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Fire destroys Schnellville Mill's main mill building

By BILL POWELL
Herald Staff Writer

SCHNELLVILLE— Fire destroyed the main building of the Schnellville Mill Wednesday night, but owners of the business, feeling fortunate about all that was saved, said they expected to keep operating.

This morning, offers of grain, grinders, scales and whatever else might be needed were pouring in to the family-owned corporation.

The feed portion of the operation should regain a semblance of normalcy over the next several days, according to J.R. Lubbers, secretary-treasurer of the family owned corporation that runs the mill the oldest business in Schnellville. The Lubbers' Schnellville Mill True Value Hardware Store across the street was untouched by the fire.

Units of the Schnellville Volunteer Fire Department found the metal-sided mill on the east end of town totally involved with fire when they responded to a 10:19 p.m. call from the county's dispatching center.

With the help of neighboring departments in St. Anthony, Celestine and Birdseye, firefighters adopted a defensive attack to keep the fire from spreading beyond the mill building itself.

They contained the blaze and saved surrounding grain bins, an old warehouse, trucks and other miscellaneous equipment.

Portions of some mill walls collapsed during the overnight fire, but nobody was injured in the fight to put the blaze out.

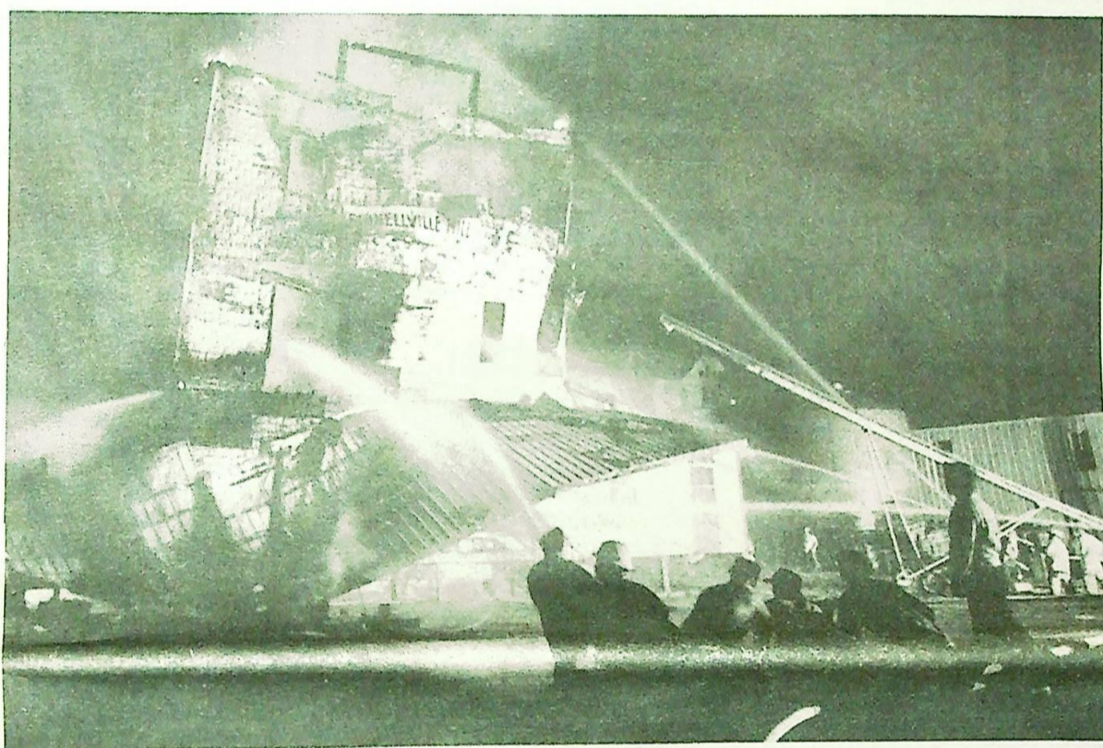
Today, a metal, Christmas tree framework of grain pipe legs, that normally stand straight up and down, leaned at a 30 degree angle. A crane will be required to safely remove it before the State Fire Marshal's office, already called in, can complete its investigation.

A dozen trucks and five dozen firefighters worked the fire. Most returned to their station houses during the wee hours of the morning. Schnellville firefighters were still on the scene at mid-morning eating scrambled eggs and bacon from the backs of their pickups, courtesy of their wives.

Schnellville Fire Chief Clarence Jetz said he heard two versions as to how the fire was reported.

"Somebody said a deputy sheriff came through and saw it and somebody else said someone came in a tavern uptown and told them," Betz said. Nobody was in the mill at the time of the fire.

The mill provides a one-stop outlet where farmers can buy



(Staff photo by Tim Myers)

Firefighters were working to contain the Schnellville Mill fire about 11:30 Wednesday night. The structure, built after a fire destroyed its predecessor in 1915, was a complete loss. Other properties of the business were saved by firefighters. The business has been in operation since 1876.

assorted feeds and supplements for hogs, cattle, poultry and other livestock. Farmers who tend just a few animals buy bagged feed. Larger farmers have feed mixes manufactured by the mill for their use. Big farming operations buy supplements and concentrates to add to their own grain to make their complete feed mix.

Bulk grains and supplements are stored in the bins that were saved. Bags of feeds and concentrates were stacked in the main mill that burned. Some corn was in the burned mill too. The building and its contents were insured, J.R. said.

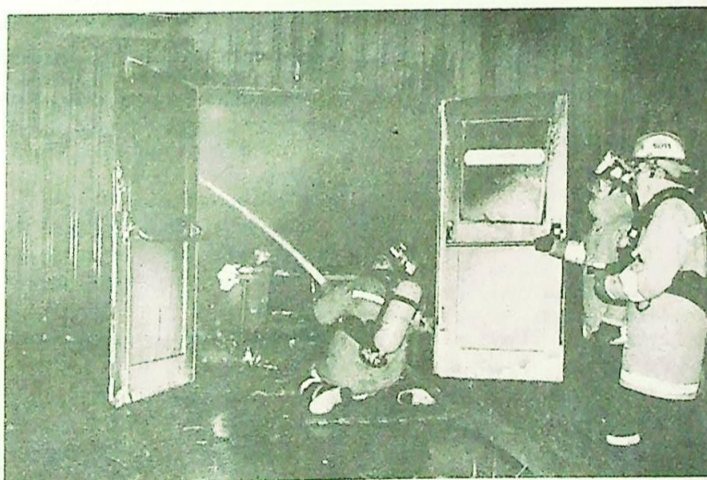
Firefighters halted the fire before it destroyed a small office attached to the northeast corner of the building. J.R. said all of the mill's records were saved.

"I can't say enough for the support from all the fire departments," J.R. said. "They saved anything that wasn't directly attached to the mill building, which, if you were here at midnight, you just couldn't hardly believe."

J.R. was working out of the hardware store's office this morning, cradling a telephone receiver and taking nervous pulls off cigarettes. Each conversation met with success as farmers and businessmen offered to lend, lease or sell anything that could help the

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Hillcrest Lanes / Homer's Sports Bar & Grill Destroyed



By Tony Hare/Peru Daily Tribune

Nearly 60 firefighters from 8 area fire depts. battled an early morning fire on September 1 that destroyed Hillcrest Lanes/Homer's Sports Bar & Grill.

Located on U.S. 31, approximately 2 miles west of Peru, the bowling alley was operated by Lee and Susie Holmes for about the past 20 years. The fire caused an estimated 1 million dollars damage to the structure and contents.

The fire was reported at 1:27 a.m. by a passer-by. The initial call was reported to the Indiana State Police (Peru) who in turn notified Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department, which is located in Bunker Hill.

Before completing the six-mile journey to the scene, Pipe Creek firefighters were informed by police officers at the bowling alley that smoke and flames were visible from the northeast side of

the structure.

Mutual aid calls were immediately made to seven local depts. for manpower and tanker support. Firefighters from Grissom Air Force Base, Peru, Onward, Galveston, Walton, Denver and Mexico responded. Peru's aerial truck was set up at the northeast side of the bowling alley as an estimated 40,000 gallons of water were used to battle the blaze.

Pipe Creek Fire Chief David Betzner took control of fireground operations, while Peru Fire Chief Bill Click operated the command post on the east parking lot. Also assisting at the scene were: Peru City Police, Indiana State Police, Miami County Sheriff's Dept., American Red Cross, Miami County EMTs and Miami County Emergency Management.

Although there are no hydrants in the vicinity of the bowling alley, the lack of water was never a problem as over 80 tanker loads were transported from the Peru city limits. The last employee exited the building about 15 minutes before the fire was reported and he noticed nothing unusual at that time. There was no sprinkler system in the bowling alley. An intrusion/fire alarm had been installed, but only the burglar alarm was operating. The fire alarm system had been shut off (unknown to Pipe Creek firefighters) due to false alarms in the past.

"You always think it will never happen to you, but someone else," Holmes said, fighting back tears. He opened Homer's in 1990, which included a big-screen TV, dance floor and kitchen. The bar and grill contained some of Holmes' favorite sports memorabilia, including items autographed by Larry Bird, Joe Montana and Peru's own Kyle Macy.

Although the fire was declared under control at 4:29 a.m. firefighters remained at the scene for the next 12 hrs cooling down areas that were hard to reach. After the scene was secured overnight by the Miami County Emergency Management, Pipe Creek firefighters returned early the next morning to survey the damage and continue the investigation.

Fire investigators from Pipe Creek and the State Fire Marshal's Office were at the bowling alley for two days sifting through debris in search of the cause of the million dollar loss. Although no cause has been found as of yet, fire officials have ruled the fire 'incendiary.'

Chief Betzner praised the efforts of everyone involved and noted only two minor injuries throughout the whole operation. One firefighter sustained a minor eye injury and another was also treated and released by Duke's Memorial Hospital after suffering a cut during the investigation.

Chuck Finster, Pipe Creek Fire Investigator

Evansville, "Come Alive In '95"

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From the President



Willie "Mitch" Parish

Autumn has arrived and the leaves are turning. The sand hill cranes are arriving daily at the Jasper-Pulaski Game Preserve.

The National Volunteer Fire Council held their 1994 Fall Conference in Indianapolis with Wayne Township Fire Department hosting the event. I would like to thank Larry Curl and the department for the great job they did.

On Thursday night after supper the auction was held and over \$1700.00 was raised in about two hours.

On Friday Ms Carrie Brown, U.S. Fire Administrator shared words of wisdom with the group and told of some future plans for the academy. Discussed was the federal death benefits for firemen killed in the line of duty, the benefit fund is at \$130,416.00 as of September 30, 1994. On Friday evening after the banquet Pat Babbs was presented with a plaque and a Gold Card from the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association making her a honorary member. She was elated to receive these awards.

March is just around the corner and it is now time to start working on scholarship forms. They must be turned in by March 1, 1995 to Lee Kissell. Anyone who needs a scholarship form should contact Lawrence Swartz or Lee Kissell.

Plans should be made now for the Indiana Fire Service Dinner which will be held on January 22, 1995.

I still need to receive meeting notices. So if you have a meeting coming up, send me a notice.

This being the last issue of the paper this year, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

December 31 is the final day of my Presidency and I would like to thank everyone again for their support.

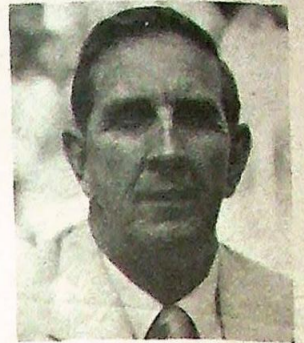
Just a Reminder

The Deadline for the February Newspaper is January 10th, 1995.

Get those articles and ads in NOW!

Robert Laney, Editor

Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father,
By whose appointment the seasons come and go, we pause to give thanks for the course of another year, of a good life in a good land and the gift of your Son.

We give thanks for the bountiful blessings and rewards of our work and the opportunity to serve your people, to protect them from the perils of fire and other catastrophe.

Please help our brothers and sisters in their endeavors and keep them safe and free from sin.

Fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness to you, O God.

In Jesus Name,
Amen

Giving Thanks and Thanksgiving

In his first letter to the newly established church at Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul opened with these words of thanksgiving: "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." (I Thessalonians 1:2)

He closed with these very profound thoughts: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:16)

In the scriptures, Jesus often blessed the food by giving thanks to God. Indeed, in one of the most amazing miracles ever recorded (in all four of the gospels), Jesus fed over five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish.

In the book of John, we read: Jesus said, "Have the people sit down."

There was plenty of grass in the place, and the men sat down, about 5,000 of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. (John 6:10-11)

The ancient Israelites many centuries before, formally celebrated twice each year by giving thanks to God; the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. Both had to do with the harvest.

In the 1621, the Pilgrims harvested their first crops in the new world and celebrated with a day of feasting and giving thanks to God for His blessings. The first officially proclaimed Thanksgiving Day was in Massachusetts in 1631. President Abraham Lincoln issued the first national proclamation many years later. The date was altered slightly by President Franklin Roosevelt to the fourth Thursday in November, and in 1941 Congress passed a law making that the official day for giving thanks.

This Thanksgiving Day, amidst all the revelry and feasting, the bounty and the beauty, the hustle and the bustle, please remember to take time to give thanks to God for the blessings you have received.

With deep thanksgiving, Lord, we accept all Your abundance before us. May it nourish us toward good works in Your name.

Have a good Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

Your Chaplain,
Charles J. Baker

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For information and additional forms contact:

Lawrence Swartz, Chairman, Bridgeport Scholarship Committee

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In hog heaven Scores die as truck overturns on U.S. 30



TWO CASS-CLINTON VOLUNTEER firefighters look at a dead hog in the area along U.S. 30 near CR-700W, where a truck carrying hogs overturned early this morning. Sixty to 70 hogs were killed.

By Jim Hale/Staff

Cathy Behrendt
The La Porte Herald-Argus
WANATAH—A truck carrying 196 hogs overturned on U.S. 30 early this morning, killing between 60 and 70 hogs and blocking westbound traffic for nearly six hours.

Gregory Garland, 26, of McCombs, Ohio, was driving the Mack truck filled with hogs from Ohio to Iowa when he fell asleep at the wheel at about 1:15 this morning near CR700W, 3 miles east of Wanatah, Indiana State Police said.

The truck went off the westbound lanes of U.S. 30 and fell over on its side. Garland was not injured, police said.

Both westbound lanes were closed until 6:45 a.m., police said.

About 20 of the 260-pound hogs escaped from the trailer following the accident, but only went as far as the dirt in a nearby field, said Leonard Petrone, co-owner of John's Garage in Wanatah.

The owner of the hogs, Dan Radebaugh of Pandora, Ohio, could not be reached for comment this morning. But Purdue Extension Agent Walt Sell said the hogs which were killed would probably have been worth about \$7,500.

Rescue efforts for the trapped hogs went smoothly, Petrone said. The Cass-Clinton Volunteer Fire Department sawed the roof of the trailer open, and Petrone, his crew, firefighters and state police worked together to herd the hogs into a makeshift corral,

Petrone said.

The surviving hogs were "a little upset" by the accident, but the heat kept them from being troublesome to their rescuers, Petrone said.

"They were so hot, once they got out they just laid right in the dirt where it was cooler. Them hogs can't take the heat," he said.

Two local farmers were hired to bring in trailers to remove the hogs from the side of the road, Petrone said.

The live hogs were back on their way to market this morning, and the dead hogs were being disposed of by Plymouth Fertilizer, Petrone said.

June 16, 1994

Suspicious fire guts Fish Lake house

Fish Lake - The cause of a mysterious fire which virtually destroyed a house in Fish Lake late Wednesday night will be investigated by the State Fire Marshal today.

The fire at 2007 N. Longshore Drive is believed to have started around 11:50 p.m. in the north side of the house, which is owned by William and Nina Emberyon, Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Foster said this morning.

The Emberyons had left town early Wednesday morning and had not yet returned when the fire started, Foster said.

Since no one was at home at the time of the fire and no immediate cause was found, Foster called in the fire marshal.

"We do have some doubt that it was an accident," Foster said.

Although the walls of the house are still standing, the roof and contents were destroyed, Foster said.

LaPorte Herald-Argus
September 8, 1994

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 12

The 12th district meeting was called to order by our chairman Don Johnson at 7:00 o'clock at the Stilesville Fire Dept.

Prayer was given, followed by the Pledge.

Roll call was answered by 27 members representing 12 depts. and 11 guests.

Broke for refreshments. Very delicious.

Recovered 7:40. Minutes of the last meeting approved as read. Treas. report filed for audit. There was no old business.

Don turned the meeting over to Toddy Michl for elections.

Our officers for the year 1994-1995 are: Chairman Don Johnson, Vice Chairman James A. Bruner, Sec./Treas. Rosie Johnson, Sgt.-At-Arms Jack Jones, Chaplain James R. Bruner.

Don announced that Jerry Hauer had resigned from his position with the state, to take a position with the 500 track.

He also told of several awards to be given at the EMS Conference in Sept. and several schools and seminars to be given before the end of the year.

Don appointed a by-laws committee. They are Jerry Fishel, Jim Elliott and Lynn Elliott of Coatsville. So, if you want some changes, contact these people.

Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

September 19, 1994

The 12th district meeting was called to order by our Chairman Don Johnson at 7:10 p.m. At the Coatsville Fire Department.

Prayer was given by our Chaplin James R. Bruner, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Don welcomed the wives and thanked them for keeping the men in line.

Broke for refreshments.

Called back to order at 7:40.

Roll call was answered by 25 members representing 8 departments and 4 guests.

Minutes were approved as read. Treas. report filed for audit.

Don asked for names for the Midwest Award to give to James R. Bruner by Dec. 1, 1994. His

address is 1053 Pin Oak Dr. Mooresville, 46158.

By-laws committee are still working on them. Should have something by next meeting.

Don announced several seminars scheduled for the next few months. He also read a letter from Mr. Cottey about transporting epileptics to the hospital. Be sure you are up to date on this controversy.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Johnson, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 17A

July 21, 1994

The meeting of District 17A was held at Winslow, hosted by the Winslow Vol. Fire Dept. The meeting was called to order by chairman Jack Harker at 7:30 p.m. In the absence of Mark Hacker District 17A Sec., Bill Engel read the minutes of the last meeting.

Roll call was answered by 5 depts., 21 members, and one visitor. A discussion was held about the dues for 1994/1995. \$13.00 for members, \$7.50 for non-active and \$20.00 for associate members.

A discussion was held about the new by-laws changes and how each dept. can have a say-so through their district chairman.

District 17A elections were held and Pete Carter was elected as Dist. 17A Sec. and Jack Harker was re-elected district chairman.

The next district meeting will be held Sept. 21, 1994 at the Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept. in Petersburg at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Dedication of the new Odon-Madison Vol. Fire Dept. station will be held in Odon, Oct. 1, 1994, Sat. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

September 21, 1994.

The regular meeting of district 17A was held in Petersburg, hosted by the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Harker with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was read and 8 dept's, and 27 firemen were present.

The guests were Jack Kerney, SWPR; John Mullen, Midwest Fire & Safety; Alex Smith, The Blessing Co. and Sub-Tech, Inc., this is a Environmental Service Co.

An update on the IVFA membership and license plate forms was given, there is still some forms left.

A discussion was held about the legislation coming up next year and the convention that will be held in Evansville.

Talked about Pat Babbs retiring from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

A discussion was held on Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9th thru the 15th.

Jack Kerney talked about the 43 hours training and OSHA. Also a discussion was held about the By-Law changes.

An update was given by Jack Kerney.

Motion by Tim Smith to leave the voting on the by-laws up to the IVFA Officers. Seconded by Bruce Halvarson, Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting will be in Odon. This will be a B.B.Q. Turkey Dinner at their new fire station, Odon-Madison Vol. Fire Dept. - November 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 19

May 26, 1994.

Meeting was held at Hogan Twp. VFD. Meeting was opened with Pledge to the flag and prayer.

Guests present at meeting were, Mark Baumhardt, Bill Meyers, Jim Gilmore, Tom Hinkle, and Rachel Zims.

Minutes were read and approved.

First roll call was taken with 26 men from 11 departments reporting 139 runs.

No old business was discussed. New business included discussion of dues billing and plate forms. Make sure the number of plates needed is marked and sent back with your

department dues.

Copies of the Purposed Standard Operating Guidelines were passed out. If members have any input, contact Paul Covington.

Discussion about Fire Caucus Dinner included the following: The date was moved to Jan. 22nd, 1995. The Caucus was developed to pull fire service and legislators together in order to establish a relationship with them, so they might know and understand our needs and concerns. The meal is 100.00 a person. District 19 would like to send 2 people within our district to represent us.

Joe Caudell made a motion that each department send in a \$10.00 donation with a name of someone to represent Distr. 19 from their Dept. Names will be decided by random drawing.

Motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.

Ivan Nevil is looking for 19 sites for the week of Oct. 9th for the Sprinkler Demonstartion Trailer. If you are interested contact him.

Discussion about Firefighters II and advanced was held. Nothing you have will be taken away from you except in the area of instructors. Further information will be given at next meeting.

Tom Hinkle gave a briefing from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

2nd Roll was taken. Special events included Hogan Twp. Chicken dinner, June 19. Miller York Carnival last Fri. and Sat. of June. Moorefield Ice Cream Social, July 2nd.

Motion to adjourn was made and meeting was adjourned.

DISTRICT 15

The Sept. 20 meeting was held at German Township Fire Department. Due to the lack of participation at the July meeting, elections were held at this meeting.

In the absence of Chairman Seitz, Secretary Kerney conducted the election of District 15 Officers. Tim Wargel of German Township was elected District Chairman, Jack Kerney of McCutchanville was elected Secretary and Treasurer, Harry Logan of Marrs Township was elected Sergeant-at-Arms, and Barbara Kerney of McCutchanville was elected Chaplain.

It was great to see the large turnout at the meeting. Thanks goes to the volunteers at German Township Fire Department for a delicious meal served before the meeting.

Convention '95 Chairman Kerney urged all departments to select their Miss Flame Contestants. Barbara Kerney and Leslie Buckman will conduct our District 15 contest at our Jan. 17, 1995 meeting. Barbara Kerney asked all departments to get their contestants names to her or Leslie before the January meet-ing.

A discussion was held on how we may keep the attendance up at the District meetings. It was decided to have the meetings in alphabetical order by department, rotating in each county. Each department will be asked to host a District meeting.

New District Chairman Wargel and IVFA PR Southwest Director Kerney requested that all departments that have FAX machines, or have access to one, provide them with the phone number. Information can be Faxed faster and cheaper than by mail.

Our next District meeting will be held Nov. 15 at Knight Township Fire Department.

Sub-Tech of Evansville, an

environmental services company, was on hand to provide information on their emergency spill response and haz-mat mobile units. Jan Schuler of Sub-Tech invited all area Firefighter and Emergency Response Organizations to participate in their 1st Annual Firehouse BAR-B-Q. It will be held on Oct. 15 at their Headquarters on Hwy. 57 and Burch Park Dr. Larry Grimes, an attorney and Volunteer Firefighter will discuss "Legal Considerations for the Firefighter Regarding Hazardous Materials." John Buckman, Chief of German Township Fire Department will discuss "Who Pays the Bill When They Spill." Fire and Safety Equipment vendors will be on hand to assist with any equipment needs.

Jack Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 17B

August 17, 1994

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Chairman Luke Kluender at 7:55 p.m. at Marion Twp. Rural Fire Department, Mitchell, IN. Eleven members from four departments were present. Marty Carmichael from Hoosier Fire Equipment was also present.

Old Business: The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes by Charlie Cessna. Second by Dave Burton. Motion carried.

A replacement is needed for District Secretary. Paul Smoot was nominated for this position. Second by Dave Burton. Motion to close nominations by Jack Voigtschild. Second by Don Wedgewood. Motion carried. Paul Smoot is the new District Secretary.

New Business: District Chairman Luke Kluender discussed the bills that may be introduced at the next legislative session. Some bills that the IVFA is promoting may still need sponsors or additional support. Members should contact their legislators and make their views known.

Members were reminded that the IVFA functions on a representative basis, similar to the legislature. Members or departments that have questions or concerns need to work closely with their district chairman to keep current with IVFA benefits and also with legislature affecting the volunteer fire service.

Changes to the By-Laws regarding inactive memberships were presented at the last officers meeting. However, a formal copy of the proposed changes had not been received by this meeting date so they will have to be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

The IVFA will be hosting the National Volunteer Fire Council at Wayne Township. This is a good opportunity to meet volunteer fire representatives from across the country. The conference will be held Sept. 28-30. Contact Gene Stofer for details and reservations.

Several fire schools are coming up soon: New Albany (9/10 & 9/11), Ft. Wayne (9/24 & 9/25), and Lafayette (10/15 & 10/16).

Discussed the problem of extrication service in Lawrence County. It is anticipated that an agreement will be worked out between the county and Bedford Fire Department to have them continue providing extrication service.

Spencer Fire Department will be celebrating 100 years of community service. This will be part of the festivities at Spencer

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District 17B

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on the weekend of 8/27 & 8/28.

Marty Carmichael mentioned several specials from Hoosier Fire Equipment, including AMKUS tools.

The next meeting is the annual dinner at Perry Clearcreek on October 19.

Luke Kluender

DISTRICT 4

August 25, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M.

20 members and 3 guests, approx. 290 calls.

Pledge to the flag was led by John Ferro and prayer was offered by Russell Peterson.

Treasurer's report was given.

The convention committee paid back the I.V.F.A. \$4000.00 and gave 3000.00 to the Bridgeport Fund. John said he heard only good comments about the convention and that it ran smoothly. There was some discussion about whether there should continue to be a beer wagon.

Dick Glant thanked the 4th district for a fine convention, he thought one of the best run.

There was \$2800.00 left from the convention and John Ferro suggested the money be put into a 4th district fire training fund to be used by stations to put on fire schools. Money borrowed would be repaid with no interest. Comments were made that the money should be used for district schooling.

Motion was made by Penn South to transfer \$2800.00 into The 4th District Firemen Training Fund.

Second by Penn South. Motion carried.

Motion made by Penn South to give the I.V.F.A.A. \$800.00 Second by Centre Twp. Motion carried. Leaving a balance of \$2000.00 in the training fund.

Elections were held and the officers for 1995 are;

Chairman, John Ferro; Vice Chairman, Rick Vandegrift; Secretary, Greg Freed; and Chaplain, Russell Peterson.

Motions were made and passed to accept the By-Law changes as presented. Any department wanting to make changes in the by-laws must submit the changes in writing to the district chairman to go to Indianapolis.

Dick Glant invited the Departments to Bremen's International Water Ball Contest, also reported that the F.D.I.C. show will be in Indianapolis, February 1st to 8th. Dick stated the State is again looking at Grissom to locate the P.S.T.I. (Public Safety Training Institute). Pat Babbs is retiring September 15th.

Bill Kinsey reported that the Board of Standards and Education is getting an award for Pat and that the I.V.F.A. is getting her a wall clock. Bill ask the departments to send her a card. Bill gave his thoughts on the Fire Academy and local training.

Gene Goddard reported on the annual dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Jan. 22 1995 More information to follow. Register to vote, go vote and talk to your representative.

Penn South thought that too many rules and regulations were causing early burn out of firemen today! Those that attended the State Fire School didn't have anything good to say about it. There was also a problem getting the certification certificates. Gene Goddard clarified that it wasn't a state fire school, but that there were problems with the fire

school held in Indianapolis. There was also a question of why school busses and state snowplows were allowed to run blue lights?

Next meeting Nov. 17th at Concord 7:30 pm. This will be Miss Flame competition night. Come out and support your District 4 Miss Flame!

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Greg Freed

DISTRICTS 1,2

May 18, 1994

Location: Lake Ridge

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 8:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Howe.

Guests introduced included President Mitch Parish, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe, Ladies Auxiliary District #1 Chairman Dolly Komascar, District #2 Chairman Ann Moss, and the Miss Flames candidates from District #1 - Kristy Putnam and District 2 - Andrea Armenth.

Department History: given by Chief Luke. (Louis Donsbach)

Roll Call: District #1 - 45 members from 8 depts. & district #2 - 24 members from 6 depts.

Program: Given by members of the Lake County Prosecutor's Office and the Crime Lab concerning crime scenes that involve fire and ambulance personnel.

Minutes of March meeting: were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: none.

Communications: President Parish reported on and discussed the proposed new by-laws as they will be presented at convention.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the 1994 Convention, the upcoming National E.M.S. Week, the new D.O.T. Guide books which are now available, the fire works seminar on June 1st in Indianapolis, the Annual Fire Caucus on 1/22/95 and the importance of having your membership dues paid by July 31st.

Old business: 1996 Convention report given by B.A. Howe.

New business: Held a moment of silence for departed District #2 member William Alder of Crown Point.

Presented each Miss Flame candidate a \$200 donation to help cover their expenses while attending the convention.

Good of the Order: Announced that Lake Eliza is hosting Bingo on June 8th and an Open House on June 25th.

Announced that Lake Dale is hosting a Hog Roast on July 23.

Announced that the next meeting will be held at Ross Township #4 on July 20th.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Ken Corbeille of Lake Station-\$50.00.

Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1 - Beverly Shores District #2 - Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:30 p.m.

July 20, 1994

Location: Ross Twp. #4

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 7:25 p.m. to allow the program to begin early. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Howe.

Guests introduced included President Mitch Parish, Vice-President Richard Glant, Past-Presidents Ivan Nevil and Lawrence Swartz, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe, Ladies Auxiliary District #2 Chairman Ann Moss, the Miss Flame candidate from District #2 Andrea Armenth, and Katie Holderby from the Lake County Tourism Bureau.

Department History: Given by Chief Scott Mann.

Roll Call: District #1 - 46 members from 11 depts. &

district #2 - 21 members from 8 depts.

Program: Given by Lou Angely concerning a new video production now being offered to fire depts., called Working Fire Video Journal.

Minutes of May meeting: Were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: President Parish presented 50 Year Gold Cards and Ivan Nevil of the State Fire Marshal's Office presented the State Fire Marshal Service Awards to our distinguished members Myron C. Smith and John A. Wilson.

President Parish and Vice-President Glant reported on the 1994 State Convention.

Past President Nevil reported on the LP Gas Fire School in Highland on July 2th, the Amoco Pipeline Training on July 26th, 27th and 28th, the new SIDS Training Program, the resignation of S.E.M.A. Director Jerry Hauer, and the fire marshal training schedule.

Past President Swartz reported on the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund and the awards made at the convention.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the 1994 Convention award winners including Midwest Award Winners Andy Hyman from District #1 and Clarence Moss from district #2, the next issue of the newspaper scheduled for delivery in early August, and the need to get any legislation proposals for 1995 to your state officers as soon as possible.

Old business: 1996 Convention report given by B.A. Howe, who officially announced that we will host this convention.

Reminded members that the district 1 & 2 picnic will be held on August 6th at the Liberty Township Fire Station.

New business: Elections were held for the district offices with the following results:

Chairman - Dist. 1 - B. A. Howe; Dist. 2 - Larry Stott; Secretary, Dist. 1 - Jerry Schmitt; Dist. 2 - Lu Ann Reibley; Treasurer, Larry Stott, Ass't Treasurer B.A. Howe.

Reminded members that dues must be paid by July 31st.

Discussed the new by-laws that were passed at the convention.

Good of the Order: Announced that Lake Dale is hosting a Hog Roast on July 23.

Announced that the next meeting will be held at Wheatfield on August 17th.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Gary Sternal of Ross Twp. #4 - \$58.50.

Attendance Trophy Winners: District 1 - Merrillville; District 2 - Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:40 p.m.

Jerome P. Schmitt,
District #1 Secretary

August 17, 1994.

Location: Wheatfield

The meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott at 8:07 p.m. Pledge led by PRNW Howe.

Guests included President Mitch Parish, Past-President Lawrence Swartz, PRNW Howe, Past-District Chairman Bob Esserman, District 6 Chairman Doug Engel, District 9B Chairman Buzz Koehler, District 2 Auxiliary Chairman Ann Moss, and Past District 1 & 2 Auxiliary Chairman Bernice Esserman.

Dept. History was given by Wheatfield Chief William Daniels.

Program was provided by Brad Sandburg, investigator with the State Fire Marshal's Office and Van Tuley with the Merrillville ATF Office.

Roll Call: District 1 - 20 members from 8 depts. District 2 - 35 members from 9 depts.

Minutes of the July meeting read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: President Parish reported on State Officers Meeting in Indianapolis, new By-Laws regarding new Recording Secretary position, and resignation of SEMA Director Jerry Hauer.

Lawrence Swartz reminded members of cut-off date for the IVFA Paper and Bridgeport Scholarships.

Skip Highwood brought up possible legislation regarding the selling and setting off of fireworks.

PRNW Howe reminded everyone about getting dues paid and the IVFA plates are still available upon request. Also Mr. IVFA Award letters are due by April 1st and Ollie Sandburg Award letters are due by May 1st. On Aug. 23rd there will be a public hearing regarding the use of above ground tanks at gas stations.

Old Business: B.A. Howe reported 14 committees are needed for the '96 Convention. Letters will be sent to each dept.

1994 District 1 & 2 Picnic was reported on by Rod Norton of

Lake Eliza. \$800 Nozzle was won by Lake Hills in the waterball competition.

Midwest Award winners District 1 Andy Hyman and District 2 Clarence Moss were recognized and congratulated.

New Business: Moment of silence for Lake Village firefighter Joseph Rich.

District 1 & 2 picnic tentative for August the 12th.

Reminder to members to contact state legislature regarding legislation for the fire service.

Good of the Order: American Red Cross of Merrillville will be beginning EMT classes in Sept.

Also there will be a EMS Conference in Indianapolis on Sept. 15th, 16th and 17th.

Raffle Prize Winners: Pen light from T.M. Somers was won by Lyle Thomas of Merrillville.

Spanner Wrench from Fire and Safety Supply was won by Dan Meyers of Chesterton.

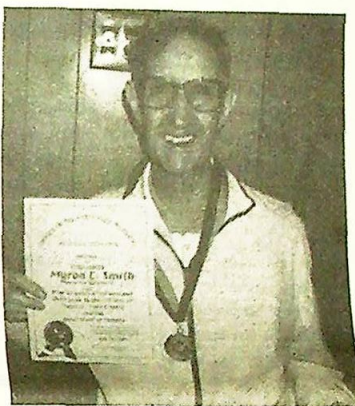
50/50 Drawing was won by Don Anderson on Four Season prize total \$50.

Adjourned at 9:44 P.M.

District 2 Secretary,

Lu Anne Reibly

Gold Card Recipients



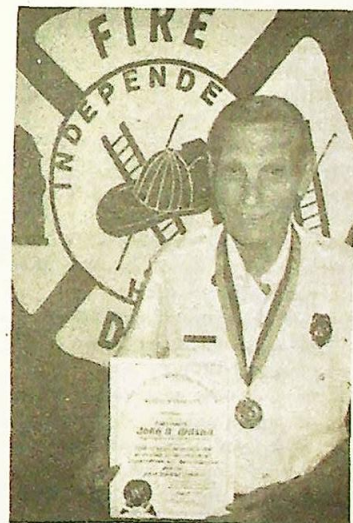
Myron C. Smith
Munster Fire Department

At the regular monthly meeting of IVFA Dists. 1 and 2 held at Ross Twp. Dist. 4 in Merrillville, there were two very special people honored by the IVFA and the State Fire Marshal. They were Myron C. Smith of the Munster Fire Dept. and John A. Wilson of the Independence Hill Fire Dept.. On Aug. 17, 1994 both men were presented with their Gold Card from the IVFA in recognition of over 50 years as a member of their fire depts. Also, both men received the Fire Marshal Medallion for the years of dedicated service to their fire dept. and the community. Making the presentation were President Mitch Parrish and Vice-President Dick Glant from the IVFA and Ivan Nevil of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

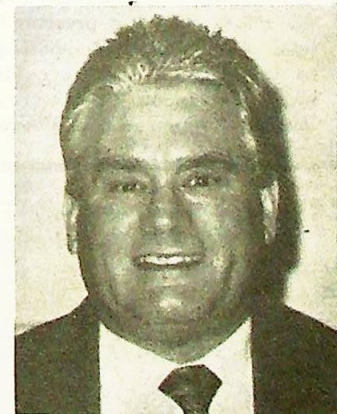
To give you a little history of these very special people, Myron Smith became a volunteer fireman in 1942. He held all of the line officers positions and in 1964 became Fire Chief. He remained

Chief until 1983 when he retired and even after his retirement he would still help around the Station until his health would not permit it.

John Wilson was a Charter Member of his Dept. He started by going door to door soliciting funds for the dept. in 1942. After fourteen months the dept. was organized, purchased property and acquired equipment. He has been an officer of his dept. since 1944. John has attended over 90% of the dept. trainings over the past 50 years. During 1993 and for the first three months of 1994, John has been the No. 2 man on calls answered. This is the reason that we could not get a group photo of all the people involved. John and several other members of Ross Twp. Fire Service were out checking a number of fire alarms, due to an



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DISTRICT 7

On September 19th, the regular meeting of the 7th district of the I.V.F.A. met at Markle Volunteer Fire Dept. at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mort Sorg, District Chairman.

Pledge to the flag was led by Mort Sorg.

Roll call was answered by 40 members representing 13 Departments.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Dale Gray, Secretary. They were approved as read.

Guests were Ivan Nevil and Gary Markley from the State Fire Marshal's Office in Indianapolis.

The District Chairman gave his report of the last State Officers meeting held in Indianapolis.

Ivan Nevil reported on changes being made at the Fire Marshal's Office and answered questions from the floor.

Gary Markley gave us some input on his new job with the Fire Marshal's Office.

The new by-law changes were read and voted on.

The next meeting will be held at Monroe Vol. Fire Dept. on November 21st at 8:00 P.M. This will be our Miss Flame Judging, so all Departments should have your girls present.

The last roll call was given and each department gave their upcoming events.

The ladies auxiliary joined us for refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Dale Gray, Secretary

DISTRICT 11B

The regular meeting of District 11B was held at Fairview Park Vol. Fire Dept. on Sept. 11, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. It was our annual picnic and we had a nice turnout. We presented our District Attendance Award to the Fillmore Vol. Fire Dept. for the 93-94 year.

We had a short business meeting to discuss the By-Laws changes that are proposed and the procedures that will be followed for voting on them at the district meetings. Also held discussion on ways to improve attendance at the meetings. Several ideas were brought up, one being to try an evening meeting. It was decided to try it on May 10, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. We will have more information later on this new meeting time but mark your calendar now for that date and plan to attend.

Our next meeting is Nov. 6, 1994 at Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept. starting at 1:00 p.m.

As the new year approaches we are again needing departments to host our meetings. If your department would like to host a meeting, call me at 317-245-2125 and I'll be glad to schedule a date with you. Out tentative dates for the next year are: Jan. 8; Mar. 12; May 10; July 9; Sept. 10 and Nov. 12.

Hope to see you at a district soon as your input and support is needed to keep your Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association strong.

Larry Bartlow, Dist. Chairman

DISTRICT 11A

October 10, 1994 Our last meeting was held at Fowler Park. It was our annual picnic.

Bob Meyers cooked a big pot of beans and everyone else brought a covered dish. Beans were so good and so was everything else.

Games for the adults and children were played. Bob Meyers from Otter Creek and Max Harrah were in charge of the children's games. Diane Harrison from Coalmont and Clay Shedler from Hymera were in charge of the adult games. Everyone who played had a good time. Thanks to all those who helped.

Table decorations were given as door prizes and they were donated by Bob and Joann Hays.

We really had a nice turnout. Several of them hadn't been there for a while. They were Ralph Splady and Bill and Chris Nicoson from Pimento and we had a very special one who hadn't been around for awhile. He was our district chairman in 1977 when Dist. 11 hosted the State Convention. It was "Red" Morris and his fiancée Carol Furnas. Red has moved back to Terre Haute, it was so good to see him.

Our other special guests were Past President Lawrence Swartz and his lovely wife, Theada. She sure enjoyed the park, Roy and Amy Cattom from Washington Twp. VFD, and Joe & Lou Schmarr also from Washington Twp. VFD. Our other guests were Jack Kerney and his lovely wife Barbara, Jack is SWPR. It was so good to have them plus our old standbys and their families.

By-Laws change and also the 24 hr. change to 43 hrs. were discussed. The letter from 9B dist. was read on the subject.

Our next meeting will be held at Linton Twp. (Pimento VFD) on

November 20th at 1:00 pm. Dinner will be served.

By the time you read this the holidays will be upon us. So I would like to take the time to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.

Don't forget to start thinking about all the awards that are coming up. Get your letters in and abide by the deadline.

Bob Hays, Chairman

DISTRICT 8A

The Last meeting of District 8A was held at Pipecreek Station on 9-14-94 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was announced and scheduled to be at Upland Volunteer Station but that was changed at the last minute. We attempted to contact everyone of the change.

The next meeting of district 8A will be November 9 at the Van Buren Volunteer Station at 7:30 p.m. Sorry about last meeting but it was one of those things.

We had 15 members representing 8 departments present at the meeting. There was 1(one) claim for damaged glasses processed. A discussion on insurance and IVFA benefits was held. Information and different points of view were exchanged.

Lawrence Swartz has been invited to the next meeting at Van Buren on Nov. 9. He will be able to answer questions about the IVFA three thousand dollar death benefit, the two fifteen hundred dollar scholarships, and any questions about the placing of ads in the IVFA newspaper.

Thanks to Charles Baker for his attendance at the last 8A meeting. He seems to always have the information we need when I strike out. Thanks Charlie.

Robert E. Fleener, Chairman Dist. 8A

Gold Card Recipients, Dist. 7



Jacob "Jake Merceck of the Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department is presented a lifetime membership card by District 7 Chairman Mort Sorg as Roanoke Chief Rittenour looks on.

During the calendar year of 1994, District 7 Chairman Maurice (Mort) Sorg has presented a total of 7 Lifetime Memberships to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. These were all awarded to men who had served

their respective departments for a period of 50 years or more.

The recipients are Jacob "Jake" Merceck of the Roanoke Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Verlin Wetherow of Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department.

Lloyd Smith of the Poe Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Marvin "Marv" Stoppenhagen of the Poe Volunteer Firemen's Association. Marv still attends the District 7 meetings regularly.

John Woodard of the Markle Volunteer Fire Department.

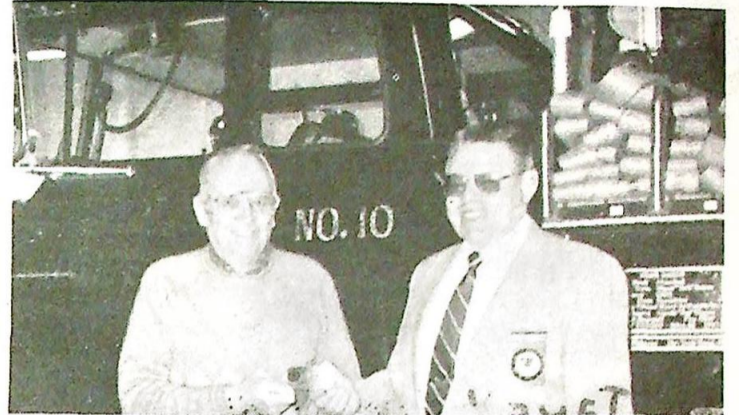
Maurice "Brick" Beauchot of the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department.

DeWight Holmes, Warren Volunteer Fire Department.

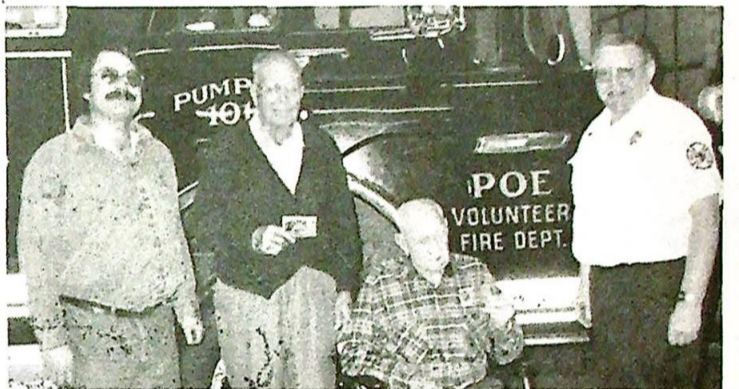
When you speak with these gentlemen, they can tell tales of

that BIG ONE that they remembered, or the first truck they drove. Some of them also, relate tales of their families' involvement in the fire service. Many of these gentlemen have sons or grandsons who have followed in their footsteps. These men together have given over 350 years of volunteer service to their respective communities. Many of them still stop by the station and help on fund raisers, clean up

detail or do anything they possibly can do to continue to help others. These gentlemen also commented on how much they enjoy reading the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Paper. Another item they all expressed was the fact that firefighting has really changed through the years. But one thing still holds true, you are going to need some water to put out most fires.



Verlin Wetherow of Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department receiving his 50 year lifetime membership card from Dist. 7 Chairman Mort Sorg.



President Dave Rudney with Marvin Stoppenhagen & Lloyd Smith of Poe Volunteer Fire Department were just given their 50 year membership cards by District 7 Chairman Mort Sorg.



Maurice "Mort" Sorg presenting lifetime membership card to John Woodard of Markle as Jim Mossburg, Chief, looks on.



District 7 Chairman Mort Sorg presenting 50 year membership card to Maurice "Brick" Beauchot as Dean Reidenbach, Monroeville Chief, looks on.



District 7 Chairman Mort Sorg presenting 50 year membership card to Dewight Holmes of Warren Vol. Fire Dept.

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IVFAA President



Phyllis Vargo

Dear members and friends,
Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Fall and winter are quickly upon us, time for us to think of the holidays and the new year.

In the past few months since I have been your president, it has concerned me that I don't see as many of my friends that were in the fire service when I first became involved. These were people that inspired me to become involved with this great family of caring people. Where are you and what are you doing?

We all care a great deal about our friends in the fire service and miss your smiling faces. Just because you may have had to give up your position for one reason or the other, we would still like to hear from you and have you attend our quarterly meeting. You're the people that made this great family what it is today, and for this we would like to thank you.

I would like for each one of you to call a friend in the fire service you haven't seen or heard from in a while, ask how they are and what they have been doing. On this day mend a quarrel, search out a forgotten friend, dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust, write a letter to someone who misses you, encourage someone who has lost faith, keep a promise, forget an old grudge, fight for a principle, express your gratitude, overcome an old fear, take two minutes to appreciate nature's beauty, express your love to someone, express it again, express it yet again. This is what this great fire service family is all about to me, one big family of caring people.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

DISTRICT 3

May, 18, 1994
Coolspring Twp.
Meeting was opened by Leona Uryga with Pledge to the flag. Prayer was offered by Chaplin Carolyn McCarty. Minutes were approved as read.
Treasurer's report was given. Doe Doll tickets or money were turned in.

Betty Bellamy was reported hospitalized and Laurie Enochs reported the birth of a son.

By-laws on remuneration of chairmen of committees was read. Carolyn voted "Yes" and Leona voted "No". The district voted "Yes" to the by-laws, stating the elimination of the word first vice-president be read as vice president, only.

Carolyn McCarty motioned, seconded by Ruth Deutscher, to amend the by-laws to read: A plant shall be sent to any district chairman or past chairman who is hospitalized, one time a year with the cost not to exceed \$20.00. Motion will be read twice more and then becomes amended.

Any Aux. that has new officers

should notify the district so a card announcing meeting dates can be sent.

Springfield will host the July meeting as well as being on the auditing committee.

Coming Events: Only Kingsbury had a coming event, an ice cream social in August. Other Aux. had nothing.

The mother of Miss Flame, Dina Tharp, was given a check for \$200.00 Fourteen dollars was donated to the coffers.

A motion made by Laurie Enochs, seconded by Toni Grammalls, to adjourn, carried.

A bake sale and white elephant sale netted the district \$129.50. Charlotte Sly of Union Mills was the auctioneer.

Springfield Twp. won the attendance plaque.

July 20, 1994
Springfield Twp.

The meeting was called to order by the Pledge to the flag. A prayer was said by Chaplain Carolyn McCarty. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. A bill for two attendance trophies was presented by chairman Leona Uryga for a total of \$42.00 from LaPorte Sporting Goods. Helene Froling motioned, seconded by Teresa Spencer, to pay bill. Motion carried. Scipio Twp. and Kingsford-Union tied for the award.

Leona gave a report on the convention. District 3 sold the most Doe Doll tickets with Scipio Twp. selling the most in our district. Our Miss Flame won second place in the contest. The 1995 convention will be at Evansville and the 1996 convention will be at Merrillville. Helene Froling conducted elections. The results were as follows: President Leona Uryga, Sec.-Treas. Lee Cohn, Chaplain Carolyn McCarty.

The chairman appointed Marie Gemberling as Historian.

The meeting schedule was announced for the next year. Sept - Lincoln Twp., Nov. Noble Twp., Jan. - Kingsford-Union, March - Michiana Shores, May - Scipio Twp., July - Kingsbury, Sept. - Coolspring.

A motion to buy flowers for President and past president was read for the second reading.

Attendance award was won by Michiana Shores. \$10.50 was donated to the treasury.

Coming events: Kingsbury cancelled their upcoming ice cream social. All other departments had nothing in the offering.

Lincoln Twp. will host the Sept. meeting.

A motion made by Teresa Spencer, seconded by Margaret Gaw, to adjourn, carried.

Marie Gemberling

DISTRICTS 1,2

Auxiliary meeting was hosted by Munster Auxiliary on Sept. 1.

Present was 31 members, 1 guest and 1 individual.

Old business discussed was convention by-laws, winners of the Doe Doll ticket and Miss Flames.

Outstanding Member Award was presented to Karen Yankanskas of Lake Eliza Dist. 2.

Installation of officers Dollie Komscar, Chmn. Dist. 1; Kathy Jens, Sec.; Ann Moss, Dist. 2 Chmn. and Marge Baumgardner, Sec.

A silent auction was voted on for each auxiliary to donate 3 nice craft items to be held at our Nov. 3rd meeting at Lake Ridge. Proceeds will go into our Miss Flame fund. Also will have our Miss Flame contest.

A lovely meal was served and enjoyed by all.

Dollie Komscar D-1
Ann Moss D-2

In the planning for Oct. 16th at the Lakes of Four Seasons Fire Station is a pancake and sausage breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Also Open House for Fire Prevention Week. They will be dedicating their new fire truck in honor of Fred Armenth who passed away one year ago Oct. 3rd.

Lakes of Four Seasons F. D.

DISTRICT 11B

It has been a long time since I have written an article for the paper and I apologize. I seem to remember the due date and then I somehow forget it. (Bill says it is my age.) Anyway I have a few things to share with you now.

Even though it is only Nov., it is time to start on getting your Miss Flame contestant to compete in the Dist. contest. Also it is time to write letters recommending someone for Mr. IVFA and the Lois Boaz awards. You may also have someone to recommend for the Ollie Sandburg award. Please get your letters in. The address and due dates are in another part of the paper.

Hey Dist. 11B Aux., I know how we can make \$25. All we have to do is sell the most doe doll tickets this year. The tickets will be real easy to sell. The doll is a beauty! As you know, Lou Bartlow is Vice Pres. this year and it is the responsibility of the VP to chair this project. Let's help her out by selling lots of tickets. This is the only money making project that the Aux. has and with expenses going up every year we need to make it profitable.

I would like to encourage all auxiliaries to get their dues paid if they aren't already. If there are any ladies who need help in organizing their auxiliary give me a call and I will meet with you and give assistance. Or if you would just like me to attend your meeting, give me a call.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Safe New Year.

Eula Bush, Chairman

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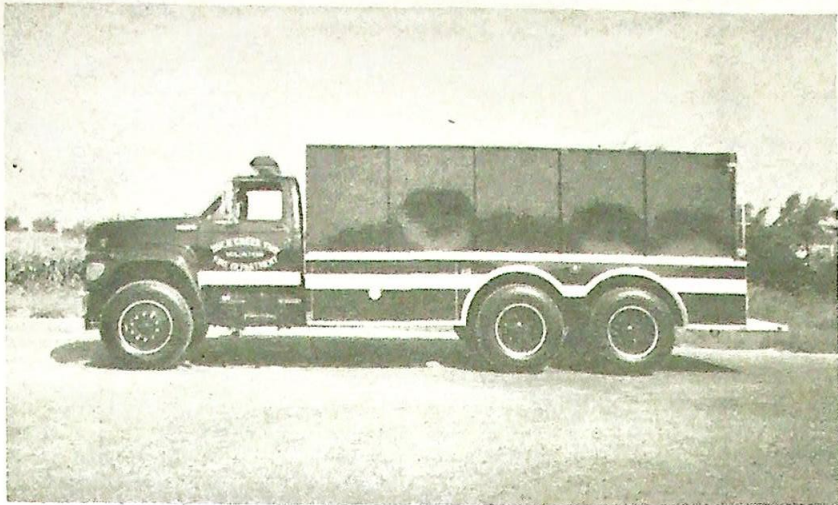
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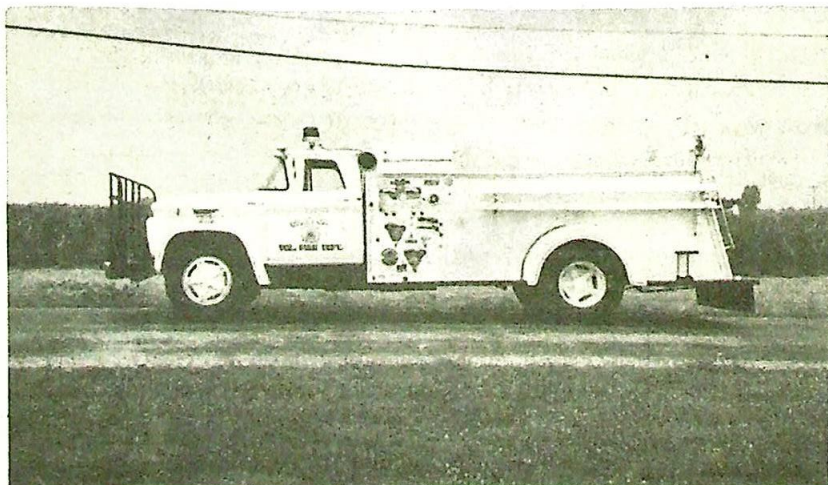
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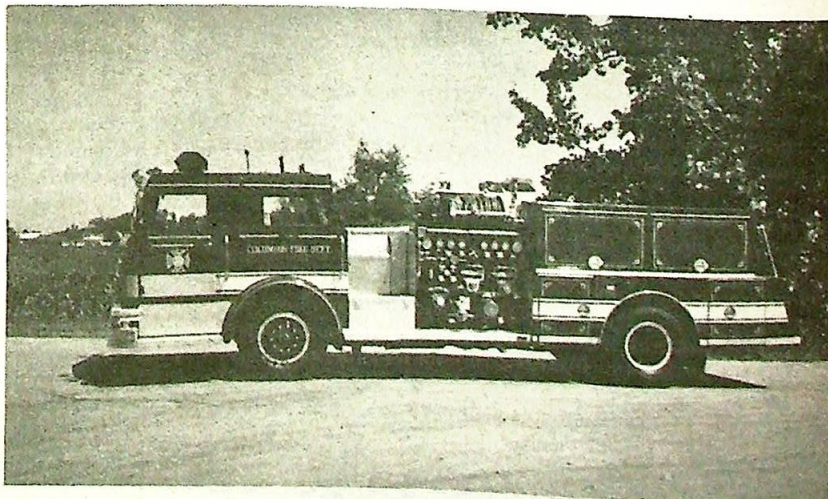
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MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the IVFAA. The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualification, and score sheets dated 01/93.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one of each district). District winners' applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10, 1995. The girls selected will be representing the public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district, and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and departments.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must however, make their own reservations and advise that they are a candidate. Each girl will have a chaperone (parents or a designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperones may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame Committee Chairman. Along with this, they will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday evening, and the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The final judging and crowning will be held on Thursday evening. ALL GIRLS will be expected to attend the men's and women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Friday. They will sell doe doll tickets on Saturday morning at the waterball games, and ride in the parade on Saturday afternoon (if there is one).

District Chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame Chairman.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER THE IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST

1. Father, brother, mother, or sister must be a member of the IVFA or the IVFA Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single and non-parent.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the IVFA State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each dept. in the Dist. Contest.
5. Winner of a department will be entered in District-wide Contest.
6. District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two black and white photos should be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10th.
7. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.
8. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.
9. Department winner will be decided at the discretion of the Dept.
10. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. IVFA Miss Flame will be selected at State Convention.
13. Host department will pick judges to select the state winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Thurs. evening.
14. Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thurs. morning.
15. IVFAA will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Thurs. at Convention.
16. IVFAA will furnish winner IVFA "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy, and \$100 savings bond.
17. IVFAA will furnish IVFA "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers and \$50 savings bond.
18. Formal attire should be worn at District and State judging.
19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas.
20. It will be the responsibility of the parent or chaperone to pay their hotel/motel expenses.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - "MISS FLAME" CONTEST

Name _____ Social Security # _____
(Print in full)

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip Code

Phone _____ Birth Date _____ Height _____
Mo./Day/Year

Weight _____ If attending school _____
Name of School Grade

If Employed, Where _____

List Hobbies _____

Fire Department Sponsor's Name, Address, and Phone Number: _____

Sponsoring Fire Dept. or Auxiliary Member's Name & Relationship: _____

Parents Names _____

Chaperone Names (If Not Parents) _____

Entry form, two black and white photos must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10, 1995. Also, please include the consent form. (The paper is published in April so must have everything mailed to me in order to get in the paper.)

The IVFA reserves the right to cancel the contest upon notification to all participants.

This form goes to the District Chairman for the District Contest and the District Chairman mails the form to the "Miss Flame" Chairman.

EULA BUSH: R.R. 1, BOX 33, DANA, IN 47847 (317) 665-3213

District Chairman Signature & District Number _____

IVFAA Chaplain



JoAnn Hays

What are changes! They are like Trees and Prayer.

Take the Fall, how beautiful the trees are. They change from day to day. Their colors are just beaming with all of those beautiful shades of red, orange, yellow, and brown. They won't be lasting much longer. They will start falling and become very bare.

Then as the season changes, we will be going into Winter and those same trees will have their winter coat of ice or snow. This too is a beautiful site to see.

As the winter season passes, those same trees that have had beautiful fall shades and then turn white, come into another season.

This season is called Spring and those same trees again start to spring new buds, leaves and blossoms. What a beautiful site once again to see the new beginning and after the Spring season we go into the Summer and again those same trees once more has a beautiful foliage on them. They turn green and protect us from many things, sometimes it's the rain and the sun. Once more Autumn is around the corner.

It's all a complete circle of changes and if you believe and have faith all things are possible with God.

God loves all of you and He is always there for you.

Think about the seasons and the trees. Doesn't your life change like the seasons! If you can find it in your heart to pray, you will find that all things are possible and He can help you thru those changes.

*Psalms - 55:17
Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud and He shall hear my*

voice.

As your State Chaplain I would like to wish you a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

"Happiness is Catching", we get it from one another.

Lois Boaz Award

NOTE: A change in the deadline for this award: April 1, 1995.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the IVFA-IVFAA it is time once again to start writing those letters for a nominee of your choice for the Lois Boaz Award.

There is surely a lady from your department who is so worthy of this award.

The nominee must be in good standing of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary.

Letters of nomination should include name, address, local auxiliary district, information on her involvement in local, district, or state auxiliary. She does not have to hold on office in these organizations. Include if she has been involved in her church, community, or service organizations other than fire dept. The more information the better.

Jacket size would also be very helpful.

NOTICE: All letters must be submitted to the Lois Boaz Committee by April 1, 1995. Letters received after April 1, 1995 will not be considered.

This year's Lois Boaz Committee members are: Joann Hays - Chairman: 4430 So. 8th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802; Marilyn Smith: P.O. Box 373, Sunman, IN 47041; Miriam Schaeckel: 5489 W. 300 N., Greenfield, IN 46140

Please try your best to help us nominate a winner and it will only be with your help in getting busy and writing those letters. Fire Dept. and Auxiliary members get behind your ladies and write about one of them. I know she deserves this award.

Joann Hays

DISTRICT 11A

It looks as if the fall season has arrived. The leaves are beginning to turn colors and pumpkins can be seen everywhere. I guess we better get ready for cold weather too.

We met in the "Big Barn" at Deming Park for our annual Dist. 11A picnic and meeting. It was a carry-in and the men cooked beans in a big open kettle. We had hot dogs and everyone brought a covered dish. We had games, after our business meeting, for the young and older. We had a pretty good turnout, of course, we always wish for more. It was a perfect day and perfect setting for a picnic. The park is beautiful.

At our meeting we decided to order more dish cloths, since we sold all we had. If you need any contact a member of Dist. 11A Aux. Our next Dist. meeting will be held at Pimento. We haven't been there for a long time, will be nice going back there.

Our department, Prairieton, really had a very nice 50th Anniversary celebration. They have come a long way in 50 years. We had a good crowd. Lots of awards were given out. The Auxiliary served punch and cake. The men served hot dogs & beans, cooked over an open fire. Thanks to all who served on the committee to get it put together. They did a fantastic job!

Thanks to all of the State Officers who came and helped us celebrate.

As always we are here to try and help all of you, if we can. Come to the meetings and find out what other Auxiliaries are doing.

Remember "A friend is the first one to walk in when the world walks out."

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.
Helen Michl

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AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING

RAMADA INN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA AUG. 14, 1994

President Phyllis Vargo opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by asking Chaplain Joan Hays to lead the group in prayer. Joan read a poem before having prayer.

Sgt.-at-Arms, Miriam Schaekel then led them in the Pledge to the flag.

Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee gave the roll call. We had 23 Officers and Committee members present, along with 7 guests.

Phyllis then asked Faye to repeat the roll call, this time asking each District Chairman to let Joan know how many Bibles of each that they had on hand, so that the Chaplain could get a correct count.

Chaplain Joan Hays said she had sent out 2 get well cards so far. She also had 17 Catholic and 4 Protestant Bibles on hand. Some of the boxes and Bibles are not in the best of condition, so it is something we may want to keep in mind the next time we place an order.

Jane Ferro, District 4 Chairman thanked everyone who attended the convention. She said everyone seemed to be pleased and they presented the men with \$3000.00 toward the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Jane also presented Lucy Stofer, Maxine Davies, and Barbara Parker with a memento for helping her so much with the convention.

Faye Sallee read the minutes from the last meeting. They were approved as read. Miriam Schaekel made a motion to refrain from reading the District reports and Barbara Parker seconded it.

Treasurer's report was given.

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray read some of the letters received and Lou Bartlow, Vice President, read a letter from Judy Hildebrand. We missed her at the meeting.

Membership, Faye Sallee, said we have 38 auxiliaries, 524 members and 21 individuals with a total membership of 545 members.

Toni suggested we send a memorial to the auxiliary that Vida Bare belonged too, since we did not hear of her death soon enough to send flowers. Toni made the motion to send \$25.00 and Ann Moss seconded it. Joan will enclose a check in a card and get it off to them.

Phyllis passed out emergency call lists. It basically stayed the same. She also passed out the new list for the committees. So, if you did not attend the meeting, you might want to contact someone to get that information. PLEASE make sure you call someone if there is a death or illness that we need to know about.

Only 5 committees had a report to give. They are:

GAMES: E.J. Smith said they had 2 women's teams this year and would like to see more next year. So, Ladies, get your districts to take them back to their local auxiliaries and see if we can't improve that for next convention.

MISS FLAME: Barbara Parker said there were 2 problems that she wasn't sure how to handle them; but one is--having boyfriends come to convention. The girls do not want to stay where they are supposed too. The other problem is with chaperons;--They need to be with the girls at all times and are to see that they get home safe from convention. This is something we will have to consider for next year.

DOE DOLL: We sold \$2016.00 (\$252.00 was sold by the Miss Flames at convention). We had a profit of \$1841.00. District 3 sold the most tickets again this year and they were awarded \$25.00. Phyllis said we really need to work harder on selling tickets next year. We have 3000 tickets printed and we should sell all of them.

BY-LAWS: Dollie Komoscar wanted to know how many copies of each by-law she had to have. Wanda Johnson said she made 300 copies last year, because that is how many by-law books we made up. A discussion about by-law books followed. We have 8 districts that do not have a Chairman. It was mentioned that we contact the Men's District Chairmen and see if their wives might be interested in taking the position.

Phyllis will take it upon herself to call all the District Chairmen that were not present for the meeting, to see why they did not attend and if

they were needing any help. If a District Chairman cannot attend an officers meeting, they can send a representative.

JEWELRY: Mary Mackin said she sold \$915.75 at convention and the total amount sold has been \$1163.75.

LOIS BOAZ: Joan Hays said to have your letters in by April 1st. Maxine said she will have \$125.00 each year, donated by an anonymous person, to pay for the Lois Boaz Award. A BIG THANK YOU to the donor, it is greatly appreciated.

Joan said she has only 1 plaque left and will have to have more made. She will get prices for the November meeting.

Lucy Stofer made the motion we have the Doe Doll for our V.P. Project again next year and Ann Moss seconded it. The doll will be a porcelain baby, donated by Nadine Paine. Dollie and Joe Komoscar will sponsor the tickets--so as soon as we have the tickets start SELLING!!!!!!

President Phyllis Vargo said that lack of communication seems to be the biggest factor in people wanting to take an office. They don't seem to know what the responsibilities of the officers consist of. She made up a folder for each officer and committee chairman, so they can write down exactly what their job consists of. These are to be turned in to the recording secretary at convention.

Barbara Parker said she felt that the Miss Flame and her Chaperon should be given a deadline to send in their registration for convention and their room. Also, it would be a good idea if each district let the Miss Flame know her rules and expense ahead of time, so they can be prepared before taking the position.

CONVENTION '95 will be in Evansville this year. Make your plans now, so you won't be disappointed when it is here.

Entertainment for our next meeting will be hosted by Joan Hays. Jane Ferro and Barbara Parker will serve the refreshments. So, come early on Saturday evening and enjoy the party!

The picture book for '94 convention was floating around at the meeting and Jane Ferro gave it to Leona Uryga and she will then return it to Maxine Davies.

We sang "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to Toni Sorg who turned the BIG 50 on August 16th.

Next meeting will be Nov. 12-13. Barbara Parker made the motion we adjourn and Jane Ferro seconded it. Chaplain Joan Hays closed with prayer.

NOTE: Because of all the noise mid-way through the meeting, the recorder did not pick up anything but the NOISE, so if I missed anything or messed up on what was said, PLEASE excuse me. I tried to keep notes (At least of what I could hear). Maybe next time we will be in a better atmosphere!!

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 6: Met at Corunna Fire Station in Dekalb County with 18 members from 6 depts. on July 21. Election of officers was held. Chairman Mary Mackin, Vice Pres. Linda Tranmerman, Sec. Marilyn Dever, Chaplain Lilian Dever, and Sgt.-at-Arms Marlene Poling. Dist. picnic will be Aug. 21st at Sparta Twp. Fire Station in Cromwell. Lunch will be at 12:30 with a carry-in. If we have a women's team, the Ralphine Robinson Memorial trophy will be presented for the first time.

District 7: Meeting was held at Liberty Center, July 18th. The Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting. Roll call was answered by 9 members and 1 guest from 5 depts. Minutes were read and approved. Next meeting will be at Markle, Sept. 19th.

District 11A: Meeting was held at New Goshen Fire House. We were served a delicious lunch by the firemen's wives as they don't have an auxiliary. Ways of making money were discussed & how to sell the dish cloths we purchased. See us if you need some.

Election of officers was held. Since Joan Hays was elected to the State officer level, they elected Helen Michl to be Dist. Chairman, Vice Pres. is Beverly Taylor. Sec.-Treas. is Eva Gottche and Chaplain is Mildred Finkliner. The men presented us with a check for \$300.00. We really can use that. Thanks Guys!!! Next Meeting will be a picnic Sept. 11th at 1:00 p.m. at Fowler Park in the barn. Bring a covered dish, service and a chair. We will cook a big pot of beans and furnish the cornbread.

District 11B: The meeting was held at Hillsdale. They served a

delicious spaghetti dinner. Election of officers was held. Chairman, Eula Bush; Sec.-Treas., Lou Bartlow; Co-Chaplain, Maxine Davies and Brenda Harvey. Next meeting will be the annual picnic at Fairview on Sept. 11th.

Eula and Lou attended a meeting at Newport to assist them in forming an auxiliary. We hope to see their dues real soon. We have set a goal to get 4 new auxiliaries formed this year.

District 12: The meeting was held at the Steak and Ale in Indianapolis. The meeting was hosted by Wayne Twp. We had 7 members and 3 guests present. Convention '94, Miss Flame, Convention charm and new State Officers were discussed. Officer elections were held. All the officers stayed the same as last year. Next meeting will be Nov. 14, at Decatur Twp. Station #2 in West Newton. There will be a \$5.00 Christmas gift exchange.

District 19: Meeting was held at Bruns Lake with 20 members present. A Hawaiian evening was enjoyed by all. Next meeting at Morris on Nov. 8th.

Diana Gray,
Corresponding Secretary

MISS FLAME



Erin Byam

First, I want to apologize to East Chicago and Montpelier for not being able to attend their parades due to class scheduling at the University of Evansville and family medical problems.

The past two months have been very busy for me. On Aug. 27th I attended the Chrisney, Indiana parade, Sept. 10th I was in Dale, Indiana parade, Sept. 17th the Grandview, Indiana parade, even in the rain a parade can be fun, and Sept. 24th the Richland, Indiana parade.

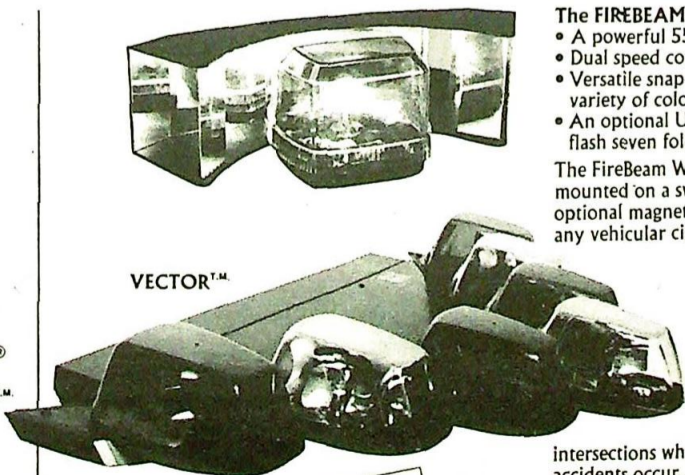
Attention all girls 16 to 18, if your district has not had their District Miss Flame pageant ask your fathers and/or brothers about information concerning the pageant in your area. I encourage all the girls to get involved and join us at the pageants this year. It is a lot of fun and is a very good experience.

On October 9th, with mixed emotions I will be turning over my 18th District crown to another young lady. I hope she will have as much fun as I have had this past year. The year has been full of firsts for me. I dedicated a Fire Station in Holland, rode in many parades, gave public speeches, and participated in the Miss Flame pageant in June where I was fortunate enough to win. So far I can say that I have loved every minute of my reign.

There are many people to say Thank you to concerning my past year as 18th Dist. Queen. The Rockport Ohio Twp. Fire Dept. for their support, Shirley Richard for all the help she has given me, but most of all my family. Sean, Mom and Dad, without you I could not have accomplished the end result. Thank you all so very much.

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Schnellville Mill's...

Continued From Front Page

Lubbers continue the business their father and grandfather had operated before them.

Henry Schnell, founder of Schnellville, went into business at the site in 1876. When fire destroyed the operation in 1915, the building that burned Wednesday was built to replace it. Tentative plans call for a third mill at the same site.

In the 1920s, one of Henry Schnell's daughters-in-law sold the business to Frank Haas, who turned it over to his son, John, and son-in-law, John Lubbers. J.R.'s father bought the business from the Haas' estate in 1971. Larry Knust, J.R. and his brother, Mark are at the core of the family-operated corporation that employs five people full time as well as an assortment of part-time help.

Speaking while surrounded by the mill's tonnage achievement awards, which hung on the walls around him, J.R. asked that customers be patient during the next few days.

"When they want to place orders or pick up feed, give us some advance notice if at all possible," he said.

Firefighters selling tickets find blaze

Fish Lake — Firefighters selling fund-raiser tickets literally bumped into a fire which may have been set Sunday morning in Fish Lake.

Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Kaufman and another firefighter were selling tickets for the department's September 3rd steak fry and dance when they noticed smoke at 209 Fairview at 11:15 a.m., Kaufman said.

At first they thought the smoke was someone burning brush, but as they got closer they realized the cottage was on fire, Kaufman said.

"It's the first time I walked up to a door selling something and ended up fighting a fire," Kaufman said this morning.

One bedroom of the cottage was gutted and smoke damage was heavy throughout, Kaufman said. The cottage is the property of Tom and Betty Haslett of Hobart.

Kaufman preliminarily ruled the fire suspicious, and plans to call the Indiana State Fire Marshal today for further examination.

The fire apparently started in two different spots, in the damaged bedroom and under the cottage, Kaufman said. The cottage has been broken into and damaged previously, he said.

Another fire Sunday caused \$3,000 in damage to equipment at Superior Chips, 352 N. Fail Rd., at about 10:30 p.m. A battery powered cart at the factory apparently shorted out and started on fire, LaPorte City Fire Chief Greg Smith said this morning.

LaPorte Herald-Argus
August 22, 1994

Child's Play Starts Fire



FIREFIGHTERS FROM KINGSFORD-UNION Volunteer Fire Department work on the roof of this house on Hadley Road in Kingsford Heights as smoke pours out. The house, owned by Anna Stevens, sustained fire, heat and smoke damage Tuesday afternoon.

BY JIM HALE / STAFF

KH house heavily damaged

Cathy Behrendt

The Laporte Herald-Argus

Kingsford Heights — A 3-year-old child learned the hard way Tuesday that matches aren't toys.

The fire at 259 Hadley Rd., Kingsford Heights, at about 9:40 a.m., is believed to have been started by Quayshawn Stevens, 3, Kingsford-Union Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dave Wirebaugh said.

The back bedroom where the fire started was gutted, the roof was damaged by heat and the rest of the house was heavily damaged by smoke, Wirebaugh said.

Auxiliary Vice President



Lou Bartlow

Hi girls,

We have our doll and are ready for the Vice President's project. She is beautiful. Maydine Paine from Terre Haute donated her to us. Larry has made a walnut cradle for her and Helen Michl has made the mattress and pillow for her. I intend to have the tickets at the next State Officers Meeting and will pass them out. We will have a picture for each District Chairman so that she can show you what she looks like. I need to mention that Cloth World donated about \$60.00 worth of fabric for her christening gown. This is our only money making project so we need to work really hard and get lots of tickets sold.

Seems that fall is rolling around quickly this year and it is beautiful so far.

Hope all of you have an enjoyable time attending all the functions that go on this time of year.

Quayshawn lives in the house with his grandmother Earclean Hodges, Hodges' son Jamie, her stepdaughter Alisha and Alisha's father, Tom Corley. The house belongs to Hodges' mother, Anna Stevens.

Julia Flowers of Michigan City was babysitting Quayshawn and

her own daughter T.J. Hodges, 1, who is also Hodges' granddaughter, when the fire broke out.

Hodges believes Quayshawn may have started the fire in a pile of stuffed animals next to the bed his babysitter was sleeping on.

Flowers was awakened by the

smell of smoke, and was bringing the children into the living room when Hodges returned home from applying for a transfer from the Michigan City Wal-Mart to the LaPorte Wal-Mart.

"I walked in and the back room was on fire," Hodges said.

The flames were as high as the bed when Hodges arrived. She unsuccessfully tried to put the smoky fire out with a pan of water.

"I panicked," Hodges admitted. She got her grandchildren and Flowers out of the house and called 911 from her car phone at 9:43 a.m.—the only phone in the house was in the burning bedroom.

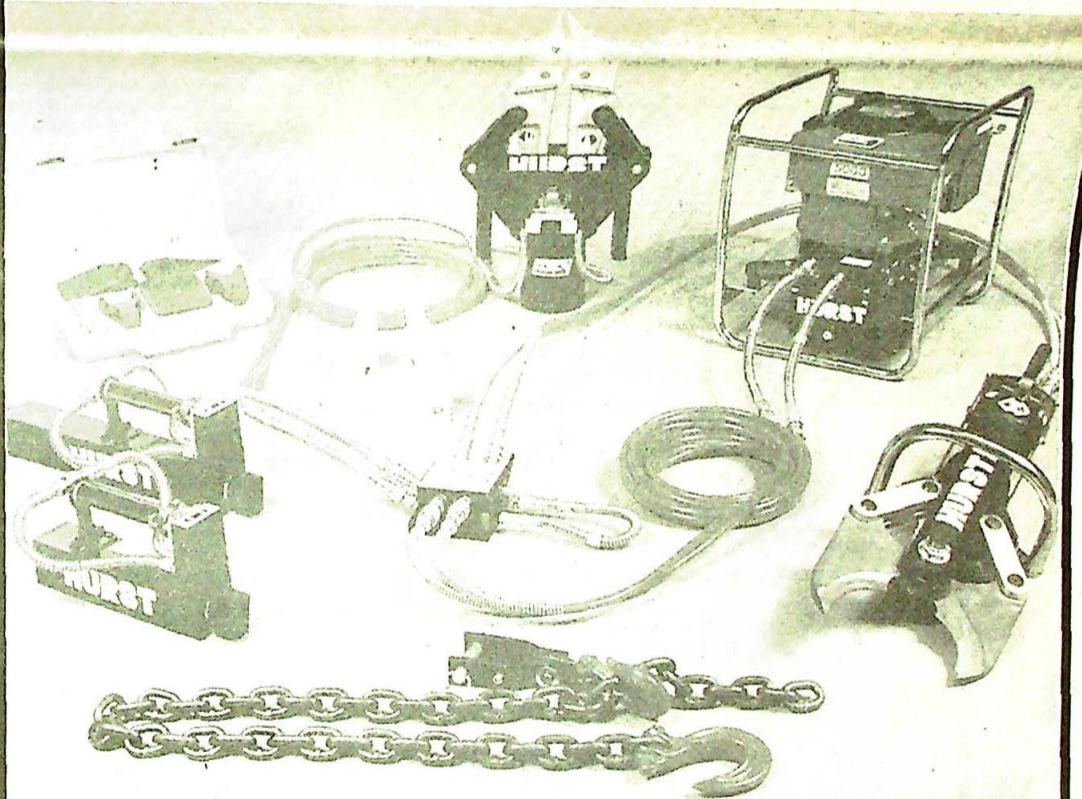
She then told workmen installing the new Kingsford Heights sewage system on her block that her house was on fire. One workman used Hodges' garden hose to keep the flames at bay until firefighters arrived.

The family will stay with relatives until they decide what to do with the damaged house.

As firefighters chopped ventilation holes in the roof of the house, Hodges commented that today is her 41st birthday. When she was born, the Hadley Road house was the home her parents brought her to.

"Hell of a birthday present, huh?" she said.

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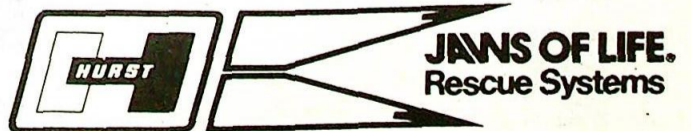


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Pat Babbs Retires



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John P. Johnson, District 12

Home center burns

By Jesse H. Sweet
The Handy Andy Home Improvement Center at 330 Ridge Rd. was destroyed in a matter of hours Wednesday evening.

A crowd estimated at 200 or more watched as firefighters from 10 different communities battled the blaze in an effort to save nearby residences and businesses.

The Munster Fire Department was called to the scene at 7:38 p.m. when a heat detector in the store automatically summoned help, Fire Chief Robert Nowaczyk said.

The severity of the blaze became apparent to Nowaczyk when he arrived at the scene at 7:41.

Within minutes, a second alarm was sounded, bringing fire departments from Highland and Lansing. Four alarms were eventually sounded, bringing additional crews from Dyer, Schererville, Lynwood, Glenwood, Homewood, Dalton, and South Holland.

In all, 139 firefighters, 12 engines and six aerial ladders were used to battle the fire. Forty-nine of the firefighters were from Munster.

Firefighters from Munster were the last to leave the scene. They stayed on to watch for dangerous flying embers and to hose down the sight until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The building was destroyed in 2 1/2 hours, Nowaczyk estimates.

"The fire was just overwhelming," Nowaczyk said. "It was moving faster than we could prepare ourselves."

Nowaczyk attributes the speed and voracity of the fire to the building itself and its contents. The structure was fairly old and much of the store's inventory included lumber and flammable liquid products.

Throughout the fire, containers of such materials as paint thinner and propane gas exploded. As a result, firefighters targeted most of their water flow toward the front end of the structure, where most of these flammables were stored.

Nowaczyk estimates the damage to the 500 x 100 foot structure at somewhere between \$2.5 million and \$3 million.

At this point, no cause of the fire has been determined, but

representatives of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the State Fire Marshal, local police and firefighters, and independent insurance agents are investigating.

No one was injured in the blaze, which actually started while the store was open and customers were inside. Munster Police Sgt. Edward Strbjak, who arrived on the scene just after the alarm sounded, ordered both customers and employees to leave the building, according to the report on file with Munster police.

One employee hesitated to leave even though fire was visible in the ceiling, according to Strbjak's report. The man left after Strbjak ordered him to go a second time.

Handy Andy corporate headquarters had no comment on the cause of the fire.

They said in a prepared statement: "We are thankful that there was no bodily injury or

harm to any of our customers or Handy Andy 'teammates' who were in the store at the time of the accident.

The statement quoted Ron Rashkow, chairman of Handy Andy, as saying: "We are very grateful to the community for its patronage over the years and sincerely appreciate the many kind messages and timely assistance of the community residents and other organizations, including the Salvation Army."

According to the statement, back orders lost in the blaze will be handled "expeditiously" through Handy Andy locations in Lansing, Merrillville and Chicago Heights.

The disaster could have been worse, if not for all of the help received from Munster and others areas, Nowaczyk said.

I'm overwhelmed by the assistance of all the other communities (and local groups)," Nowaczyk said. "I can't find the words to thank them."

Munster News
October 5, 1994

"Honorary Member of the Year"



A plaque was presented to Karen Yankauskas for "Honorary Member of the Year" for 1994. She has been a member of the Lake Eliza Fire Auxiliary in District 2 for 16 yrs. and was President & Vice President throughout those years. She was also District 2 Secretary for 4

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DEAR IVFA, IVFAA Members & Guests

I would like to thank all of you for attending the 1994 IVFA Convention in Elkhart. I appreciate all of the people who attended, and hope you had as much fun attending, as we did hosting convention.

I would like to thank everyone who helped us from the state level, to out local area. It takes team work to take on a project of this size, and I feel we had the best. From our 4th district you know who you are, and I will mention by departments. BAUGO, CLEVELAND, ELKHART TWP., OSOLO, CONCORD, NEW PARIS, WALKERTON, SO. BEND, PENN SOUTH. Thanks again for a fine job.

I wish to next year's host, Evansville, all best wishes, as their hard work has just begun.

So, again thanks, "The place for more in '94" is gone but will not be forgotten.

Sincerely, and with love,
Jane Ferro, 4th Dist. Chrm.
IVFAA; John Ferro, Chrm. IVFA

From the Vice President



Richard Glant

I know many of you are tired of hearing and reading about voter registration and voting, but until our total membership gets our act together, I will keep saying and writing about it. If you did not register and vote, don't bitch. You have no right to complain about anything that goes on in legislation. O.K. I know your saying now the IVFA spends a large amount for our legislative representatives so why should I? Well here's the answer. Large number of votes at election time means a lot to our legislators, and believe me, we could be a very powerful force, if we could get everybody off their butts and vote!

If you think the legislators don't check on registration and voting, you are dead wrong. If you don't vote you are not a threat to them politically.

Those of you that did vote. Please call your legislators, and tell them your feelings and concerns. They all have "800" numbers. It doesn't hurt or anything. They put their pants on the same way we do. Talk to them!!

Thank you district 18 for a great time in Celestine. I thought Celestine Fire Department did a great job on the parade and Miss Flame competition. Congratulations to Haysville Fire Department on the neatest float I've seen in a long time. Thanks again.

As we approach the holiday season, let's not forget those that are less fortunate than we, and what the season is really about.

I would like to wish each and every one a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

See you soon.

CLEARING THE SMOKE!!

JUNE 1994 ISSUE

PROPOSED CERTIFICATION CHANGE...

The State Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education (Board) held its regular meeting during the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association (IVFA) June convention. A summary of anticipated changes by the Board include the following: new titles for certification categories, fewer restrictions on time-in-service, different testing procedures, and new advanced training categories. After the promulgation of these proposed rules, fire fighters may take up to three years to finish current second and first class fire fighter training program(s). A fire fighter may crossover to the

National Fire Protection Assoc. (NFPA) nomenclature(s) any time after successfully completing a proctored test and evaluation procedure. A state approved instructor will process and designate eligibility for international accreditation. When these proposed rules become law, training will follow NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I and II objectives.

BASIC FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION CHANGE...

The Board believes there is a need to enhance the training required for beginning fire fighters. The proposed changes will be added to the present mandatory 24 hour certification. The proposed additions include the following: Orientation & Indoctrination - one hour; State Laws & Records - two hours; Incident Command (Management) System - two hours; Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) - one hour; Hazardous Materials (operations level) - twelve hours; Blood Borne Pathogens - two hours. This proposal will set a new 43 hour basic fire fighter certification standard.

CERTIFICATION FLOW...

A civilian enters Basic Fire Fighter to Fire Fighter I (parallel to Indiana Second Class Fire Fighter), to Fire Fighter II (parallel to Indiana 1st Class Fire Fighter), to Instructor I (parallel to Instructor Second Class), to Instructor II/III (parallel to Instructor First Class). The path for the proposed Fire Fighter II could also go to Fire Officer I, to Fire Officer II, to Safety Officer. Another path could be Fire Fighter II to Driver/Operator or other advanced subjects. Service time may change; this may require holding an Instructor I certification for two years before Instructor II/III eligibility. All instructor ratings will require 30 hours of in-service. Some of the 30 hours will be completed through "giving" training and some by "taking" adult education courses.

YOUR INPUT COUNTS...

The Board will keep you informed of meetings on proposed new rules. Public hearings will be scheduled before proposed new rules are adopted. The purpose of the hearings are to allow fire fighters the opportunity to express an opinion on proposed rule revisions. The Board encourages you to be heard at these meetings.

MOTOR SPORTS TRAINING...

Motor Sports classes are off and running with great interest by Indiana fire fighters. The course covers the uniqueness of motor sport extrication, fuels, track clean-up, safety in the pits and on the track, along with other related topics. This course was originally requested by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway fire Chief to increase probation of race drivers, pit crews and race fans. The curriculum was developed by a Board selected task force of highly qualified auto racing personnel. The curriculum covers all types of motor sport vehicles. The three day class has been conducted at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Another class has been requested in Northeast Indiana. Watch for registration information in future mailings or contact Ivan Nevil at:

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VALIDATION OF TEST BANK QUESTIONS...

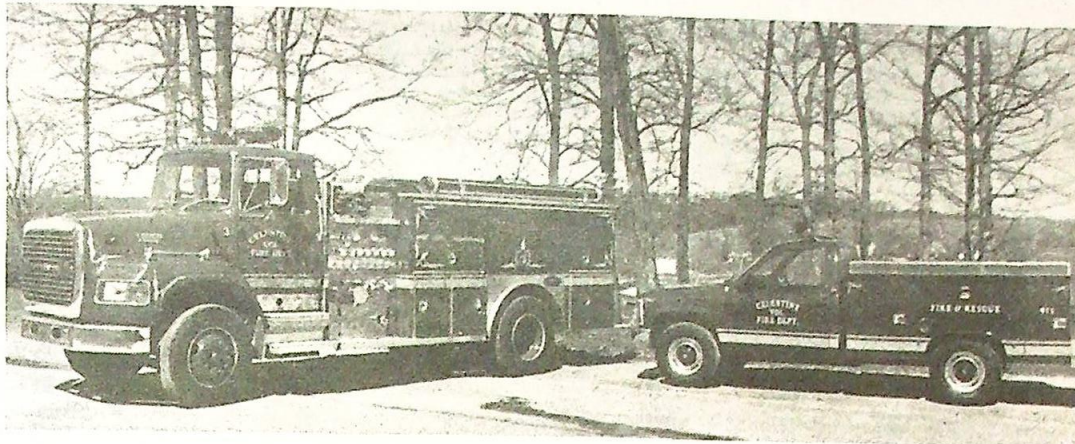
The Board has requested a task force review of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I & II test questions

for clarity and to insure answers are correctly referenced in the IFSTA Essentials Manual. Groups of selected instructors from around the state will review the

789 questions. Board Chair Scott Garrett has facilitated the task force. Chairman Garrett thanks all of those involved in this process.

Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services

Celestine takes delivery of new fire truck



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Our Auxiliary has been a big help in our endeavors, and our Cadet program is growing. The young people are really interested in how we help our community.

We are preparing for our many Christmas activities which includes a Santa Open House sponsored by the Cadets, and our Christmas dinner with an award's ceremony.

It will be a time to reflect on the year past, all the learning and sharing with friends, and also a time to look toward the coming year, with many more improvements and accomplishments, always finding better ways to serve our community

Public Relations;
Penny Burch

It has been a year of reflection and looking ahead for the Lake Eliza Fire Department.

June 25, 1994, the department celebrated 36 years of being in service to our community. The station was built 20 years ago.

We held an open house which included a clown for the kids, Smash-A-Car, Jail and Bail, Smoke house, food, crafts, a bake sale by the Auxiliary, a variety of

buttons by the Cadets, and a dunk tank. Everyone had a good time except maybe for Chief Burch when it was his time to be in the dunk tank by the end of the day. He didn't think the line was ever going to end.

There have been many accomplishments and improvements over the last few years. The department has up-graded equipment, communications, and train-

Drunk driver hits semi

Cathy Behrendt
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
Coolspring Township - A LaPorte man whose blood alcohol content was nearly three times the legal limit escaped serious injury when his car collided head-on with a semi truck on U.S. 421 Thursday night.

Mark Ewart, 34, of 662 Waverly Rd., was listed in good condition at Memorial Hospital in Michigan City this morning.

Ewart, who had a blood alcohol level of 0.271 percent, will be charged with driving while intoxicated once released from the hospital, LaPorte County Police said.

The legal alcohol limit for driving in Indiana is 0.10 percent.

At 8:11 p.m., Lowell Osborn, 61, of Covington, Ind., was driving a semi north on U.S. 421 approaching CR-50N when he noticed Ewart's 1984 Ford Escort traveling south in the northbound lane, police said.

Osborne told police he tried to swerve, but the vehicles collided head on.

The semi tipped on its side in the driveway of 0855 N. U.S. 421, but Osborn was able to get out without assistance. He was treated at Memorial Hospital and released.

Ewart, who had to be extricated from the car by Coolspring Township volunteer firefighters, told police the last thing he remembers was traveling south on U.S. 421.

Despite the severe damage to the car, including the steering wheel ending up near the front, the extrication took only about 10 minutes, Coolspring Chief Craig Seifert said.

When the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service was transporting Ewart to the hospital, he "suddenly decided there was a female with him in the car at the time of the accident," Seifert said.

County and Indiana State police and Coolspring firefighters used flashlights to search the accident area and nearby cornfields for about 30 minutes, Seifert said.

"We made a thorough search. There was no second victim in his vehicle," Seifert said.

Police believe Ewart may have dropped someone off prior to the accident.

U.S. 421 was closed for several hours, Seifert said.

A second semi jackknifed at Holmesville and Division roads after the accident, but the driver was not hurt.

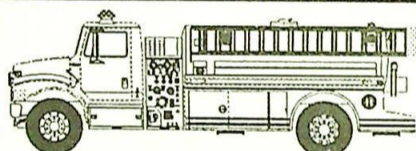


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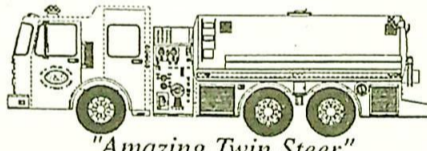


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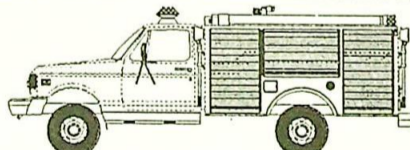
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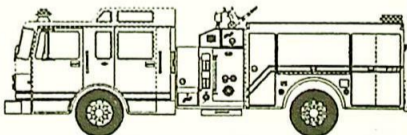


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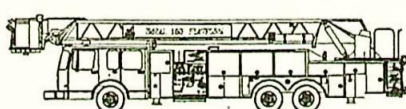
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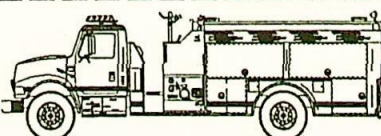


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Drivers learn ins and outs

Firefighters' cool practice for hot emergencies

Danita Arbuckle

The LaPorte Herald-Argus

With their lights flashing and air brakes squealing, Pleasant and Lincoln Twp. volunteer firefighters maneuver quickly toward their destination.

Only this time it's not a burning home or flaming forest. This time, they're driving toward a lot of orange cones.

The fire departments came together Monday evening and will unite again today to practice driving their bulky red trucks on the runways of LaPorte Municipal Airport, with the assistance of the Indianapolis based Bliss/ McKnight Risk Management Services.

The business, which also provides the fire stations with their insurance, offers training classes for firefighters to bone up on their driving skills.

"This gives the firefighters a chance to practice their driving in a controlled area," said Mark Ennis, risk management representative.

During the 2-day course, firefighters practice driving skills such as changing lanes, backing in and out of alleys, maneuvering around fixed objects and getting through areas with diminishing clearance.

"In one exercise, the firefighters eventually have to get through a space that is only two inches wider than the wheels of their truck," said Charlie Jones, risk management representative.

Bliss/McKnight provides training sessions for about 15 to 20 fire depts. and 30 police depts. a year, according to the representatives. The sessions are used primarily as orientation for new drivers.

The sessions have been successful, Jones said, with only a few minor mishaps.

"In Valparaiso, we had a police car that blew a tire during an exercise and ran into a fence," he said. "But it was just a faulty tire. The police chief said he was

glad the accident happened in training and not during a real emergency."

Laughter is heard from the inside of one truck as a volunteer firefighter tries to back into a compact area and succeeds in knocking over a cone. The same firefighter knocks over two more cones as he tries to drive backward between them.

Ennis jumps out of the truck to stand them upright.

"Don't do that again!" he yells, using the cone as a megaphone before smiling and returning the cone to the ground.

"At least here, they're just hitting cones, not property," he adds.

Lincoln Twp. Chief Dave Foster said the dept. was considering driver's training for its station even before they heard about the classes through their insurance company.

"We have 3 or 4 new firefighters who have been here less than 10 months," he said. "So this is good practice for them. For the firefighters who have been here four, five years or more — this is a good refresher."

Two volunteers and Jones return to the group of firefighters in their 2,000-gallon tanker truck Jones jumps out and appears greatly relieved.

"I think I may have to get out and kiss the ground after that last one," he jokes, indicating firefighter Connie Stephens.

Stephens looks indignant. "I'll give you something to kiss," she counters, evoking laughter from the rest of the group.

Stephens, who said she has not had much experience driving the fire trucks since joining the Lincoln Township department in January, appreciated the chance to practice her skills.

"I wouldn't say it was easy," she said, looking out to the orange cones speckling the airport runway. "But it is definitely beneficial. I'll appreciate the training if my (fire department) pager goes off later today."

And that, Ennis said, is what the training is all about.

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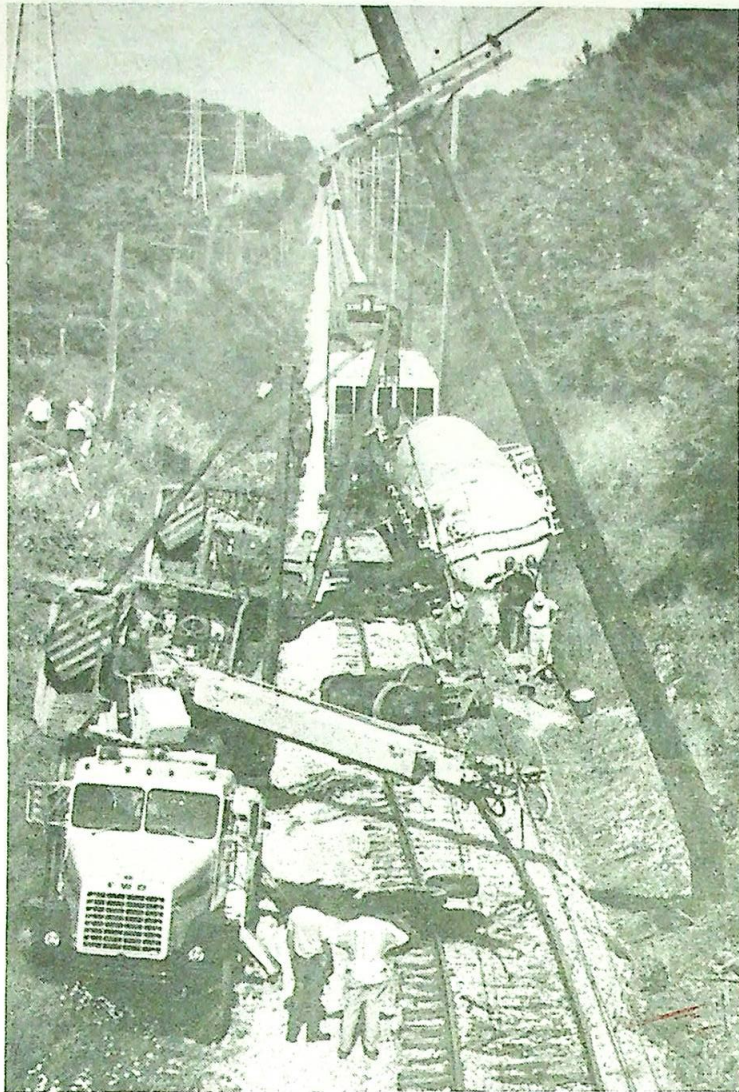


By Bob Wellinski/Staff

Pleasant Twp. volunteer firefighters gear up at a house fire on CR-200E Tuesday night which was caused by a lightning strike. The house, at 2303S CR-200E, sustained heavy damage in the kitchen and living room, Pleasant Capt. Kevin Bluhm said this morning. The lightning apparently traveled through electrical lines into a lamp located on top of the refrigerator at about 7:50 p.m., Bluhm said. The residents were not home at the time. The Lincoln Twp. VFD responded to two other lightning caused fires Tuesday night, but they were minor in nature.

The LaPorte Herald-Argus, July 13, 1994

South Shore derails



By Bob Wellinsk/Staff

MEMBERS OF LA PORTE COUNTY Hazardous Materials team, Kankakee and Springfield volunteer fire depts and South Shore workers battle the heat Thurs. as they work on the tanker filled with anhydrous ammonia that overturned on the South Shore tracks just east of the Fail Road overpass. The tanker started swaying when it hit a pole and then overturned.

Freight car mess halts passenger service

Mark Harper
The La Porte Herald-Argus
Rolling Prairie — About 30 passengers who boarded a South Shore commuter train in South

Bend Thursday afternoon were delayed two hours after a freight train derailed near Fail Road and CR-125E.

The South Shore freighter derailed ahead of the commuter train at about 12:35 p.m., John Parsons, spokesman for the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, said this

morning.

Commuter trains from South Bend to Michigan City were blocked but expected to be running by noon today, Parsons said. In the meantime, South Shore passengers were being bused between South Bend and Michigan City.

No one was injured in the freighter derailment and the cause was undetermined as of this morning, Parsons said. The La Porte County Police, La Porte County Hazardous Materials Team, and volunteer fire departments of Springfield and Kankakee townships were called to the scene.

The freight train was carrying liquid fertilizer, but there was no spillage. The electric tracks used by the train are the same as those used by the commuter service. Utility poles which provide electricity for the commuter service were knocked down.

The Michigan City Shops Station was to be the next stop for South Shore passengers who left South Bend at 12:01 p.m. headed for points west.

The South Shore had difficulty arranging for a bus service to pick up those passengers and take them to the Michigan City station. Normally, the passenger service uses United Limo, a private carrier, Parsons said. However, United Limo was booked in part because it was servicing the German World Cup soccer team and fans in Chicago.

The South Bend Public Transportation Corp. was able to take train passengers to Michigan City, where a train departed for points west at 2:22 p.m., Parsons said. While the public transportation service carried South Shore passengers Friday, United Limo bused passengers this morning.

While the World Cup meant a temporary headache for the South Shore Thursday, it has meant more riders, Parsons said.

"Actually, the Cup has meant good business for the South Shore," he said.

June 17, 1994

Father Lantz . . .

The room is silent, with the exception of soft organ music and a few whispers from those whose nervousness would not allow silence. Grief and sadness fill the air, making it difficult to breathe. The people in the room are gathered together, each with their own memories of the deceased, to witness a memorial. Within one hour feelings of anger, confusion, and despair will be replaced with feelings of peace, understanding, and hopefulness. For many, this change will occur because of the chosen words and sincere sentiments of one man, known and loved by many throughout the state of Indiana: Father Duane Lantz, Chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association (I.V.F.A.).

Dressed in their neatly pressed uniforms, consisting of a white dress shirt with an I.V.F.A. patch showing name and department, dark dress pants, and shiny black shoes, all of the firemen go as one to view the deceased, then return to their seats. Father Lantz, wearing his dark blue chaplain's uniform which has crosses embedded in the big gold buttons, takes his place behind the podium at the front of the room. He begins the service by saying, "Let us pray."

Through thick glasses, Father Lantz looks at his audience with sympathetic eyes. His voice is filled with emotion as he relates stories of past experiences he has shared with his deceased comrade. He smiles at the mention of each memorable experience. His bond with the deceased allows him to speak personally, creating a definite closeness with his audience. Everyone seems to be drawn together, as if they are feeling the same feelings and thinking the same thoughts. Father Lantz speaks softly, slowly, pausing often to give his words a chance to heal the suffering felt in the room. He understands the anger and confusion people feel when they lose a loved one, for he has felt it many times himself. He does not try to explain death, for he believes there is no clear explanation. Rather, he speaks of accepting death as a part of life, and looking towards the future to find peace with the past.

In stating the accomplishments of the deceased, Father Lantz acknowledges all of the surviving relatives. He smiles tenderly at the wife and children sitting in the front row. Each achievement of the deceased, whether large or insignificant is recognized and praised. He comforts the family by saying, "Although he is not with us anymore on earth, he will not be forgotten. We are privileged to have known such a wonderful person."

In his memorial service, Father Lantz refers to the religious aspects of life and death in a peaceful, settling way. He does not use language known only to those with a strong religious background but speaks simply, so everyone can understand his message. He does not try to persuade or convert his listeners; his memorial service is intended to commemorate the deceased. The audience is at ease with his presentation, not intimidated by it. His voice quivers slightly as he recites, with deepest conviction, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want". And then quivers again as he reassures everyone that the deceased "will dwell in the house of the Lord forever".

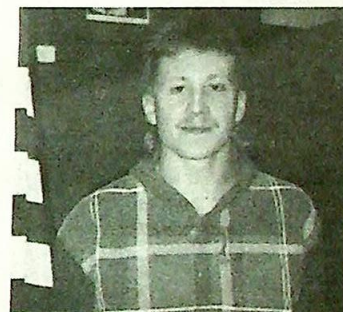
When the memorial service concludes, Father Lantz talks to family and friends of the deceased in a more personal, relaxed manner. Many people thank him

for his words of comfort and praise him for his ability to express himself so precisely.

Father Lantz has served as Chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association for twenty-seven years. For the last fifteen years he has been unanimously elected by his peers for this position. He possesses the qualities a person needs to be able to speak to an audience who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The compassion this man feels is a part of his being. If he were not a compassionate person he could not deliver a memorial service with the conviction that he expresses so clearly, in his voice. He removes the anger one feels when they lose someone they love, and he replaces it with peacefulness. He removes their confusion about death and replaces it with the understanding that death is an inevitable part of life. He relieves the despair people feel from their loss by assuring them there is still a future. His delivery of his memorial service is a reflection of his character; Father Lantz is indeed a unique person.

Sue Lantz
Nov. 12, 1990

Probationary firefighter accepted at Pershing Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department has announced that Gilbert H. Carpenter has been accepted as a probationary firefighter. Carpenter is the son of Ray and Sharon Carpenter of rural Freetown. He is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School and IVY Tech Electronics program. Gilbert is employed at Excel Tool as a tool and die maker. He is a member of Freetown Church of Christ.

Carpenter is now enrolled in the department's mandatory 24 hour recruit training program and will soon begin studies for certification as a Second Class Firefighter as outlined by the Indiana Board of Firefighter Standards.

"We are pleased to have Gilbert on our force," said Pershing Fire Chief Richard Blaker. "Our department needs more young people who feel a need to serve our community in a positive constructive way."

Any Pershing Township resident aged 18 and older is eligible to apply for probationary firefighter status with the all volunteer fire/rescue unit. Teens aged 16 to 18 may apply to the department's Junior Firefighter Program. All applicants must have a current Indiana driver's license and enter the required training program.

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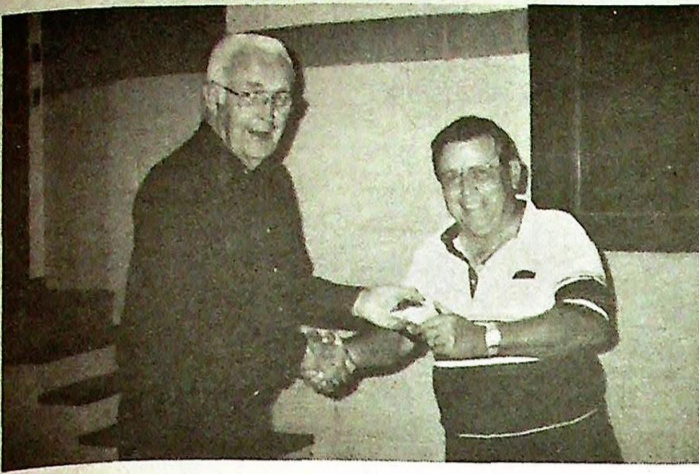
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Don Johnson, District 12

Fire destroys two trailers

Space heater blamed; two dogs and eight cats killed

Cathy Behrendt
The Laporte Herald-Argus
SPRINGVILLE— Two trailers in Shady Grove Trailer Park, 1621 W. Springville Rd. were destroyed by a fire started by a space heater Easter morning.

Neighbors noticed heavy black smoke coming from the windows of a trailer on Lot 21 and reported the fire at 11:37 a.m. Sunday, Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Thad Brinkman said this morning.

Hearing gasps and cries from inside the trailer, neighbors feared the owners, Larry and Tinamarie Ussery, were trapped inside, LaPorte County Police said.

Jim Roberts, a neighbor, broke windows and forced his way inside, crawling to the back bedroom where he believed the couple to be, police said.

But the heat and smoke were too intense and he had to get out, he told police.

As firefighters arrived six minutes after the initial 911 call, another neighbor reached Tinamarie at her job at FiveStar foods, confirming that neither she nor her husband was in the trailer, police said.

The gasps and cries neighbors heard came from the two dogs and eight cats which were inside the trailer, police said. All 10 of the animals were killed, Brinkman said.

The fire was apparently started by a space heater located in the living room. Several space heaters were the only sources of heat in the trailer, Brinkman said.

Because of the intense heat, a trailer on Lot 2 directly behind the burning trailer also caught fire. That trailer, home to James and Pauline Scott, was not occupied at the time of the fire, Brinkman said.

The north side and most of the south side of the Scott trailer were severely damaged. The Scotts' daughter, Cheryl, was able to recover some items from the trailer, but Brinkman said it is

a total loss.

The siding on a third nearby trailer was also damaged by the intense heat, but did not actually catch fire, Brinkman said.

The Usserys are staying with relatives, while the Scotts were vacationing in Kentucky at the time of the fire, Brinkman said.

The Usserys did not have any insurance, and are expected to receive help from the LaPorte County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

April 4, 1994

1 killed, 1 hurt in car-semi crash

Michigan City woman who died was driving drunk, coroner says

Cathy Behrendt
The Laporte Herald-Argus
Springfield Township — A Michigan City woman was killed and a rural LaPorte man seriously injured when the car they were in was broadsided by a steel coil-loaded semi truck on Ind. 39 Thursday night.

Cara Wolford, 34, of 1427 1/2 W. 10th St., Michigan City, died of massive trauma after the drivers side of the car she was driving was struck by the semi at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, LaPorte County Police said.

Passenger Brian Schultz, 35, of 3243 W. U.S. 20, was in serious condition in the intensive care unit of LaPorte Hospital this morning

The driver of the semi, Doug Firmanty, 35, of Dearborn, Mich., sustained several minor cuts and did not require hospitalization.

Witnesses told police Wolford was eastbound on CR-925N and Firmanty was southbound on Ind. 39 when Wolford pulled out into the path of the truck.

Although Firmanty braked, he was unable to stop the truck, police said.

Wolford was killed on impact, LaPorte County Deputy Coroner Terry Campbell said this morning. Campbell said Wolford's blood alcohol level at the time of the accident was 0.186 percent, nearly twice Indiana's legal limit of 0.10 percent.

Neither Wolford nor Schultz

was wearing a seat belt; Firmanty was wearing a lap belt, police said.

After striking the car, the semi truck and trailer loaded with steel coils rolled over multiple times, coming to rest in a nearby field. One steel coil broke free, bounced on Ind. 39, then rolled off the southbound lane onto the shoulder, police said.

The force of the coil striking the pavement created ruts in Ind. 39 so deep that police closed it off for about 1 1/2 hours until the ruts could be patched by Indiana Department of Transportation workers.

Steel coils can weigh anywhere from 10,000 to 65,000 pounds each, Indiana State Police said. The exact weight of the coil which damaged Ind. 39 was unknown this morning.

June 10, 1994

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Pilot OK after plane crash



THIS PIPER CUB, piloted by Long Beach resident John Carmen, 47 ended up with its nose in some trees Monday evening near Schultz Road after its engine failed. Carmen checked himself into St. Anthony Hospital, where he was in good condition this morning.

Piper Cub goes down near Schultz Road

Cathy Behrendt
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
The 1989 Piper Cub lifted from the ground with no problem, but then the engine lost power.
At 5:02 p.m. Monday, the bright yellow plane circled the private airfield in the 5500 block of Schultz Road just west of CR-525W, piloted by John Carmen, 47, of 2970 Lothair Way, Long Beach.
Carmen tried to make an emergency landing perpendicular to the grassy runway, but a line of too-tall trees got in the way. The plane skimmed the tops off several trees, then nosed against

trees and a fence line and blocked a long gravel driveway.
Carmen wrenched his back but was otherwise unharmed, LaPorte County Police said. He left the area after the crash, and checked himself into St. Anthony Hospital in Michigan City, where he was in good condition this morning.
He declined to talk to a reporter this morning.
The plane didn't fare as well as its pilot. The engine, body, wings, tail and landing gear were seriously damaged.
A Center Twp. Fire Dept. crew hosed down the engine of the plane since it was apparently leaking gas, but other than that the main role of would-be rescuers was to wait for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to arrive to investigate the crash.

Plane owner Norman Simcox, 76 of 5607 Schultz Rd., said he has flown the plane about 30 hours while he and Carmen have been working on it, with no trouble until Monday evening.
"I give up," Simcox said. "I thought I had it all ready to go."
"I was thinking about selling it. I'm no spring chicken," he said.
He admitted to wishing it had been him in the cockpit when the engine lost power, allowing the speed to go below the 50 mph necessary to keep it in the air.
"I missed all of that excitement," he said.
The crash wasn't nearly as thrilling from the ground as it would have been from the air.
Tell that to the gawkers, who came in droves after seeing or hearing of the crash. By car, by

bicycle, on foot and even on horseback, everyone in the area came to get a look.
Carmen is no novice to flying. He keeps his own Supercub in friend Simcox's hangar, and is a pilot for United Airlines in Chicago.
Simcox never set out to have his own private airfield.
"Somebody says 'hey, do you want to go up for a ride,' and the next thing you know you want to fly the thing," said Simcox who has been flying for about 30 years.

firefighters arrived, police said.
The car, a 1989 Plymouth Sundance, was precariously close to slipping down a slope into Crane's Lake when rescuers arrived, Center Township Fire Chief Mike Turner said this morning.
The roof of the car was caved in, and the driver's side "conformed to the shape of the tree," Turner said.
Because the car was in danger of slipping, firefighters anchored it with a rope to a fire truck and shored it up before starting extrication procedures, Turner said.

MC teen critical Hurt in Saturday crash on Waverly

Cathy Behrendt
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
A critically injured Michigan City teen had to be extricated from his car after it struck a tree off Waverly Road Saturday night.
David Armstrong, 18, of 6894 Magnolia Ave., was in critical condition this morning at LaPorte Hospital following Saturday's 10 p.m. crash.
A passenger in the car, Alex Freese, 18, of 1012 Georgetown Rd., Michigan City, fled the area before police arrived. LaPorte County Police found him at St. Anthony Hospital in Michigan City at about 1 a.m., where he was treated and released.
Armstrong was eastbound on Waverly Road at about 10 p.m., when he apparently lost control on a curve just east of CR400W, went into a ditch and hit a tree, police said this morning.
Armstrong was unconscious and trapped in the vehicle when police and Center Township

To get Armstrong out, rescuers used the "jaws of life" to pry the roof off the car, Turner said. Rescuers then lifted Armstrong onto the passenger side and out of the car.
"It was really quite a complicated rescue. You don't have that many actual extrications," Turner said.
However, it is not the first time Center Township firefighters have been called out to Waverly Road and CR-400W, Turner said.
"It's a tricky curve. There's been numerous accidents there over the years. People take it too fast, and bang, they're in the tree line heading for the water," Turner said.
Freese told police he was sleeping at the time of the accident and woke up when his head hit the windshield.
He told police he "got scared and left the scene."
Armstrong's blood alcohol content at the time of the accident was 0.13 percent. The legal limit for driving in Indiana is 0.10 percent. Police intend to charge him with driving under the influence as well as underage drinking, they said this morning.

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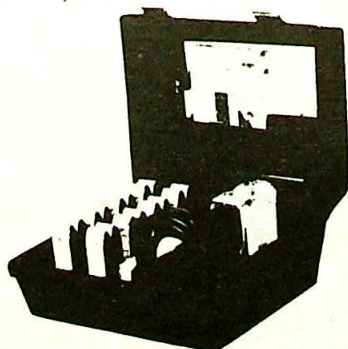
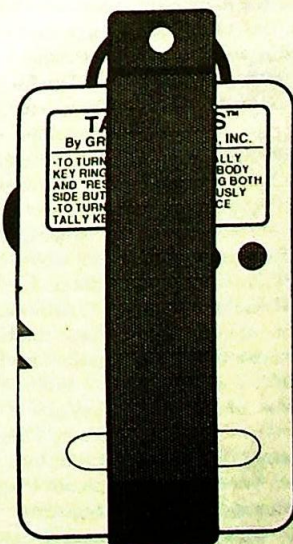
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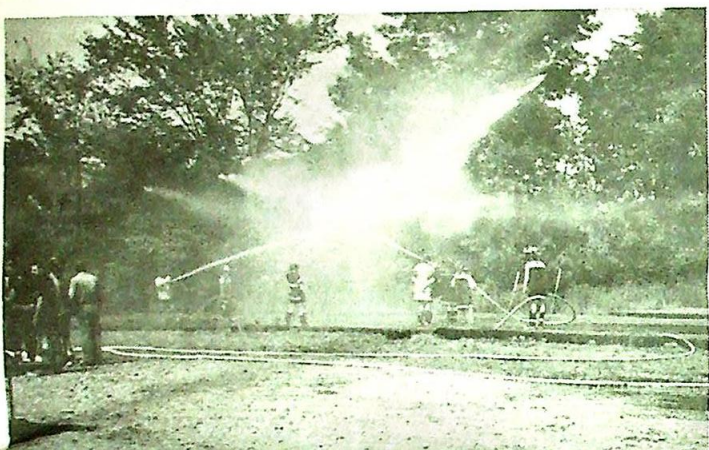
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Lake Hills Fire Department battling New Chicago Fire Department in 5th Annual Waterball Tournament.

Liberty Twp., Porter Co. - The Liberty Twp. V.F.D. was the site of a picnic for members of IVFA Dists. 1 and 2. This was done in conjunction with Liberty Twp's 5th Annual Waterball Tournament. In addition, people in antique fire trucks happened to be passing by and stopped to enjoy the festivities allowing everyone to inspect and admire their machinery.

Members enjoyed a meal of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers courtesy of the master chefs from Lake Eliza F.D. Accompanying the main entrees were delicious desserts and side dishes brought by those who attended.

Following the picnic, eleven teams competed in a double

elimination waterball tournament. Each year, Task Force Tips has sponsored this tournament by donating a nozzle for the first place team as well as providing trophies for other finishers.

The eventual winners were members of the Lake Hills F.D. who won the winners bracket and faced an exhausted Bremen F.D. who had to battle from the loser's bracket. Edgerton F.D. (Ohio) finished third.

Plans are already under way for next year's picnic in conjunction with the waterball tournament. Ideas discussed so far have included a fire muster and other activities for those in attendance to enjoy.

Saturday morning. He subsequently resigned from the fire department.

Although Noble Chief Mick Hunsley told The Herald-Argus Monday that Gervais had been "permanently suspended" from the department, Hunsley said today that Gervais resigned.

This morning, Gervais told The Herald-Argus that he plans to sue "several people" over the incident, but would not elaborate. He said he's been advised by his attorney not to comment further.

Gervais, who had a blue flashing light on his dashboard, reportedly disregarded two stop signs, then drove 100 mph down Ind. 39. He was allegedly passing cars unsafely and forced at least one vehicle off the road, LaPorte City Police said.

Hunsley said this is the first time a firefighter has left the department for driving unsafely, but not the first time his firefighters have been warned for misusing the blue light.

Blue lights

Some other volunteer chiefs contacted Monday by The Herald-

Argus said over the past four or five years, only one or two firefighters in each department have been reprimanded for their driving methods.

At most departments, a firefighter can be suspended after one warning.

The blue light does not allow a firefighter special privileges, says LaPorte City Police Chief Gene Samuelson. "They're just like any other citizens."

Samuelson said volunteer firefighters with blue lights displayed properly (Gervais' light was displayed illegally on the dashboard) must follow the same traffic laws as everyone else.

Even police officers are not given carte blanche with their flashing red lights - they still must slow down and watch for other traffic at intersections, Samuelson said.

"If we don't get to our emergency, what good are we?" Samuelson asked.

The law requires blue lights to be displayed on top of vehicles, and also "does not grant a vehicle displaying blue lights the right of way ... A driver of a vehicle displaying a blue light shall obey all traffic rules."

"All of our people are instructed to obey (traffic signals) just as every other person would" while on the way to a call, Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Craig Seifert said.

But Seifert said he believes there should be a change in the law for volunteer firefighters. When firefighters are answering a call, they may be racing to save a life, he explained.

"Chances are I'm not going to obey every 30-mile-per-hour speed limit" after hearing a first responder call, Seifert admitted. "It's a sore subject with the firefighters, who feel like they're out there trying to save a life or someone's property."

"We all get the adrenaline going, but it's just a matter of using your head," Hunsley said.

Hunsley said he doesn't like the fact that the law allows firefighters to use blue lights only in their own townships. Hunsley, who works in LaPorte, is always one of the last to arrive at scenes.

That law is so restrictive, Hunsley said, that he and many other firefighters have stopped using the light altogether, to avoid the possibility of a lawsuit against the fire department.

But LaPorte County Sheriff Ken Layton said he has given firefighters the go-ahead to use blue lights on their way to a call when they are out of their own township.

"They're trying to assist the citizens, and that does not bother me," Layton said. He simply urges caution.

Westville Chief Jim Ingram said many in his department, including himself, do not use the blue lights. If cited for a traffic violation while using the blue light, the firefighter is automatically kicked off the department - but if he gets a ticket on his way to a fire and does not have a blue light on, there is no penalty, Ingram explained.

April 5, 1994

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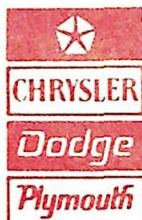
Cathy Behrendt

The LaPorte Herald-argus

When motorists see flashing blue lights in LaPorte County, the blue light is usually coming from the vehicle of one of hundreds of volunteer firefighters en route to a call.

The blue light is only a courtesy light, and it does not give the driver any special dispensation for breaking traffic laws, as one former local firefighter found out over the weekend.

Former Noble Township volunteer firefighter Robert Gervais, 24, of LaPorte, was arrested for reckless driving while on his way to a grass fire in Union Mills



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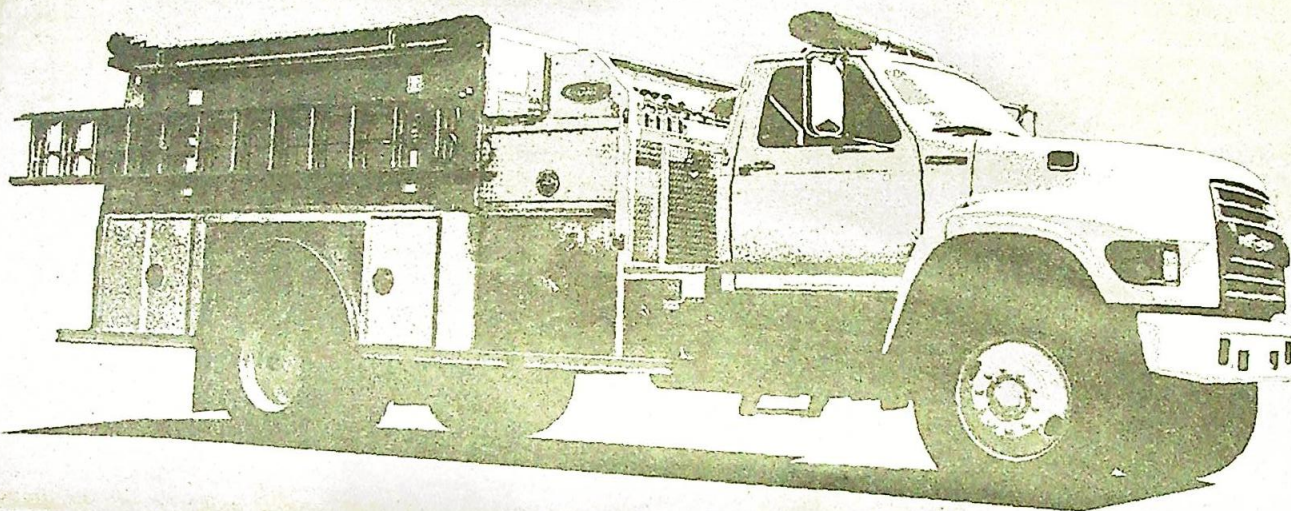
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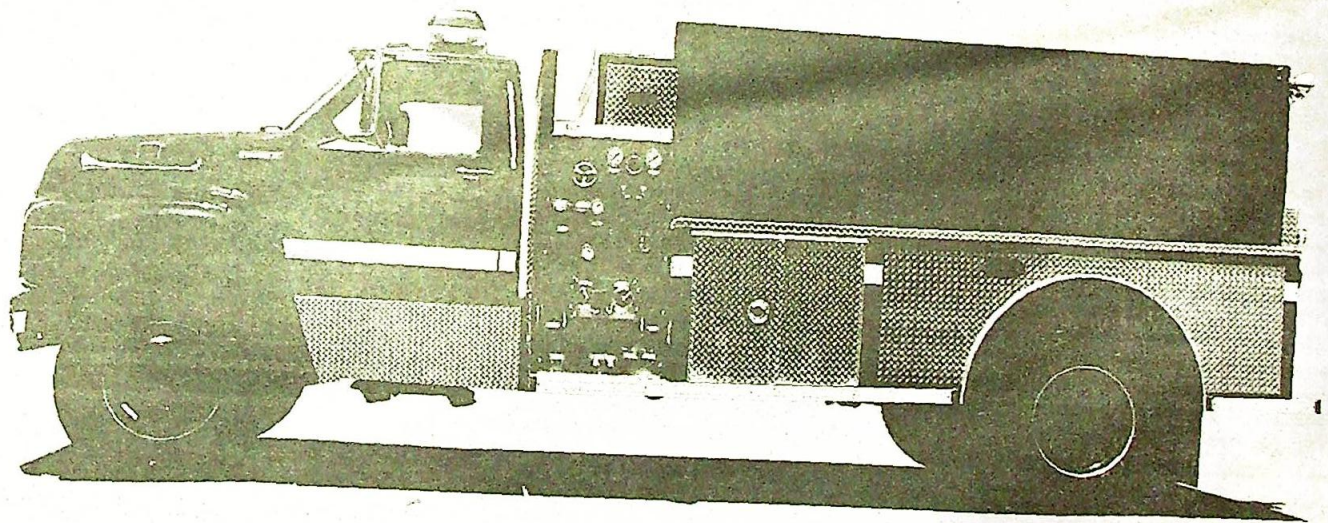


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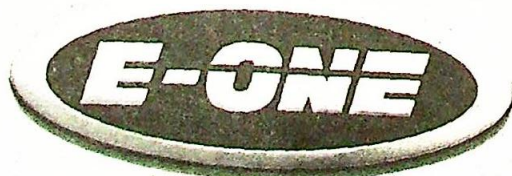
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E-ONEOMICS



State Officers Meeting

Weston Plaza Hotel, Elkhart, June 9, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President Parish with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Glant. President Parish called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Jack Cox to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Seconded by Bill Howe. The motion passed by a voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Parish reported traveling almost 14,000 miles for the year.

Vice President Glant stated he too had traveled almost 14,000 miles and had really enjoyed it as vice president. Chaplain Baker announced that the deceased report needed to be updated prior to the memorial service.

Ass't Chaplain Lantz reported he had attended several district meetings since the last officer's meeting.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush thanked everyone for the cards and phone calls after his operation.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

NW Howe passed.

NE Kinsey reported that Max Poling would not be able to make this convention.

EC Jackson passed.

WC Michl passed.

SW Kearney passed.

SW Hildebrand passed.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Howe passed.

D2 Stott announced he enjoyed the Washington, D.C. trip.

D3 Uryga passed.

D4 Ferro passed.

D5 Berkey passed.

D6 Engle passed.

D7 Sorg announced he too enjoyed the Washington, D.C. trip.

D8A Fleenor passed.

D8B Petro reported 1 death in the district.

D9A Cline was absent.

D9B Koehler passed.

D10 Neal passed.

D11A Hays passed.

D11B Bartlow passed.

D12 Johnson passed.

D13A Cushman passed.

D13B Cox reported 1 death in the district.

D14 Hinkle passed.

D15 Seitz reported the 1995 convention hospitality room is on the second floor.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker passed.

D17B Zeeks passed.

D18 Royer passed.

D19 Covington passed.

D20 Palmiero passed.

D21 Martin thanked everyone for letting him go on the Washington, D.C. trip.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

All in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions - Covington passed.

Editor's Assistant - Howe reported the paper would be out on Aug. 1st. The deadline for news to the editor is July the 10th.

Advertising - Swartz passed.

Nat'l Vol Fire Council - Stofer reported a bill introduced for no mandating without funding. The next meeting will be at Wayne Twp in Indianapolis in September.

By-Laws - Stofer reported that the current suggested changes are out and it will be up to the body to sell these to the membership.

Jim Parker spoke on the views of the By-Law committee.

EMS - Johnson reported attending the last meeting. Ivan Nevil also spoke on certain subjects brought up in the meeting.

Membership - Bruns passed.

Bridgeport Fund - Swartz announced that the selection had been made.

Fire Training - Glant passed.

Historical - Parish passed.

Insurance - Stofer stated the association needed to see where it was going. Certain changes need to be made.

Awards - Glant announced everything was taken care of and is ready.

Photographs - Neal currently working taking pictures.

Standards & Education - Covington reported the committee's presentation is ready for today.

Clothing - Bartlow passed.

Fire Service Institute - Baker passed.

President Parish called on John Ferro to explain the security setup on the joint meeting and also the vendor's displays both inside and outside of the hotel.

OFFICER'S REPORT CONT

Secretary Kissell reported 2,989 members paid to date. There have been 10,656 license plate forms issued to date. The new assistant to help in his office is on board and is working out very well.

A motion was made by Larry Jackson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Doug Engle. The motion carried by a hand vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Zeeks who called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Bill Howe, seconded by Bill Kinsey. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Jack Cox made a motion to reappoint Ivan Nevil to the EMS Commission, seconded by Richard Glant. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The presentation by the Executive Fund of Fort Wayne group on insurance policies. A motion was made by Tom Hinkle not to have the president write a letter of endorsement to this presentation. Seconded by Bill Howe. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Gene Stofer remarks concerning the Red jackets for the Mr. IVFA award. Securing the same color is becoming a problem. He suggests buying enough material to have the jackets made.

A motion by Jack Cox to allow \$750.00 for Gene Stofer to purchase the material for the Mr. IVFA jackets. Seconded by Larry Stott. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Mitch Parish announced that the audit committee met on June 8th and accepted the audit as printed.

Toddy Michl spoke on the needs to purchase more Mr. IVFA awards as he only has two left in stock. A motion by Robert Uryga to buy five more Mr. IVFA awards. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

At this time Bill Bush reported on the status of Carl Davis.

A motion for adjournment was made by Tom Hinkle, seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Respectfully submitted, John Davies

St. John Fire Department Puts New Trucks In Service



The St. John Fire Department proudly accepted delivery and placed into service two 1994 Seagraves pumpers. These two pumpers represent several years of study and deliberation by the truck committee. The members of the truck committee are Chief John Geary, Assistant Chief Clarence "Pete" Monix, Captain Dennis Wilson, Captain Fred Willman, Captain James Wozniowski, Lieutenant Jorge Perez, and Fireman Mark Itczak. The committee has traveled many miles visiting factories and inspecting apparatus.

These 1994 Seagraves trucks are powered by a six cylinder, turbo-charged, 370 HP., Detroit Diesel Engine with computer controlled injectors. The engine is coupled to an Allison automatic transmission which is also computer controlled. These trucks feature six man fully enclosed cabs, power steering, air conditioning, and a top mount pump panel.

The pumps on the trucks are manufactured by Waterous and are rated at 1,500 gallons per minute. The trucks are designed

to and carry 1,000 gallons of water to the fire scene. The trucks are equipped with five inch (5") hose which is referred to as 'a portable water main on top of the ground.' When asked his opinion of these new trucks John Hemphill, who is an EMT, Lieutenant, and Chairman of the Board of Directors responded, "These trucks are just what we need for the next twenty years!"

And these trucks are that indeed. The enclosed cab and air conditioning provides safety to the men when being transported both to and from the fire scene. In the event of a fire person overheating or suffering from heat stroke or heat prostration, the air conditioned cab provides a refuge to allow the fire person to cool down in a healthy manner. The top mount pump panel is the same configuration as other pumpers on the department. Now all of the pumpers will have similar pump panels. The 1,500 GPM pump with the 5.0" hose gives the department a greater capacity for supplying water to its snorkel or for relaying water for other departments. According to

Captain Willman "These trucks give St. John Fire Department state of the art equipment that we have not enjoyed for 15 years."

Town Councilman Kenneth Gembala, who is also an EMT and Captain on the Fire Department observed, "These trucks are top quality. The Fire Department and the town got their money's worth. These trucks move the department into the 90's." Gembala was referring to the trucks meeting the updated firefighting guidelines, the size of the trucks, and the quality of material and workmanship.

Probably the trucks are best summed up by Assistant Chief Clarence "Pete" Monix. Monix referred to the 1,500 GPM pumps, the 1,000 gal. water tank, top mounted pump panel, six man cab, air conditioning, dual cross lays, 5.0" hose, 370 HP Detroit Turbo-Charged Diesel, and Allison Automatic when he said "These are the greatest trucks we have seen and put into service. I am real proud of them!" And that feeling is echoed by the other members of the St. John Fire Department.

AUTO RACING

State Official joins IMS

by John Bansch

Jerry Hauer, a ranking official in the administration of Indiana Governor Evan Bayh, Thursday was named Director of New Series Development for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation.

Hauer, 42, will devote his attention to developing the organization which will manage, direct and promote the proposed new series of Indianapolis-type auto races, beginning in 1996, which will include the Indianapolis 500. He has been executive director of the Indiana State Emergency Management Agency and the department of Fire and Building Services.

"Jerry will work closely with USAC, which will provide the technical expertise and he will begin to develop the 1996 schedule by firming up arrangements with the promoters who will be hosting the 1996 races," said Speedway president Tony George.

"Hauer begins his new job Aug. 1. He was with the state 5 1/2 years.

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Six children die in Indiana fire

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The Associated Press
Velpen - A house fire killed six children early Tuesday despite a neighbor's rescue attempt and fast work by firefighters who quelled the blaze in 10 minutes.

"You have never seen a house burn as fast as this did," said Cheryl Wiscaver, who lives across the street from the large, farm-style house about 25 miles northeast of Evansville.

Theresa Latimer, the mother of four of the children, injured her ankle jumping from the second-story window and was hospitalized in fair condition in Jasper.

Authorities say a hysterical woman, apparently Latimer, called central dispatch at 1:03 Tuesday morning but the dispatcher could not understand her or get an address.

A neighbor called eight minutes later to report the blaze, and firefighters were dispatched immediately.

Authorities were unable to trace the address from the first call, said Jim Capozzalla of the Jefferson-Madison Township Fire Department. Pike County is about six months away from activating an Emergency 911 system capable of such tracing, he said.

Firefighters arrived to find the two-story home engulfed in flames. They extinguished the blaze in about 10 minutes, but could not get inside because of the intense heat, officials said.

The flames apparently begun upstairs but the cause wasn't known.

"It was all upstairs. We had lightning earlier, but I don't think it was related to the storm," Capozzalla said.

"There's no natural gas (to the house). There was a propane tank

line, but no propane tank."

Pike County Coroner Lowry Cooper identified the four siblings who were killed as Christopher Hill, 6; Desiree Latimer, 5; Joseph Latimer, 3; and Jasmin Latimer, 1.

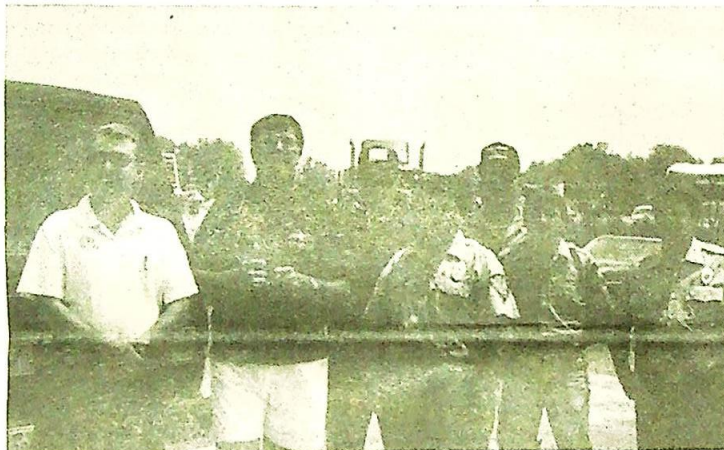
The other two victims were Tracy Voegerl, 11 and 5-year-old Jerrod Voegerl, both of Jasper. Authorities said they were apparently sleeping over.

Post-Tribune
August 10, 1994

Pershing Township 4th of July Celebration



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Pershing VFD Auxiliary President Debbie Rouse, (left) presents Janice Elmore with the 1994 "Woman of the Year" award. The fire dept. Auxiliary chooses an outstanding citizen for the annual honor. Mrs. Elmore is the founder of the Jackson Co. Unit of Habitat For Humanity.

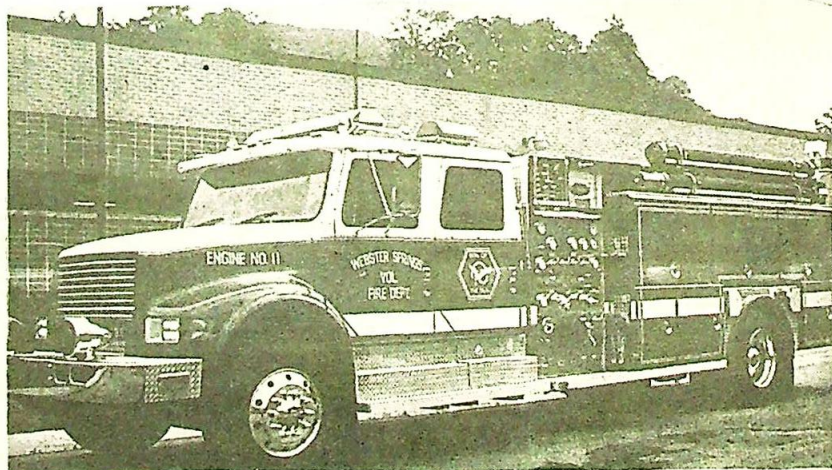


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Vol. firefighter charged with reckless driving, kicked off department

A Noble Twp. vol. firefighter was arrested for reckless driving while on his way to a grass fire in Union Mills Saturday, and has been kicked off the department.

Robert Gervais, 24, of 1006 K St. LaPorte, was stopped at 3:44 p.m. after he reportedly disregarded stop signs at 18th Street and Andrew Avenue and 18th Street and Ind. 39, then drove 100 mph down Ind. 39, LaPorte City Police said.

He was charged with a Class B misdemeanor of reckless driving.

Police said Gervais has been warned several times about driving recklessly while on the way to fires by both police and the fire department.

Noble Chief Mick Hunsley said this morning that Gervais, a firefighter for about a year, is "no longer on the fire department."

While speeding down Ind. 39, Gervais was allegedly passing cars unsafely, causing one vehicle to go off the road, police said.

Police noticed the blue flashing light on Gervais' dashboard after they pulled him over.

Hunsley said this is the first time the department has removed a firefighter for driving recklessly.

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Crown Point Fire Department Dedicates Plaque & Tower Truck

By Mark A. Baumgardner

On Saturday, September 10th the Crown Point Fire Department proudly dedicated its new 102' KME tower truck to William "Billy" Alder who had passed away at the age of 29 from a sudden illness on April 27th of this year. The dedication service was held in front of the Emergency Services Building.

Fire Chief Duane Gettler spoke of Billy's dedication to the fire department and to the City of Crown Point during his five year membership. He stated that we are not gathered to mourn the loss of Billy again but to recall what Billy believed in and an example of his dedication to the community and the fire department such as the time that Billy and fellow firefighter Steve Van Woerden rescued an unconscious man from a house fire. The man was saved because of their quick action and joint effort. Billy and Steve received a number of local and state proclamations for their act of heroism.

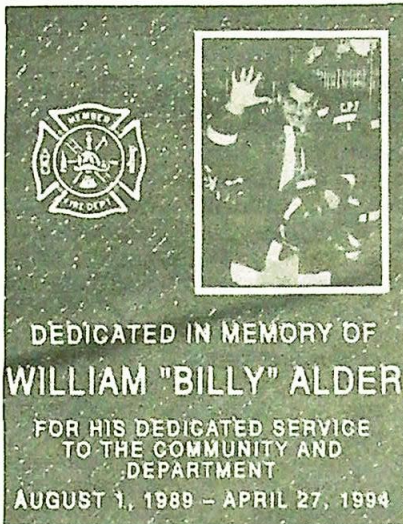
Mayor James Metros of Crown Point also was present and addressed more than one hundred fireman, local city officials and citizens by stating in part that we will continue to remember Billy each day. He recalled the evening of his Mayoral Inauguration where Billy and Steve were honored with a plaque for their successful rescue efforts. The Mayor also stated that we have all assembled to give a new life to Billy's memory and that life in general was not measured by the number of years we live but what we accomplish during those years.

A metal plaque with Billy's picture, name and dates of service was uncovered by Chief Gettler as Tower 1 was dedicated in front of his parents Mr. & Mrs. Alder and other family members present which included a brother Steve Alder who is also an active member of the Crown Point Fire Department. Also during the dedication service a special surprise was uncovered as Firefighter Michael Abramson who was a close friend of Billy's climbed the tower ladder to remove a piece of cardboard. Once removed it was to everyone's surprise and happiness that "Little Billy" had been painted on both sides of the tower ladder near its base. This had been Billy's nickname in the fire department.

As the dedication service continued Chief Gettler also stated that to dedicate the new tower truck to Billy was very appropriate and justified because he had been such a dedicated fireman and that the new tower truck will stand tall in our community as Billy will continue to stand tall in our fire department and that we will continue to remember Billy each time we are on the truck for a call or training or just maybe working around the tower truck. It is believed that this is the first piece of apparatus that has been dedicated in the memory of a Crown Point firefighter in the one hundred twenty-four year history of the department.

Mrs. Sharon Alder, Billy's mother was presented a single red rose during the dedication service. Students from the Crown Point High School sang several songs which included "Star Spangled Banner, "Hero" and "America".

Father Donald Grass from St.



Mary's Catholic Church walked the length of the tower truck blessing it with holy water and offered prayers at the opening and closing of the dedication service.

After the dedication service was concluded, refreshments were served by members of the Ladies Auxillary of the fire department. Captain John Gettler and firefighters Sheri Laney, Mitch Gibbs and Mark Baumgardner served on the dedication committee.

The new 102' tower truck replaces a thirty-three year old Crown 65' snorkel that had been in recent years very costly to maintain and late last year failed an Underwriters Laboratory test of its hydraulic system and

ground ladders. It is also believed that this truck was the last of its kind in service and only one of three known to exist. Chief Gettler declared this apparatus out of service for the concern of the safety of the members of the fire department. With this older snorkel out of service, an emergency situation now exist because our community would be without any type of aerial device in case a major fire in the business district or a rescue would occur. The search for a new aerial apparatus began in October of last year and was finally approved in April of this year after many months of numerous meetings between the Chief, Mayor and other city officials on its need, and if approved, what method of financing would be most beneficial for the city to consider.

On June 17th representatives from Hoosier Fire Equipment delivered the new tower truck. In the weeks to follow small groups of four to five firemen were given the eight hour factory orientation training on the operation of the new tower truck. It is the intention to form a truck company of those firemen interested and selected by Chief Gettler to operate this new tower truck even though all of the members will have some working knowledge of the tower truck. Training continued and the remainder of

the summer was spent having the radio equipment installed and waiting for the individual piece equipment to arrive. Once the equipment arrived many hours were spent taking an inventory and labeling each piece of equipment and then placing it on the truck.

The new Tower 1 features a 2,000 GPM Hale pump. It is also equipped with two mounted Task Force Tip master stream nozzles. One is remote controlled from the rear of the truck with a flow rate of 150 to 1250 GPM and the other master stream nozzle has a flow rate of 300 to 2000 GPM. The tower truck also carries ground ladders from 10' to 35'. The tower truck also carries 800' of five inch hose. Two tanks at 4500 PSI at the base of the tower provide on board breathing air. The total length of the tower truck is 47' from front to rear.

The purchase price of the new tower truck was \$495,000.00 and an additional \$37,000.00 was for additional individual piece equipment for a total cost of \$532,000.00.

This new tower truck will allow us to better serve our community and remember a good friend and brother firefighter.

CHESTERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Adopt a Fireman"

Two members in the community of Chesterton started a program called "Adopt a Fireman". The campaign was to raise money to purchase new bunker gear for the 30 members on the Chesterton Fire Dept.

They set a goal to raise \$21,000 in 2 months. That amount was needed to purchase the second set of bunker gear which will be used in case of emergency, like two fires the same day, bad weather or contamination. The goal was reach by the deadline.

The Chesterton Fire Department and I would like to thank all the people that took part in the campaign. Special thanks to all the residents of Chesterton who donated. It's people like this that makes our community a better place to live.

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Rollover snarls traffic



BY JIM HALE / STAFF

A Coolspring Township firefighter scoops dirt onto spilled fuel at the scene of an overturned semi truck in the southbound lanes of I-94 near U.S. 421, Michigan City, Monday. The rollover temporarily closed all three lanes of traffic. One lane later opened, restricting traffic until about 7 p.m.

Indiana State Police said the semi's zinc load shifted at about 2 p.m., causing the rollover. The driver, Alan Miller, 37, of Reed City, Mich., was in fair condition this morning at St. Anthony Hospital with head injuries. Miller was charged with carrying an unsecured load.

The LaPorte Herald-Argus

Fire destroys Al-Man building in Alex

By Linda Ferris
Stephen Dick &
Jane Bostwick

Fire ripped through the mammoth Al-Man Corp. building early Tuesday morning, destroying 10 businesses and forcing sleepy residents to flee their nearby homes.

More than one-hundred firefighters from a three-county area arrived at Alexandria.

The fire was reported at 4:16 a.m. by Officer Richard Santos, according to Mayor Ed Schmidt. Officials suspect that it started near Flair Designs Limited (FDL).

"It was totally engulfed," Schmidt said. "It looked like Dante's Inferno."

When Alexandria firefighters rolled up, heavy flames were rolling skyward from the east side of the Manville Corp. building at 920 W. Washington St.

A portion of the building already collapsed, according to Fire Chief Dan Ingram.

The call for mutual aid was immediately sounded for the neighboring Richland Township, Summitville, and Orestes fire departments. Eventually, more than 23 fire departments from at

least three counties responded. The area firefighters faced the largest conflagration since the Hurt's Pallet fire in Summitville in 1988.

The flames were visible from five miles away. The large column of choking black smoke towered over 1,000 feet, the mayor said the Emergency Management Agency had estimated. Other media reported that the smoke cloud could be seen from as far away as I-69 and I-465 in Indianapolis.

One firefighter was taken to Community Hospital, according to fire officials. One civilian was injured while fleeing her home. She was treated at the scene.

The city of Alexandria declared a state of emergency at 7 a.m., Mayor Schmidt said.

As the fire raged unchecked, firefighters took defensive action

to prevent it and extreme heat from igniting the row of homes along Washington Street.

Eight homes had been evacuated, according to the Mayor. Every resident in a three-block area was put on standby.

The doors at the 4-H Building at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Emery Lee Auditorium, and the Alexandria Community Center were open to those left temporarily homeless by the fire.

Schmidt said no one would be forced from their homes, but alerted homeowners to the hazards of the black smoke, a by-product of the burning plastic furniture stored by U.S. Leisure inside Al-Man.

Alexandria's schools were also put on standby for possible evacuation. St. Mary's School and Marie Thurston Elementary are within blocks of Al-Man. Those evacuated students whose parents could not be contacted would be taken to the First Baptist Church complex on Ind. 9, Schmidt said.

An estimated 150 employees lost their jobs because of the fire.

"This makes me sick," one FDL employee said. "This is what supports me and my two kids."

"We've probably lost a third of our industrial base," the mayor said.

The value of the building alone was estimated at more than \$1.1 million by Madison County Assessor Tom Broderick, who said that figure excludes any equipment, land, personal property, inventory or raw materials.

To help the jobless, Alexandria's mayor said Job Source and the Employment Securities Division will set up a temporary office at City Hall.

The businesses operating or storing stock inside Al-Man included FDL, U.S. Leisure, Red Gold, TRE Paper, RAM Graphics, Warner Press, the Alexandra Mailing Service, Gaither Music, Intrada Music and Chuck McQuity.

The former Johns-Manville building was purchased by a private corporation in 1986. Those area businessmen included Ray Sokol, Tim and Dick Daoust, Bill Gaither, Frank Sturm, Brian Reichart, Barry Cope, Jim Donahue and F. Neal Johnson.

At the scene were approximately 25 fire departments, including Alexandria, Summitville, Richland Township,

Orestes, Elwood, Anderson, Chesterfield-Union Township, Pipe Creek Township, Frankton, Middletown, Lapel, Edgewood, Pendleton, Marion VA, Fairmount, Salem Township, Matthews, Green Township, Gaston, Hamilton Township, Jefferson Township, and Fowlerton.

The Red Cross was called to serve gallons of coffee, soft drinks and breakfast to the firefighters. And a paramedic from AID Ambulance and EMTs from Summitville and Richland set up "rehab" area to treat weary firefighters.

State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright and his deputies were called in to investigate. Also at the scene were officials from State Emergency Management Agency and Madison County Board of Health.

"We're not going to have a cause (to report) in a day or two," Ingram said.

The Call-Leader
October 4, 1994

Five injured in Johnson Road accident

Rescue workers tried to stabilize the driver of an overturned car, Dewey Zook, 60, of 3588 N. U.S. 35, after a two-car accident at Johnson and Holton roads at 12:42 p.m. Tuesday. Zook was in fair condition this morning at LaPorte Hospital, while the driver of the second car, David Laskowski, 16, of 4614N CR-400W, was treated for minor injuries and released. Taylor Miller, 16, of 4833N CR600W was in good condition in the intensive care unit this morning. Thomas Zoyganéles, 16, of 1301 Carriage Ct. Apt. A, was in fair condition, and Matthew Machler, 16, of 5152S CR-425W, was treated and released. All three teens were passengers in Laskowski's car. Laskowski was westbound on Johnson Road and apparently turned in front of Zook's eastbound car at Holton Road. Zook's car flipped over following the collision, and Laskowski's struck a NIPSCO pole.

The LaPorte Herald-Argus
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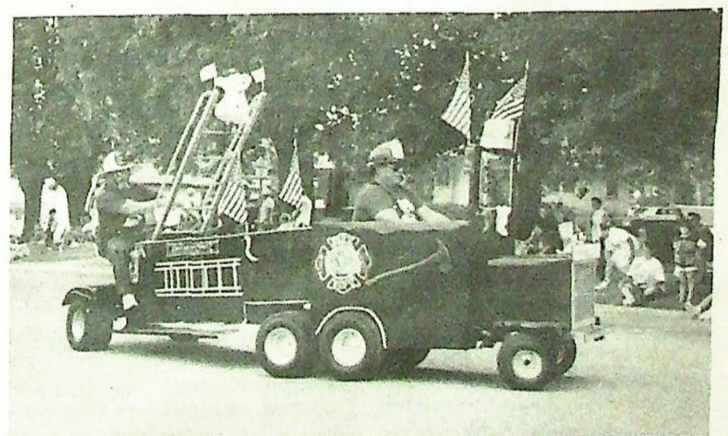
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We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to the people who donated material to help us. They are: Roger Wagler, Wagler Logging, Odon; Terre Haute Auto Paint, John Nosh, Rep.; M & H Welding, Odon; Chester Meyers, Odon; Ron & Mary Hobbs, Scottsburg; Don Malone, Don's Service & Repair, Odon; Wendall Wise, Wise Communications, Elnora; Steve Richardson, Pink Dalmation, Ass't Chief Odon VFD; Richard Cottrell, refinish ladder, Odon VFD.

Submitted by,
Jack Harker, District 17A

State Officers Meeting

Ramada Inn, Indianapolis. Sept 12, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Glant with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker. The Pledge to the flag was led by Board of Directors Chairman Jack Zeeks. The roll call was read by Past President Carl Bruns with a quorum present. Vice President Glant introduced the guests present including the new Public Relations Director, Southeast, Joe Caudill; District 5 Chairman, Don Kissinger; District 10 Chairman, David Israel, and District 17B Chairman, Luke Kluender. Vice President Glant then called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed was made by Jack Cox. Seconded by Jack Zeeks. The motion carried by a hand vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Vice President Glant reported he has traveled to several meetings since the convention picking up where he left off prior to the convention. He then read a letter received from the Oakland City College in regards to the scholarship program of the association since one of the recipients of this year's award will attend this facility. Recording Secretary Davies reported attending four district meetings and attended the 50th Anniversary of the Prairieton Vol. Fire Dept.

Chaplain Baker mentioned that the list of deceased members read at the memorial service during the convention was incomplete. He stated that changes in the current procedures were needed. He had held several memorial services since the convention. Assistant Chaplain Lantz reported he too had held several memorial services including an annual revisit to Plymouth for the memorial service for the five firemen who died in the line of duty.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported he had visited two fire departments in the absence of the president. He then gave an up date report on

Carl Davis, a former public relations director. Carl Bruns gave the secretary's report stating that the current membership is now 15,910 with 15,511 paid on time. There are 664 departments paid and there were 648 departments paid on time. To date, there have been 9,376 license plate forms given out. The assistant to the secretary has logged 144 working hours.

The treasurer's report as of 7-31-94 was given by Jim Parker for Gene Stofer who is recovering from eye surgery.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe reported that he had made most of the district meetings. NE Kinsey congratulated the 4th District for a good convention and stated that there was a new district chairman in District 5.

EC Jackson was absent.

WC Michl stated that his department had held their 50th anniversary recently.

SW Kerney reported he had made six district meetings, two department meetings, attended two open house sessions and had driven 1700 miles since the convention.

SE Cordell passed.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Howe stated that he had passed out two gold cards at the district meeting and there had been 1 death in the district.

D2 Stott reported 1 memorial service in the district.

D3 Uryga reported 2 deaths in the district, attendance is getting better.

D4 Ferro reported 2 deaths in the district.

D5 Kissinger passed.

D6 Engle announced the district picnic is coming up soon.

D7 Sorg reported 1 death in the district.

D8A Fleenor stated he had been reelected district chairman.

D8B Petro reported a small turnout at the last district meeting.

D9A Cline reported he was reelected chairman, there was 1 death in the district and he had given out 1 gold card at a meeting.

D10 Israel stated he had been elected the new district chairman.

D11A Hays reported 2 deaths in the district.

D11B Bartlow stated there had been 1 death in the district and 1 new fire house dedication.

D12 Johnson reported he had been reelected district chairman and there had been 1 death in the district.

D13A Cushman stated that the attendance in the district is down.

D13B Cox stated that a meeting had not been held in his district since the convention.

D14 Hinkle reported 2 deaths in the district and he had been reelected district chairman.

D15 Seitz stated the district is working very hard on the 1995 convention.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker reported 1 death in the district and he too had been reelected district chairman.

D17B Kluender reported attending an open house.

D18 Daunhauer stated everything was going well.

D19 Covington reported attendance was down. He had been reelected district chairman. He spoke of a school coming up in October and remarked about a smoke detector presentation that he had attended.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin reported the district had not held a meeting since the convention.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All those in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative - Stofer reported all the bills not passed last year's session will be presented again this session. This will be a long session. He asked for input from the officers to assist in creating new bills to present for passage.

Vice President Glant read a letter from the English Vol. Fire Department in regards to several issues they have concerning legislation, the outreach program, IVFA procedures, Retirement Programs and additional investigators for arson fires. Gene Stofer spoke on each of these issues following the reading of this letter.

Editor's Assistant - Howe asked for a meeting of his committee immediately following this meeting of the officers.

Nat'l Vol Fire Council - Stofer announced the next meeting of the council will be held in Indianapolis on Sept 28th and 29th.

By-Laws - Parker addressed the changes to the new by-laws.

Ad Taker - Swartz reported there were 40 ads for the Aug issue of the paper. He stated there were 6 outstanding accounts for the previous issue of the paper.

Public Education - Parker passed.

EMS - Johnson stated that there was a EMS Expo in the works.

Membership - Bruns passed.

Bridgeport Fund - Swartz announced that he had received 6 new applications for next year's awards.

Fire Schools - Glant passed.

Historical Update- Parish reported the committee had edited papers for information and was in the process of finalizing documents and the progress is coming along well.

Gene Stofer spoke of a future firefighter's museum that is in the making.

President Parish introduced a representative of the American Income Life Insurance, Jim Martinez who spoke about his company's benefit program and what they have to offer to us. A question and answer session followed this presentation.

Insurance - Stofer cautioned everyone to read all of their insurance policies thoroughly each and every word. He also stated that there are several new companies soliciting the state for new business. Bill Kinsey also spoke about insurance policies. He stated that if there are any questions, ask someone. Remember, you get what you paid for.

Awards - Glant passed.

Standards & Education - Covington spoke on the objectives of training hours proposed in addition to the mandatory requirements now in place. Ivan Nevil also spoke about the controls for training past, present and future.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. until Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY AUG 13, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President Parish with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker. He then introduced the guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT

Newspaper - Howe reported the August issue of the paper is out. The next issue will be sent on Nov 1st, the cutoff for articles will be Oct 10th. Lawrence Swartz spoke about the current mailing list, the new printer has the capabilities to print the addresses right on the paper thus eliminating the mailing labels and saving \$1,000.00 in cost of mailing the paper.

President Parish called on Jane Ferro for an updated report of the 1994 Convention. John Ferro presented President Parish with a check for \$4,000.00 as repayment of a loan plus a \$3,000.00 check to go to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Jane Ferro presented gifts to Mitch Parish, Lawrence Swartz and Bill Kinsey for their assistance during the 1994 Convention.

Clothing - Bartlow passed.

Safety - Covington said an article is in this issue of the paper.

Fire Service Institute - Bruns gave a short updated report of the last meeting the group held.

Convention - Stofer reported progress in all areas for the 1995 convention. He suggested everyone get their reservation and registrations in early.

Games - Mendel announced that the committee will make changes for the 1995 games concerning entries. Richard Glant suggested replacing the current PA system used in the trailer at the games. Gene Stofer suggested that the association compensate Al Mendel for the fuel expenses incurred in pulling the games trailer to and from the convention.

By-Laws - Parker reported it was the committee's decision to amend several areas of the new by-laws and the standard operating guidelines. Copies of these changes will be made up and distributed to each district chairmen.

Logo - Petro announced that the new issues have been passed out reflecting the new laws governing the association logo.

It was announced at this time that on Sept 15th at 9:30 a.m. a retirement reception will be held for Pat Babbs in the Fire Marshal's office in Indianapolis. Ivan Nevil announced a new instructor will be joining the staff in the marshal's office.

At this time, Gene Stofer made a motion that the association support the Fire Service's proposal against above ground storage tanks. Seconded by Charles Cline. The motion carried by a hand vote.

President Parish brought up about the district news articles be sent into the paper. This is so that those members working the 2nd shifts at their place of employment and cannot make the district meetings can know what is going on.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gene Stofer. Seconded by Bill Kinsey. The motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zeeks who called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Jack Cox to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as read. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Jim Parker requested the need to establish an assistant secretary for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Bill Howe, seconded by Charles Cline, to have an assistant secretary due to the change in the By-Laws. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Gene Stofer made a proposal of a \$5,000.00 increase to the legislature expense portion of the budget for retaining the firm of Bushman, Carr & Shanks as lobbyists for the association. A motion by Buz Koehler, seconded by Jack Cox to allow the increase. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Gene Stofer announced that the National Fire Council's next meeting will be hosted by Wayne Twp. Marion Co. A sponsor for the luncheon was needed at a cost of \$1,000.00. A motion by Jack Harker to have the association sponsor this luncheon. Seconded by Mike Seitz. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Ivan Nevil made a suggestion that the association purchase the IVFA logo pins at a limit of \$400.00 to be given away at the Nat'l Fire Council September meeting. A motion was made by Bob Fleenor to purchase the pins. Seconded by Jack Harker. The motion carried by a hand vote. A motion was made by Bob Fleenor to purchase the IVFA logo stickers to be given away at the council meeting. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Jack Cox made a motion that the association not participate in the upcoming EMS Expo. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Bob Uryga that the association reject the proposal made by the American Income Life Insurance Co. Seconded

by Doug Engle. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Lawrence Swartz brought up the idea of names being printed directly on the newspaper in lieu of the labels. A motion by Bill Howe to allow the committee to look into this. Seconded by Buz Koehler. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Gene Stofer suggested compensation to Al Mendel. A motion was made by Larry Stott to allow a \$25.00 be paid to Al Mendel for fuel allowance to and from the convention. Seconded by Doug Engle. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the IBNA-VISA telemarketing promotion project. A motion by Bill Howe, Jr. to allow the second round promotion. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Mike Seitz to make Pat Babbs a honorary member of the association and to present her with a plaque. Seconded by Larry Stott. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Jack Cox to support the legislators who have worked on our side for passage of bills. Seconded by Doug Engle. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Doug Engle not to approve Robert Laney as editor of the paper. Seconded by Tom Hinkle. The motion was defeated by a hand vote.

A motion by Bob Uryga to accept Bob Laney as editor of the association paper. Seconded by Buz Koehler. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Jim Parker submitted the following amendments to the By-Laws as recommended by the committee:

Article III, Section 1 - The membership of the Association shall consist of four (4) classes: Active, Associate, Honorary and Inactive.

Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 2 - Delete this paragraph

Add Article III, Section 6 - Inactive Members. Persons who retire or resign from active participation in the organizations outlined in Section 2 above while in good standing in the Association and continue to pay the appropriate dues.

Article V, Section 5 - Chairman of the Board. The immediate Past Pres. of the Assoc. shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors and for a term of one (1) year from the Annual Meeting at which his term as Pres. ended or until his successor is duly qualified and approved by the Board. The Chairman shall preside at meeting of the Board of Directors.

Jim Parker then submitted the following amendments to the Standard Operating Guidelines:

Section I, Item 3 - Deleted.

Section X, Item 5 - Retired or resigned members of organizations (as outlined in the By-Laws, Article III, Section 2) dues shall be seven dollars, fifth cents (\$7.50) per member, per year (\$7.50 to General Fund).

ADD Section XII, Item 5 - Each retired or resigned member of organizations (as outlined in the By-Laws, Article III, Section 2) shall receive a death benefit consisting of Chaplain services, a memorial Bible, and a grave marker, if the member is in good standing of the Association.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Petro. Seconded by Bill Howe, Jr. The motion carried by a hand vote. The Benediction was given by Chaplain Baker.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies

Speaking with Children about Safety

Assistant Chief Earl Chasteen, firefighters Wendel McNew, Anthony Walker and Lawrence Thomas of the Jonesville Vol. Fire Dept. went to Whitecreek Lutheran School to talk to the children about fire safety, the 911 emergency system and showed a video by the McDonalds chain,

called "GET OUT ALIVE".

Afterwards a discussion was held along with a question and answer period concerning the video & the 911 System.

Mr. Chasteen talked about a new program that Breeden Inc. is sponsoring with the Columbus Fire Dept. It is a ladybug shaped sticker to be put in the children's window to help firefighters find the children in case of a fire.

They then went outside and showed the children the fire trucks and some of the equipment

that firefighters use.

Fire safety material was then passed out to the children and each one of them received a child rescue sticker.

The Jonesville Vol Fire Dept. will have the child rescue "Ladybug" stickers available for parents. Just contact a member of the dept.

A coloring contest was also held for the children. They colored a fire truck and the teacher chose the best one. The winner received a smoke detector from the fire dept.

Earl Chasteen, Ass't Chief Jonesville VFD

the Town Council authorized \$30,000 to buy five Marquette Responder defibrillators," Michels said in a press release.

Besides Heiser, Spivak, Semethy and Peppin, others

receiving recognition for their roles were ambulance personnel Richard Gerlach, Ed Koch and Gerry Denhartog, Fire Chief Ed Kaeser and response vehicle driver Harvey Lanning.

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Schererville honors nine for roles in saving man's life

Post-Tribune Staff Report
SCHERERVILLE—An ambulance call that had a happy ending has earned nine men a life-saving award.

The Schererville Fire Department Tuesday night presented the men with "save awards" for their quick and professional response on Aug. 1, when they were called to assist a man who wasn't breathing.

George Michels, Schererville Fire Department emergency medical services director, said the man has asked that he remain anonymous.

"... This person was able to be alive today," Michels said, complimenting the work of everyone who responded.

Police officers Paul Heiser and John Spivak were first on the scene and did cardio-pulmonary resuscitation until the Fire Department emergency medical technicians, Mark Semethy and Dan Peppin, arrived.

Among other measures, they used the department's defibrillator several times. The patient started to breathe on his own before the ambulance arrived at the hospital.

Michels said the man was admitted to the intensive care unit and spent 14 days in the hospital.

"This was the second save the Schererville Fire Department has had since February 1991 when

1994 Freetown Horse Show



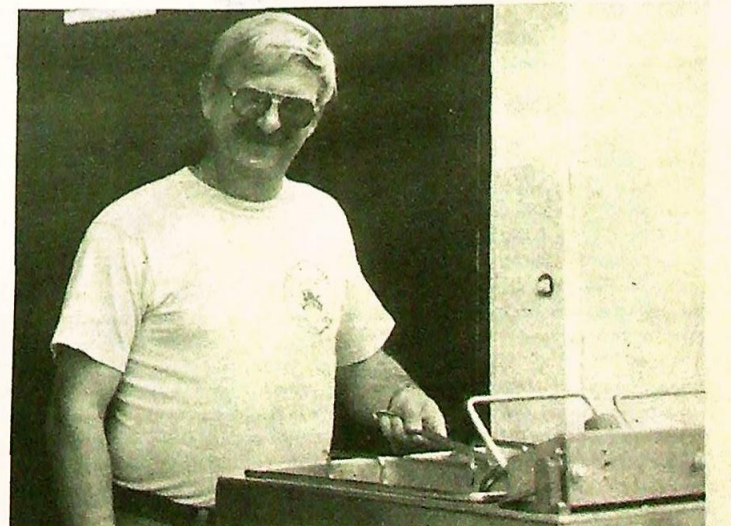
Pershing Township VFD firefighter and auctioneer, Mike Rudolph practices his craft during the 1994 Freetown Horse Show Calcutta. The Second Annual Horse Show was held Sept. 18th with all proceeds going to the local VFD.



Jack McCory rides his mount in competition at the Freetown Horse Show. McCory was one of the program organizers assisting the fire department.



Pee-Wee Barrel Races drew loud applause and shouts of encouragement at the Freetown Horse Show as the small sized participants provided big time entertainment.



Pershing Township Fire Chief Richard Blaker demonstrates leadership and professional expertise in a display of fish frying during the Freetown Horse Show.

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Public Relations Southwest



Jack Kerney

I would like to thank all of you that have shared your concerns and offered your prayers for Barb's speedy recovery from her unexpected illness. We will try to keep all of our commitments, but if we cannot, I hope you understand.

The time will be changing shortly, and Evansville will again be out of step with the rest of the State. I may be running a little late for some meetings due to the one hour time difference.

The last quarter Barb and I were very busy traveling over 1,700 miles. We attended 6 district meetings, 1 memorial service, 2 department meetings, and 2 open houses. If you have a function or fundraiser that you would like for me to attend please give me a call.

The IAFF (International Association of Firefighters) has petitioned the NFPA to consider development of a career fire service standard. The NFPA has asked for public comment on this proposal. If the comments are positive then the NFPA will consider development of the standard.

The committee shall have responsibility for developing minimum standards relating to the organization, operation, and evaluation of public fire protection and emergency medical services in jurisdictions employing career, paid firefighters. The committee shall develop codes, standards, manuals and recommend practices for fire departments, emergency service, delivery, development, operations response capabilities, communications, evaluation of resources, public education programs and community involvement.

It is the position of the IAFC (International Association of Fire Chiefs) Volunteer Section to oppose the adoption of dual standards for volunteer and career firefighters. It is further the position of the IAFC Volunteer section to promote and support the formation of firefighter training standards that are practical, functional and appropriate for all firefighters whether they are volunteer or career in large urban fire departments or small volunteer fire departments. The IAFC Volunteer section further promotes and supports the adoption of firefighter training standards that can be accepted for all departments through utilization of a menu of firefighter skills and knowledge based upon community needs.

The information that came out in the Fire Marshal's Memo about changing the mandatory training from 24 hours to 43 hours has been a topic of discussion everywhere I go. To help clarify this issue the Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Indiana Public Safety Training Institute have stated that in no way are they proposing to change the Mandatory 24 Hour Training.

What the Board has in mind is to create a new level of certification, which will include the 24 hour training, plus the training that each Fire Chief has the responsibility to ensure that all firefighting personnel shall be trained according to IOSHA and Federal OSHA standards.

District 15 and District 18

have new District Chairmen. District 15 has elected Tim Wargel of German Township Volunteer Fire Department and District 18 has elected Frank Daunhauer from Dale Volunteer Fire Department. I hope everyone will give these two gentleman their support by attending their District meetings.

1995 IVFA Convention Pre-Registration Form

June 14, 15, 16, 17 18, 1995

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Message from Al Mendel:

I would like to thank the many people who helped with the games this year; the men that were at the games site at 6:00 am to help set up the equipment, the starters, timers and judges for the contests, the women that tallied the results, and Richard Glant for operating the P A system. Again, thanks to all for a job well done. The games committee members have decided to hold a double elimination tournament for the waterball in future years. It will be the responsibility of the host department to supply the

necessary equipment for two courts of waterball, so the games can be completed in a reasonable time.

Also, all departments make note, **NO ENTRIES FOR GAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

AFTER THURSDAY NIGHT of convention week. If you have any questions, or need additional information regarding the games, feel free to contact me at any time.

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Contestant Entry Blank

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Our Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests:

Water Ball, Hose Replacement or Cart Race
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An entry fee of \$10.00 in each contest. The \$10.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

Dept. Name _____

Signed _____

Chief or Secretary

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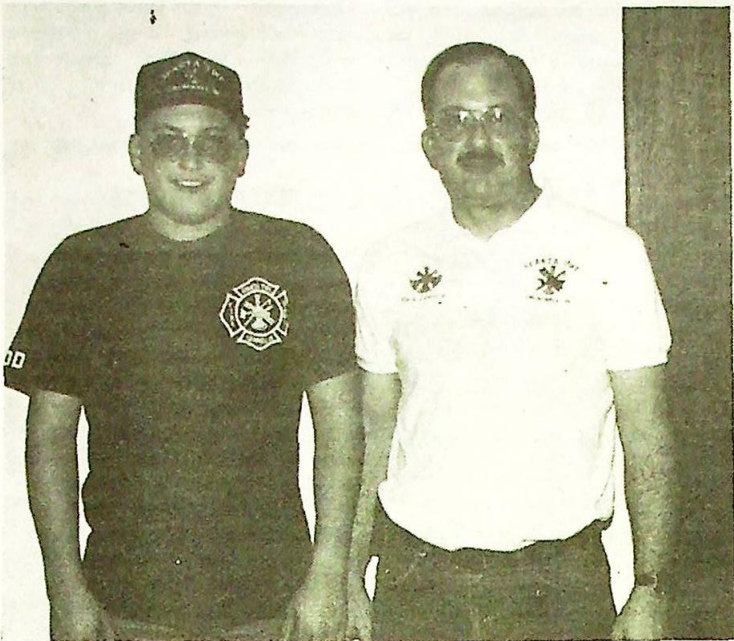
All contest entry blanks should be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1995 to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$10.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to:

Al Mendel
6608 E. Country Rd 151 N
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317-272-7932

Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 16 after the opening meeting.

Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.

Benefit Fund Set Up To Help Firefighter's Family



Mark Leamon is a nineteen year member of the Sparta Township (Cromwell) Volunteer Fire Department. He was the Secretary/Treasurer for approximately twelve years and now

holds the office of Assistant Chief/Training Officer. Mark is a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Indiana Firefighters Instructors Association. Mark has attended several classes at various state fire schools as well as assisted in teaching a class at the Fort Wayne school.

In February 1991, Mark suffered from an aortic aneurysm. He had open heart surgery at Parkview Hospital where a mechanical valve was installed to replace the defective valve. He was released from the hospital in March, but was unable to return to his full time job for eight months. He has worked for a car parts retailer for twenty-four years. Mark was able to return to the fire department but was limited to non-strenuous tasks.

In July 1994, another medical problem strained the Leamon family. Rodney, Mark's sixteen year old son, was diagnosed with cancer. He was first taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for severe abdominal pain. Surgery was performed on Rodney and the doctors discovered that he had cancer and a perforated bowel, which was partially

removed. The doctors removed as much of the cancer as possible and then transferred him to Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis. At Riley's Hospital, Rodney underwent another surgery, several tests and chemotherapy treatments. The test concluded that the cancer had not spread and the doctors are optimistic that the chemotherapy treatments should put the remaining cancer into remission. Rodney must undergo chemotherapy treatments at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for seven weeks, one treatment per week.

Rodney was also diagnosed with diabetes in 1988. This has caused concern for the doctors on how the diabetes will react to the chemotherapy.

The Leamon family has been active in the local fire department for many years. Mark's wife, Diana, has helped the department with fund raisers, picnics, the annual Christmas party and with refreshments at large fires.

Although Rodney has been discouraged from being a firefighter due to his diabetes, he has helped the department with fund raisers, and picnics. He has also operated the station's fire

radio during emergencies. Rodney has also attended classes held at state fire schools.

Due to the high cost of medical care, a benefit fund has been established for Rodney and his family. Donations of any amount may be sent to:

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Please make checks payable to Rodney Leamon Benefit Fund.

A little donation from everyone can help a lot for Mark, Diana, Rodney, and Stephanie.

Fired up for retirement

• Bill Klahn is the last of the Lake Hills Fire Department's original volunteers.

By Deborah Diddie
Correspondent

SCHERERVILLE — William "Bill" Klahn's philosophy is, "You've got to stay active."

He has followed his own advice and has volunteered for the Lake Hills Fire Dept. for 38 years. At 67, he's retiring from the department as the last of the department's original firefighters.

This morning, Klahn and his wife, Norma, will get in their motor home and drive to their new home in North Webster, where one of his brothers lives.

Fellow firefighters said goodbye to Klahn at the fire station Tuesday night. Several area fire departments sent representatives to the farewell dinner.

During his nearly four decades on the department, Klahn held every rank. Lake Hills Fire Chief Brian Millard, a 10-year veteran of the department, said Klahn "was one of the most active firemen since I've been here . . ." Klahn was chief from 1962 to 1976.

"When this station was built in 1965, it was built by eight or nine firemen, and Bill was one of them," Millard said.

Klahn recalled that he joined the department in 1956. "The guys had come up to put out a grass fire by my house," he said. "They talked me into joining."

"When I first joined, the volunteers had to buy their own raincoat and boots," Klahn said. "Now everything is furnished by the township trustee."

Klahn said when he joined the volunteer department, there were no state rules. Now, state and federal regulations dictate what firefighters should wear in fighting car, grass, and house fires, he said.

The Lake Hills Fire Dept. has kept up with those standards, and the results are tangible. Millard said the department was the 3rd best fire department for its size in the state for the last six years.

"The fire dept. has undergone some major changes, and Bill has been a part of that," he said.

Klahn retired from the Budd Co. in Gary in 1981. Even though he had open heart surgery 6 1/2 years ago, he responds to fire calls. "I've still been driving the firetrucks," he said.

Instead of maneuvering lumbering trucks along narrow streets, Klahn will soon cruise across a lake. "I've got my boat and everything is all ready," he said.

"I might miss the siren blowing," said Klahn, who has lived just east of the fire station on 85th Avenue. "It gets in your blood."

Lake County Post-Tribune
June 8, 1994

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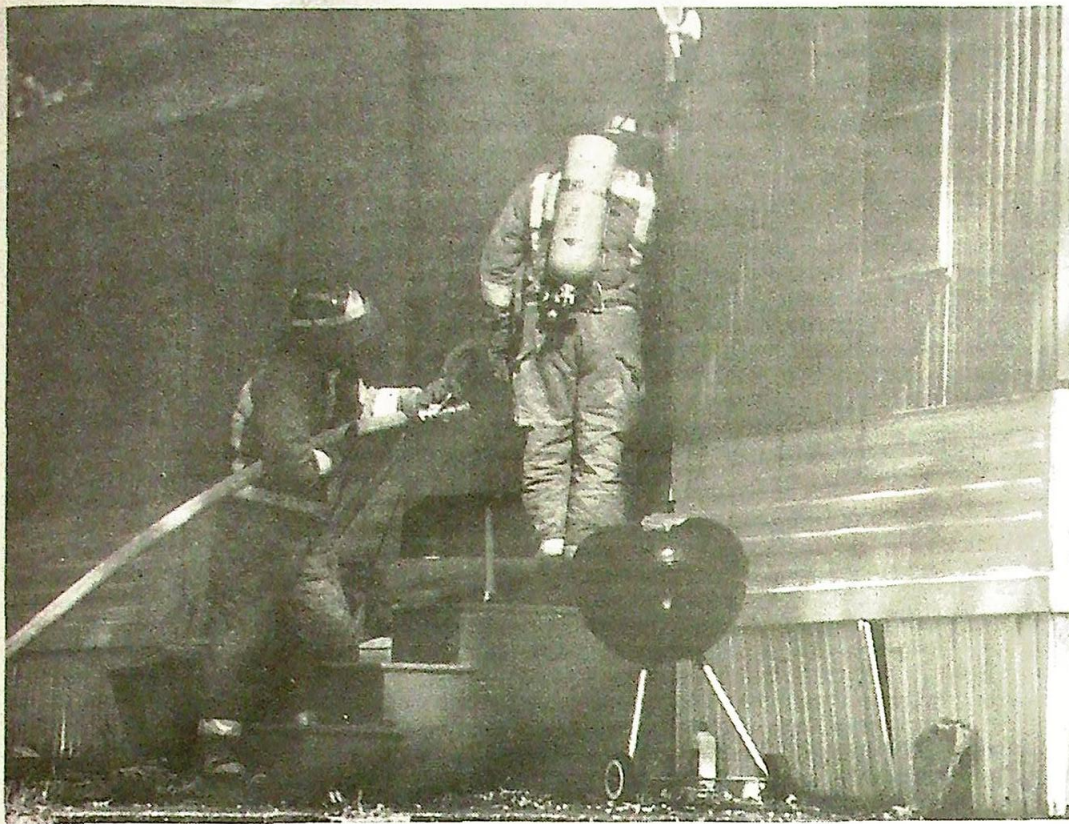
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Fire damages mobile home



BY JIM HALE / STAFF

Springfield Township Volunteer firefighters enter a smoke-filled mobile home at Shady Grove Mobile Home Court, 1621 W. Springville Rd., Thursday. Ruby Fletcher, 47, left her home for a short time and returned at 1:04 p.m. to discover it filled with smoke, Springfield Assistant Chief Jim Johnston said. Grease from hamburgers frying on the kitchen stove started the fire, Johnston said. The fire gutted the kitchen, and smoke and heat damaged the rest of the home. Fletcher, who has a heart condition, was treated at LaPorte Hospital and released after complaining of chest pains.

LaPorte Herald-Argus

Woman rescues mother, children

• Fire guts home on Anderson's northeast side

BY RON WILKINS
Staff Reporter

ANDERSON—Fire destroyed Walter Hill's house, van and travel trailer while he and his family watched from the safety of a garage across the street Tuesday afternoon.

Shortly after noon, his daughter, Regina Hill, fought thick smoke and intense heat to get her mother and two children from the inferno at 2443 Riviera Drive.

"I lost all my material things, but I still have my family. You can replace material things," Hill said, watching the flames shooting through his roof shortly after 1 p.m."

Three-year-old Derrick Hill found the fire, and Regina Hill saw flames coming from behind a stereo in a family room in the back of the house.

She was blown out the back door as she tried to escape the heat and smoke, but ran around to a bedroom window and broke it to alert her sleeping mother of the fire.

"I was screaming at her. She said she got up and hit the floor and started crawling," Regina said.

Regina Hill re-entered the house, found her mother, Dorothy Hill, and Derrick Hill, who had grabbed Regina's 3-month-old daughter. She helped direct them outside, according to fire reports.

She tried to go back and get the keys to the 1993 van, but the heat and smoke forced her out of the house.

The flames spread quickly and soon enveloped the van and a 1993 travel trailer parked in the drive.

Richland Township firefighters assisted by Alexandria and Chesterfield firefighters, battled the blaze, which was dispatched as a grass fire.

The Madison County Air van also was summoned to the site. Richland Township Fire Chief Tom Murr said. A fire investigator from Anderson Fire Department assisted in the follow up.

The fire was completely involved by the time the first firefighter arrived on the scene five minutes after the first report. The firefighter arrived before any apparatus and immediately summoned more departments, Murr said.

Richland Township units cleared the scene around 6 p.m. The house was a complete loss, as was the van and trailer. A neighbor's shed also suffered damage from the heat. Damage estimates are between \$180,000 and \$190,000, Murr said.

The cause will be investigated by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office, Murr said.

The Herald Bulletin

CONVENTION '94 RAFFLE WINNERS

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Hillsdale
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Aurora
- THIRD PLACE - Preston Polinger
South Whitley

Congratulations to the winners and a big THANK YOU to all that participated!!

We would like to thank all of you that supported the IVFA Convention '94 and we hope that you had as much fun here as we

did sponsoring the Convention!!
THANK YOU!
IVFA 4th DISTRICT

Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department celebrating 20 firefighting years

By Jeff Routh
Times-Mail Staff Writer

The Shawswick Township Volunteer Fire Department was organized on May 15, 1974. Prior to that time the people of Shawswick Township were provided fire protection through a contract with the City of Bedford.

To mark the anniversary, the Shawswick VFD had an open house July 16 at station number 1 on Sunny Acres Drive (near Grissom Airport).

From humble beginnings, the fire department has grown to offer fire protection to the people of both Shawswick and Guthrie Townships. The first vehicle was purchased on June 29, 1974, and was outfitted with a 250-gallon tank. A 500-gallon pumper was purchased in July and a third vehicle was purchased in August and equipped with a 1200 gallon tank. The department now has seven vehicles, the newest of which was purchased in 1992.

At first, the fire department's vehicles were housed at the homes of various members of the fire department. Now the vehicles and equipment are housed in three modern fire stations.

In the beginning, alerting the members of a fire was done by telephone. The wife of the chief would listen to a monitor, when a fire call was dispatched by the sheriff's department, she would

begin calling available members of the department. The members now have personal pagers that respond to a tone issued from the sheriff's department.

Since the organization of the department, a training program was initiated and members could attend these sessions and learn new techniques of handling fire equipment and fighting fires. Today, all members must undergo basic training before they can ever go on a fire run. The volunteer departments must meet the same training criteria as the paid departments. A large percentage of the membership of the Shawswick Department have been trained and are rated as Second Class Firefighters.

Fire station number one was built in early 1975 on Sunny Acres Drive. A second station was added on the Heltonville Road in early 1977 and the third and final station was completed in October of 1978.

The open house was conducted from noon until 4 p.m. Firefighting equipment was on display and refreshments were served.

Greene Co. Firefighters Assoc. Annual Field Day Event

The Greene County Firefighters Assoc. held its Annual Field Day event on Sunday, August 28, 1994. The day started out with some confusion as to the location but once that was straightened out, a good day was had by all in attendance. We started with a pitch in dinner at around 1:00 p.m. with games following at 2:00. The winner of the overall trophy was Richland Taylor Fire Department. Five events were held. Winner of the Waterball was Lewis Township. Winner of the Hose Replacement was Richland Taylor. Winner of the Hose Roll was a team of Worthington-Jefferson and Highland Township Fire Departments. Winner of the Bucket Brigade was Richard Taylor. Winner of the Ladder Raise was Wright Township. Overall a good time was had by all the firefighters and their families. Judges for the event were District 17A Chairman Jack Harker; District 11A Chairman, Robert Hays and SWPR, Jack Kerney Sr. With their help the games ran smoothly.

Jack Harker
District 17A Chrm.

Attention: All Fire Depts. and Dists.

It is time to start looking for your Miss Flame candidates for the contest to be held at the convention in June. On page 9 of the paper, you will find the Miss Flame guidelines, qualifications, and rules to enter the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Miss Flame Contest and a sample of the official entry form. Applications for the contestants that will compete in the STATE MISS FLAME CONTEST ARE TO BE SENT TO ME BY MARCH 10, 1995.

You must remember though that only one from each district may compete and only one from each department can compete in the District Contest. Therefore, you can't wait until the last minute to start working on this.

I would like to encourage all district chairmen to try really hard to have a representative. It would be great to have a contestant from every district.

Please remember that departments submit their contestant's applications to their district chairman. The district will then hold a contest to determine the district representative to send to the convention for the state contest.

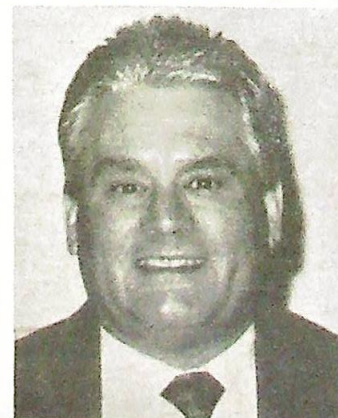
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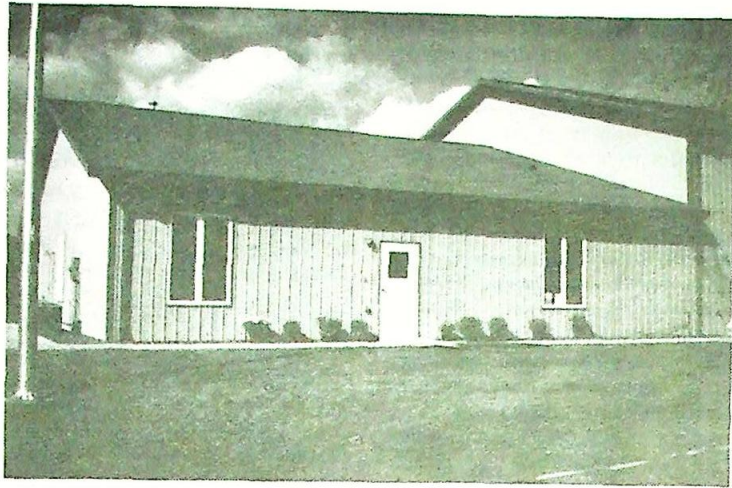


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Gregg Township Volunteer Fire Department



by David J. Reese, Fire Chief
 In 1954, the Wilbur VFD was founded. It's conception grew from the concerned residents of Gregg Twp., who felt the distance and response times were too great from surrounding communities. The volunteers responded to emergencies in Gregg, and northern Jefferson Twps., much the same as they do today. Stewart Leightner served as the first Fire Chief.
 In 1957 the Fire Dept. was incorporated and renamed the Gregg Twp. VFD Inc., which more reflected the area of coverage. The Fire Dept. also began providing ambulance service to a large part of Morgan County in the 1970s, and still covers the north-central, and north-western portion of Morgan County. A used ambulance was purchased in 1993, which was newer and had more room than the one that was in service. This also allowed us to use the older ambulance as a back-up unit when needed. We are also in the process of putting an Automatic External Defibrillator into service.

The Gregg Twp. FD has had to make changes like all fire departments, because of increased government regulations. After a critical financial condition in the late 1980's, the fire department was able to work with the trustees of Gregg and Jefferson Twps. to secure proper funding. With the funding taken care of, we could begin to make advancements.
 Early 90's was a time of change for the fire dept. A new custom pumper with a 1250 gpm pump and tank was ordered, and delivered in 1993. Along with the pumper we also put a high-output ventilation fan hydraulic rescue tool and additional SCBAs into service. Gregg Twp. FD is the only fire dept. in the county using Class A Foam on residence fires. Many of these improvements came about with the help of then Asst. Chief Mark Greatbatch, who was a progressive and innovative leader.
 By-law changes required all firefighters to obtain 2nd Class status within 2 years of appointment. Several others became EMTs and First Responders. Training in haz-mat, and other

required areas is on-going.

Sept. 17, 1994 was a day that we have all awaited for. It was the day we dedicated our new station. The entire building is 180 by 60', with the bay 80 by 60'. The administration part of the building has a day room, bunk room, chief's office, training office, training room with storage, and a large kitchen which is use for fund raising in addition to everyday use.

The members of the Gregg Twp. VFD Inc., would like to thank the people of our community and the Trustees of Gregg and Jefferson Twps., for their financial support and prayers, and look forward to the future with anticipation.

Assistant Chaplain



Duane D. Lantz

Frist, I would like to extend my sympathy to our president, Mitch Parish on the loss of his mother, and to the Francesville F.D. on the loss of Keith Getz, who had been District 9B Chaplain for 22 years, a well as serving on the local department.

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 let him in;
 If you wait he will depart,
 let him in;
 Let him in, he is your friend,
 He your soul will sure defend,
 He will keep you to the end,
 Let him in.

J. B. Atchinson

With thoughts of winter coming on Grace and I decided to take a few days away from the house and garden while it was still nice. Someone had given me a large I.V.F.A. grave marker several years ago, and we decided to go to Union City and return it to its original place, the mans name was Leland Addington, born in 1924 and died in 1968. The man we gave it to at the Union City fire station had known him.

We then went on to Richmond and visited our old friend Thelma Lester who had been the ladies's chaplain for many years, a very sharp and wonderful person. We enjoyed our visit so much--she seems fairly well and is still very interested in the I.V.F.A and all of her friends.

I had a meeting in Columbus with the Ind. Twp. Assoc., I

represent all of the advisory board members in our state. We were close to Nashville, so we spent some time there. Then on to Madison to visit my old friend Clarence Hoffman, who is 97 years old. What a sharp man for his age--he still is living in his own home, and very interested in the fire department. He is a member of the Fair Play #1, which is the first volunteer fire dept. in our state. His father made the weather vane which is on top of the original building--a little fireman, famous to all around, called "little jimmy". He has received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award for 74 years of service. His son and grandson are also on the dept. Just think, four generations of faithful service to our fellow man. How many of us can say that?

We stayed at Clifty Falls State Park and went back to the waterfall where I proposed to Grace some 16 years ago, only to find that it had almost stopped running -- does that somehow seem symbolic? Because so have I.

We just feel very fortunate that we are still able to see a little of the country yet and to enjoy the beautiful outdoors that the good Lord has provided for us. It hurts us deeply to see what people do to our lovely land -- some of the roadsides are full of litter. There are many careless and thoughtless people in our world. Let's not be one of them. God bless you all, and keep you safe and well.

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Volunteer firefighter has survived the years



By Therese Nelson/Staff

Celebrating the 40 years of service Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department has given the community is Don Simpson (left) and Duane Lantz. Lantz is the last surviving charter member of the fire department and he's had his hand in a lot of the progress the department has made.

Duane Lantz last charter member at Scipio Twp.

Therese Nelson
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
Scipio Township — he is known best by the Scipio Township volunteer firefighters as "Padre." Perhaps it's because he served as chaplain for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association (IVFA) for 30 years, or maybe it's because he always has a word of encouragement for the many volunteer firefighters who have joined the department after him.

As the last surviving charter member of the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department, Duane Lantz, 78, has witnessed the incredible progress the department has made since its inception in 1953. At first, it started out simply as an idea.

"We all got together at the old Door Village school and asked the people there whether or not they were interested in a fire department," said Lantz. "Fifty-nine people said they were interested."

The ball got rolling in the spring of 1954, when ground leased from Al Nelson was broken for the building of the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department. Lantz was there — watching the ground transform

into what has become a mainstay in Pinola. And it is there he remains, his house across the street from a station he has seen grow, change and improve.

HELD MANY TITLES

Lantz has held many positions during the last four decades and served as the department's first chief. The responsibility of training the firefighters and generally running the operation fell on his shoulders — and things were a lot different in those days.

"We didn't have private telephone lines back then," said Lantz with a chuckle. "We advertised H and K Products and Pinola Elevator numbers for people to call with a fire emergency because they were the only private lines. I don't know how we got through with that kind of set-up, but we did."

"It started out running on just pure manpower," said Don Simpson, a 4-year volunteer firefighter and president of the volunteer firefighters' board. "They started out with no money for equipment, it all had to be raised."

Amidst the bustle of adding to the station as money sees fit, there are some things that never change — things like encouraging the newer firefighters in their training, passing on a little history at the meetings and lending support where it is needed. It is in

these respects which Lantz has become a mainstay.

"Padre has always been really supportive of me," said Dawn Daily, 26, a Scipio Township volunteer firefighter since January of this year. "If I have a problem, I can always go talk to him."

As one of three female volunteer firefighters, encouragement for Daily has always been welcomed. She remembers once backing a fire truck into the driveway—a difficult maneuver — and Lantz was there, telling her how great it was to see women doing that.

"He told me he likes to see women in the department," said Daily. "Padre just has a lot of experience to go on, and we all want to try and do our best — and it's basically for him."

Sherman Harman, the current chief of Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department has been involved with the fire department for nine years. His

uncle was a volunteer firefighter in Michigan City and the respect Harman had for him prompted his decision to become one himself.

A TOUGH JOB

Though the job itself can be wearing—24 hours a day on call — Harman finds a lot of his strength by looking to Lantz.

"I see the respect Duane is given and that helps me to keep hanging on," said Harman.

This is Harman's second year as chief and he would like to see more people get involved with the department.

"I would like to see more people interested in it (volunteering)."

But the difficulty of the job

and the long hours are some of the reasons Harman thinks interest has waned since the time he got involved.

Daily, too, would like to see more involvement with the fire department, especially from the community. As part of the auxiliary and as a volunteer firefighter, she sees first-hand the good the department does for the community—and the good Lantz and his wife, Gracie, have done for the department.

"It's basically his station. He was here when they dug the dirt to build it," said Daily. "Duane and Gracie, they just do so much for this department."

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Lifesaving techniques shared by EMS team

Cathy Behrendt

The LaPorte Herald-Argus
LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service paramedics are prepared for the worst when they are called to a possible drowning, and are trying to make sure first responders are equally ready.

Simulated boating accidents, drownings and other water emergencies served as training on Pine Lake last Saturday for instructors and students alike, EMS Director Ira Mills said.

The EMS Drown Team is a group of about a half-dozen paramedics who have sought specialized training for water-related accidents such as resuscitation of drowning victims, Mills said.

The team continually takes classes as part of their 60-hour paramedic certification requirement. But a few also teach their skills to volunteer fire departments' first responders in classes like the one held Saturday, Mills said.

Paramedics Barbara Huston and Dan Jenkins were at the head of the EMS group in urging the

rescuers to take a more active role in drowning incidents over the past year and in forming the drown team, Mills said.

Mills approved of the idea after attending a class himself in which attitudes of rescuers at drowning scenes and methods of advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation were discussed.

"We want to make sure we give the victim every chance," Mills explained.

In the instance of a cold-water drowning, a properly trained rescuer can make all the difference, Mills said. He explained that cold-water drowning victims can be resuscitated after up to an hour of submersion in water, because the body's metabolism rate lowers dramatically in cold water. There is only a 4-to-6 minute window for other drowning victims.

The EMS team is meant to work in tandem with the LaPorte County Rescue and Recovery Team, Mills said.

Rescuers are taught to stand at the ready for the recovery of victims, how to mobilize an injured spine in the water as well as how to start CPR in the water, Mills said.

"Because we have so much water around us, we feel like we need to be better prepared," Mills said of the extra training for EMS workers.

The training also provides rescuers with safety procedures for water rescues, Mills said.

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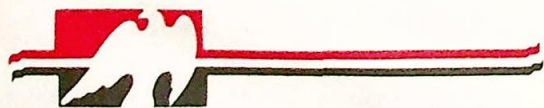
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Bill Kinsey

District elections have been held and only one change occurred in the Northeast. Don Kissinger was elected Chairman in the 5th Dist. Good Luck, Don.

Thanks to Lenny Berkey for his strong efforts during his tenure as District 5 Chairman.

Congratulations to John Ferro, Doug Engle and Mort Sorg on their re-elections.

Bippus VFD dedicated their new fire stations and have every right to be proud of their new stations. They are now ready to progress into the twenty-first century housed in these fine stations. This is another fine example of communication, cooperation and understanding between town, townships, taxpayers and a fire department. Combined efforts certainly result in fire protection that better serves residents than separate efforts. Congratulations!

The National Volunteer Fire Council met at Wayne Twp. Fire Dept., Marion County Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1. Delegates from all over the United States met to work on a unified approach to solving some of the volunteer fire services problems and coordinate efforts at the national level to promote the betterment and welfare of volunteer fire depts which protects the best interests of the taxpaying public.

Gene Stoffer was present to exchange ideas that represent the position of the I.V.F.A. and its membership. It was evident that Gene is well respected by the other delegates from the other states. This allows our ideas, thoughts and needs to be presented in the most professional manner. Thanks, Gene!

Chief Larry Curl and the members of Wayne Twp. F.D. deserve nothing but praise for the way they organized and hosted this national meeting. No one could have worked harder and produced such great results. The coordination of all the activities was super. The sincere efforts of this council should produce the best possible results for the volunteer fire service in America.

President Parrish and other officers of the I.V.F.A. were in attendance and I believe all were pleased to see the Council at work. A good time was had by all.

This is election time and again we need to make sure our members are registered to vote and then get out and vote for the politicians who are willing to listen and support legislation that promotes support of the volunteer fire service. Volunteer fire protection is still the biggest bargain in public service today. We no longer can isolate ourselves from the people who pass the laws that affect us. We must communicate with them.

Final comment:

A businessman had just signed for a new insurance policy on his building.

"So how much would I get if my building burned down tonight," the businessman asked

the agent.

The insurance agent looked at him and replied, "About ten years".

**Big thanks
to
volunteer
firefighters**

By Don Benn

For several reasons, it's worth a public reminder to re-mention Scipio Twp. Vol. Fire Dept's 40th anniversary birthday party all day Saturday at the Pinola site.

The public is invited for events beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing through the day.

Not that Scipio's Vol. Fire Dept. is the oldest in the county—it is not. But the event provides symbolism for the exceptional public service from volunteer firefighters across the county, state, nation.

Township volunteer firefighters represent one of the remarkable American undertakings since wily old Benjamin Franklin spotted the life-saving, property-preserving possibilities of fire protection some two centuries back.

And nowhere has it meant more than across rural Indiana where citizens, both men and women, have given of their time, live-lihood, life, and limb in the cause of fire protection in the most remote of regions.

Few of us have taken time to review the rural revolution that has taken place on America's landscapes as the country was transformed from a rural to urban society, directly linking township volunteer fire unit responsibilities to massive residential and commercial suburban growth.

Windblown grass fires posed one threat way back when. Farm home, barn, and outbuilding fires marked another era.

But suburban sprawl changed the game. And almost every volunteer firefighter carried on these duties beyond work-a-day tasks, which meant all-night alarms at any hour, holiday emergencies, and many duties removed from firefighting—traffic accidents, drownings, anything related to an emergency.

The 20-or-so vol. depts. in this county must require several hundreds—up to 500 — men and women who expand township government to firefighting protection and help raise the money every year to get the job done.

We mentioned that Saturday's Scipio anniversary is somewhat symbolic of the whole cause. Why?

Because as described in a recent feature story in this newspaper, Scipio charter volunteer member Duane Lantz has served every capacity from fireman to chief over the four-decade span.

And he is a symbol of the overall cause because for 30 years and more Lantz served the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association as chaplain, traveling about the state conducting memorial services and honoring firefighters who gave their all for the sake of human and property survival.

As the tale was told, "plumber Padre," as he is appreciatively called, served the ranks from the days of party line, crank telephone emergency alarms to today's 911 center sophistication.

That's a lot of service — a symbol of service matching those flashing blue emergency lights that tell us the volunteers are on the move, saving a life, a limb, a building

Thanks Duane. You represent hundreds, thousands of good citizens who share their lives with their fellow human beings.

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Pipecreek Volunteer Firemen
Terry Corbett, Jeff Boyland,

Robert Troy Fesler, Mark Hardebeck and Sam Tyner completed a Hazardous Materials Operation in July as part of the N.F.P.A 472 Schooling.

The volunteer firemen also participated in the Fill the Boot Campaign for Muscular Dystrophy on Labor Day and collected over \$1,500 for MDA. The money collected will assist individuals in Madison County.

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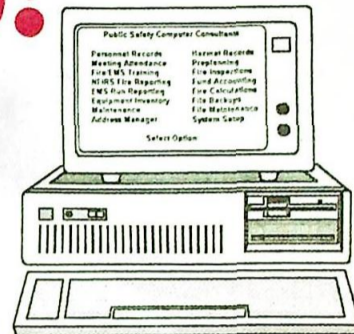
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