark Wirth,

Sec./Treas.

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Hi Everyone,

Sorry I missed the last issue, I got writers block and couldn't think. First time in at least 10 years.

Winter will be here soon, people have started their fall burning

as usual. I hope the farmers will at least let the fire departments know when they burn off their fields and to consider their neighbor's property, especially when it's so windy that a spark could set a corn field on fire with great loss to a property owner.

It's also time to check your chimneys and furnace. When you have a wood burner, get some chimney sticks to use in case your flue or chimney catches on fire. The cost is very reasonable compared to burning the house down or building a new flue.

I've been making the district meetings and we need help in Dist. 21. I know Tony Palmiero is trying to get better attendance at these meetings. He can't do it alone. If your department belongs to District 21, please send someone to represent your department. Meetings are every other month. Come and get information on what the IVFA is doing. It's for your benefit. The State and Federal government have and will pass bills mandating fire departments to do certain things. They never state how they will pay for these changes or where the money will come from. The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association and other fire services are working to stop them from passing these bills and they need our help.

We had a tragedy occur at one of the power plants in our area. The fire at the Merom Power Plant is still under investigation as to what exactly caused the fire. Supposedly caused by splattering of arc welding causing insulation to ignite. Whatever the cause, three workers lost their lives. It's too late now but could it have been avoided and could it happen again? Lets hope it doesn't.

Again I hope all you firemen and women have taken your right and voted. By the time you read this, we should know who won the elections. Democrat or Republican, be thankful we live in a country like ours.

See you at your next District meeting.

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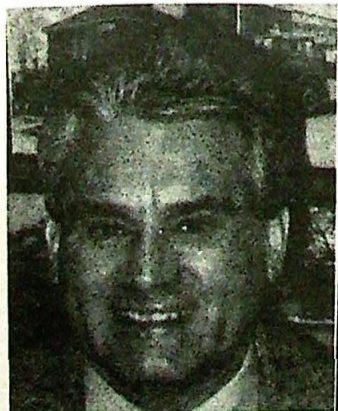
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* employers with 25 or more employees, effective date is July 26, 1992.

* employers with 15 to 24 employees, effective date is July 26, 1994.

* ADA prohibits all pre-offer of employment medical examinations.

* ADA prohibits all pre-offer of employment questions pertaining to injuries, disabilities, or medical problems. (Application forms will have to be revised if they ask questions about disabilities; see attached list of unacceptable questions.)

* ADA permits post-offer of employment / pre-employment medical inquiries and medical examinations but denial of job will

be a violation of ADA unless applicant cannot perform "essential functions" of job with reasonable accommodation. Inquiries must be limited to the individual's ability to perform "essential functions" and may not cover the nature, cause or severity of the disability. All entering employees in the same job category must be subject to the same medical examination.

* ADA prohibits post-employment medical testing or medical inquiries unless shown to be job-related and consistent with business necessity, e.g. medical examinations to determine whether an employee is still able to perform the "essential functions" of the job.

* Under ADA, physical agility tests are not considered to be medical examinations and so may be given at any point in the application or employment process. Agility tests must be given to all applicants for the same job classification, if given to any such applicant. The same requirement is established for current employees. Note: There may be further restrictions on physical agility test depending on the test impact on disabled individuals.

* All medical examinations must be housed in separate confidential files.

• A test of applicants or employees to determine the illegal use of drugs does not constitute a medical examination.

• A qualified individual with a disability is an applicant or employee who can perform the "essential functions" of the job with or without a reasonable accommodation.

• Disabled individuals include the following qualified individuals:

(1) with a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; or (2) with a record of physical or mental impairment (i.e. past, but not current, drug addiction, recovering alcoholic; former cancer patient); or (3) "regarded as" having a mental or physical impairment.

• Employer does not need to "accommodate" applicants or employees if requested accommodation is an "undue hardship".

• Employer has duty to reasonably accommodate qualified applicant with disability within job classification for which applied.

• Employer can always hire the "best qualified" applicant.

• Employer must accommodate qualified existing employees with a disability to any vacant position within workforce for which qualified.

• Employer need not accommodate those who cannot perform the "essential functions" of the job (since they are not "qualified individual with a disability").

• A public entity may impose neutral rules and criteria that screen out, or tend to screen out, individuals with disabilities if the criteria are necessary for the safe operation of the program in question.

Unacceptable pre-offer of employment questions (job application):

1. Are you disabled?
2. Do you have a disability?
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4. What is the extent of your disability, if you have one?
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6. How long have you been disabled?
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8. Do you wear contact lenses?
9. Are you night blind?
10. Do you smoke?
11. Please list any diseases for which you have been treated in the past two years?
12. Have you been identified as a carrier of a disease-associated gene?
13. Have you ever been hospitalized? If so, for what condition?
14. Have you ever suffered any mental impairments or been treated for any mental condition?
15. Have you ever been treated by a psychiatrist or psychologist?
16. Are you on any constant medication?
17. Are you taking any prescribed drugs?
18. Have you ever been treated for drug addiction or alcoholism?
19. Have you ever filed for Workers' Compensation insurance?
20. Is there any health related reason you might not be able to perform the job for which you are applying?

Pershing Twp. Receives Funds



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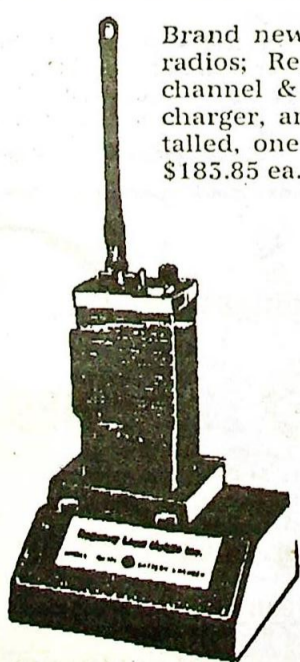
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Maxine Davies

"Ain't God good to Indiana?" I firmly believe James Whitcomb Riley knew what he was talking about. This has been one of the most beautiful falls I can remember. The leaves are now beginning to change colors and slowly drift to the ground. (I know, it will be winter when you are reading this and you will know for sure I have really lost my mind!)

Sorry to report I haven't been able to do a lot of traveling since the last report. Local activities have kept me very busy the last couple of months. John and I did travel to Columbia City and truly enjoyed the District 6 outing. There was a great crowd and a lot of good food!

Convention plans are still being firmed up so I can't bring you much along those lines. You can bet the next edition of the paper will have all the details!

The Second Annual Firemen's Caucus is just around the corner Sunday, November 15. I missed the first one but I look forward to this one. We need to keep current on all fire department issues so we can share with our auxiliaries.

By the way - Congratulations to the Fishers Volunteer Fire Department! I heard the delightful singing on WFMS with their own version of "Achy Breaky Heart." If you haven't heard it, ask them to perform! A sure way to get the children to listen to fire prevention!

Miss Flame contests are starting to happen. I wonder if we can get a representative from every district??? Wouldn't that be great!

Also, ladies, get your Lois Boaz nominees in and read carefully the new By-laws books. It is time to submit any changes you would like to see considered at the June Convention.

Did you hear about the young man who was in court being tried for murder? The Prosecuting Attorney asked, "Did you commit this murder?" The young man replied, "No." The PA then asked, "Do you know the penalty for perjury?" "No," said the young man, "but I doubt if it is as much as for murder."

Happy Holidays to One and All!!!

DISTRICT 3

Sept. 16, 1992, 7:00 p.m., Scipio Twp.

Meeting was opened by Leona Uryga. Opening prayer was offered by Duane Lantz, State Chaplain. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. A check for \$25.00 was given to Carolyn McCarty for plaques. Betty Bellamy was reported as hospitalized.

The pins ordered for Past Presidents were ordered but haven't been received as yet.

Twenty-five dollars was received from State for district selling most Doe Doll tickets. Michiana Shores received plaque for most sales in our district, and Scipio Twp. received plaque for best attendance at last year's meetings.

Celine Boisvert was not present to give third reading of District by-laws, but Carolyn McCarty read them. No opposition was recorded.

Some changes in the state by-laws need to be changed. Article I says no enumeration is to be given past presidents for anything. Article V says mileage is to be paid. Lee Cohen motioned, seconded by Marie Gemberling, to eliminate the word reenumeration from the first Article. Motion carried. The first of three readings on this matter was read. Annabel Konieczny motioned, seconded by Margaret Gaw, to accept standing rules as read. Motion carried.

Leona gave a summary of the State Officer's meeting.

Names of new Miss Flame candidates should be given to Leona by Nov. 1. Carolyn McCarty purchased banners for the third district candidate. Judging to be held at Kingsbury meeting Nov. 18th.

A profit of \$84.05 was made at the auction sale. Margaret Gaw was the auctioneer.

Coming events:
Kingsbury - - Pancake Breakfast Oct. 25.

Kingsford-Union - - Not present.
Lincoln - - Not present.

Michiana Shores - - Craft Sale, Sept. 26-27, also a Pancake Breakfast.

Scipio - - Sept. 20, Pancake Breakfast.

Springfield - - Pancake Breakfast; Oct. 18, Haunted House Oct.23-31; Turkey Shoot in November.

Noble - - Nothing.

Coolspring - - Craft show, Dec. 5th.

Individuals - - Nothing.

Attendance award was won by Michiana Shores. \$8.50 was won by District Aux. And Lee Cohen and Patty Conlin each won \$4.25.

Toni Grammels motioned, seconded by Patty Conlin, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Chaplain Carolyn McCarty gave a closing prayer. The host Aux. served refreshments and gave door prizes.

Marie Gemberling, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 10

The 10th District IVFAA meeting was held on August 19th, 1992 at Fairfield Fire Dept.

Chairman Barb Parker called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Barb lead the group saying the Pledge to the flag.

Chaplain Miriam Hickman read the devotions "August."

Roll call with 15 members representing 6 aux.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given

and subject to audit.

Old Business: Barb showed favors that were given out at convention and gave to the district members that weren't at convention.

November meeting will be at Marietta on the 18th. This will be our Christmas dinner.

New Business: The 1993 Convention will be at French Lick, June 17th thru 21st. Rooms are \$49.00 to 59.00 dollars a night.

Nancy Neal volunteered District 10 to make the diddy bags for the Miss Flames at convention. Handmade door prizes need to be in by Feb. State Officers Meeting.

Barb read the by-laws that had been changed at convention.

Lucky Doe Doll brought in \$2,000.00 this year. This is the best we ever did.

Barb read off the new State Officers.

Dues need to be in to Lou Bartlow by Sept. 30.

Election of officers was held.

Barb Parker, Chairman; Cozette Neal, Secretary; Nancy Neal, Treasurer and Miriam Hickman, Chaplain.

Peggy Israel made a motion to buy two banners for the Miss Flame for two more years. Seconded by Carol Moody.

Nancy Neal made a motion for a \$5.00 gift exchange for the November meeting. Seconded by Sandy Rush.

Upcoming events given by Aux. 50/50 \$14.00 split \$7.00 won by Bee Walker.

Silver Collection \$5.33.

Nancy Neal made a motion to have the meetings with the men. Seconded by Peggy Israel.

Peggy Israel and Carol Moody audited treasurer's books. Everything was in order.

Jane from Warren Twp. will give a craft demonstration at the Feb. Meeting.

Chaplain's report, no cards sent.

Nancy Neal made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Peggy Israel.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cozette R. Neal

DISTRICT 11A

Well my first few months of being district chairman have been very busy.

Helen Michl from Prairieton and I attended West Terre Haute's Auxiliary.

We have attended several fish fries, spaghetti and chili suppers.

We went to the Cory Apple Festival Parade and rode on Max Harrah's fire truck.

On Sept. 13, we had our annual picnic and we served ham and beans. Everyone else brought a covered dish. We had a real nice turn out.

We had several guests from out of town and we would like to say a big thank you to all of them.

Don and Rosie Johnson Dist. 12,

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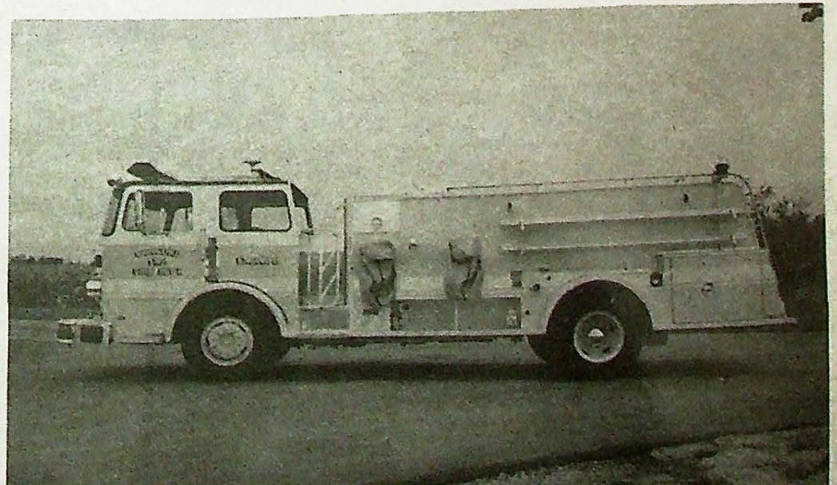
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District 11A

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Carl, Genevieve & Betty Jo Davis from Odon (Carl retired from being Public Relations) Ferry and Mary Ann Martin from District 21.

Went to Coalmont Fire Dept. for their 25th Anniversary. It was really nice. They presented awards at all of their firefighters.

Our next meeting will be held at Honey Creek Station 1, Nov. 15th. If you happen to be in our area, you are always welcome.

Respectfully Yours,
Joan Hayes, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

Dear Auxiliary Members & Friends!

Our last District Meeting was September 13, 1992 at Roachdale. They served a appetizing meal of chicken, ham, rolls, potato salad, corn, tomatoes, bean salad and several kinds of dessert. Those that did not attend this meeting don't know what you missed. Where can you go now a days and get a savory meal and enjoy pleasant company. There aren't many places left. Thank you Roachdale for hosting the meeting and serving us a great meal. We respect your efforts and friendship.

In the Auxiliary meeting we discussed ideas on how to increase membership and improve attendance. Anyone with any ideas, please send a card to one of the officers listed below, so we can discuss it at the November meeting. We are always open to ideas and suggestions.

Committees were formed. Miss Flame Committee is Crystal and Joyce Delph. Band Committee is Brenda Harvey and Maxine Davies. By-law Committee is Eula Bush, Lou Bartlow, Brenda Harvey, Maxine Davis and Betty Osborne.

Plans for the Miss Flame Dance February 13, 1993 were discussed. Time will be 9 pm to 12 midnight at the Half Century Club, Clinton, IN. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, same as last year. It is open to the public and will have a cash bar. Preparations are being made for the raffle for this dance. We have tentatively discussed 1st prize being a color TV and 2nd prize a savings bond. This will be finalized by the November meeting and tickets will be available to sell. The body agreed that door prizes should be given away again this year. They seem to be enjoyed by all. We are asking departments, auxiliaries and individuals to donate items to be given away. This dance is for you, please help us to help you enjoy it.

The November 8, 1992 meeting will be held at Reelsville. This is a family affair. Bring the kids and enjoy the camaraderie. Hope to see everyone there because the host departments and auxiliaries go to a lot of trouble to prepare a meal and make us feel welcome. Please come and support their effort and let them know you care.

I am listing the District Officers and their phone numbers in case any member might need to call them.

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- Secretary-Treasurer Lou Bartlow: (317) 245-2125
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- Brenda Harvey: (317) 665-3698

Hope to see all of you November 8, 1992 at Reelsville. If

not, have a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and great New Year. (Where has this year gone?)

Betty Osborne, Chairman

DISTRICT 18

Reference: District Parade and Miss Flame contest results for more information contact:

Parade: Virgil Heneisen 812-937-2360

Miss Flame: Jeannie Daunhauer 812-937-2493

More than 75 units were represented during the 1992 IVFA District 18 Fire Prevention Parade Sunday afternoon in Dale. The Southridge High School Marching Raider Band captured first place in the bands' category, while the Earl C. Clements Job Corps' Soul Stompers "stomped" their way to a first place finish among the marching units.

Birdseye's future queens float captured the "Kids Entry" category, but it was the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department which best presented their Miss Flame contestant and the queen's court.

Other winners included: Best Fire Truck, 1961 model and newer, the Luce Township Fire Department; Best Antique Fire Truck, 1960 and before, Dale Lions Club; Best Float, Crane-Naval Weapons Support Center; Best Antique Vehicle, Rapheal Gehlhausen's 1931 Ford Roadster; and the Best Horse/Horse-drawn Vehicle, the Holland Riders

The Annual Fire Prevention Parade capped-off the 1992 Miss Flame contest. 1991 Queen Emily Tanner (Jasper VFD) assisted as the "flame," or crown was passed on to Ferdinand VFD's Laura Hoppenjans, 16, daughter of Daniel and Ruth Hoppenjans. First and second runners-up honors were awarded respectively to Haysville VFD, Kellie Buchta of rural Loogootee and Schnellville VFD's Gina Steinmetz.

Special guests include State IVFA Vice President, Richard Glant. The IVFA is comprised of 18,000 volunteer firemen within Indiana. District 18 represents member Volunteer Fire Departments in Spencer, Dubois, Perry, Crawford, Orange, Warrick and Pike Counties.

1992 IVFA DISTRICT 18 PARADE AND MISS FLAME RESULTS:

Parade

Miss Flame Float

1st - Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department, 2nd - St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department, 3rd - Jasper Volunteer Fire Department.

All Other Floats

1st - Crane, 2nd - St. Joseph's Hospital, 3rd - Dubois County Bank.

Kid Parade Entries

1st - Birdseye-Future Queens, 2nd - Birdseye Schneville Cub Scouts, 3rd - Ferdinand-Future Firemen

Fire Trucks (1961-present)

1st - Luce Township Volunteer Fire Department, 2nd - Skelton Township Volunteer Fire Department, 3rd - St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Trucks-Antique (1960 & before)

1st - Dale Lions Club, 2nd - Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Department, 3rd - Jasper V.F.D.

Vehicles

1st - 1931 Ford Roadster - Rapheal Gehlhausen, Owner, 2nd - 1950 Chevy Pickup - Rapheal Gehlhausen, Owner, 3rd - 1948 Chevy Pickup - Rapheal Gehlhausen, Owner.

Walking or Marching Units

1st - Earl C. Clements Job Corps Center, 2nd - Dubois Co. VFW Color Guard, 3rd - Doug Collins Clowns

Bands

1st - Southridge High School Raider Marching Band.

Horse or Horse Drawn Vehicles

1st - Holland Riders

Parade Judges

Mike Bradfield, Santa Claus Town Council, President Barbara Seneff, Dale Town Council, Member Charlene Leistner, Traffic Manager, WBDC Radio

Miss Flame:

Laura Hoppenjans, 16, Ferdinand (Ferdinand VFD) Junior at Forest Park High School. Daughter of Ferdinand Fire Chief Dan and Ruth Hoppenjans. Participates in basketball, track, volleyball, Business Professionals of America, and 4-H.

1st run-up: Kellie Elaine Buchta, 17, Loogootee (Haysville VFD) Senior at Loogootee High School. Daughter of Bryon and Terri Buchta.

2nd run-up: Gina Steinmetz, 16, Schnellville (Schnellville VFD) Junior at Forest Park High School. Daughter of Paul and Mary Stenmetz.

Miss Flame judges: Wayne Roell, Judge, Spencer County Circuit Court; Deena Ahaus, Clerk-Treasurer, Santa Claus; Cheryl Jenkins, Jenkins Greenhouse.

Raffle winner:

Ed Hollander of Dale

Flower Donations:

Jenkins Greenhouse & Fella's Flower & Gift Shop.

Aux. Chaplain



Judy Hildebrand

Hello to everyone,

As the seasons change, I hope each and everyone of you will take the time, just a few moments to see the beauty around you. If it be a squirrel gathering food for the winter, geese flying south for warmer weather, or the beauty of changing leaves. Just enjoy.

The Lord has made all. If you do have an extra moment or two let your other senses enjoy a season change. Smell the air as harvesting starts, listen to the leaves crunch, or feel the sting of the first ice & snow that falls

Remember as you crawl out of your warm toasty bed repeat every morning - This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. It will make your day go better.

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PRESIDENT Maxine Davies opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. by reciting a poem entitled "Touch of the Master's Hand."

Chaplain Judy Hildebrand opened the meeting with prayer. Sgt. at Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the group with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 26 Officers and committee members. There were also 6 guests in attendance.

Minutes of the Convention '92 were read by Lou Bartlow, Recording Secretary. Barbara Parker made the motion not to read the District reports. Judy Hildebrand seconded it. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: was given and approved.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Judy Hildebrand -- Since convention I have sent 5 Get Well cards. I also have the Bibles with me, so if you need one or need to exchange, get with me after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - Lou Bartlow - We have 48 auxiliaries, 583 members, 37 individuals for a total of 622. We have 2 new auxiliaries, Fortville - District 13 and Madison Twp. - District 12. Maxine Davies presented them with certificates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Doe Doll - Maxine Davies - I have the books here for auditing. There was 2,410 tickets sold, with the Miss Flames selling 433 on Sat. Districts 3 and 11B had a tie, each selling 325 tickets. So they will split the \$25.00. Barbara Parker made a motion to give each District \$25.00 as they worked equally hard. Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried.

I.V.F.A. President "Mitch" Parish joined our meeting and gave us the next 3 dates for Officers meetings, to be held at the Waterfront Hotel. They are Oct. 31.-Nov. 1, Feb. 6 & 7, May 1 & 2. You can make reservations today.

LOIS BOAZ - Maxine Davies introduced our 1992 winner, Joan Hays from District 11A. Congratulations!

FINANCIAL STUDY - Toni Sorg explained that the word processor that was ordered is no longer available because of some difficulty with the chips (they were not IBM compatible as advertised) so they had to pull them from the shelves. I have checked on a Brothers, which is \$80.00 more, and a Canon which is \$100.00 more. I just want to know what you want me to do. After some discussion, it was decided that there was no choice but to purchase the Brothers. Ann Moss made the motion to go ahead and purchase and Dolly Komoscar seconded it. Motion carried.

MISS FLAME - Bette Sellmer said some of the judges felt that the girls were asked too many questions about the Fire Service. They should be asked more about school, family etc. It was discussed among those present. Barbara Parker said that if a girl does not know anything about the fire service they basically do not need to be running. They only are based 25% on fire dept. and 75% on everything else. Leona Uryga, District 3 feels that there is not enough done for the Miss Flame on a State level. Expenses are high and some girls do not have the financial help behind them. Bette Sellmer apologized that the girls did not receive free Belle of Louisville tickets this year. She understood they were to receive them, in order to cut expenses. If you have any ideas on dress code or anything else, put it on paper and give to Barbara Parker. Barbara is also ordering the banners for Miss Flame. If you are interested let her know.

BY-LAWS - Wanda Johnson - we need more books. Barbara Parker made the motion to make up 50 - 100 new books. Faye Salee seconded it. We will make 75 but purchase 100 binders while they are on sale. Bette Osbourne suggested red folders. Motion carried.

V.P. PROJECT -- asked if we were going to have it this year. Lucy Stouffer made the motion we have the Doe Doll again. Nancy Neal seconded it. Dolly Komoscar will have tickets printed, but need to know when the dates will be for convention.

GAMES - Toni Sorg said that she has 3 trophies in her attic.

Maxine Davies read the list of 1992-1993 Committees. Maxine reminded us that there was not an auxiliary in French Lick and thought maybe everyone could bring some items for the ditty bags and we could put them together at the May meeting. Judy Hildebrand suggested that each Dept. or District furnish door prizes. Barbara Parker suggested each District furnish 10 door prizes by May meeting. Vivian Windfall thought the Miss Flames should have a special ditty bag. Nancy Neal District 10 will furnish these.

Toni asked what kind, if any, dress code we would have for convention this year. The brochure said tie and jacket was required in a restaurant. We will discuss this further as soon as more details are available.

Eula Bush suggested we send an invitation to each spouse of the men officers about our meetings. Diana will send post cards, so they know they are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st and since it is Halloween we will have a party while the men are in their meeting Sat. evening. It will be hosted by Grace Lance and Toni Sorg will help.

Lou Bartlow said one of the Past Presidents was not receiving the paper. Maxine Davies will take care of it.

Lucy Stouffer said we should take up for flower fund. Miriam Schaeckel took up the collection.

Bette Sellmer made the motion to adjourn and Carolyn McCarty seconded it. Judy Hildebrand closed the meeting with prayer and everyone reciting the "LORD'S PRAYER".

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DISTRICT 3 Meeting opened by Leona Uryga with Pledge to the flag. Chaplain Carolyn McCarty held Memorial services for Ruby Hurst. She offered prayer for the group. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. No bills were paid. No illnesses reported.

OLD BUSINESS: Celine Boisvert not present so the re-revised by-laws will be read at the September meeting. IVFA Aux. dues are due.

The new By-laws were read at convention. There were no local winners for the "Doe Doll" contest.

A picture of possible badges for the past chairman was passed around. \$20.00 was the price for the badges. New IVFA AUX. bylaws were passed out with each Aux. receiving a copy. Lee motioned, seconded by Annabel Konieczny to buy 6 badges for past chairman. Motion passed.

Miss Flame, who was runner-up Felissa Robowsky, was present and

told of some of the highlights of her reign. She said she would possibly be a candidate again. A new Miss Flame will be picked at the Nov. 18th meeting at Kingsbury Fire Station. Their Aux. is to get 3 judges. The need for more finances and publicity is needed.

Marge Wozinak conducted the elections. Toni Grammels placed Leona Uryga's name in nomination for Chairman. Gert Peterson seconded it. Lee Cohn motioned to close the nominations. Mary Deering seconded it. A ballot was cast in favor of Leona being chairman again. Debbie Harris nominated Marie Gemberling for Sec. Treasurer. Mary Deering seconded the motion. Marge Wozinak made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Helene Frolling. A vote was cast in Mariels favor. Carolyn McCarty's name was placed in nomination for chaplain by Helene Frolling, seconded by Gert Peterson. Toni Grammels motioned the nominations be closed, seconded by Ruth Kuhnel. Ballot was cast in favor of Carolyn McCarty.

Next meeting will be September 16 at Scipio Fire Station. A money maker was discussed. Annabel Konieczny motioned to have a white elephant auction plus a bake sale.

Next year's convention will be held at French Lick. Michiana Shores won the Doe Doll award for most sales.

Scipio Twp. won the Attendance award for the year. Springfield Twp. received the new attendance award.

\$10.50 was realized in the 50-50 drawing. Other winners were Agnes Battleday and Leona Uryga, who won \$5.25 each.

No events were mentioned.

Marge Wozinak, seconded by Debbie Harris to adjourn. Motion carried. The host Aux. served refreshments.

DISTRICT 4 was held at New Carlisle for elections only. Chairman--Jane Ferro Vice Chairman--Sue Vandegrift Sec.--Mary Hahn Treasurer--Marilyn Louis Chaplain--Glady's Peterson We talked about Convention '94" and will be holding an organizational meeting in Oct.

Our next meeting will be Aug. 20th at Benton Twp. at 7:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 6 - The July 16th meeting was held in Larwell, Whitley County with 10 members and five guests from four departments. It was decided to continue the 50/50 drawings plus sell Fireman's candy bars as our money making project.

The District picnic will be at Columbia City on August 16th with carry-in potluck at noon. Auxiliary will furnish drinks. Games to follow.

Coming events: Sept. 25-27 Squawbuck Days-Larwell-crafts etc. Sept. 28-Oct. 3--Jackson Twp. at Auburn Fair Sept. 10-12-- Grabill Country Fair Oct. 24-- New Haven Adams Twp.-- Craft Bazaar.

Officers for '92-'93 are Chairman, Mary Mackin; V. Chairman, Linda Timmerman; Chaplain, Amy Chorpenny; Secretary, Marilyn Dever; Sgt. at Arms, Pauline Wallace.

The September meeting will be on the 17th at 7:30 some place in LaGrange County. State By-law books were passed to as many Aux. units as possible.

DISTRICT 7 - The 7th District meeting was held at Poneto Fire Dept. July 20th at 8 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Diana Gray Chairman by reciting the Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 6 members from 4 Depts. Sec. Treasurer report was given by Dorothy Reiter in the absence of Judy Sheets. We made \$20 on the 50-50 drawing.

Convention was then discussed. Virginia Wilson made a suggestion that Al would like to re-do the men's equipment trailer. They would like to add a P.A. system and a small generator etc. Toni made a motion that the Aux. pay the District Chairman \$20 for each quarterly meeting that she attends, to help with expenses. Alice Sanders seconded it. Motion Passed.

Voted for a new District Chairman and Sec. Treas.. District Chairman is Marjorie Brames-- Sec. Treas. is Alice Sanders Meeting was adjourned by Alice making a motion and Virginia seconded it.

Next meeting will be at Preble Sept. 21 at 8 p.m.

DISTRICT 11A - Met at the Hymera Vol. Fire Dept. We had a film shown to us on Water Rescue.

A delicious meal was served by the fireman's wives. We had an election of officers for the new year. We had the pleasure of several State Officers. Looking forward to a new year.

The midwest award was presented to Clay Shidler of Hymera.

Next meeting Sept. 13 which will be our annual picnic at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute. A large pot of beans will be cooked. Bring a well filled picnic basket.

DISTRICT 11B - On July 12, 1992 District 11B met at Fairview Park for our annual picnic. We had a great meal, everyone brought in delicious food and no one seemed to leave hungry. There were drawings for prizes. Eula and Lou got new decks of cards.

The women had a short meeting. Election of Officers was the main topic. This year the officers of District 11B are President, Betty Osbourne, Vice President, Eula Bush, Sec./Treas. Lou Bartlow and Co-Chaplains, Brenda Harvey and Maxine Davies.

Our next meeting will be at Roachdale September 13, at 1:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 13 - No meeting since convention. Our next meeting is in August with the men at Pendleton at 7:00 p.m. (August 20th)

DISTRICT 19 - We haven't had a meeting since last State Officers Meeting in June at Convention. We will meet Tuesday, August 11th hosted by Brookville Firettes at Brookville at 7:00 p.m. in the Eagles building on the main drag of town.

District 19 Miss Flame will be held the Thursday before Thanksgiving. Place not sure of at this time.

I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE IF I FORGOT SOMEONE OR MADE AN ERROR, AS THE TAPE STUCK IN THE RECORDER AND I WAS UNABLE TO GET ANYTHING OFF OF IT, AND SO I JUST WENT BY THE NOTES I KEPT. I PROMISE TO DO BETTER NEXT TIME!!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DIANA GRAY, CORRESPONDING SEC.

Brian F. McQueen Receives Fire Prevention Award, Recognized by President Bush

October 12, 1992 - Santa Monica, California - The National

Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and Master Protection Corporation presented the Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence to Brian F. McQueen at an awards banquet held on September 19 in conjunction with the NVFC meeting in Juneau, Alaska. In addition, McQueen's accomplishments were recognized by President George Bush in a personal letter congratulating McQueen.

McQueen, Assistant Chief of Whitesboro Fire Department in Whitesboro, New York, was honored for his outstanding fire prevention activities which include holding the following volunteer positions: Chairman of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York's Fire Prevention Committee; Chairman of the Central New York Volunteer Firemen's Association's Fire Prevention Education Committee; Chairperson of the Oneida County Fire Prevention Education Committee; and Director of Whitesboro Fire Department Office of Fire Prevention Education. Among his numerous accomplishments, he has developed and implemented fire prevention programs for senior citizens and young people as well as secured over \$100,000.00 in grant money for fire prevention projects. Assistant Chief McQueen was selected to receive the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence from a group of highly qualified and accomplished candidates.

The Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence was developed jointly by the NVFC, which represents the interests of 1.2 million volunteer firefighters, and Master Protection Corporation, the nation's largest "single source" fire and environmental protection company and a leading proponent of fire prevention. "This award will help in raising our nation's awareness about the highest form of fire safety--fire prevention," stated MPC representative and former Fire Marshal of the State of California Ronald W. Bogardus. "Fire prevention achievements are often difficult to substantiate since the connection between fire prevention activities and lives and property saved is not always evident. The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence was created to attract well deserved attention to these prevention heroes."

Presenters at the awards banquet included Mr. Bogardus; Fred G. Allinson, Chairman of the Marc Mueller Awards Committee; Daniel Coffman, President of the California State Firefighters' Association; Kenneth Newton, Chairman of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York; and David Jacobowitz, Chief of the Whitesboro Fire Department. During the ceremony, Assistant Chief McQueen received the Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence statue to display in his fire department during the next year. In addition his name has been engraved on the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence monument located in the city of Sierra Madre, home of the late Fire Chief Marc Mueller.

The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence monument was unveiled at the International Association of Fire Chiefs conference in Anaheim, California last month. The informal unveiling ceremony was attended by Albert G. Kirchner, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy; James Saherty Casey, Chief of the Education Operations Division of the National Fire Academy; Ronald Coleman, Fire Marshal of the State of California; Daniel Coffman, President of the California State Firefighters' Association, officers of the NVFC including Chairman Robert McKeon, First Vice President Ron Miller, Secretary Paul Lukus, members of the Mueller family, the Sierra Madre Fire Department and the Marc Mueller Awards Committee.

National Volunteer Fire Council Marc Mueller Awards

Committee Contact: Jody Martin (310) 451-8888.

Pershing Twp. V.F.D.

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It is believed by investigators that the fire remained undetected in the attic and false ceiling until it grew into a blaze that devoured the house rapidly once it entered the living quarters.

"The Rouses' did have an operational smoke detector in the front of the house", reported Scott. "However, the location of the detector was away from the sleeping area and did not alert the couple. I doubt that their escape would have been possible had Mr. Peacock delayed action."

In appreciation for the efforts

of the local department Mr. and Mrs. Rouse donated a hog for a fund-raising dinner on September 19th.

Pershing firefighters constructed a hog roaster and opened a tent outside the station to serve roast pork, fried fish, and salads to a large crowd of guests.

"The roast pork sure didn't last long," said Pershing Assistant Chief, Rebecca Scott. "We were able to realize a good profit from the dinner. It is a nice feeling to see people like the Rouses' who can loose so much and still be concerned for the well being of the community."



The Mike Rouse family survey the devastation caused to their home by a fire on Aug. 8.



Pershing Twp. VFD personnel Missy Anderson, Greg Sutton, Bob Anderson and Tom Schryer prepare the feast at Freetown's hog roast Sept. 19.

Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Gets Truck Refurbished



Before



After

The Farmland Fire Dept. recently had their 1979 Chevy Rescue Truck refurbished by Warner Bodys in Noblesville. They put a cab enclosure on the bed of the truck and made a trough compartment just behind the cab where a generator cribbing and the hydraulic pump for the new Amkis tool is stored.

The lettering and striping were done by Chief Troy Williamson, firefighter Kenny Marquis and firefighter Jeff Willen. The lights and wiring were done by firefighter Dave Bertram with the help of several other department members.

Here are some pictures of the truck before and after.

The Chief would like to give a Thank You to everyone who was involved.

Joe Frazier

NFPA Regional Meetings Slated...

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up for membership may apply the fee toward the \$75 per year Association dues.

Meetings in '93 are scheduled in the following cities: Feb. 23 - Helena, Montana; Feb. 25 - Salt Lake City, Utah; Mar. 23 - Little Rock, Arkansas; Mar. 25 - Austin, TX; Sept. 21 - Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Sept. 23 - Chicago, IL; Oct. 7 - Stamford, Connecticut; Oct. 14 - Dover, Delaware.

Each Regional Meeting is chaired by a member of NFPA's Board of Directors, assisted by NFPA staff representatives. Members of the Association's Member Advisory Council, also attend. In addition to the featured presentation, each meeting includes discussion based on technical, code and standard, and general agenda topics submitted by attendees.

For information contact: Ms. Karen Stein at 617-984-7263.

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the NFPA (NFPA) has led the way to global fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services. They hold two major meetings each year. The Fall Meeting in Nov. will be held in Dallas, and the '93 Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando next May. The Assoc. publishes the National Fire Codes® and fire safety education materials including the Learn Not to Burn® Curriculum. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts.

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Officer's Meeting

Aug. 8, 1992. Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis. The meeting was called to order by President Parish. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Glant. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Parish reminded the District Chairmen that he needs the district meeting notices sent to him.

Vice President Glant also asked that he be put on all District Chairmen's mailing lists. He reported that he has driven over 1000 miles since taking office.

Recording Secretary Davies reported that he had attended two district meetings since the last officer's meeting.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported that all orders he had received have been filled. He also thanked those responsible for him receiving the Mr. IVFA award at the convention.

Chaplain Lantz reported attending the 100 year anniversary at Napanee, attended three district meetings, held a memorial service at Plymouth and has traveled 1082 miles since the last meeting.

President Parish called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Richard Glant made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Seconded by Larry Petro. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All past presidents in attendance passed.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

NW Howe reported attending all district meetings and has one new district chairman.

NE Kinsey reported he had attended all district meetings and there is a new district chairman in Dist. 5.

EC Jackson reported he traveled over 600 miles since the last meeting.

WC Michl reported he attended all district meetings and two districts have new chairmen, Districts 11-A and 11B.

SE Hildebrand reported all districts were going well.

SW Kerney was absent.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report.

Secretary Kissell has reviewed the membership roster by departments. There were 700 departments paid as of 8/08/92 with 670 departments paid on time. At this time last year, there were 732 departments that had paid. There are 49 departments that paid last year that have not paid this year. He reported that in districts 10, 16 and 19 all departments had paid on time this year.

Gene Stofer presented the death benefit bill and the problems were discussed. He related to the proper procedures that should be followed, the rumors are running wild. A letter from the State Board of Accounts correctly outline the procedures. A question and answer session followed this presentation.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Komoscar reported he is the new district chairman.

D2 Stott reported having a nice last district meeting.

D3 Bentley reported a 50 year card issued in the district and since his district constructed the EDITH house, there have been over 12,000 children through the house.

D4 Ferro stated all meetings going well and there had been one death in the district.

D5 Lanning reported two deaths in the district and all departments have paid dues except three.

D6 Engle stated the district election had been held. All officers remained the same.

D7 Sorg reported a good attendance at the last meeting. The election was held. All officers remained the same.

D8A Fleenor reported the attendance down at last meeting. Elections were held. All officers remain the same.

D8B Petro stated there had been one death in the district. Elections were held. All officers remain the same.

D9A Sutton was absent.

D9B Koehler was absent.

D10 Neal reported everything in the district was going well.

D11A Hays reported the 30 second TV program has been seen on the local TV station.

D11B Bartlow thanked Vice President Glant for attending his district picnic.

D12 Johnson stated the district was going well.

D13A Cushman reported there were two new departments back in his district.

D13B Cox stated that the attendance at the last district meeting was light.

D14 Woodfill reported the last district meeting attendance was well attended.

D15 Seitz reported attendance at last meeting was down. There had been two open houses held in the district.

D16 Hickman reported attendance at last meeting was light. The district elections were coming up.

D17A Harker reported the district elections were held and he is the new district chairman.

D17B Zeeks reported district elections were held and the attendance had been light.

D18 Heneisen reported one death in the district. The attendance at the last district meeting was good. Elections were held, officers were the same.

D19 Covington reported two deaths in the district. Elections were coming up.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin was absent.

President Parish called on past President Nevil who announced that Paul Covington had been appointed by Governor Bayh to the Standards and Education Committee. He also spoke on several pieces of literature from his office and passed out those articles. He announced several dates of interest of up coming events being held in the Indianapolis area. Sen. Coats has joined the ranks of the Ben Franklin bill in Washington. Past President Nevil also stated that he will be going, at his own expense, to Alaska to attend the National Vol. Fire Council coming up next month along with Gene Stofer.

At this time, President Parish introduced the 1993 Convention Chairman, Barry Winger from French Lick. He approached the body about changing the dates of the 1993 convention to Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Following his presentation, a very lengthy question and answer session was held.

President Parish introduced John Shanks, our legislation representative, who spoke to those in attendance about the up-coming sessions and the possibilities for an interesting legislative year following the election.

President Parish announced that on July 30th, the MD program was in effect. Jim Parker represented the association at a picture taking session in the governor's office. Gene Stofer reported that the ads are working.

President Parish reported that the resolution committee were all the public relation directors and that a chairman was needed for this committee.

Gene Stofer spoke about the conversion of the old municipal owned license plates to the new plates. To get them you must take the old plate and registration forms to the license branch. He also remarked that the license branches were being audited for the correct forms being used for issuing the IVFA license plate and then discussed what bills were needed for this session of the legislature. He strongly suggested everyone's input from the field.

At this time, President Parish announced the dates for the officer's meetings that are to be held here at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel.

D21 Martin reported district meeting attendance is down. The elections were held and all officers remained the same. President Parish introduced all guests present in the audience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Howe - Editor's Assistant gave his report.

Gene Stofer spoke about the fees for advertising in the paper. President Parish asked the committee to look into this.

Gene Stofer - National Volunteer Fire Council, spoke about the meeting coming up next month in Alaska. The council has not met since the last report was given.

Public Education - Jim Parker reported re-runs have been seen on TV. Others in attendance also reported seeing the tapes on their local TV stations.

Joint Service & Leadership - Gene Stofer spoke about the sprinkler bill and our support for this bill to pass and become law.

EMS - Don Johnson reported that he is trying to get on their mailing list for their meetings.

Membership - Carl Bruns stated that the exact number of members in the association was not current. The new membership packets were passed out at this time to the district chairmen.

Bridgeport Scholarship Fund - Duane Lantz reported on a death of a fireman after an incident. President Parish read several letters concerning the events leading up to the death of this fireman.

Fire Schools and Training - Richard Glant passed.

Historical Update - President Parish reported that the committee had received papers for their review for news of interest for the book.

Insurance - Gene Stofer spoke on workmen's compensation, the medical benefits only. He stated that fire departments failed to pay the premiums on their policies. The state law says that the departments are responsible.

President Parish announced to those in attendance at this meeting to start on the letters for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Photography - Bruce Neal gave his report. All new district chairmen and the new Public Relation Directors need new photographs.

Awards - Richard Glant stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Clothing - Perry Martin passed.

Safety - Paul Covington reported he had resubmitted the article for the paper. Information from the committee showed enough for only one more article, he needs assistance and input for more news articles for future releases to the paper.

Parliamentarian - President Parish appointed Bill Howe to serve in this capacity.

President Parish read a letter informing everyone of a meeting of the Indiana Fire Services Institute coming up in August.

Bill Kinsey spoke about the investigation into having an executive secretary in the organization as a new position.

President Parish announced the budget committee will look into this request and report back at our next meeting.

President Parish announced at this time, the budget picture of the association. Treasurer Stofer also spoke on the subject of the annual dues and recommended a survey committee to look into this situation. A question and answer session followed.

Secretary Kissell announced that Xerox will not renew the service contract on the association's copier due to the age of the machine. A discussion was held on the future of this copier and the need for a replacement. A decision was not made at this time.

President Parish conducted an open floor discussion concerning the Bingo Law and what problems it has created for the fire departments that hold bingo, festivals etc.

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

9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY AUG. 9, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Parish with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

President Parish read three letters concerning the future of the association newspaper. He also welcomed the guests present at this meeting.

President Parish, at this time, appointed Bill Kinsey as the chairman of the resolutions committee for the coming year.

Gene Stofer expressed concerns of our license plate program. He suggested reviewing the current procedure and make a recommendation at the next officers' meeting. Following his presentation, a question and answer session was held.

A motion by Bill Kinsey seconded by John Ferro to have Lee Kissell handle the license plate program. The motion carried by a voice vote.

President Parish turned the meeting over to Treasurer Gene Stofer to conduct the budget proposal for the coming fiscal year.

President Parish introduced Mike Lorenzano who presented a money making project program to those in attendance. Following this presentation, a question and answer session was held. A motion by Larry Petro seconded by Doug Engle not to accept Mr. Lorenzano's offer. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Treasurer Stofer continued with the budget proposal.

A motion was made by Virgil Heneisen to have a short abbreviated meeting in May from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Wayne Twp Fire Headquarters located at 700 N. High School Road, Indianapolis. Seconded by Bruce Neal. The motion carried by a voice vote. Following Treasurer Stofer's presentation, a lengthy question and answer session was held.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Bill Howe. Seconded by Larry Bartlow. The motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chrm. Glant. A motion was made by Bill Howe to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Jack Zeeks. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion by Bill Howe to keep Bob Laney as editor for the paper. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion by Larry Petro seconded by Jack Zeeks to have the association pay John Davies \$450.00 from the convention and get reimbursed from the 1992 convention committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Joe Komoscar to accept the treasurer's budget for 1992-1993. Seconded by Virgil Heneisen. The motion carried by a voice vote. A motion was made by Jack Cox that the board approve the district secretary's expenses as presented. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Jack Zeeks to purchase the small organization decals and add the expense to the budget. Seconded by Bob Fleenor. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Jack Cox to have Jack Zeeks as chairman of the board. Seconded by Bob Bentley. The motion carried. The board secretary Davies cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Zeeks as chairman of the board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Cox. Seconded by Bruce Neal. The motion carried by a voice vote. The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lantz.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Rec. Secretary



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Tim Swartz, showing air bags.

Farmland Fire Department recently purchased new rescue tools, a new Amkus cutter and spreader. Moneys came from fund raisers and Monroe township trustee Bobbie Neal. The Randolph County Council purchased an Air Bag System for the Fire Department with the understanding if a department in Randolph County needed the air bags our department will roll with the air bags when needed.

In addition to the new rescue tools, the department had the 1979 Chevy 1 ton reconditioned with a cap on the body. Now this truck can hold 6 firefighters instead of 3.
Jeff Willen

CLEARING THE SMOKE

OCTOBER 1992 ISSUE

BECAUSE OF A REQUEST FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS "500" . . . safety director, "Jack" Gilmore, through the State Fire Marshal, the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education selected a task force to determine what extrication training should be given firefighters who protect auto racing events. Although the Indianapolis Speedway is a main concern, the task force will include other types of auto racing tracks. Assignments were made to task force members to write the minimum standards. Mr. Gilmore is particularly interested in having only specially-trained firefighters at the Indy "500" track. He feels, however, that other Indiana tracks would benefit and prefer the same training for their safety teams. This "auto" be interesting.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE ACCREDITATION CONGRESS (IFSAC) REPRESENTATIVE . . . met in October with Board liaison, Scott Garrett, and Board staff to review Indiana's certification program and advise the Board of requirements for testing procedures being secured, plus other International Fire Service Accreditation Congress rules. Indiana plans to offer the international certification capability to firefighters. The certifications would

be acceptable in other states who are members of International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. A software program purchased by the State Fire Marshal will randomly generate tests for the written final, while the short tests in the instructor guides can be used as quizzes. Two IFIAI fire schools in 1992, at Indianapolis and New Albany, served as proctoring sites for firefighters to take the certification tests. Adjunct instructors will be an important part of teaching or testing in 1993. Exact procedures will be published by SFMO.

CERTIFICATION RULES FROM THE BOARD . . . are followed by the program coordinator and staff, not vice versa, in processing applications. Unusual or questionable information on applications is given the Board for a decision. This also keeps them informed of instructor activities. Rules are considered in a manner consistent with previous Board's actions. The program coordinator works by those rules. Often a problem can be handled by a phone call. Other times, applications are returned to sender. Either way, a rule is being obeyed and instructors' cooperation is necessary.

FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA 1992 CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

Saturday, November 7th, will feature a variety of speakers that

are guaranteed to be informative and entertaining. This training session is open to everyone who wishes to attend. Included in your registration cost is an evening banquet featuring one of the finest speakers in the fire service today. After the banquet you are invited to enjoy an evening at "Blueberry Hill", a lounge featuring the music of the "fabulous fifties".

Sunday, November 8th, will feature the annual business meeting of the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana. At this meeting we will be electing officers of the Association for 1993. We will also be introducing some changes in the "By-Laws" of the Association as well as conducting the regular order of business. The business meeting is open to guests of the Association, however only members have voting privileges. The business meeting will conclude by noon.

The registration fee of \$40.00 includes all training sessions, the evening banquet featuring "prime rib", and a certificate of attendance. Spouses or special guests are welcome to attend the banquet at an additional cost of \$20.00 per person.

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The National Fire Academy will accept applications for this delivery date until November 2, 1992 (COB). The first 20 qualified applicants will be accepted, the balance, if any, will be considered for later delivery dates. Applications are available from the training division of the State Fire Marshal's Office at: 402 W. Washington Street, Room E-241 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education

22nd Annual Broward County Firematics Public Relations Southwest

Jack Kerney

This has been a very busy and hectic summer for me. I hope as the fall and winter seasons approach, I will be able to get back into the swing of things and will be able to devote more time to PR in the Southwest.

Your convention host for 1993 is already at work making plans for our state convention. I attended the first meeting of the committee at French Lick in July. Barry Winiger and his committee chairmen are starting early to assure us of a good time and a great convention.

District 18 had a good turnout for their district meeting at Ferdinand. Those guys sure know how to fry chicken. They had an interesting program which gave all of us a chance to review power and electricity. Thanks for a great meeting.

On Saturday, October 10th, I was pleased to be able to have a part in my own department's ground breaking ceremony for our second station. It has been a goal of the McCutchanville Vol. Fire Dept. to open a second station to help us serve a larger part of Center Township. We should be able to have the station finished and ready by Spring.

On Sunday, October 11th, I visited the new Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue Station in Black Township. It was a beautiful day for a dedication. This is Mt. Vernon's second station. They will now be able to serve their township better with this new addition and with new volunteers.

I am looking forward to visiting District 17A in Worthington in November. If you would like for me to visit or attend some of your activities, please let me know ahead of time so that I can make plans. So far it has been nice to be able to visit other districts and see all the good things you are doing to promote good relations for all volunteers.

Dear Indiana Firefighters;
We would like to extend a cordial invitation to any fire department or fire association in the state of Indiana to enter a team in the 22nd Annual Broward County Firematics being held March 6, 1993 in Pompano Beach, Florida. As an invitational team you would not have to compete with the local teams. Each of the divisions, local and invitational, have complete sets of trophies. An award is also presented to the team that travels the furthest to compete.

A team can be made up of a single department or fire organization and consist of 5 to 10 members. Each event requires 5 persons. The competition consists of 8 basic events and the only equipment you will need to bring is your bunker gear. In addition to the competition we also have an antique fire apparatus show in which we encourage owners of antiques to bring them out to compete for trophies. We also have a vendor area for fire related products. Special room rates are available at one of the local hotels.

March is a beautiful time of the year here in Southern Florida and an excellent time to come on down for the competition and vacation in the warmth of the Florida sun.

For more information on the event or a set of rules contact us at the following:

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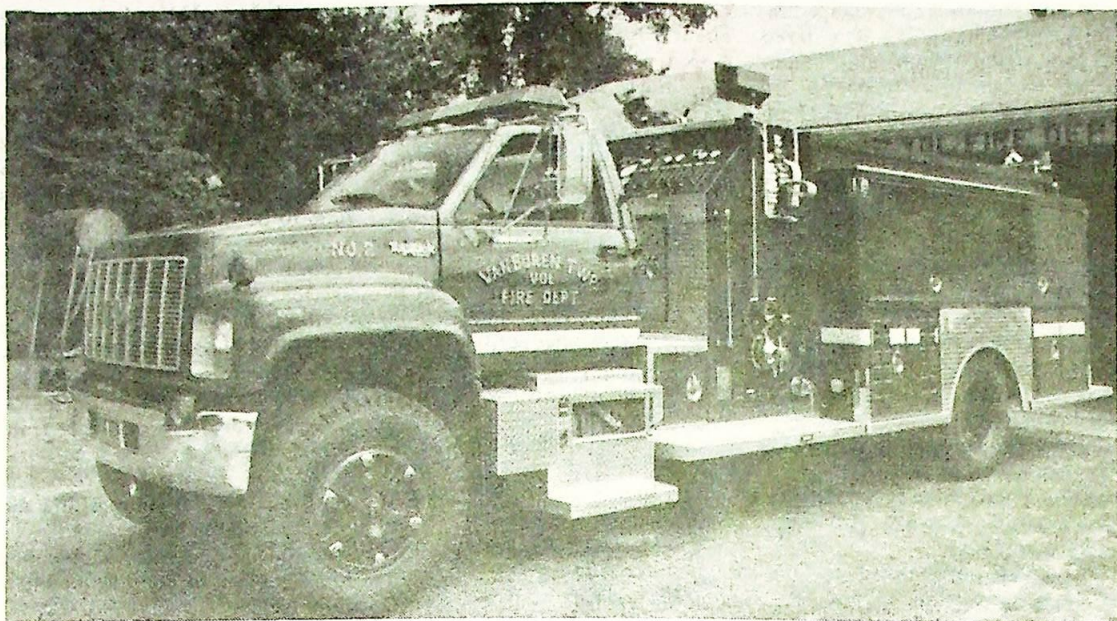
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New Pumper Tanker Delivered to Van Buren Township V.F.D., Clay County



June of 1992 saw the culmination of many hours of preparation and planning pay off for members of the Van Buren Twp. V.F.D. De-

livery was made of a new pumper purchased from Indiana Fire Apparatus of Mays, Indiana. The truck will be housed at our Car-

bon Station.

The new truck is based on a GMC Top Kick chassis and features a Caterpillar 215 diesel en-

gine, a Darley 1000 gpm two stage pump mounted midship, a 1000 gallon booster tank, a top mounted control panel, and a pre-connected deluge gun.

The new truck replaces a 1967 American LaFrance 750 gpm pumper on a GMC chassis with a 500 gallon booster tank. This truck will remain in service as a backup truck until sold or possibly converted to a tanker.

Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1963. We serve a rural township of about 4,500 operating from two stations; one is in Harmony, IN., located three miles east of Brazil on US 40, the other is in Carbon, IN. six miles north of Brazil off State Road 59.

The Harmony station currently houses three trucks; a 1986 GMC pumper (1000 gpm pump, 1000 gal. tank, 30 gallon foam), a 1978 1500 gallon nurse tanker with a quick dump, and a 1971 GMC brush truck. The Carbon station houses the new 1992 pumper, the 1967 pumper and a 1972 brush truck.

Current membership of our department is 21 active firefighters. Over half of our members have

completed First Class Training, 70 percent are second class and the rest are working towards that goal. Three charter members of the department still serve actively. They are our Chief Ralph "Pete" Taylor, a former IVFA Midwest Award winner, Sec. Clyde Gottsche another former IVFA Midwest Award winner, who also serves as district 11A secretary, and Fire Board Sec. John R. Bell, Jr.

We are very proud of our department's heritage and with the addition of the new truck we hope to carry on the high standards for fire protection of Van Buren Township into the 21st century.

Mickey White, Training Officer

Rescue Turns Into Jungle Adventure

Members of the Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. were recovering from the hard work of our annual Fish Fry on Sun. afternoon Sept. 20, 1992 when the call came across our pagers. "...report of a house trailer on fire, on Clay Street, South of U.S. 40 in New England section of Knightsville."

Trucks were on their way quickly, but then while in route the second dispatch came in "...be advised the trailer is full of snakes."

Most of us thought we had heard wrong, that the dispatcher had actually said "smoke", but as we pulled up to the scene we were confronted by a neighbor shouting, "His snakes, his snakes are in there. You have to get them out."

The owner was not present, and had left his snakes locked up in a small travel trailer. Forcible entry was made, and the flames were quickly extinguished. There was a dense smoke in the travel trailer and we knew we should remove the reptiles, but who could we get to volunteer? After a few moments, Asst. Chief Mark Mulinix and Communications Officer Ken Myers entered the trailer in SCBA with a back-up crew of firefighters Bill Black and Kevin Clark standing by outside the door. It was about this time that we learned that the snakes were not the poisonous variety. They were Boa Constrictors each one about 20' x 8". This new information did not, however, ease the apprehensions of the entry crew.

The dense smoke made it extremely hard to see, and our fearless crew did not actually find the snakes, the snakes found them. When the first one was spotted, he had wrapped himself around Mulinix's leg. (This was very much enjoyed by those of us outside, but, for some reason our Asst. Chief didn't see the humor until later on.) The second had wrapped herself under the bed framing. Ex-termination was similar to a tug of war, but after much hard work both snakes were removed to a nearby panel van. The snakes were apparently not injured by the experience.

Upon investigation by Chief Pete Taylor evidence was found that the owner had been using several heat lamps to keep the bed warm as a nesting place for the snakes. Evidently the snakes had bumped one of the lamps onto the bedding which eventually ignited, burning a large hole in the mattress.

All members agreed that this was one of the strangest rescues we have made. Asst. Chief Mulinix said "Everyone was telling us that the snakes wouldn't hurt us, that they were constrictors not poisonous, but you never know how an animal will behave when under stress."

We hope that any other members of our community with exotic animals will let us know!!

Mickey White, Training Officer

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The truck has a 1250 G.P.M. LDM single stage pump, 1000 gal. hot dip galvanized tank, top console pump panel, top deck gun discharge, and high side compartment on both sides. The truck is powered by a International 4900 with DTA 466 Diesel, auto trans, with raised fully enclosed canopy for three firefighters to ride safely.

This truck is the second Darley delivered to Beverly Shores in one year. Thanks to The Fireman's Store and W.S. Darley.

Chester Twp. Kenneth Moore, 32, Killed; Monte Mendenhall, 3 Children Critically Hurt in Jackson Twp. Head-on Crash

In a late morning update today on the four injured Mendenhalls from the Wednesday afternoon crash, Monte Mendenhall, 43, remained in critical condition at Parkview Hospital. Ryan Mendenhall, 12, was listed as fair, and Kelley Mendenhall, 5, as serious, both also at Parkview. Cory Mendenhall, 9, was transferred from Parkview to Lutheran Hospitals where his condition was listed as serious.

By JIM BARBIERI

Two vehicles suddenly came together with shattering force in the middle of a Jackson Twp. rural road at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday. It may never be known just why or

how.

Dead at the scene of massive multiple head, chest and other injuries was Kenneth A. Moore, 32, of 1120E 1100S, Keystone, a Chester Twp. address.

His crushed maroon 1980 Chevrolet Malibu 4-door burst into flames after the crash.

He was pulled from the flaming wreckage and was not burned. The fire was not a death cause, according to Coroner David Goodwin at the scene, which was on County Road 700S, a half-mile east of Ind. 3, or a mile south and 1 1/2 miles west of Mt. Zion.

Critically injured were all four occupants of the other vehicle, a 1987 Ford silver-grey and blue Aerostar van.

They were the driver, Monte G. Mendenhall, 43, of 6821S Ind. 3-90 Warren (a Jackson Twp. Wells County address), his sons, Ryan Mendenhall, 12, and Cory Mendenhall, 9, and his daughter, Kelley Mendenhall, 5.

Monte Mendenhall, who was pinned for about 40 minutes before he could be freed in vigorous action by the Van Buren Rescue Unit, and son, Ryan, were taken by ambulance to Wells Community Hospital. Shortly thereafter they were transferred by Samaritan helicopter from the jail heliport to Parkview Hospital.

Cory and Kelley Mendenhall went by ambulance to Caylor-Nickel Hospital. Soon they were

headed on another ambulance run in their transfer to Parkview.

The extensively-hurt four Mendenhalls had multiple fractures and other injuries including head injuries, said Indiana State Police Senior Trooper Robert Plummer, leading the investigation and assisted chiefly by Wells County Deputy Sheriff Diane Gilliam.

Pinned in the driver's seat as the smashing impact crumpled and caved the fronts of both vehicles all the way to the occupant compartments and shoved back steering columns, Monte Mendenhall was unconscious or barely conscious in the accident aftermath, according to Deputy Gilliam.

His condition was regarded as extremely grave at the scene and following.

The three children all were conscious.

Although all three children were indicated as critical at the outset, Ryan was listed later as in fair condition. Cory and Kelley remained critical.

No one was indicated thrown out in the crash.

Trooper Plummer said his information was that Ted Flock and Michael Moore pulled crash victim Kenneth Moore out of his car's wreckage as they hastened up to the site with the car being caught up in flames.

A woman identified to Trooper Plummer as Rita Miller (although

he had not had the chance to check further on the name) removed the three injured children from the Mendenhall van amid fears that vehicle would burn also.

The two vehicles ended up almost horizontally across the 18-foot-wide County Road 700S, with their mangled fronts only inches apart in the middle of the road. The back of the car was slightly above the south side ditch, and the back of the van just above the north side ditch.

Despite the proximity and the intense heat of the flaming blaze engulfing the Chevrolet car, the nearby Ford van did not catch fire. But the Moore auto was fully gutted and burned to a crisp.

The Warren Fire Department, first fire unit on the scene, initiated the action keeping the blaze from spreading to the van in which Monte Mendenhall was still pinned.

Arriving were the Van Buren Fire Department and Rescue Unit. That rescue unit took over the difficult task of freeing the badly hurt Monte Mendenhall and removing him.

Also coming to assist were the Bluffton Fire Department and Rescue Unit. Wells County and Montpelier ambulances and EMS personnel aided at the scene and in transport actions.

Further helping, in addition to investigating officers Plummer and Gilliam plus Coroner Goodwin, were Sheriff Tim Meade, Jail Matron-Deputy Janet Meade, Chief Deputy Sheriff Brooks Mounsey, County Det. Barry Sto-

ry, Deputy Sheriff-Jail Commander Ron Campbell and Reserve Deputies Steve Teague, Scott Turmail, Rick King, Chuck Shideler and Cliff Holloway.

Plummer said he believed Shideler, a Jackson Twp. resident, was the first from law enforcement to reach the scene, where neighborhood people and relatives had taken the quick early steps to seek saving lives.

Trooper Plummer said that the woman cited as Rita Miller also attempted CPR on Kenneth Moore after rescuing the Mendenhall children from the van, but there was no word of any life signs for Moore.

For his report, Trooper Plummer noted that no one in either vehicle was indicated wearing a seat belt.

While nothing may have changed the impacts for the drivers with the steering columns being shoved back in the enormous force of the collision, the injuries to the children could have been less severe if in seat belts, according to the state officer.

Mendenhall was westbound on County Road 700S and Moore was eastbound.

The Mendenhall home is only about a half-mile west of the crash scene and less than a quarter-mile north.

The Michael Moores live less than a mile east of the accident location. The younger Michael Moore, nephew of fatality victim Kenneth Moore, drove quickly to the crash scene where the fire was erupting and helped remove

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Head-on Crash

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Kenneth Moore from the wreckage, police related. I

Officers understood that the fatality victim had planned to do some routine work on his car at the Michael Moore place.

Related by Chief Deputy Mounsey was that the senior Michael Moores, active 4-H leaders here, were at the State Fair and were contacted there about the tragedy. They were reported Wednesday night as enroute home from Indianapolis after getting the word.

Rain was not an accident factor. Trooper Plummer said that the rain hitting that area early Wednesday evening did not start until after the accident. The surface under the wreckage was dry when vehicles were removed.

That stretch of 700S is open area with full visibility, in contrast to the rolling and hilly contour at other locations of 700S.

There were no visible signs on the gravel road of any skidding or braking actions before the crash.

Senior Trooper Plummer noted this. Now a certified accident reconstruction specialist as a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Plummer said he hoped to be able to make professional determinations on the speeds of the vehicles.

He said that from preliminary material and observations at the scene the two vehicles may have been traveling about the same speed and could have come together right near the center of the road.

Conjectures at the scene included the possibility of one of the motorists having lost control in a time and space frame so close that neither had chance to react. Or either could have gone to the center to seek avoiding the perceived course of the other. They could have swerved the same way to seek avoiding each other.

There were no known witnesses, and authorities were looking at all.

When the vehicles came together, the right hand side (driver's side) of the front of each vehicle plowed into the other.

While the auto's front was crushed and ripped apart, the van's front was folded back like an accordion as it was smashed.

There was no evidence that either vehicle moved more than inches from the impact location, police noted.

Moore's death was Wells County's fourth traffic fatality of 1992.

Bluffton News-Banner
August 13, 1992

Shane finished with fighting fires

By Sherie Smith
Chronicle-Tribune
SWAYZEE—Larry Shane has seen a lot of changes since he joined the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department in 1959.

But after 33 years with the department, Shane has decided it's time to step down.

"I just thought it was time to quit, let someone else do it," Shane said.

Shane, 66, joined the department in 1959.

Shane, who was co-owner of Shane & Hiatt, a Swayzee ser-

vice station, said he got interested in the fire department by going to the station and talking to the firefighters.

Today's volunteer firefighters must undergo a lot of training. That wasn't the case in 1959, Shane said, when there was no training.

"You just went to the fire," he said. "They showed you how to run the truck."

That old 1951 pumper, purchased when the department was started that same year, is still shiny red and is parked at the fire station. Although there is new equipment, Shane said the old truck still pumps water.

"They might have got rid of it if it wasn't for me," Shane said. "I wouldn't let them."

Today, the truck is used in parades.

Over the years, there hasn't been trouble getting volunteers for the department, Shane said. They limit the number to 20 and, he said, there is always a waiting list.

Everybody is on call, Shane said.

"When I started and you called the fire department, eight phones would ring at the same time," he said. "It was a continual ring, so you knew it was a fire call."

When the phone rang at the eight houses, those people then had to call two other firefighters on the list and that's how the department was alerted.

When called, Shane said he would head down to the fire station. If he was at home, his wife would call the other two numbers. If he was at work, someone there would make the calls.

"In later years, all 20 had a phone," Shane said. "Now we have pagers, radios."

Shane served as fire chief for 11 years starting in April 1977.

"I remember when the trailer factory burned down," Shane said. "I hadn't been chief very long. I was scared to death."

What was scary was the responsibility of directing the firefighters, Shane said. The fire happened at the Highland Homes Trailer factory in August 1977.

Through it all, he stuck with it.

"I like to do it," he said. "I've been very involved with the town."

Current Fire Chief Jeff Duncan said everyone likes Shane.

"He's just kind of like a dad to all of us," Duncan said. "Everyone on the department now came on while he was there. Probably 90 percent served under him when he was chief. We did things his way. If we needed a chewing out, we got one."

Shane has spent winters in Florida for the last five years, so that has limited his time with the department. He just went on the inactive list, which means he no longer carries a pager or goes to the fires.

If needed, he said he will come and run the radio at the station.

"It's tough to get up in the middle of the night, leave a hot meal, leave the family," he said. "I enjoyed every minute of it. I love the community work, but it's time to quit."

Lake Hills takes delivery of new pumper



The Lake Hills Fire Department recently took delivery of a new 1992 Emergency One Top Mount 1250 G.P.M. Pumper on July 1, 1992.

The new unit replaces a 1975 M.B. Mack Pumper. This unit saw and gave the department many years of service.

The new unit is a 1992 Emergency One aluminum body, 1250 G.P.M. pumper on an International Navistar Chassis. The unit includes a 1250 Hale Pump, 1000 gallon polypropylene tank, 40 gallon polypropylene foam tank pre-piped into an inductor in the pump. The unit also includes a 2500 gallon fold-a-tank mounted on the side of the unit with drop down rack, 5000 watt gas generator, two telescoping Federal Night Fighter spot/flood lights, 20,000 P.S.I. cascade system and fill station, pre-piped Akron Stinger deck gun, two-two inch pre-connects with T.F.T. nozzles, five 911 air pack seats, and air-conditioned cab.

The addition of this unit will help make our department more self supporting on all responses, especially day time calls with personnel shortages.

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Nearly 90% Of U.S. Homes Have At Least One Smoke Detector, Only 60% Have Working Detectors.

October 4-10, 1992, is Fire Prevention Week, which this year stressed "Test Your Detector - It's Sound Advice!"

The vast majority of homes in the United States have at least one smoke detector installed, according to the recent report "U.S. Experience with Smoke Detectors," published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). However, in the 88% of homes with smoke detectors, approximately one-third of the devices are not operational most often because of dead or missing batteries. That means only 60% of U.S. homes are actually protected by working smoke detectors.

To increase public awareness of the need to keep smoke detectors operational, the NFPA selected the theme "Test Your Detector - It's Sound Advice" for this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10.

"Simply having a smoke detector isn't enough to protect you from fire," says NFPA president George D. Miller. "It's got to be working in order to save your life. Further, having only one device may not be adequate protection for your home, depending on its size." NFPA's *Standard for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of Household Fire Warning Equipment* recommends installing a smoke detector on every level of your home, including the basement. Smoke detectors should be located outside sleeping areas and on each additional level.

If you experience a fire, having a smoke detector in your home cuts your chances of dying nearly in half. But you can do even more to prevent injury or death. "Smoke detector protection is just one aspect of household fire safety," Mr. Miller says. "Smoke detectors give you advance warning of a fire, allowing extra time to escape. But planning and practicing fire drills will make your escape quicker, improving your chances of surviving even more." NFPA's president also points out the value of residential fire sprinklers, which can actually put out fire in its early stages, greatly limiting the damage.

One major reason why the audible signal emitted by smoke detectors is a lifesaver is that the majority of fatal home fires occur at night when people are sleeping. "Contrary to what many people think, smoke is not likely to awaken you in a fire," says Mr. Miller. "In fact, the toxic smoke will probably put you into a deeper sleep. A working smoke detector will awaken sleeping people early on in a fire, giving them valuable extra seconds to escape." For people with hearing impairments, smoke detectors are available that use strobes or vibrations to signal the alarms.

Testing your smoke detector is the only way to know for certain it's working. NFPA's standard recommends testing smoke detectors weekly and replacing batteries at least once a year. You should also install a new battery when the device chirps, signaling low power.

Many people replace their smoke detector batteries when they change their clocks in the

fall each year.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs has teamed up with Energizer® Batteries to promote an annual campaign called "Change Your Clock- Change Your Battery," which urges consumers to use the time change as a reminder.

This year, most U.S. states will turn back clocks on October 25. If you live where daylight-saving time isn't used (Arizona, Hawaii, eastern Indiana, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa), you might want to pick a birthday or anniversary date as reminder to replace smoke detector batteries annually.

Fire Prevention Week is commemorated each October, the full week - Sunday through Saturday - in which October 9 falls. The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 occurred on this day, killing 250 people and leaving 100,000 homeless. Since 1922, NFPA has been the sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, and the President of the United States has proclaimed the week every year.

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has led the way to global fire safety since 1896.

The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services. NFPA's standard on household fire warning equipment is one of 275 fire safety codes and standards published as the *National Fire Codes®*.

National Fire Prevention Association's Fire Analysis and Research Division produces numerous annual reports and special studies on the U.S. fire problem, including the report on smoke detectors. "Survive! Fire in Your Home" is the latest educational film produced by NFPA.

The Association also publishes the *Learn Not to Burn® Curriculum*, which teaches 22 fire safety behaviors to children in grades kindergarten through eight. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Training, Good Equipment and Mutual Aid Pays Off



Photographs by Linda Walsh

On Aug. 7th a passer-by reported a fire at 1521 Broadway, that address being a Two-Story Four-Plex located ten blocks from the Fire Station. The call was received 7:11 A.M. and our first Engine was on the scene at 7:15. The two west apartments were fully involved.

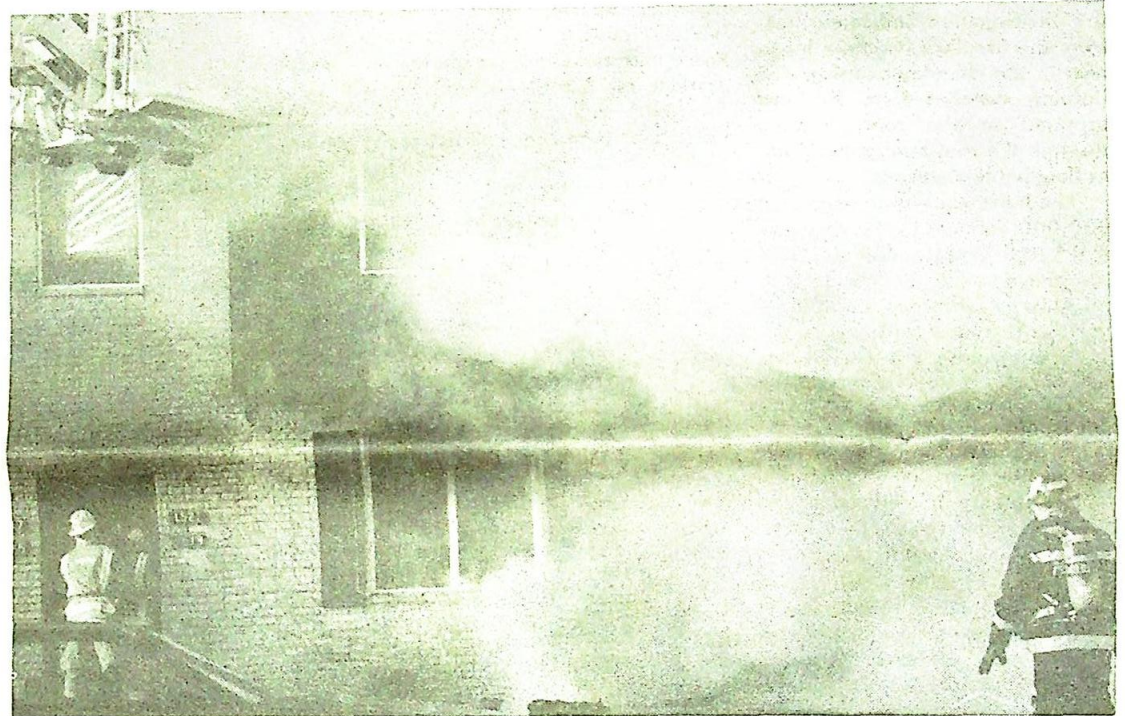
Engine 58 dropped 300' of 5" from a hydrant and used pre-connected lines for an aggressive interior attack. This fire was under control in approximately 15 minutes from the time of arrival.

The Porter Fire Dept. responded automatically with an Engine and Manpower. Chesterton Firefighters remained on the scene for four hours overhauling and assisting with the investigation.

The fire was reportedly caused by a tenant who had drained a waterbed but failed to unplug the heater.

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Ray Lawson - Public Information Officer
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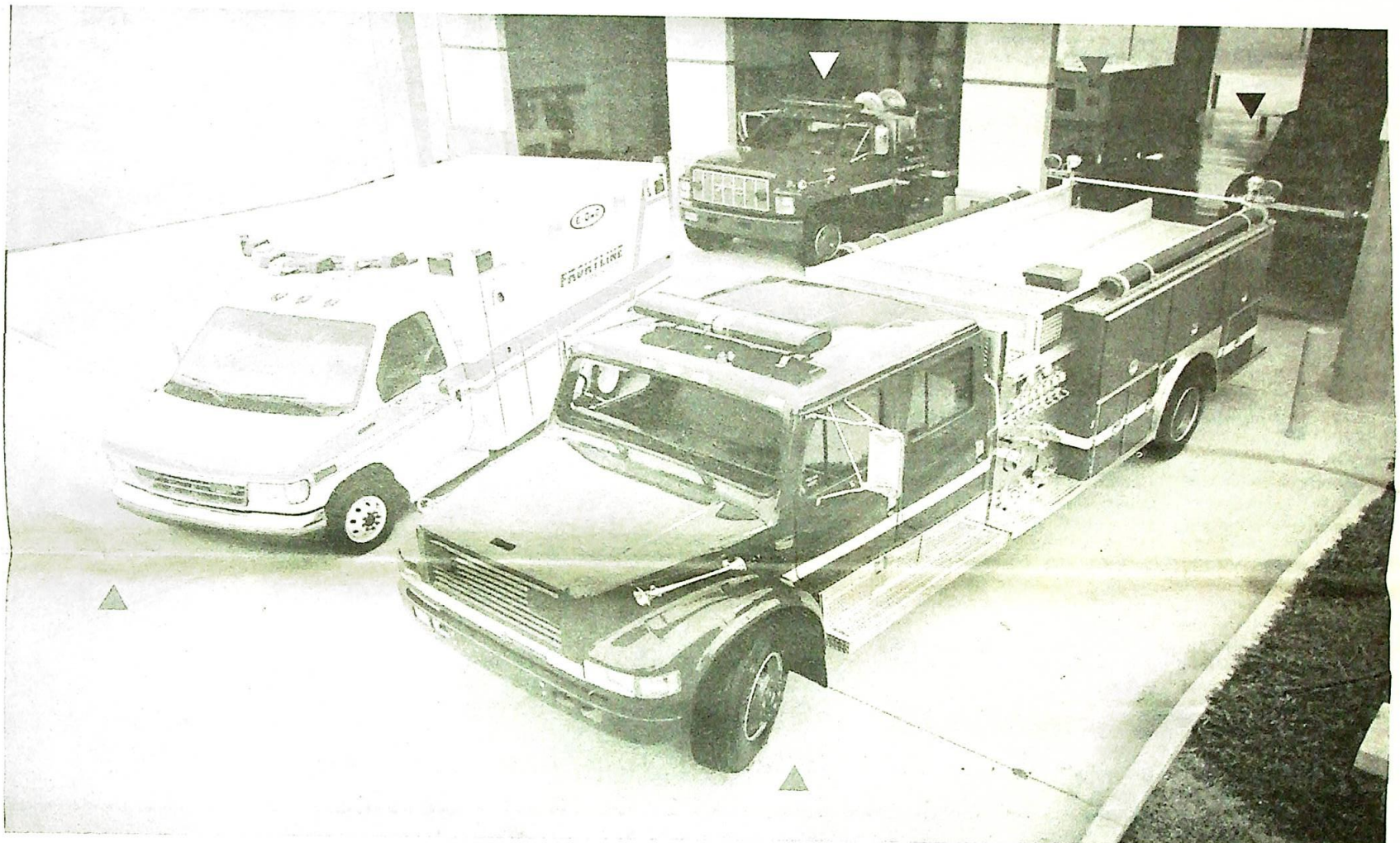
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Emergency personnel battle fuel leak outside truck stop

DALEVILLE — Runoff water from Thursday's rain created a problem for Chesterfield firefighters and emergency personnel throughout Madison and Delaware counties.

Water began collecting in excavation around two fuel storage tanks at the Daleville Truck Stop. The water became high enough that it lifted the tanks and caused them to roll onto their sides, said Bob Northern, public information officer for the Chesterfield Fire Department.

When the tanks rolled they severed the fuel lines to the pumps causing the residual fuel to leak into the rain water gathered in the hole, Chesterfield Fire Chief Danny Butler said.

A high concentration of unleaded gasoline fumes from the spill created the potential for ignition, which could have been disastrous, Butler said.

Foam used to suppress fuel fires was pumped into the hole around the tanks to reduce the gasoline fumes, Northern said. The foam, he explained, acts like a blanket and keeps the volatile fumes under the foam so that ignition is less likely.

However, firefighters and hazardous material experts at the scene were having difficulty locating enough foam in Madison

and Delaware counties, Northern said. Requests for the special foam were made throughout central Indiana.

As evening approached, firefighters were arranging to pump

the diesel and gasoline from the storage tanks to tanker trailers for removal from the site, Butler said.

Butler said the plan was to remove the tanks after they are

drained. The foam and contaminated water beneath it would then be pumped from the hole.

Firefighters from Salem Twp, Richland Twp, Anderson, Pendleton and the Indiana State Fire

Marshal's office, as well as personnel from Madison County Emergency Management and Indiana Department of Environmental Management were working at the site.

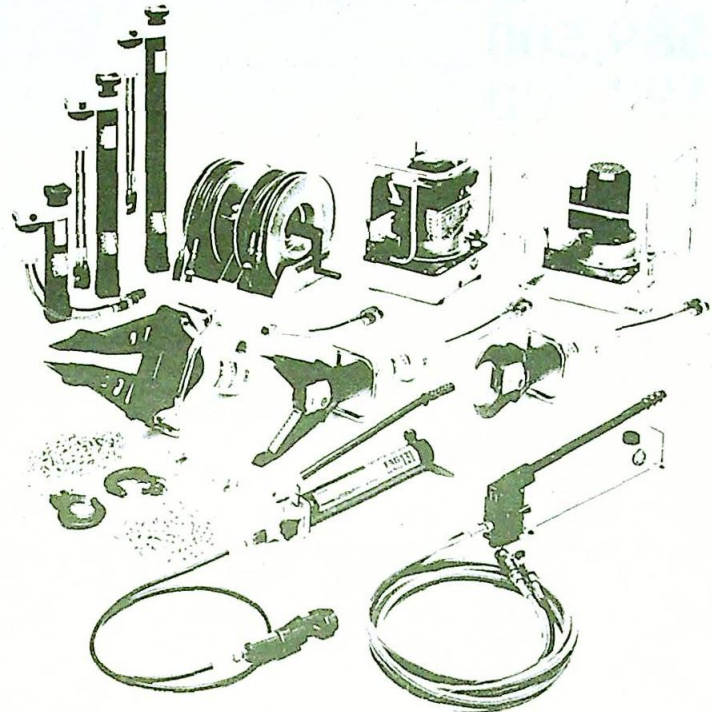
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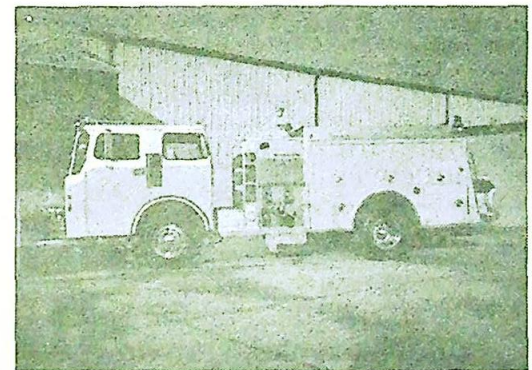
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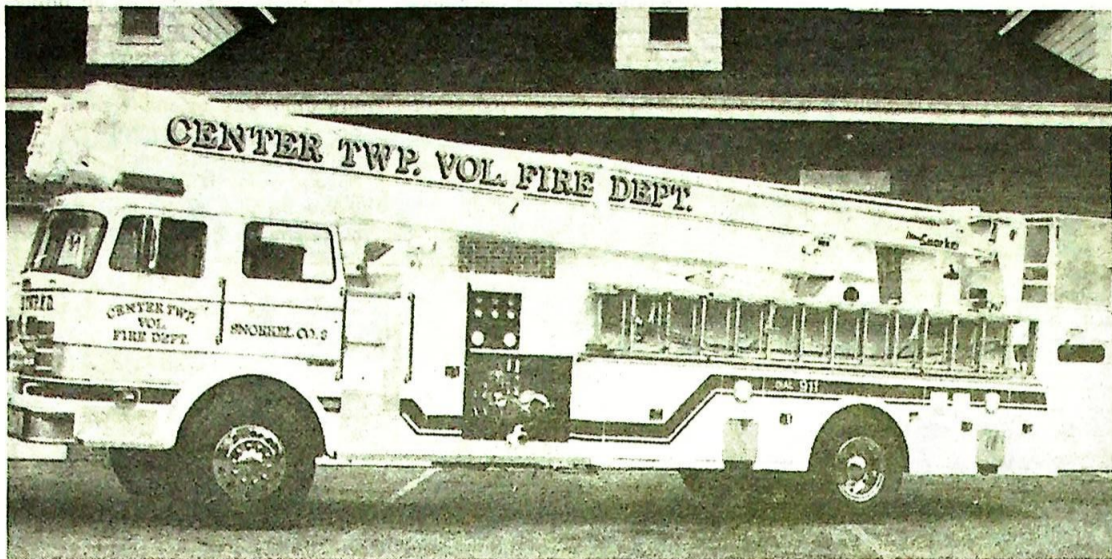
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New Snorkel For Center Township



In Feb., 1992, the fire fighting team of Center Township Volunteer Fire Department (CTVFD), LaPorte County, Indiana, purchased a used Snorkel from the city of Patterson, New Jersey.

The 1964 FWD 65 foot Pitman Snorkel has a 1000 pound basket and a Waterous 1000 gallon two stage pump. The boom is equipped with a 4 inch waterway and piped air to the basket. A 671 Detroit Diesel powers the all-wheel drive Snorkel through a Spicer 5-speed manual trans-

mission.

Approximately 400 man-hours were required to make the Snorkel fire-ready. The Snorkel was totally refurbished including the pump, ball valves, and the boom's hydraulic system's cylinders and valves.

Nearly \$40,000 was needed to purchase and refurbish the truck. Donations for the project were solicited from the township residents and local business leaders in March, 1992. On October 10, a dedication ceremony and ap-

preciation luncheon was held at the station to thank the benefactors and to unveil the completed Snorkel.

CTVFD's members are extremely proud of their accomplishment and ownership of a truck of such caliber. To compliment the Snorkel, CTVFD runs a 1987 Pierce 1000 gallon pumper, a 1978 Pirsch 1000 gallon pumper, three-2000 gallon tankers, two grass rigs and a 1992 Ford walk-in rescue truck.

Mary Wellnitz

Fire Prevention Monument To Be Unveiled

August 26, 1992 - Santa Monica, CA- The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Marc Mueller Awards Committee announced that the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence monument will be unveiled at the upcoming International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) conference being held in the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. The unveiling ceremony will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, September 13, just three weeks prior to National Fire Prevention week.

Speakers at the unveiling cer-

emony include Olin L. Greene, Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration; Robert McKeon, President of the NVFC; Jerrold S. Pressman, former member of the Founding Board of the United States Fire Academy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, and Vice Chairman of Master Protection Corporation; and Daniel Coffman, President of California State Firefighters' Association. The ceremony will be held at the NVFC booth.

The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence, which was established with the assistance of Master Protection Corporation, recognizes volunteer firefighters who demonstrate superior efforts to protect the public through a continuous promulgation or enforcement of outstanding fire prevention programs in their com-

munities. The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence monument, which stands approximately 6 feet tall, is a three section, illuminated image of a firefighter rescuing a child from flames.

About the Award, Master Protection Corporation President Robert L. Wiles stated, "We are proud to be working with the NVFC in supporting the cause of fire prevention and attracting well deserved attention to the heroes who save lives, prevent devastating burn injuries and loss of property before fire occurs."

The first recipient of the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence will be named at the NVFC meeting on September 19 in Juneau, Alaska.

The Award is named after Volunteer Firefighter Marc Mueller who dedicated his life to public service and made major strides to

bring prestige, credibility and recognition to volunteer firefighters nationwide. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Sierra Madre Fire Department, located just east of Pasadena, California, where he previously had been fire chief. He also served as the California State Firefighters' Association's delegate to the NVFC. Members of his family will be in attendance at the unveiling ceremony.

The NVFC is a nationwide organization that serves the interests of 1.2 million volunteer firefighters.

Master Protection Corporation, headquartered in Santa Monica, California, is the nation's largest "single source" full service fire and environmental company. Operating under the trade name FireMaster, the company distributes, designs, installs and maintains a full range of fire protection equipment and systems.

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Mark Mueller Award of Excellence Monument

In designing the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence monument attention was focused on blending the National Volunteer Fire Council's progressive movement toward fire prevention with

the long standing traditions and legacy of volunteerism. To accomplish this, Master Protection Corporation selected a traditional metaphor symbolizing the fire service's role in protecting life - a firefighter rescuing a small child from flames. To represent the progressive concept of fire prevention, this turn-of-the-century image is carved into acrylic, a highly durable contemporary medium appearing like crystal. Combining these two concept, the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence monument was created.

The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence monument, which stands 6 feet tall, is divided into three sections. One section represents a building, another flames and the third is etched with a firefighter carrying a small child down a ladder to safety. An amber light, originating from the base, shines upward playing upon the light-refracting qualities produced by the acrylic etching, bringing the flames to life. The acrylic sculpture rests on a base made of gray, white and black speckled granite with natural amber swirls which further represents flames and smokes.

Joseph Galvan, sculptor of the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence, has been creating original artwork using acrylic as a medium for over 15 years. Using personally developed sculpting and fabricating techniques, he constructs long lasting art pieces using original concepts and designs. His studio is located in Culver City, California.

Greene Co. Annual Field Day



On September 13, 1992 Greene County Firefighters Association held its 14th Annual Field Day at Linton City Park. A pitch in dinner was enjoyed by all.

Games played were waterball, bucket brigade, hose roll, hose replacement and cathedral ladder raise.

Teams who participated in the games were Center Township-Richland Taylor, Fairview Park, Lewis Township, Linton, Worthington and Wright Township.

We would like to extend a special Thank-you to Bloomfield State Bank for sponsoring the trophies. Linton Fire Department for supplying the equipment for the days activities and to the judges.

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Home Smoke Detector Tips From The National Fire Protection Association

Smoke detectors are a powerful fire safety technology - if you have them! For less than the cost of dinner at an inexpensive restaurant, smoke detectors reduce your chances of dying if you have a fire by about 40%.

Who has smoke detectors? If you still don't have smoke detectors, you're part of a small, shrinking, high-risk minority. Out of every seven U.S. households, six now have at least one smoke detector. Two decades ago, less than 5% of households had detectors.

What are smoke detectors? Fire creates many changes in the environment, and each change can be used as a way to detect fire. Most home smoke detectors use either an ionization or a photoelectric principle. An ionization detector uses a very small quantity of radioactive material to make the air in the detector chamber conduct electricity. Smoke from a fire will interfere with that electrical current and trigger the alarm. A photoelectric detector uses a tiny light source shining on a light-sensitive sensor. Smoke from a fire will interfere with the light and trigger the alarm.

There are many other kinds of fire detectors, which may be designed to detect high temperatures, rapid changes in temperature, certain gases produced in fires, and so on. But fire protection in a home should start with a system of smoke detectors. And you'll want to use only labeled units-detectors bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory.

How long have smoke detectors been around? Home fire detectors have been around for most of this century - since the 1920s, in fact. However, it wasn't until 1970 that the familiar single-station, battery-powered smoke detector became available. And it took a few more years of testing to show that you could protect a typical home with just one unit per floor. Once the standards reflected those new findings, home fire detection protection was literally within reach of every pocketbook. And the re-

sulting burst of sales and growth of usage was everything we might have hoped.

Why smoke detectors? In a hostile fire, smoke and deadly gases tend to spread farther and faster than heat. That's one reason why fire deaths due to smoke inhalation outnumber fire deaths due to burns by two to one - and the smoke inhalation share has been growing. Nearly two decades ago, tests on the speed of warning given by smoke detectors and heat detectors for many types of typical home fires showed smoke detectors consistently give first warning - often by enough of a margin to make a major difference in your chances of escaping alive. That's why your basic protection should consist of smoke detectors, with heat detectors reserved for optional extra protection in areas like kitchens, attics, and garages, where smoke detectors are too susceptible to nuisance alarms.

How many smoke detectors do you need? For minimum protection, NFPA's Standard 74 on household fire warning equipment - by far the most widely accepted standard on what you need for smoke detector protection - requires smoke detectors outside each sleeping area and on each level of the home, including the basement if you have one. (If you sleep with your doors closed, consider installing a detector in each bedroom, too.)

The same tests that showed how effective smoke detectors are also showed that you need every-level protection to give enough warning no matter where fire begins. In new homes, NFPA standards require hard-wired detectors that are interconnected so that all the horns will sound whenever one detector discovers a fire. The reason is the same - to buy extra time for escape when even seconds could mean the difference between life and death.

Surveys have shown that the majority of households with detectors do not have all the detectors they need for minimum protection. A detector is not a magic wand. It can't protect an unlimited space, it can't protect you if you put it in the wrong place, and it can't protect you if it's left in its box or not properly supplied with power.

Where and how do I install my smoke detectors? Detectors that are hard-wired into the home electrical system should be installed by a qualified electrician. If your detector plugs into a wall socket, make sure it has a restraining device to keep its plug from being pulled out. Most de-

tectors are battery-powered and can be installed with just a screw-driver and drill.

Smoke and deadly gases are also hot, so they rise toward the ceiling, and that's where your detector(s) should be - on the ceiling at least 4 inches from the nearest wall, or high on a wall, 4-12 inches from the ceiling. (If you have a high-pitched ceiling, mount the detector near the highest point.) The 4-inch minimum is to keep the detector out of possible "dead air" spaces, because hot air is also turbulent and may bounce so much that it misses spots right near a surface. Similarly, a detector should not be placed near an interior door, where air movement around the door frame might miss the detector, or near an outside door, window, or air register, where drafts might push smoke away from the detector.

In general, put your detector squarely in the path you think smoke would take if it were heading upstairs or through your home, toward your bedrooms. Protecting the bedrooms at night - where you are most at risk from a fire because you're asleep - is the top priority. The majority of fire deaths occur at night when people are asleep.

What maintenance do smoke detectors need? If your detector uses them, replace batteries according to the manufacturer's recommendations - but replace them at least once a year or when the smoke detector chirps, signaling low battery power. A good time to replace batteries is in the fall when you change your clock back from daylight saving time, or you can use an anniversary date as a reminder. If you move into a new home, replace all the batteries at once. Make sure everyone understands how important it is to have working batteries in every detector - and how dangerous it is to remove detector batteries, even briefly - for use in something else.

Besides battery maintenance, the other maintenance need is to keep your detector clean. Never paint the detector itself, and cover it if you are going to be doing some work near it that could put a lot of dust in the air. To take care of routine dust and cobwebs, vacuum or clean your detectors once a year - when you change the batteries so it's easy to remember - following the manufacturer's instructions on how to clean.

Why is detector testing "sound advice?" A detector that isn't working is no better than no detector at all. It may even be worse, because it gives you a sense of being protected that isn't real. Testing your detector is the only way to be sure your detector is working - and a working detector greatly reduces your chances of dying in a home fire, which makes regular testing sound ad-

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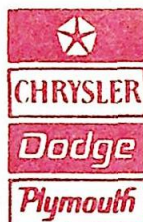
Unfortunately, NFPA estimates that about one-third of all home smoke detectors are not working, usually because of dead or missing batteries. Regular testing is the only way to make sure this doesn't happen to you. NFPA recommends testing each detector once a week. If you test your detector once a week, you can't go more than a couple days without detector protection. If you test it less often, you could go weeks or months with no protection. What if that's when you have a fire?

What else should I know? Know what to do if the detector ever does go off to signal a real fire. Develop and rehearse an escape plan - one with two ways out from every room, especially bedrooms. Have an outside meeting place arranged in advance so that if a fire does happen, no one will need to wonder whether everyone has gotten out safely. And rehearse your plan so everyone can be sure they'll be able to escape quickly if necessary.

Know how to deal with nuisance alarms without losing detector protection. If you have a problem, try switching to a different type or brand of smoke detector or try adjusting the position of the detector to get away from cooking fumes, steam, and any of the other air movement problems cited earlier.

Finally, if you've finished this fact sheet and you're already doing everything right, think about the next step beyond smoke detectors - home fire sprinklers. Even a home with complete smoke detector protection can achieve a major additional reduction in fire risk with home sprinklers, which are now surprisingly affordable and anesthesiologically unobtrusive. Contact your local fire department for more details or the NFPA for specific statistics if you're interested.

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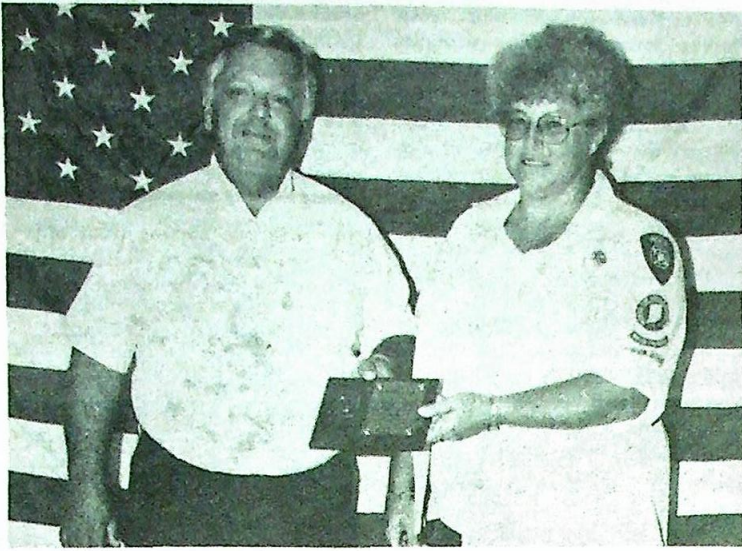
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An IVFAA and Hope Fire Dept. Auxiliary member, Nadine is a certified "Master Firefighter" who has worked hard at District 10's functions over the years.

Preble Volunteer Fire Department

The Preble Volunteer Fire Fighting Association was organized in 1951. The fire department, now in its 41st year of operation, has a fleet of four trucks (1 fire truck, and 3 tankers) plus a Cascade unit which serves the Preble firemen and which is used on regular runs for fire departments in the county, supplying them with for air packs, when needed. The fire dept. also owns and maintains a community park.

The addition of a park began out of necessity. Noting the need for a permanent location at which to hold their fund-raising events - which at the time were tractor pulls and consignment auctions held on the farming ground of fire department members.

Land was purchased and work began in the Fall of 1966. In August, 1967, The Preble Firemen's Park located on the west edge of Preble Indiana on US #224 became a reality. It was formally dedicated by then Senator of Indiana, Vance Hartke. The new park had a pulling arena, bleachers, a speaker's stand, and a parking lot. Food was served by the wives from a rented tent.

The following year, a pavilion was built that housed a small kitchen, dining room and rest room facilities; the outside of the building had a covered patio and sidewalks. The area Garden Clubs became involved in the planting of trees and shrubbery. The outdoor area is illuminated by the use of mercury vapor and quartz lighting.

A Firemen's Auxiliary was organized in 1978. The ladies provide food service at events held

there and assume pavilion maintenance duties. In commemoration of the Preble Centennial held in 1984, the Auxiliary funded the cost of a 50x50 foot addition to the pavilion allowing for a larger kitchen, serving, seating and storage areas.

Also in 1984, the park grounds were enlarged by the donation of a strip of land which formerly had been owned by the Erie-Lackawana Railroad and which upon discontinuation of the railroad line thru Preble, reverted back to the owner, a member of the fire department.

The strip was leveled, graded than topped with crushed limestone, and now is used for parking as well as an additional driveway to the park.

A six inch well at the park supplies the water needed for the tankers when the firemen are called to fight a fire. A good supply of water is a must for a rural fire department.

Fund-raising events have been many and varied thru the years. The schedule this past summer included:

June 13: POWER-O-RAMA Bog and Pull. A 4x4 and 2 wheel truck pull, mud bog and garden tractor pull.

July 18: Old time tractor pull; mud bog; 2 wheel and 4x4 truck pulls.

The Summer Fest (up until this last year was known as German Fest) is the largest event of the year and seems to grow each year. It was held on Friday and Saturday August 7 and 8 and featured authentic German food, bratwurst and sauerkraut, Black Forest cake as well as sandwiches, pies, beverages, etc.

Saturday began with a pancake and sausage breakfast. At noon besides the German foods was BBQ chicken and pork chops. Few people leave Preble Park without enjoying the crunchy goodness of kettle-cooked carmel corn.

Children in the community are royally entertained with a large variety of games and contests which include: greased pig, sack

race, peanut hunt and a kiddie tractor pull.

Adults enjoy the mud volleyball, waterball tournament, miniature golf, radio controlled truck pull, craft and farm toy show.

A new feature this past summer was the doll and accessories display of dolls of all ages, with a special display focused on the 75th anniversary of the Raggedy Ann doll.

There were varied displays of antique power equipment, some were demonstrated. Polka dances topped off each evening. The names of the raffle winners were drawn at the Saturday night dance intermission.

The year of activity concludes with the Tannenbaum Fest scheduled for Saturday, November 28, 10 to 4 at the park. The fest kicks-off the first day of sales of fresh Christmas trees, for the firemen who also offer 12 lb. bags of popcorn and salted peanuts in the shell. Tree sales continue until 500 trees are sold - usually in about 2 weeks.

The fest is held in a large heated tent in addition to the pavilion for rented spaces for vendors sales of crafts, farm toys, sports cards, etc. Fire department families donate home made cookies and candies, to be sold in the Cookie Corner booth, where shoppers, for a nominal fee, may choose varieties of their choice to fill a container.

Children look forward to shopping in the "for kid's only" booth where no item is priced higher than \$5.00. Santa makes his appearance in the afternoon.

The Auxiliary's food booth with soups, sandwiches, coffee, hot cider and kettle-cooked carmel corn, keeps the cooks busy.

Organizers of the events are grateful and proud of the fine men and women who share time, talent and sometimes equipment for fun and funds, which benefit everyone in the community.

This article contributed by: A Preble Fire Department family.

Farmland Fire Dept. Wedding

Firefighter married chief's daughter. Mr. James Lee asked for Miss Angelique Williamson's hand in marriage in a two o'clock wedding ceremony at the Farmland Congregational Christian Church on July 4, 1992.

After the wedding, the bride and groom were given a firefighter's welcome on the Model-T with all of farmlands fire trucks following behind. While on their honeymoon James was being voted on a regulars position on the

roster. The Model-T was driven by father of the bride Chief Troy Williamson.

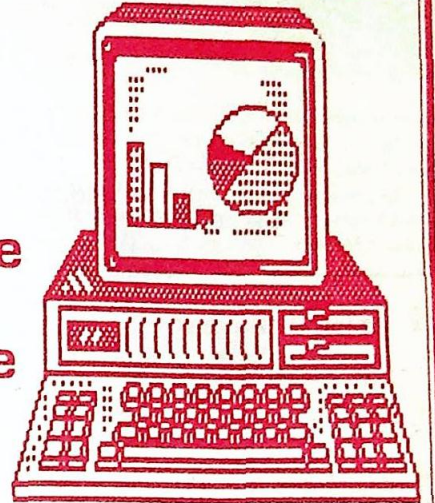
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