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St. John's Starlight Parish Priest Among The Victims

Three Priests Killed In Rectory Fire

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Trapped by flames and heavy smoke, three Roman Catholic priests who had graduated together 30 years ago died when a fire gutted a rectory in Starlight, Indiana.

Killed in the rectory of St. John the Baptist Church were the pastor, the Rev. Richard Smith, 57, and two visiting priests from Beech Grove near Indianapolis. The Rev. William Fisher, 60, was an associate chaplain at St. Francis Hospital Center and the Rev. Kenneth Smith, 56, an invalid, had been living in retirement at St. Paul's Hermitage. Authorities said the Smiths were unrelated.

The men all died of smoke inhalation and burns, according to Clark County Coroner Edwin M. Coots Jr.

The blaze was spotted by a newspaper carrier about 5 a.m. EDT and appeared to have started in a first-floor front office in the two-story, 64-year-old building, according to Sellersburg firefighters. John Craig, who lives across the road from the church and rectory, said that it was about

5 a.m. when he was awakened by the pounding on his front door. Craig found a newspaper carrier yelling "Call the fire department, the church building is on fire!"

Craig said "I woke up my son and called the fire department, then ran over to the burning building to try and get inside, but the doors were locked. About that time the front windows in the rectory office blew out. A volunteer fireman arrived and we started yelling and screaming out Father Smith's name trying to find out if anyone was inside. We tried to go in the back entrance but the heat and smoke drove us back again."

"I ran around to the side and kicked in a side door and managed to get inside and to the stairway leading upstairs. I screamed out for anyone, then I heard a loud crash which was followed by a big gust of smoke which drove us back outside. We had to give up then, the heat was too intense. We found a vehicle out back with out-of-county license plates and I knew someone had to be inside", Craig added.

One of the two victims upstairs was found with the telephone receiver in his hand and the other was found on the floor near a window. Father Richard Smith was

found in the downstairs office and appeared as if he was trying to gather up papers from a cabinet or safe.

Firemen said that the upstairs floor had collapsed and a large, steam-type radiator had landed on top of Smith.

According to Rev. Wilfred Day, Dean of the New Albany Deanery, the two priests were long time friends of Father Smith and were here visiting and that another priest, Father Pat Harpenau from St. Michaels in Indianapolis was also visiting here for a wedding, but had decided to stay at another neighbor's house instead of the rectory with the others.

The blaze and the sounds of all the fire equipment soon had neighbors converging on the scene. They soon learned the tragic news that the priests had failed to get out alive.

"I feel like this is all a bad dream and that I'll awake any minute and find out it didn't happen," said one neighbor. Volunteers were on the scene with the Red Cross Disaster Van which had hot coffee and sandwiches for the tiring firemen and rescue workers who were still on the scene at midmorning.

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New State Fire Marshal

It is a delight to be Fire Marshal for the State of Indiana. Thanks for the support, the cards and letters of congratulations, and the many phone calls. Every attempt will be made not to let you down. Please give your patience on the things done slowly, but always we request your cooperation.

Each organization of the fire service community has an interest that needs to be supported and we will try to be helpful. Together, there will be an interaction that will be beneficial to all.

Code enforcement will be a major focus as the 1984 consolidation moves forward into the second year of the Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety. The Fire personnel along with building officials can work together to ensure safer buildings for the public through the use of Code Enforcement.

Education for the Fire service will be pursued as we approach the 1990's. The commission on firefighter standards is setting the direction and will soon conclude their work on the first services of lesson plans for your use. This office supports their efforts as arrangements for the printing of the needed materials will indicate.

Fire incident reporting under the new system will touch each of you through your departments. It will give the opportunity for the firefighting personnel story to be told in a new fashion. It will be a great day when the public can receive information of actual fire causes statewide with a report titled, "Fire in Indiana," that will put forth factual data.

October 12, 1985 is the date for the underground tank storage program. The Federal EPA has given guidelines for the reporting procedures for underground tanks. The fire service should be aware of the guidelines, the proper measures for clean-up of a spill or leak, and the measures for tank testing. This program does not have a fee and you may want to bring along some petroleum, industrial, or city officials with you. The program is here at 1099 N. Meridian, lower level, and will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Please support this program -- it's hard to beat the cost.

Thanks for the excellent response to the request form sent to

you about who to contact if the inspectors are in your area. Some of you still need to forward that information, please do so as soon as possible.

The investigation division wants to give some additional numbers if the staff personnel is needed after hours or on holidays.

Larry Bosell (317) 787-7824
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The haunted house check list should be generic enough so as to not create a hardship on organizations in your area. The intent is to have the organizations give attention to fire safety. The use of straw and other flammable interiors can be discouraged by use of the check list.

Please give some attention to the program about the Building Code Technology classes that are in the mailings. These programs will give you college credits for continuing education and that is the main reason for the cost being higher than usual. Mrs. Bosell (Karen) and I will be teaching the Fire Prevention Code and the Flammable liquid portion. We look forward to seeing many of you at these schools. Code Enforcement is important and will require a good working knowledge of the codes.

The IVFA is planning a gathering on October 30th for Mr. Goodwin. Please contact your area chairman for further details.

Please share the information about the mailing and educational classes with others. If you are going to attend a program, bring along a friend.

Again, thanks for your support and cooperation. We want to be a helpful organization and if you need the assistance from our various divisions, feel free to contact us.

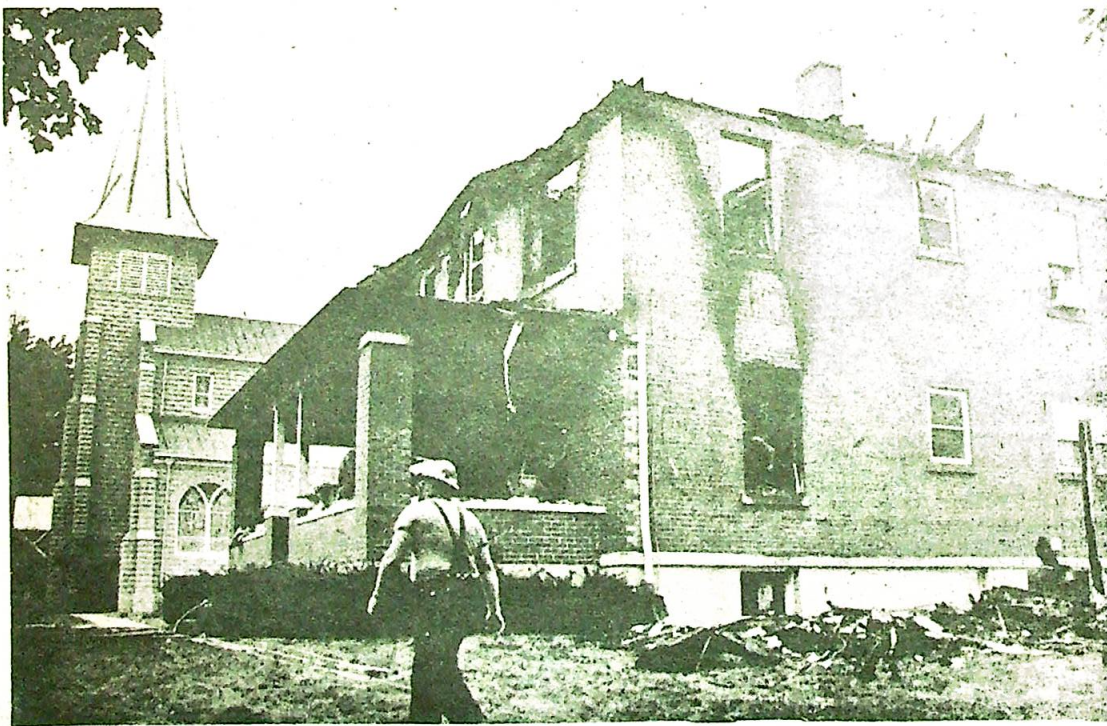
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GOODWIN SAYS GOODBY

My Fellow Fire Fighters:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Fire Service for their consideration and great support over the past thirteen years, during my tenure as State Fire Marshal. August 9, 1985 will be my final day!

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Rectory at Starlight gutted by fire -- Volunteer Firemen from 5 communities battled a blaze at the Rectory of St. John Catholic Church at Starlight for several hours. Firemen were called to the scene about 5 a.m. and didn't get the fire under control until about 6:45 p.m. The blaze left Father Smith dead along with two other visiting priests, Father William Fisher and Father Kenneth Smith, both of Beech Grove. The fire gutted several rooms of the rectory and destroyed the roof of the building.

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It "Otter" Be Good - Terre Haute - June 12, 13, 14, 1986.

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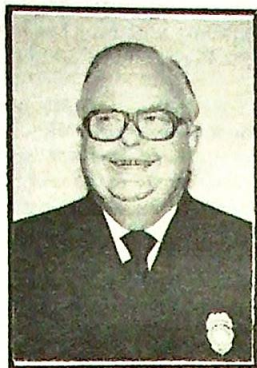
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St. Matthew 26: 26-28

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body.
²⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it:
²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

St. Matthew 1: 18-21

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.
²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name *Jesus*: for he shall save his people from their sins.



The fall season is upon us. A few leaves have started to turn. The yard is still beautiful with many flowers. The garden is pretty well depleted. God gave us a bountiful garden this year.

Before we know it Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. On both of these occasions our family will be breaking bread and drinking together. Take time out to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on you. *Psalms 51* ¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the most High.

Your chaplain has so many things to be thankful for. Walking much better, not shaking so bad, able to take care of my I.V.F.A. family.

Grace and I thank God every day for our families, and the many things they do for us. Some of my most memorable moments are of my family in church. That was one hour a week when we were all together worshipping God.

Things To Be Thankful For

The good, green earth beneath our feet,
The air we breathe, the food we eat,
Some work to do, a goal to win,
A hidden longing deep within
That spurs us on to bigger things
And helps us meet what each day brings,
All these things and many more
Are things we should be thankful for . . .
And most of all our thankful prayers
Should rise to God because he cares!
Helen Steiner Rice

After breaking bread at Thanksgiving, in a short time we will be in the Advent Season. Then dragging out our now old and slightly worn Nativity Scene, preparing for another Christmas.

I thank God for the way he chose to bring Christ so humbly into this world, and for the way He made his Son accessible to all people, not to just a few. I pray that our I.V.F.A. family might better come to know His love in the holidays ahead.

For a New Years resolution - let us use our bibles more; "For the word and faith and faith to believe it." There are so many bibles lying around unused for the lack of faith. The greatest goal in life is to know Christ and to be part of his Kingdom.

Prayer

For the word and faith to believe it,
For appetite and food to relieve it,
For a dream and grace to achieve it,
For Your goodness and sense to perceive it,
For Your love and room to receive it --
I thank you, Lord.
Amen.

Go to the church of your choice — you'll like it.

**UNION TOWNSHIP
FIRE STATION
THREATENED**

The Union Township Advisory Board has asked township residents to attend a session on fire protection.

Jim Olson, named to a committee by the advisory board, said the loss of \$4,700 in federal revenue sharing funds will force the

closing of the township's community building which houses the fire department.

As a result, the trucks will have to be moved to Sellersburg, he said.

The session is an attempt to come up with alternatives to the closing of the station.

Olson said his committee to save the fire station feels the moving of the trucks to Sellersburg will raise insurance rates by lowering the fire protection of the area.

OFFICER'S MEETING
August 10-11, 1985
Rodeway Inn — Indianapolis

President Sunday called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by V. P. Swartz.

Roll was taken by Secretary Bechtel with a quorum being present. President Sunday called for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Howe made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Max Poling seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

At this time President Sunday introduced the guest, Tim Downey of Downey Insurance, and new District Chairmen Tim Reed (D2), Bob Esserman (D1), John Farrell (D4) and Jim Tagney (D11B).

OFFICER REPORTS

In his report President Sunday stated that several trips have been made to Indianapolis concerning the Fire Marshal as well as attending meetings on building safety. He has also attended several meetings over the state.

V. P. Swartz stated that he also has put a lot of miles on vehicles by attending meetings.

Secretary Bechtel in his report stated that some new forms are being worked on and he is attempting to clean up some of the computer problems. He stated that it would be a tremendous help if every person who is responsible for filling out the forms would just follow the directions on completing each form.

Treasurer Gene Stofer made a presentation to Mr. Tim Downey on behalf of the I.V.F.A. for all the work that he has done for us. He was presented with a gold badge and badge holder. Afterwards Secretary Bechtel gave the quarterly financial report.

Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush gave an inventory report of his office and spoke briefly of next years convention.

Immediate Past President Carl Bruns thanked all for the support shown him over the last four years while he served as President and Vice President.

Don Weigel of the E.M.S. Committee gave his report. The EMS Conference will be held at the Sheraton Meridian Hotel in Indianapolis on September 27th, 28th and 29th. The Commission meeting will be held on Friday, the 27th, at the same location.

PR Northwest Bill Howe stated that he had attended all the meetings in the area. He also stated that 3 new chairmen had been elected and that the fire school is set for October 21st and 22nd.

PR West Central Toddy Michl commented that he was glad to be present (he felt he was being given his second chance) and that he had attended as many functions as the physicians would allow.

PR East Central Bill Windsor was absent.
PR Southwest Carl Davis in his report said that he has one new chairman. On November 7th the District Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Odon BBQ, which features their delicious turkey.

PR Southeast Roy Richardson has one new chairman. He had also attended all meetings. On September 14th and 15th the Southern Indiana Fire School will be held on the IU South Campus in New Albany.

DISTRICT REPORTS

- D1 Bob Esserman reported that he was glad to be back.
- D2 Tim Reed gave some background information on himself.
- D3 Rob Sabie has been working on the E.D.I.T.H. house as a project in the District. He is in the process of trying to get more firefighters involved in what is really going on in the state and how it concerns them.
- D4 John Farrell stated that he was glad to be part of the association and several projects are being planned.
- D5 Wayne Smith set the date of September 14th for the Fire School at Plymouth. A lot of effort has been put forth in trying to get some new departments signed up.
- D6 Max Poling thanked the Convention Committee for a fine convention this year. He also invited all to the 6th District Picnic on September 15th at St. Joe Township, Allen County.
- D7 Mort Sorg reported on a death claim that was late in coming in to him.
- D8A Bob Fleener was absent.
- D8B Jim Nickens was re-elected and reported on the scheduled events coming up in the District.
- D9A Tug Sutton thanked the officers for attending the meetings in his District this year.
- D9B Mitch Parrish had no report from the District but said he is looking forward to future involvement.
- D10 Bruce Neal reported that an old fire equipment muster will be held in Hope. He too thanked the officers for being at the meetings.
- D11A Larry Biggs commented on his re-election as well as some activities that are going on in his district.
- D11B Jim Tagney thanked the officers for the effort they put forth in maintaining the membership of a department in his area.
- D13 Jerry Nullinger gave a report on the fire school as well as other happenings in his area.
- D14 Tom Sellmer in his report stated that he was re-elected and mentioned several functions that are scheduled in the District.
- D15 Mike Brooks was absent.
- D16 Ira Cameron thanked all who contributed at the convention to the girl with the inoperable brain tumor. The money was used to pay her way to Disney World. The family appreciated it very much.
- D17A Bill Engle said he had been re-elected and listed some events scheduled for the next few months.
- D17B Pete Lockhart stated that he had been re-elected.
- D18 Barry Winger had nothing to report as he was just elected.
- D19 Lee Kissell said the same officers were elected.
- D20 Don Boyle was representing Bill Scherer, the new Chairman.
- D21 Fred Culross had no report.

At 5:00 p.m. President Sunday recessed the meeting until 7:30 p.m.
President Sunday called the meeting back to order at 7:33 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Sunday presented several letters he had received in response to the ones he had sent to the state legislators requesting their assistance on the appointment of a new State Fire Marshal.
On other issues President Sunday commented on the conversation he had with Gus Welter of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

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**NEWS FROM
THE PREZ**



BILL SUNDAY

This year is moving so fast, it will be almost impossible to complete all of the things I would like to see this association accomplish. We are going to give it our best shot, starting out with our own people.

Gentlemen, if you are having problems in your area that you can't get any satisfaction on, please let me know.

I think we have some of the finest people in the state working as your officers, but we have problems just like everybody else and we can't correct them if we don't hear from you.

I want to ask that all members and department members hang on for just a little longer because we are working hard on trying to solve the problem with the membership list. The IVFA will have its own computer shortly in the secretary's office. I'm so sick and tired of hearing computer, computer, computer, that we are doing everything we can to get this operation running smooth. We'll get the job done but it will take a little time after it goes into operation and Doug has a chance to get everything entered. Hopefully the setup will allow you to contact the secretary's office and while you on the phone Doug will be able to correct all problems because he will be looking at the file in front of him. If we do this by mail he will still have everything in front of him. We are not going to start passing the buck, but this way if there is a problem then I can go to the secretary and get things right with him. We will eliminate going through 3 or 4 people to accomplish what will now be done by one. Stick with us fellows . . . it's going to make a big difference.

We have 10 new District Chairmen this year and I believe these people will be contacting you shortly either at your department or at your District meetings. We feel the association is on the move again and these people will need the help of all of you. Congratulations to the new District Chairmen and Good Luck.

Another project underway is we have contracted with the Dale Corp. in Indianapolis to solicit advertising for the convention book. We are confident that they will be a big help to us. Cooperation will be needed from the membership to get the job done. The Dale Corp. will be calling on the telephone to businesses in your area selling ads for our annual Convention Book. If your department has any question or problem contact your District Chairman so we can take care of it. The billing will be done by mail and the IVFA logo and information will be very clearly spelled out so there shouldn't be any problems deciding who it's from. Please let the people in your communities know this change has taken place.

As everyone should be aware of by now, we have a new Fire Marshal in Indiana. Larry Bosell has been in most of your districts before he became involved with the state. Through our conversations, since Marshal Bosell has taken

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OFFICER'S MEETING *Continued from page 3*

President Sunday also commented that a representative of the Cities and Towns Organization in Washington D. C. will be on the agenda at the next N.V.F.C. meeting to try to retain the Federal Revenue Sharing. Gene Stofer spoke briefly on the new labor law and how it will affect the paid firefighters, who in his off duty hours, is a volunteer firefighter. President Sunday then spoke about some awards that are being considered from the Governor's office and the Fire Marshal's office. More information will be given as it becomes available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

N.V.F.C. In his report, Norm Crocker, stated that the Field & Stream literature for Turkey Shoots is available again this year.

Games Chairman Bob Surber thanked everyone for their help at the convention. He encouraged more participation for the games.

Safety Tom Sellmer passed.

"86" Convention Co-Chairman Bill Bush reported on the progress being made. A discussion was held on the firefighters attending the functions of the convention without paying the registration fee. Pete Lockhart made a motion that we police the participation in all phases of the convention with some type of identification but allow the Convention host some leeway as to how they wish to identify their help. Carl Davis seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Computer Jim Parker passed.

Photographer Bruce Neal thanked Lee Kissell for his help in getting pictures of the Bloomington Convention done for the paper.

Historian No Chairman at this time.

By-Laws Max Poling handed out some of the revisions in rough draft. Some needed grammatical changes.

Fire School & Training V. P. Swartz stated that a good discussion was held on Fire Service Management and a Seminar for Officers Training. Several ideas were outlined.

Resolutions Bill Howe passed.

Insurance Lee Kissell stated that the billing of fire runs was discussed. It was stated that Nelson Becker was of the opinion that something of importance could be done utilizing the money collected from the fire runs.

Public Education Peter Lockhart led the discussion on the upcoming State Fair. Items discussed were the location of the equipment and a change of format on the operation booth. The schedule of workers was also finalized.

Editor Assistance Bill Howe had several comments on how to assist Mr. Laney in the publishing of the I.V.F.A. paper.

New Members Department Carl Davis passed.

Membership Committee As this is a new committee, no report could be given. The committee consists of Carl Bruns as chairman with the last six past presidents serving with him.

Legislative Report Jack Ford gave some thought as to what will be coming out of the short session of legislation this year.

At 9:35 p.m. President Sunday recessed the meeting until the following morning at 9 a.m.

President Sunday called the meeting back to order at 9:03 a.m. on Sunday.

Chaplain Lantz gave the Invocation.

Pete Lockhart gave a report on the Building and Fire Prevention Commission. He outlined some areas that the firefighters should get involved with.

President Sunday introduced the two guests present, Paul Fairfield and Marshal Bill Goodwin. Marshal Goodwin addressed the officers and guest and thanked them for all the support given to him and his wife Janet during his tenure as Fire Marshal. He also stated that he would be around for a while and would not disappear into thin air. At this time President Sunday announced that Bill had agreed to be our representative to the National Volunteer Fire Council with Jim Parker as alternate.

Some comments were given by President Sunday on what he would like to see the association undertake. Most of all, he would like to see a computer purchased and put in the home of Secretary Bechtel.

Regarding the ad solicitor for next year, President Sunday read a list of names of people interested in the job. Included were Harry Lind, Jim Thomas, Jr., George Parting of G & H Publishing and T & D Corp., which is part of the Dale Corporation. A lengthy discussion followed, but no decision was reached.

Bob Laney was reappointed as publisher of the paper.

A legislative representative has not been decided on as yet.

Several comments were given by the officers on the names that were submitted for consideration for the State Fire Marshal. The names submitted were Neil Huff, Bill Kinsey and Larry Bosell.

A Convention Committee was appointed by President Sunday. The members are Gene Stofer, Ivan Nevil and Bill Howe. He also said he would be a part of it.

A letter was read from the attorneys in Ft. Wayne stating that the court awarded partial settlement in our favor from Mr. Murphy on the amount of \$3,210.82. The letter also stated that a pre-trial hearing is being set to settle the balance due the association.

On the Bridgeport Fire Department proposal, two options are being considered at this time. One is a lump sum payment of \$3,000 to the beneficiary of a firefighter killed in the line of duty or the awarding of two \$1,500 scholarships to a school of higher learning in the state to the children of the deceased firefighter.

President Sunday read a letter from the Public Education Chairman Pete Lockhart resigning the position. He then appointed Jim Parker to assume the position.

Pete Lockhart gave the financial report of this years convention. It appears that they are in good shape.

A letter was read from the E.M.S. Commission requesting a donation of \$100 as a co-sponsor of the EMS Conference this year. This item was referred to the Board of Directors for action on their part.

President Sunday stated that he was putting a lot of emphasis on fire fighter personal safety and public awareness this next year. Also he has set a goal of 17,000 members. He would also like to get a Fire Marshal appointed who will best represent the volunteer firefighters. Some ideas for legislative action were discussed but were not put on a top priority schedule.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim Parker read a letter from the Trustee of his home department wanting to know why all departments don't combine when purchasing insurance. It was stated that this practice has been tried in the past but failed.

Jim Tagney asked for clarification by Treasurer Stofer concerning payment of benefits. Treasurer Stofer stated that absolutely no benefits are payable until all dues have been paid.

A lengthy discussion was held on why the practice of the family having a choice between a floral offering or the Bible was discontinued. Bill Howe made a motion that this choice be continued. Rob Sabie seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Wayne Smith made a motion to adjourn. Bill Howe seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by V. P. Swartz. He announced that since Treasurer Stofer had to leave early, the budget would be voted on first.

Treasurer Stofer stated that the budget should show an additional \$2,000 for postage and \$1,000 for convention expense. Tom Sellmer made a motion that the figures of \$8,000 for postage and \$6,000 for convention expense be the totals reflected in the proposed budget. Don Johnson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Bill Howe made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Tom Sellmer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gene Stofer said a woman in the state had requested a grave marker for her husbands headstone to replace the one that had been stolen. A fireman in attendance stated that he would pay for the new marker and the District Chairman said he would see that it was taken care of.

OLD BUSINESS

President Sunday stated that he would take care of the brief cases that are on order.

Sgt.-At-Arms Bush stated that meeting cards need to be ordered.

On the item of Fire School allowance, Carl Davis made a motion that \$200 be allowed per District per year from the period of June 1st, 1985 through May 31st, 1986. Roy Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Swartz opened the nominations for the position of Board Chairman. Tug Sutton nominated Fred Culross, Lee Kissell nominated Pete Lockhart, Wayne Smith nominated Mike Brooks (not allowed due to lack of time as a District Chairman according to the by-laws). Nominations were closed and the vote taken. Pete Lockhart was elected Chairman for the next year.

Chairman Lockhart stated that the first item would be an advance for next years convention. Bill Howe made a motion that they be allowed an advance of \$4,000, \$2,000 at this time and the balance as needed. Fred Culross seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Lockhart called on President Sunday to discuss the purchase of a computer. The President stated approval of purchasing a computer was included with the approved budget. Wayne Smith made a motion that President Sunday and his committee be given the authority to purchase the computer and equipment necessary. Mort Sorg seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

On the subject of ad solicitor, Bill Howe made a motion that the President, Vice President, Secretary and Board Chairman take care of the contract selecting the best deal for the association. Lee Kissell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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office, I'm sure you will be seeing a lot more of him. Give Larry your support and from the Association Larry, we want to congratulate you and wish you all the luck and success and help we can.

We are going to have to call on you again this year to help get the job done in the legislature. I see some problems coming again this year that we just can't live with. I also see many things that we will be interested in the outcome. Fellows you hear us ask every year for your phone calls, personal contacts, letters or whatever the case might be. It's so important that these things continue to happen so that the Volunteer Fire Service can keep some control on what is going on. I sometimes have to remind people that the Volunteer Fire Service is 85% of the fire service in Indiana. I think it's important that we know and understand what other people are doing with and to the fire service. I have appointed Jack Ford to represent us for another year because of the very important issue we have coming up in this short session of the legislature. Jack is already familiar with the problems. However, I am interested in somebody to assist and possibly take over the appointment of Legislative Representative in the near future.

Give us your support and lets make this another successful year for IVFA. We are moving in a direction that hopefully will show even more reasons why departments that do not belong, should and hopefully these things will be in the next issue of the paper. I believe one more short issue like the last one and everyone will know the entire scoop about the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department. My home department is busy, they do a good job and as long as the paper is 4 pages short and the editor is asking for stories you will have to see them. Please fellows let us see and read about your activities. We are interested in what is going on all over the state. Send your pictures (black and white is the best) and stories to the District chairmen, P.R. people, or any officer. Or better than that, just send it to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen, P. O. Box 437, Crown Point, Indiana 46307 and it will be in the next issue.

Keep up the good work for the fire service and let us know if you have fund raisers, parades, dedications, etc. and we will try to make all of them we can.

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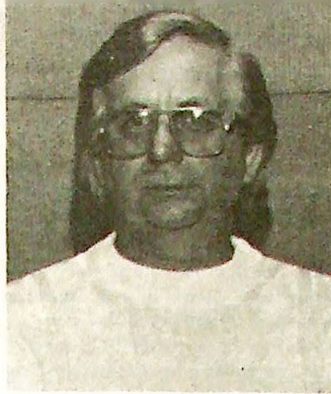
no decision was reached. A show of hands was called and the motion carried.

Chairman Lockhart accepted a motion by Bill Howe to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Max Poling seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

A short discussion was held concerning some type of show of appreciation for Marshal Goodwin. It was directed that the President and his advisory committee take care of the arrangements. Wayne Smith made a motion that the association proceed with this program. Max Poling seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fred Culross made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mort Sorg seconded. After the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary



LAWRENCE SWARTZ

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather of the fall season. The children are back in school now and this creates new problems for the fire service. When answering an alarm that takes you through a school area be mindful of your speed.

It is now time to get your fire prevention programs together and present them, not only to the schools, but have an open house or some type of activity that promotes fire safety and the fire service. Remember fire prevention needs to be 365 days per year.

There are still some very interesting fire schools coming up, so try your best to attend. The more training we have, the safer this hazardous work becomes. The National Fire Academy again will be bringing some excellent courses to Indiana this fall. Let's fill those classes and keep them coming back every year.

I have enjoyed the traveling since becoming your vice president and the warm feeling of fellowship extended at every meeting, or at the various fire stations I have stopped at. Keep your notices coming of your functions and I will try to attend as many as possible.

Have a happy and safe fall season.

COMMISSION ON FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL PROGRESSING

To standardize the minimum certification training, the Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education is now developing lesson plans for each of the 2nd Class and 1st Class Firefighter subjects, which will follow the NFPA professional fire fighter qualifications, and meet national certification standards.

These will be performance-based objectives. Commissioner teams have reviewed each of the 2nd Class Firefighter subjects and have made their recommendations of changes, additions or deletions. The lessons are being typed, proofread and distributed to all Commissioners for a study by the Commission-as-a-whole.

Once approved by the Commission-as-a-whole, various areas of the state will be asked to use these lesson plans in a pilot program and report their opinions and changes before distribution to the entire state. The lesson plans meet the minimum standards of the professional qualifications and instructors can add as much material as their department desires.

It is hoped that the 2nd Class Firefighter lesson plans will be tested within the next six months and the 1st Class Firefighter shortly thereafter. Master courses will be reviewed in the future.

Any input from the field will be appreciated.

Taken from The Evening News
Jeffersonville, Indiana

Union Township residents are faced with the threat of losing their current level of fire protection.

Township officials say that a reduction in revenue sharing funds has left the township without enough money to pay the utility bills on its community building — which houses the area's fire trucks — for the rest of the year.

Worse, if revenue sharing is cut out altogether, they say the building may be closed permanently. Should the building be closed, it might add an additional 10 minutes to response time by Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department personnel.

Concerned township residents met to discuss the problem, and work on ways to keep their community building open and thus preserve the current level of fire protection. During 1984, there were 15 structure fires in the township, four brush fires and five rescue situations.

Committee Appointed

A committee was formed at the open meeting of concerned citizens to look into methods of funding the building. The primary purpose of the 40x80-foot structure is to house a trio of fire trucks (two pumpers and one four-wheel-drive "brush truck") belonging to the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Lee White, an employee of ATT, was named chairman. Bill Steward, a past trustee, was appointed vice-chairman and Susan Malott named secretary-treasurer. Also on the committee is Clifford Malott, Frank Warren, Bill Paskel, Bill Mosley, Susan Malott and Donna Warren. The next meeting has been set for September 24th at the community building.

Of immediate concern is the finding of enough funds to support the building through the balance of 1985. According to Township Trustee Al Jackson, the building is solely supported through revenue sharing, which was cut somewhat for the current year. Also addressed last meeting was the question of what to do should revenue sharing cease to exist.

Federally Built And Funded

The building, a concrete-block single-floor structure, was built five years ago entirely with HUD money at an estimated cost of \$115,000. Since that time, all upkeep and utilities — including electricity, water and telephones — have been provided for through revenue sharing.

Last year the township was allotted \$5,760 in federal monies, Jackson informed the residents.

He explained that there was money left over from 1984 in the amount of \$337.

For 1985, however, the allotment shrunk to \$4,500, and even when added to the leftover balance, leaves a deficit of about \$500 for the present year assuming expenses equal to 1984. Jackson explained that steps are being taken to reduce operating expenses, such as turning off exterior lighting, but that the deficit could still fall within the \$500 to \$1,000 range before the year is out, depending upon the actual expenses.

Clark County Auditor Dick Jones, in attendance at the request of Jackson, pointed out that the township has a couple of alternatives with which to deal with the problem. One is to create a non-profit organization to seek charitable funding, and the second is to "borrow" the money out of the general fund.

Not Enough To Go Around

The trouble is, Jackson pointed out, that there is not presently enough money in the township general fund to spare for the building. Jones explained that there are provisions in the law that allows trustees in such a situation to request a tax loan. That figure would then be applied to the tax rate, and eventually result in increased taxes, he said.

White said after the meeting that the primary concern is to see the building through 1985. "We need money, and we've got to do something. What I'd like is to just make this thing go until it can take care of itself."

Making the building a self-supporting entity may become necessary eventually, Jackson pointed out. Should revenue sharing funds be eliminated altogether, the community would have to come up with about \$4,500 annually or close the structure permanently.

That is something that none of the approximately 40 residents gathered at the meeting wanted.

"I don't believe that I personally can afford to go without fire protection," area resident Jim Olson said, bringing enthusiastic agreement. Olson was nominated for the position of chairman, but refused to serve.

Concerning a complete closing of the structure and a return of the trucks to Sellersburg, Jones was optimistic that Union Township would not face the loss of its fire protection. More than once he assured the crowd that at least through 1986, revenue sharing is safe, and at that some money would be available to fund the structure.

Rules Volunteer Fire Departments Can Be Sued

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Certain volunteer fire departments may be held negligent for improperly fighting fires, the Court of Appeals said recently in ruling for a Kokomo couple.

The 2nd District of the Court of Appeals, in a unanimous decision, said a Howard Superior Court judge should not have ruled in favor of the Indian Heights Volunteer Fire Department when it was sued by Thomas and Helen Ayres.

The Ayreses filed suit after the firefighters attempted to douse a 1983 fire in their truck, which was parked in their driveway. The firefighters actually spread the fire from the truck into their garage, destroying the structure, the couple charged.

Howard Superior Judge Dennis H. Parry ruled in January 1984 the firefighting outfit enjoyed immunity under Indiana law because the way in which it fights a fire is discretionary.

In their appeal, the Ayreses claimed the fire department was liable because its actions were not discretionary.

Judge Patrick D. Sullivan, writing for the appeals court, went a step further in ruling for the couple, saying the volunteer fire department was not allowed immunity from prosecution under the law because it was not a governmental entity and was on contract with the township trustee's office, Sullivan ruled.

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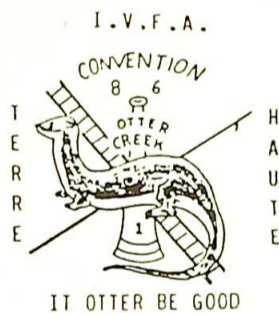
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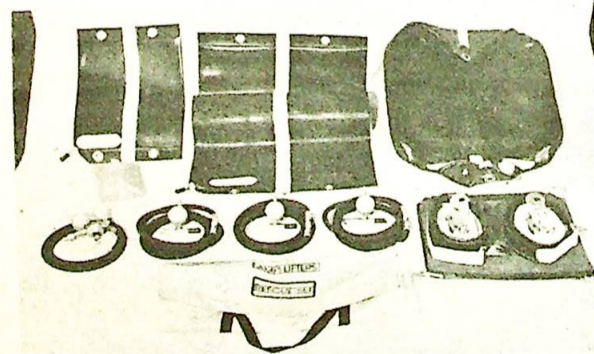
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ROY E. RICHARDSON

There has been a lot of things happening in southern Indiana. I attended the funeral for Kenneth Couch, former chief of the Sellersburg Fire Department. I served as MC of the Utica Fair and the Underwood Community

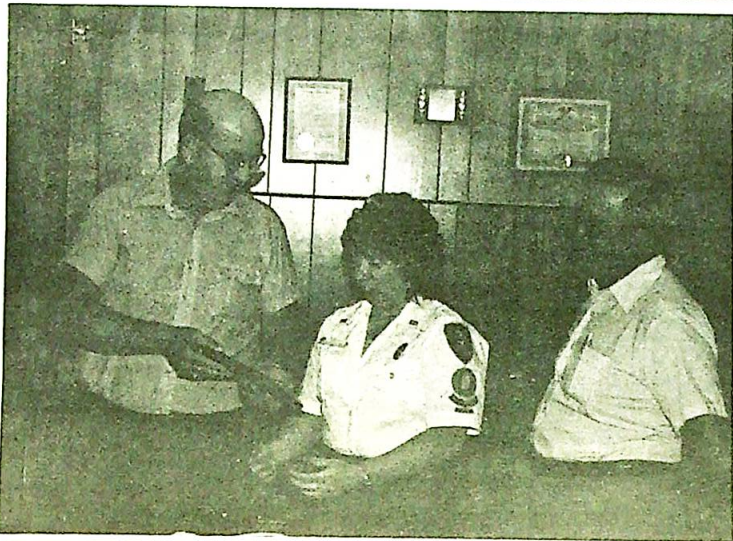
Fair. I want to thank President Bill Sunday and family, and Tom and Bette Sellmer for attending the Fair.

I attended the funeral for Bob Brewer, former chief of the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department. Chaplain Bette Sellmer and Chaplain Fulkerson of the 14th District held the memorial service for Mr. Brewer.

A successful Fire School was held at I.U.S. in New Albany under the direction of Chairman Jim Kron and his committee. We appreciated Col. Coffee and our new Fire Marshal Larry Bosell attending. We enjoyed a boat ride on the Bonnie Belle and everyone enjoyed themselves.

I attended the 16th District meeting at Lafayette Township. A vice-chairman, Mark S. Huth, was appointed. Mark will assist the chairman, Ira Cambron.

Congratulations to Rebecca Scott of Freetown, Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department on receiving the Midwest Award.



Rebecca Scott from Freetown, Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department receiving the Midwest Award.

**CAUSE UNDER INVESTIGATION
IN BLAZE AT WALNUT RIDGE**

By **TIM LOUGHMILLER**
(Taken from the Jeffersonville Evening News.)

An investigation is continuing into a fire that destroyed a portion of a nursery business on Hamburg Pike.

A fiberglass-roofed bedding plant display area at the Walnut Ridge Nursery and Garden Center, located at 2108 Hamburg Pike, was completely destroyed and other areas of the building damaged by smoke and heat as a result of the fire shortly before 10 p.m. recently. In addition, heat from the fire shattered glass panes in the adjoining greenhouse.

At presstime, Clark County Police were at the scene investigating the cause of the fire, which, according to McCulloch volunteer Fire Department Captain Dave Pulliam, started near some patio furniture in the front display area. Pulliam pointed out that although there was no water or fire damage to the adjacent store area, there was some damage from the heavy smoke produced by the burning fiberglass roof panels.

Fire department personnel responding to the call quickly got the fire under control, containing it within five minutes and extinguishing it within 15 minutes. Four engine companies (a total of five fire trucks) and 25 men responded to the blaze.

No estimate of loss was available as of presstime from owner William Julius, who emphasized

that the business will be open as usual. The largest item of damage, he indicated, may not be the destroyed display area, but the glass panels which were shattered in the greenhouse, which formed the back wall of the display area. He said that damage estimates are currently being formulated.



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John is from Evansville and Carl is from Petersburg. They have the same area as the Indiana State Police Post of Evansville and Jasper. If your department is in this area, they are the ones to call if you need help.

Our attendance is down at the District meetings fellows. This is your meeting so please attend and tell us what you want at next years fire schools. Many of the departments are getting the 1st and 2nd class work in their stations so the state is looking for new ideas for the district schools. Let us know and we will set up the schools for your needs.

There will be a Turkey Barbecue Thursday, November 7th at the Odon Conservation Club at 6:30 p.m. "Y'all come!"

That's it for now. See you later.

**UPGRADING
SERVICES**

The Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety is moving rapidly to upgrade its services to the fire and buildings communities. The next year will see expanded inspection and enforcement capabilities, more timely and consistent construction document review, and increased efforts to educate and inform users of fire and building codes. With all codes either newly adopted, revised, updated, or in the process of revision, our division faces a mammoth challenge to provide designers, builders, suppliers and others involved in the fire and buildings industries opportunities to know the laws which regulate these industries.

For the past 4 years, we have utilized a joint venture with Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis to accomplish our responsibility to provide public education regarding fire and building codes. The program has grown in scope and service over the past years to its current fall program of twenty courses offered in four locations throughout Indiana. As a non-profit venture, our goal is to provide the best possible instruction to the greatest number of participants at the least cost.



The Scipio Fire Department received a new truck in September. It is equipped with 1,000 GPM Pump and 4,000 watt generator. (Photo by Bob Wellinski)

Would like to welcome Berry Winger who is the new 18th District Chairman. Berry will be taking Russel Reinharts place. Russel is retiring and moving to Florida. Russel, we will miss you and hope for the best in your retirement.

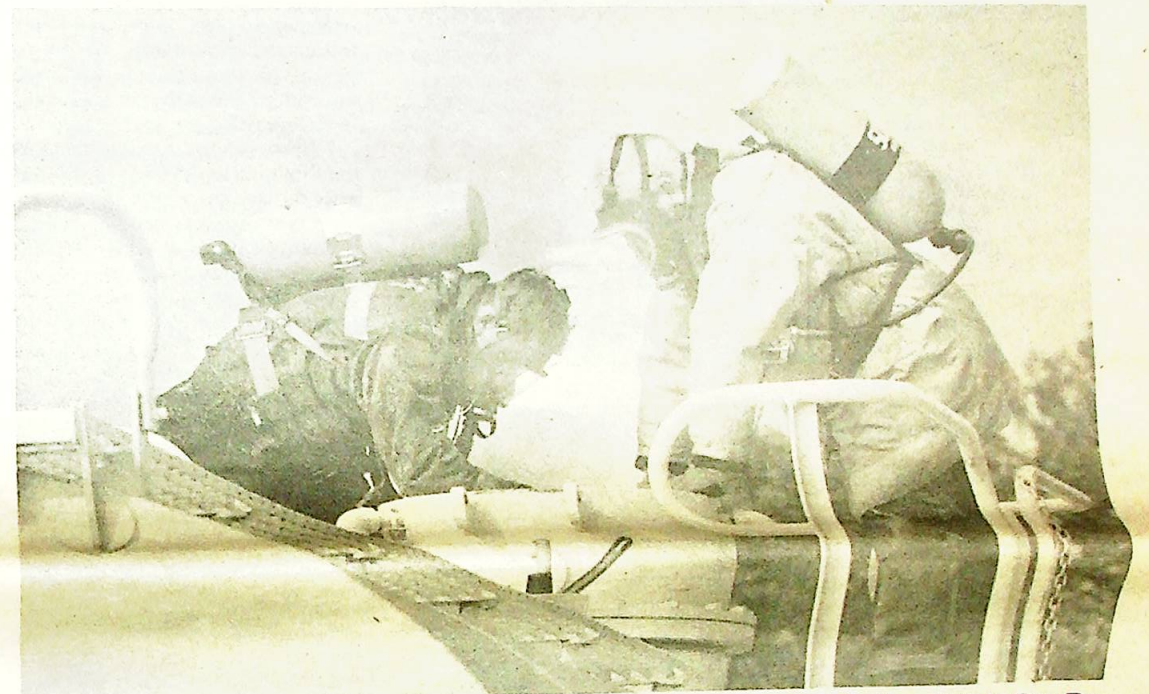
Have been making several department meetings and will try to make all that I can in the future. The goal for 1985-86 is set at 17,500 members for the I.V.F.A. Our president asked that we contact any department that does not belong and try to get them signed up. If any department knows of a department that would like to have an officer call on them and explain the benefits of the I.V.F.A. to them, let me know.

I have visited several departments that have had parades and fund raising dinners and a good time was had by all. Keep the cards coming and I'll make all that I can.

We have been working on trying to complete the history of the Miss Flames. We don't have much of a record in the IVFA history. Have some letters from members telling what they can remember, but would like to hear from anyone that could give us some more history of the Miss Flames.

We still have two fire schools to complete in my area, 17-A and 17-B. The District Chairmen will have information out on them in the near future.

Congratulations to Larry Bosell on his new job as Fire Marshal. Larry has worked with us in the past and I am sure he will in the future.



(l.) Roger Wolff, Hazardous Material Specialist, assisted by (r.) Ray Doyle from Scipio Fire Department fight railroad car tanker carbon dioxide leak. (Photo by Bob Wellinski)

We believe these courses will be beneficial to many of your constituents. While many will

receive our brochure, many will not due to the costs of maintaining large mailing lists. We hope you will agree that these opportunities should be made known to your membership and therefore assist us by informing them through your association newsletter.

We suggest the short course summary be included as a minimum, with further information available through the Division of

Education & Information, (317) 232-1413 or IUPUI (317) 264-4501. If any assistance is needed, the Division of Education & Information will be willing to help.

To avoid any snickers, phone calls or letters, we did check Coffee Klatsch with the Public Library. It's taken from the German word "Kasseeklatsch" meaning a lively meeting with coffee.

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Auxiliary Officers Meeting (continued from page 8)

A motion was made by Debbie Nulliner to have the Doe Doll for our money making project. Seconded by Lucy Stofer. Vote. Passed.
 President Nickie read the committees for 1985-86. Nickie stated that she has appointed a new person to an awards committee with the Department of Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety. On the committee there will be a paid fire chief and volunteer fire chief Carl Bruns, a member of the local building commission and Lucy Stofer, our representative, as a citizen at large.

Barbara Surber will have a meeting with her games committee at the next officer's meeting.

Nickie thanked everyone for calling their representative and state senator to submit the names the I.V.F.A. had chosen for the fire marshal's office. They were (1) Neil Huff, (2) Larry Bosell and (3) Jerry Dunn. They were turned in to the Governor's office and we should know who will be replacing Bill Goodwin on August 15th.

President Nickie challenged us to reach a goal of 3,000 members this year. The membership has been decreasing in the last four years. If we can reach this goal, it would be an increase of 790 members.

A reminder . . . if you would like to have our Miss Flame visit your functions, it would be a nice gesture if you could donate towards her mileage since this is not covered by the association.

Please send in articles to the I.V.F.A. paper. Deadline for items for the next paper is September 20th, but if you miss the deadline, send the news in anyway and they will print them in the next paper.

"Nickie's Travels" - Wayne Township Tower, Roadway Inn (2), District 11B's Picnic, Hazelwood Christian Church in Indianapolis, Elkhart, District 8B Meeting, Fire Marshal's party and Greenfield Parade.

President of the I.V.F.A., Bill Sunday, spoke to us on the goals for the association for the coming year. He would like to increase membership to 17,500 and has set up a membership committee. He informed us on what they hope to pursue in the legislature this year, and he will keep us informed on the progress. Bill hopes to involve the ladies in statewide projects that are coming up this year. He feels that the closer we can work together, the better off we'll be.

Nickie announced that our next state officer's meeting will be November 2nd and 3rd. If Committee Chairman plan to have a meeting with your committee, please have them in your room.

The International Waterball Contest will be September 7th and 8th at South Bend. The banquet will be at Penn South on November 9th.

Ladies, at the next officer's meeting, we will have bingo on Saturday evening. Please bring a Thanksgiving or Christmas decoration for your gift.

Betsy Howe asked that when you fill out a voucher for postage and phone bills, that you have a receipt for the postage and a copy of the phone bill so that you can be reimbursed by the association.

Anyone wishing to have the slides for viewing in their district or department, contact Barbara Parker.

Motion was made by Mary Brooks to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Barbara Parker. Vote. Passed.

The closing prayer was given by our Chaplain, Bette Sellmer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nancy Neal, Corresponding Secretary

Announcements

- McCullough Dance, November 9th
- Charlestown Station, 2-Bean Supper, August 24th 4 to 10 p.m.
- Osceola Appreciation Day, August 24th, Waterball Contest
- French Lick Pumpkin Festival, last week in September
- District 18, Haysville Parade, October 6th
- Poe Day, August 23rd and 24th
- District 6 Picnic, St. Joseph Township, Noon, September 15th, Potluck
- District 8B, Hamilton Township, Pig Roast, September 7th
- District 10, Picnic, August 18th, 1:00 p.m., Hidden Paradise, August 19th Meeting, Manilla
- Fredricksburg, September 21st and 22nd, Old Blue River Festival, Blue River Fire Department Barbecue Chicken, Northwest Washington serving Fish.
- Concord Township, Fish Fry, September 14th, 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- Underwood Picnic, August 15th through 17th
- Sandford Fish Fry, September 14th, 3:30 to 8 p.m.

District Reports

- District 1 & 2** No report.
- District 3** No report. August 18th Koontz Lake, Noon, Bring a dish
- District 4** Next meeting at Harris Township, September 26th, 8 p.m. November meeting will be a week early due to Thanksgiving
- District 6** No report
- District 7** Met at the Markle Fire Station with 12 ladies from 6 auxiliaries on July 15th. Miss Flame judging will again be in November. Election of officers, no change. Next meeting September 16th at 8 p.m. at Monroe Fire Station.
- District 8B** Met July 10th at the Dunkirk Fire Station, four auxiliaries represented. Election of officers, no change. Miss Flame Contest will be at the Farmland Fire Station on November 11th at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting will be September 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Eaton Fire Station. Next meeting August 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Colfax Fire Station.
- District 9A** No report
- District 10** Met July 21st at the Prairieton Fire Department. Election of officers was held. Sue Biggs, Chairman, Eva Goetsche, Secretary. Next meeting will be September 15th at 1:00 p.m. Bring a filled basket for the picnic.
- District 11A** Held it's annual picnic at Fairview Park on July 14th. Due to the men's election, they will operate without a district chairman temporarily and will operate through the secretary until a chairman is selected. Vica McGill will conduct the meetings.
- District 12** Next meeting August 12th at Oaklandon at 8 p.m.
- District 13** Next meeting at Philadelphia, August 15th at 6:30 p.m.

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President's Quarterly Report (cont'd from page 8)

must always be prepared for whatever the situation calls for. And ladies our job is to make sure the men take the time to dress properly for the weather conditions that will soon be here.

Also, I'm reminded that our job as firemen and auxiliary members is to make the public aware of fire safety and educate them as much as possible. This job will never be finished. Let's help our communities - fire prevention week is coming up very soon.

From the east central side of Indiana, the Sunday family wishes each one of our friends fire safe days as we approach the winter season.

Thank You

To my many friends:
 I want to thank each and every one for their many lovely cards and secret thoughts for me.

I have received so many cards since convention for my three different illnesses with eight day hospital stay in July.

I am doing very well from my eye implant September 10th.

Thanks and love 'ya' all,
 Thelma Lester

Clayton Raffle Winner



Evelyn Miller of Clayton Volunteer Fire Department won this clock from District 12's Raffle. Thanks to all of you for participating.

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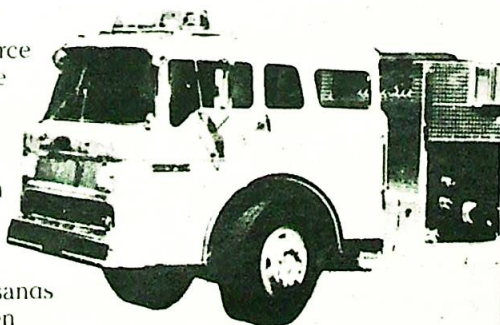
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Auxiliary Officer's Meeting (cont'd from page 9)

- District 14** Met July 17th at Sellersburg Station #1 with 4 auxiliaries present. Traveling trophy was given to McCullough. Election of officers was held. Next meeting September 18th at McCulloch station #2 at 8:00 p.m.
- District 16** No report
- District 17B** No report
- District 19** Next meeting will be August 13th at the Hogan Township in Wilmington at 7 p.m. slow and 8 p.m. fast. Election of officers will be held.

District Chairmen — Please remind your auxiliaries that dues will be delinquent September 30th. Dues are \$2.00 per member per year.

COMMITTEES FOR 1985 - 1986

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Loretta Nulliner, Ch.
Debbie Nulliner
Pat Wisniewski
Beverly Trester
- Installation**
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Joyce Nevil
Verta Engle
Bonnie Crocker
Vi Bruns

Auxiliary District News

DISTRICT 10

Manilla hosted the August 19th 10th District I.V.F.A.A. meeting. Before the meeting a pitch-in dinner was served to 39 people. There were 7 auxiliaries present, 10 guests including members of Whiteland Ladies Auxiliary who are interested in joining the 10th District.

Special guests introduced were: President Nicki Sunday and her daughter, Lisa; Vice President Loretta Nulliner; Corresponding Secretary Nancy Neal; Immediate Past President Barbara Parker; Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel; Past Presidents Barbara Surber and Mary Stafford; District 13 Chairman Virginia Wilson; Anna Marie Baker, and Judy Wilson.

Election of officers was held. The newly elected officers are: Chairman Debbie Nulliner; Secretary Lyn Marsh; Treasurer Nancy Neal; Chaplain Vivian Thomas.

The officers were installed by Nicki Sunday and Mary Stafford.

10th District Auxiliary will raffle off a Christmas music box donated by Loretta Nulliner at the joint men/women's meeting November 18th. This meeting will be hosted by Hope. The theme will be "It's a Small, Small World". Auxiliary members are to dress as "toys".

Lyn Marsh
Secretary, 10th District

DISTRICT 11A

Months have past since the convention in Bloomington and as usual it has been a very busy summer.

We have been to district meetings, picnics, fish fries, etc. Thanks to all of the departments that invited us.

We, in our district, and district 11B are working hard to make next years convention a huge success. As everyone knows who has helped put on a convention it takes a lot of effort from all people involved. We hope everyone will plan on coming next year and have fun but also attend the business meetings. Get involved, you will be surprised at what you can learn in a few days.

Our district held its annual picnic at Dobbs Park. Anyone who couldn't make it, sure missed a wonderful time. All who did attend said that it was the best picnic we have ever had.

Our next meeting will be held at Sandford Volunteer Fire Department. This will be a dinner on Saturday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m., with a short meeting after. Then we are planning on crowning our Miss Flame for 1986. After the crowning we are planning on just having a good

time with a great get-together. We hope to see a good turn out and a lot of Miss Flames. Please plan on attending.

If anyone, by some chance, hasn't got their 1985-1986 dues in -- please get them in.

Hope to see you at the next district meeting.

Sue Biggs
District 11A

DISTRICT 11B

Hello! "Ain't God good to Indiana?" What beautiful weather we have been having.

Our last District meeting was on September 8th at JUGA Volunteer Fire Department at Bellmore. The Auxiliary started plans for our Miss Flame Dance. It will be at the Half Century Club in Clinton on February 15th, so mark your calendars now!

For any auxiliaries or individuals who have not paid their membership dues, get them in now. (\$2.00 per person.) If you need membership forms contact Vica McGill or me.

Many activities have been taking place in our local organizations. Reelsville's Flea Market was a great success and we certainly enjoyed the 1986 Convention Committee's Dance at the German Gotto in West Terre Haute. Fillmore's 26th annual Chicken Barbeque drew a large crowd from all over the state on September 20-21 with September 28 catering to Fish Fries for Bellmore and Cayuga.

Attention 11B Auxiliaries — we are going to need items donated for the 1986 convention as door prizes so if you think of something you would like to make during the winter meetings we would appreciate your contributions!

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 10th at Reelsville at 1:00 p.m. Plan to join us and bring a friend!

Now I leave you with this thought in closing,

"Marriage is like vitamins. We supplement each other's minimum daily requirements."

Maxine Davies
District 11B Auxiliary

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ARSONIST AVOIDS PRISON SENTENCE

Reprint from LaPorte Herald-Argus of August 26, 1985

Dennis Tolton, found guilty by a jury in July of setting fire to his house in 1983, was given a suspended eight-year sentence this morning by LaPorte Circuit Judge Robert Gettinger.

Tolton was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine and was placed on probation for eight years.

For the two arson felony convictions, one a class B and one a class C, the 37-year-old Tolton could have received a maximum sentence of 28 years in prison.

At Tolton's sentencing hearing, Gettinger said he suspended the eight-year sentence because Tolton had no prior criminal record, that Tolton was a person of "good moral character," that he thought Tolton would respond positively to probation, that Tolton's character indicated that he was unlikely to commit another crime, and that imprisonment would place "undue hardship" on Tolton's wife and children.

Gettinger also said he had received 43 letters from relatives, friends and acquaintances of Tolton, attesting to Tolton's character.

The judge said those circumstances of the case outweighed the "aggravating" circumstance, which Gettinger said was the possibility that a suspended sentence would depreciate the seriousness of the crime.

Tolton, his wife, Laura, and about six relatives present in court sighed audibly in relief when Gettinger said he was suspending the eight-year sentence.

Gettinger started by pronouncing the sentence - six years for the class B felony conviction and two years for the class C felony conviction - and did not announce that the sentence was suspended until about five minutes later, after stating what he felt were the special circumstances in the case.

LaPorte County Det. Sgt. Mike Mollenhauer, who was the state's chief witness and assisted county Prosecutor Walter Chapala throughout the trial, said he was "greatly disappointed" and "shocked" by the suspended sentence.

It makes you sort of wonder why you put all of that effort forth," Mollenhauer said. "I feel the man was guilty," he said.

Mollenhauer said he had no idea Gettinger was going to suspend the eight-year sentence until the moment the judge announced the suspension. He said he would have been satisfied with the eight-year sentence, but nothing less.

Before Gettinger announced the sentence, county Deputy Prosecutor Craig Braje told Gettinger that a suspended sentence would not only minimize the seriousness of the crime, it would also suggest to the public that "people of this (Tolton's) socioeconomic status" could get away with committing such crimes.

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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1984 - 1985

Balance Brought Forward June 1, 1984		\$ 2,261.79	
Income:			
1983-1984 Dues	\$ 41.00		
1984-1985 Dues	4,284.00		
Interest	258.46		
Jewelry	1,177.50		
Raffle	1,704.00		
Miscellaneous	3,563.33		
Total Income	\$11,028.29	11,028.29	
June 1, 1984 to May 31, 1985	TOTAL	\$13,290.08	
Disbursements:			
Officers Annual	\$ 451.29		
Mileage	1,084.75		
Phone & Postage	214.52		
Over Paid Dues	6.00		
Jewelry	417.17		
Raffle	150.00		
Miscellaneous	5,664.83		
Total Disbursements	\$ 7,988.56	7,988.56	
June 1, 1984 to May 31, 1985			
* Includes transfer of funds between treasurers.			
BALANCE ON HAND June 1, 1985		\$ 5,301.52	

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FIREMEN EARN SECOND CLASS

Farmland has five new Second Class firemen. (Left to right) Brian Redmond, Bill Redmond, Tony Clark, John Cole, Mike Manor. Everyone on the Fire Department has a Second Class and on October 7th they will continue on with First Class. At the completion of this class, everyone on the department will be either First Class or Master.

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RECTORY FIRE
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Firemen from five departments were on the scene and included, Borden, Lafayette, Sellersburg, Georgetown and Greenville Volunteer Fire Departments totalling 50 men.

The bodies of the priests were removed from the scene by Medical Transportation Service to Coots Funeral Home which was in charge of the arrangements.

The three priests were ordained in 1955 after graduating from St. Meinrad College in southern Indiana, and have remained friends since, archdiocese officials said.

"We've never had a tragedy of this magnitude — never have we lost so many priests in such a tragic way," said Monsignor Gerald A. Gettelfinger, chancellor of the archdiocese.

Arson investigators said recently they had no clues to the cause of the fire. However, foul play was ruled out, according to Borden Fire Department Chief Paul Brewer. He said although the building is still standing, most of it was destroyed by the blaze.

Officer Michael Becher of the Clark County Sheriff's Department said the priests apparently tried to escape and that one had a telephone in his hand when firefighters found his body.

The nearby church, built in 1914, was untouched by the blaze, which was extinguished at 6:45 a.m.

Goodwin Says Goodby
(cont'd from front page)

The dedicated Fire Fighters of Indiana have much to be proud of, they are the "Greatest in the World". You have accepted the training through the certification program with great enthusiasm. This has enabled us to do a better job of fire investigation and do something about arson. Indiana is

one of the few states that has seen a decrease! You are doing a better job at fire fighting thereby saving lives and property from fire.

The past year, with the formation of the Indiana Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety, we have seen a great improvement in the State Fire Marshal's Office, better salaries, more personnel and beautiful new offices to work in. We will have all codes up-dated and several new ones, a Fire Prevention Code and a Code for Existing Buildings, both long needed by the fire service.

Over the next several years you will face some great challenges, a new fire reporting system, the learning process necessary for the new codes. We urge you to all participate. At this time we do not know who our new State Fire Marshal will be, but we know that Governor Orr and Colonel Coffee will support him to the utmost and we ask that you give your usual 110%

We ask that you contact us at 1720 Wellington Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219 or (317) 356-1837, if we can assist you in any of your programs.

Janet and I will always be indebted for your great support over the years, so keep us informed and we will be able to repay a little of that debt, after all we are all endowed with saving lives and property from fire. Thanks!

Sincerely
William C. Goodwin
State Fire Marshal

**Arsonist Avoids
Prison Sentence**
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Mollenhauer thinks the suspended sentence will suggest just that. "It probably will. Why shouldn't it?" he said.

Nick Thiros, Tolton's attorney, told Gettinger before sentencing that "the jury obviously had a predisposition toward the defendant's guilt." He said Tolton maintained his innocence throughout the trial even though "it would have been easy for him to stand up before this court and say, "I'm sorry, I did it."

"I don't believe that Dennis Tolton belongs in prison, myself," Thiros told Gettinger.

Because of the suspended sentence, Tolton has not yet decided whether he will appeal the guilty verdict, Thiros said after the sentencing.

Tolton was charged with arson following the Jan. 24, 1983 fire which destroyed his and his wife's home. Tolton maintained that the fire started accidentally when he spilled a bucket of paint thinner in the kitchen area while refinishing a church pew, and a water heater ignited the thinner.

County police, local firefighters, and other witnesses testified during the trial that burn patterns in the house and other evidence indicated that the fire had been deliberately set.

Tolton's trial lasted eight weeks, making it one of the longest in Circuit Court history. It was held in parts of May, June and July.

Laura Tolton said that she and her husband have not received any money from State Farm Insurance Co., with which they had an insurance policy, to reimburse them for the fire.

The Toltons filed a lawsuit against the insurance company in January 1984 for not reimbursing them for the fire, and Laura Tolton said that as of now, that suit is still pending.

"Lost time is never found again."
Benjamin Franklin

NFIRS IV Fire Reporting System

The NFIRS IV Fire Reporting System will soon be on line by the Indiana Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety. In order to serve your training needs in reporting techniques, please note the following area sessions. Each department is invited to send up to two attendees.

November 19
Springmill State Park
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November 20
Indianapolis Fire Academy
901 N. Post Road
Lunch on your own.

November 21
Highland Fire Department
45th & Kennedy Street
Highland
Lunch on your own.

November 22
Warsaw Fire Department
Headquarters Station, Warsaw
Lunch on your own.

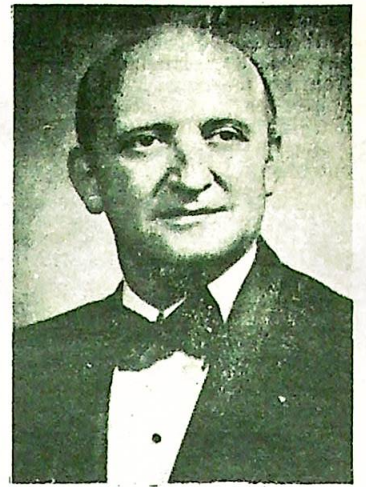
November 23
Landmark Center
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Indianapolis
(CIRCA \$4.00)

Each department will receive free user manual booklets (FEMA) and report forms for their use. Program Agenda:

- 8:30 - Sign-in
- 9:00 - Introductions
- 9:15 - Incident Reports
- 10:15 - Break
- 10:30 - Casualty Reports
- 11:30 - Luncheon
- 1:00 - Incident Analysis and Use
- 2:00 - Break
- 2:15 - Hardware and Software
- 3:00 - Questions
- 4:00 - Adjournment

Please make plans to attend, questions may be forwarded to the Education Division, Office of State Fire Marshal.

**D. Kenneth Couch
Dies At Age 58**



D. Kenneth Couch

Darcie Kenneth Couch, a former Clark County councilman-at-large, died recently at the age of 58 at the North Clark Community Hospital.

D. Kenneth Couch of R. 2, Highway 403, Charlestown, served the unexpired term of his father, Darcie, on the council following his death. He was also a retired chief of the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Couch was a retired electrician for the Colgate-Palmolive Co. and was an advisory board member of CommerceAmerica Bank. He was also involved in many social organizations, including the Buckner Lodge 631, the Scottish Rite, the Murat Shrine Temple of Indianapolis, the Tri-County Shrine Club, Tri-County Shrine Motor Patrol, Tri-County Campers, the Wally Byam Caravan Club, and the South Central Air-stream Campers.

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Dear Fire Chief:

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, through its publisher, TD Corporation of Indiana, has begun selling advertising for the IVFA Conference Program Book.

The book's proceeds will allow the IVFA to expand upon its programs to educate both fire fighters and the public about the dangers of fire. Representatives of TD Corp., a 16-year-old publishing firm, will undertake this fundraising effort by contacting merchants and individuals throughout the state regarding program book advertising.

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS
NORTHWEST**



BILL HOWE

With the retirement of Bill Goodwin and the appointment of Larry Bosell as Fire Marshal, Indiana has met another milestone in history. At this time I would like to wish Mrs. Goodwin many happy years of happy and prosperous retirement and also welcome Mr. Bosell to a very monumental task and hope he enjoys every day of his tenure. I would like to invite Mr. Bosell out into the field to visit with the men of the fire service at any time he is available.

The calendar is well filled for fire training in the last quarter of 1985. Hope to see many of you at each of these sessions.

As always, would like to urge each department to attend your District meetings. There is always a good informative program and this is where the elected District Chairmen get their feedback as to what the local people want taken back to the state association.

The Northwest Public Relations area has 3 newly elected District Chairman this year. I would like to welcome them aboard and if at any time I can be of assistance, don't forget to call.

I think it would be very appropriate to extend my congratulations to Mr. Cornelius VanderVaart upon his retirement from the Munster Fire Depart-



1st Place Trophy went to Liberty Township, District 1.



Kingsford Union, District 3 took home the 3rd Place Trophy.

ment after some 60 years. Cornelius was the 2nd President of the I.V.F.A. and has a very strong interest in the progression of the association. He faithfully attended District meetings as well as the annual meeting. I would like to invite him to continue his attendance especially since he always has a few encouraging remarks for those attending the meetings. **Happy Retirement!**

In closing, don't forget to attend the fire training available and

make a very extreme effort to attend the District meetings. If at any time I can be of assistance, I am only a phone call away.

As this is the last issue of the paper for 1985, I would like to extend Holiday Greetings to all of you from all of us at this house.

The Schererville Fire Department hosted what they hope to be the first Annual Northwest Indiana Fireman Softball Tournament at the Omni 41 Sports Complex

Schererville Holds Softball Tournament



Lake Hills, District 2 received the 2nd Place Trophy.



Northwest Indiana Fireman Softball Tournament hosted by Schererville Fire Department.

during the weekend of September 7th and 8th. There were 10 teams participating from Districts 1, 2 and 3. The weekend weather was very hot with temperatures exceeding 90 degrees in the shade. On Sunday, the 8th, the weatherman opened up the sky and down came the rains causing a postponement until September 15th for the finish. The four remaining teams came back and played some very serious ball. Trophies given were: 1st - Liberty Township District 1, 2nd - Lake Hills District 2 and 3rd - Kingsford Union District 3.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. The refreshments for the tournament consisted of 4 kegs of beer, several cases of pop and 300 hot dogs with chips.

The Schererville Fire Department would like to thank all the teams for participating and are looking forward to next year.

The teams that entered were from Dyer, Highland, Kingsford Union, Lake Station, Lake Hills, Shelby, Liberty Township, Independence Hill, New Chicago and Schererville.

D. Kenneth Couch
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He also served as the vice-president for the Chemical Workers Union, Local 15; was a precinct committeeman in Sellersburg for Precinct 1; and was a member of the Sellersburg United Methodist Church. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, the former Evelyn Weber; two daughters, Kathryn Gilbert and Cinda Glass, both of Charlestown; three sisters, Hollis Prather and Norma Zimmerman, both of Sellersburg, and Marie Stanley of Louisville; two brothers, Gilbert Couch of Jeffersonville and D. Vernon Couch, Tallahassee, Florida; four grandchildren; and nine nieces and nephews.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be expressed by donations to the Tri-County Shrine Crippled Children's Fund.



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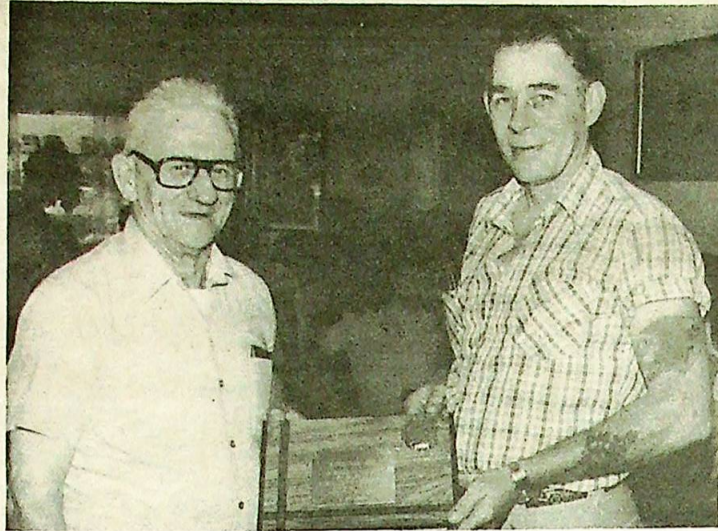
Hi everyone! It's time again to start checking those furnaces, chimneys and fireplaces. Winter will be here before long and you want to be prepared. As dry as it is around Prairieton Township, surprisingly we haven't had many fires to go to. I think many more people are conscious of fire safety. That's good . . . your message is getting through. However, we make more rescue runs so we do keep busy.

I attended meetings in District 20 and 12 and became a little more acquainted with our new State Fire Marshal. If you haven't heard him speak at a meeting or at the Richmond Conference, don't miss him if he comes to your district meeting. He has several things going on for the next year. We, the volunteer firemen, must take advantage of what is put on for our benefit. If we don't attend these schools, they will be canceled. This will cause the Fire Marshal's office to think twice about putting on something for the volunteers.

I hope every department has sent in their dues by now. Talked to several departments. Some have sent in dues, some are holding back. One department we talked with wanted to know what they got in return for their dues besides what is given. I think they want some personal reimbursement but wouldn't explain what they really expect in return. I wonder what they do when they pay dues to their own department, or do they?

Still working hard on CONVENTION 86. Hope all of you plan to come. Hope to see you at your district meetings.

Retiring After 50 Years



Alfred "Abe" Bell, Assistant Fire Chief of Attica (left) receives plaque of appreciation from William "Bill" McCall, Fire Chief of Attica (right) upon his retirement. Bell was also presented with a framed poem "The Volunteer", his own wooden model fire truck from the Chief and his family plus a "Life" Membership Certificate from the Attica Firefighters, Inc. The presentation was made at a fireman's dinner at The Big Bear Restaurant in Attica the latter part of June.

"It used to be the siren blew by wards. The men hunted up the fire, more or less." - Abe Bell.

An era in Attica firefighting has come to an end.

Abe Bell, 70, retired at the end of June after 50 years of fighting Attica's fires.

Official records show Bell starting with the department in 1937.

"Actually, I started chasing fires in June of 1935", Bell said, "But you weren't a fireman until you got paid. I didn't get paid until 1937".

Bell well remembers the firefighting equipment of 1935; a 1926 Reo Pumper and 2 Model T's - a ladder truck and a hose truck.

Model T's were retired from action in 1937. The Reo Pumper remained until 1959, when it was turned over to the city.

Today, Bell thinks firefighters are better equipped than when he started. The trucks are better and firemen wear protective clothing, boots and hats.

"It used to be the siren blew by wards. The men hunted up the fire, more or less," Bell said.

In later years, the flowing siren was replaced and telephones were used to notify firemen of the location of fires. Today, each fireman has his own radio.

The 1935 Attica Fire Department had a chief and 12 men.

"Back then, most men worked downtown and walked or ran to the old station house," Bell said. "Cars weren't plentiful".

Today's department boasts a chief, two assistant chiefs and approximately 20 men.

Bell has held every position including chief and assistant chief.

Also, Bell is a board member of the Tri-County Firefighters and past President.

According to Attica Fire Chief Bill McCall, Bell has for years had the best fire attendance record of any firefighter.

"He's usually at a fire any time day or night", said McCall. "He is really going to be missed."

Since he started, Bell has helped with maintenance on the truck, he owns and operated Bell's Auto Repair in Attica.

Bell and his wife Luella have one son and one daughter.

Even after he retires, he plans to be around and "watch the fire trucks".

It's time to give her up and let the young ones take over", Bell said.

Article & picture by Connie Nieman, Star Tribune

Union City Sponsors New & Antique Fire Equipment Contest



Members and friends of the Union City Indiana Firefighters Association who received second place in the Union City Farmer Merchant Days Bed Race.



Winner of the New Fire Equipment -- Ford FMC 750/750 pumper/tanker belonging to Ward Township Vol. Fire Dept. of Saratoga, IN.

Union City Indiana Fire Dept. sponsored a New and Antique Fire Equipment Contest during the city's Annual Farmer Merchant Days Parade. Nineteen departments from Indiana and Ohio participated in the parade. A picnic and trophy ceremony were held after the parade.

Winners of the Antique Fire Equipment were: Farmland Fire Dept. of Farmland, IN with their Model T Ford, Laura Fire Dept. (2nd place) and Pennville Fire Dept. of Pennville, IN (3rd place).

Winners of the New Fire Equipment included: Ward Township Vol. Fire Dept. of Saratoga, IN with their Ford FMC 750/750 pumper/tanker, Laura Fire Dept. of Laura, Ohio (2nd) and Versailles Fire Dept. of Versailles, Ohio (3rd).

Members and friends of the Union City Indiana Firefighters Association received second place in the "Bed Race". They earned their trophy by being able to keep up with teenagers and going through some rough traffic jams. Thanks go to Shane, Scott, Larry T. and all who helped build this great machine.

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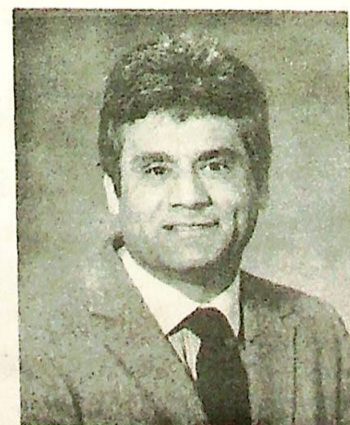
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BILL WINDSOR

I have been doing some traveling around the P.R. area and I keep running into our new Fire Marshal Larry Bosell and his wife Karen. Congratulations on your appointment Larry. I know you will do a great job in the Fire Service and for the people of Indiana.

The Fire Marshal's office has a lot going on in the near future. I would like to urge all departments to take advantage of all that the Fire Marshal is bringing to the fire service.

President Sunday has some new ideas for the I.V.F.A. and they sound real good.

I believe the next few years are going to be very exciting ones for the fire service.

Hope to see you at some of the classes and meetings in the near future.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN



M. E. "PETE" LOCKHART

Being elected as chairman of the board by my fellow district chairmen means a great deal to me and I would like to express my gratitude to each of them for their support.

Most of the readers of this publication probably don't know what the duties of the office entails and I'm not sure I do; however, as I understand it the Association functions on two separate levels, state level and district level, with the Board of Directors (District Chairmen) acting as the fiscal watchdog of the State Officers.

In recent years the adoption of a budget has eased the operation somewhat with regard to monetary matters. However, it remains the duty of the Board Chairman (through the Board) to oversee spending activities which I intend to do to the best of my ability.

As you know, each new task we undertake involves a learning process. Therefore I will be working closely with the President and the rest of the State Officers to insure that this Association remains a sound and viable organization.

At our most recent meeting the board voted to buy our own computer for membership rolls and mailing labels for the paper. We think this will reduce cost and make a more efficient operation. We feel this is important to each member and to each Fire Department.

Thanks again for your support and I will try to report regularly concerning Board activities.

Convention Banquet Finalized

The plans for the 1986 Convention Banquet have been finalized. The banquet committee consist-

ing of Don and Cathy Vermillion, Larry and Sue Biggs have been working to make the banquet outstanding. The banquet will be held at Hulman Civic Center in Terre Haute.

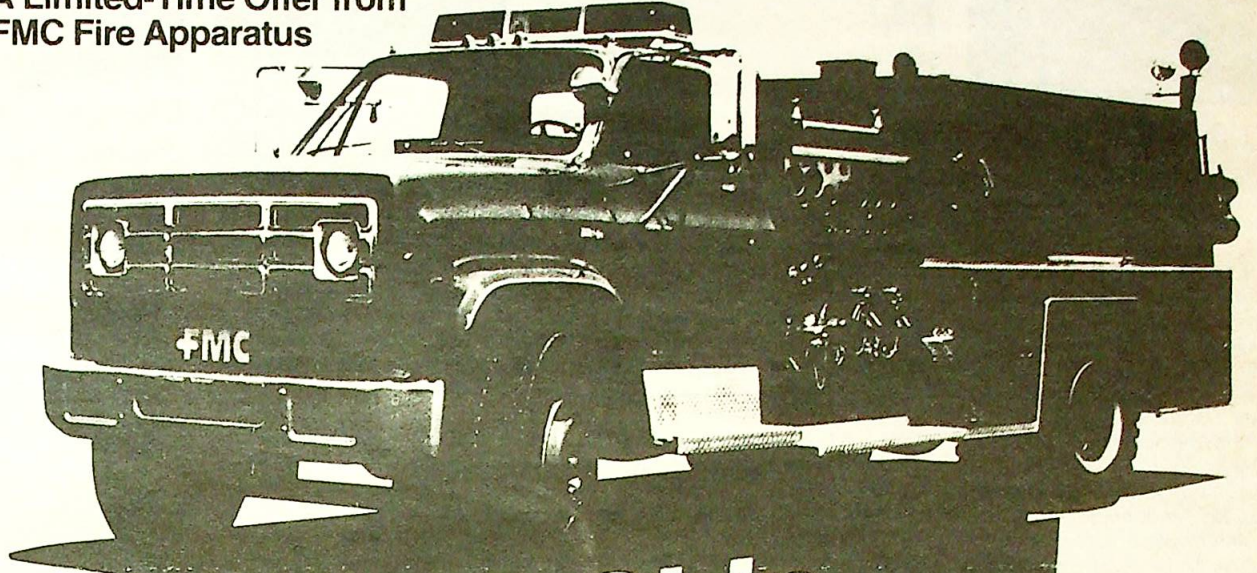
The meal will be sit down and will consist of Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Roll, Coffee, Tea and Cheese Cake for dessert.

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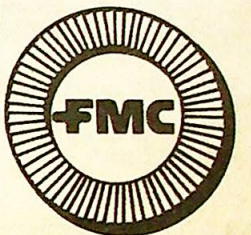
The time for haunted houses and similar Halloween activities will be upon us soon. Please remember that if any organization in your fire jurisdiction is planning to hold this sort of activity, they

must first apply for and receive a Class C Operating Permit from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Failure to receive this permit will place the facility in violation of IC 22-11-10. Applications for the permit should be made to this office as soon as possible. This will allow time for the facility to be inspected and complied before the festivities begin.

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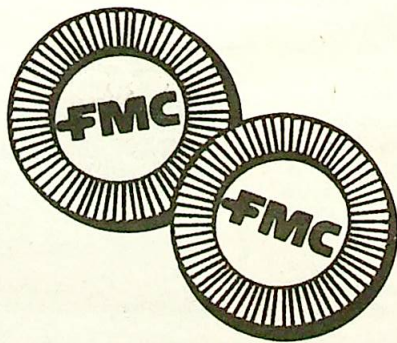
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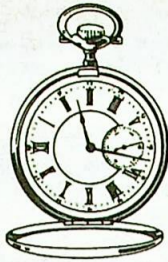
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Do you know what time it is? Time to pre-register for the I.V.F.A. 40th Annual Convention to be held in Terre Haute, June 12, 13 and 14, 1986.

The early registration fee is \$12 with a deadline of May 1, 1986. After that, it will be \$15.

Just think, if you send it in now, you will not risk forgetting it later. Mail the Registration Form (on this page) along with your check to the address at the bottom of the form without delay. Do it now — the time is now!

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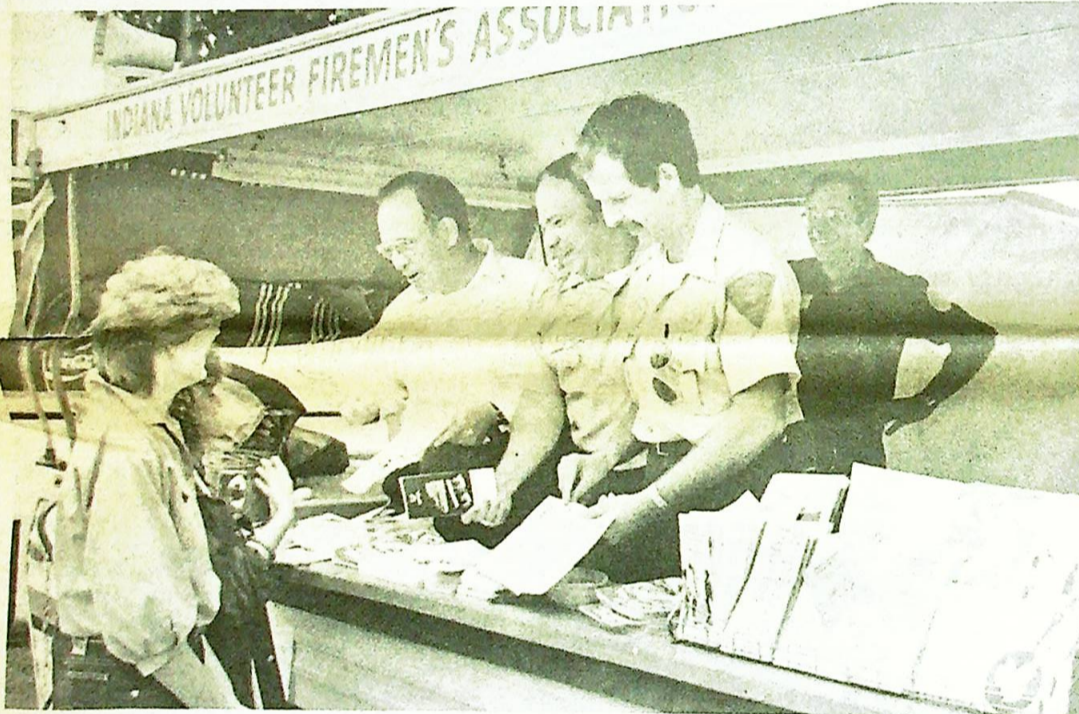
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LaPorte County firemen manning the I.V.F.A. trailer at the LaPorte County Fair in August. (Photo by Bob Wellinski)



Center Township Fire Department and Firebelles held their 8th Annual Ice Cream Social. Over 1,000 people attended. (Photo by Bob Wellinski)

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RETIRING AFTER 30 YEARS OF DEDICATION

Shirley firefighters held a retirement party for Ralph F. Kaufman on Sept. 7 at Granny's Party House in Shirley.

The party for Kaufman, a 31-year veteran of Shirley Volunteer Fire Department who retired as chief last year, also was a recognition night for Lamoine Harrell and Delbert Reason. Harrell and Reason were presented certificates and Kaufman received a plaque.

The plaque, presented to Kaufman by Kyle Austin, who was

named fire chief upon Kaufman's retirement, was inscribed "Presented to retired Chief Ralph F. Kaufman in appreciation for 30 years of dedication and service to the Shirley Fire Department, 1954-1984."

Kaufman becomes a life member of Shirley Fire Department. The only other member to have obtained that honor is Omer Jesup who retired in June 1979 after 51 years of active service. By-laws of the department grant life-time memberships in the department after 30 years of active service.



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DISTRICT 10

Hello I.V.F.A. members. The fire fighters in District 10 have met three times since our last paper was published. Our July meeting was at the Flat Rock Fire Department in Shelby County on the 17th with 54 fire fighters representing 15 departments. Past President Jim Parker and East Central Public Relations man Bill Windsor were guests.

July is election of officers in District 10. Our nominating committee Ray Bentley of the Letts Department, Ed Hammonds of the Taylorsville Department and Phil Dearing of the Rushville Department named Joyce Cookson for Secretary and myself for District Chairman. Bill Windsor ran the election for us and we were unopposed. Thanks, District 10 fire fighters for your vote of confidence again this year.

The training for the Flat Rock meeting was conducted by Hope Fire Department. EMT, Charlie Biggs presented "What to do before the ambulance arrives" and it was well received by everyone.

We sadly announced the passing of Warren Township fire fighter Louis Uberto.

We thank the Flat Rock Chief Jeff Christman and his fire fighters for a job well done.

Our August meeting was on the 21st at the Jonesville Fire Department way down in the southwest corner of our district in Bartholomew County. We had 40 fire fighters from 14 departments in attendance that evening. Guests for the evening were Past Presidents Norm Crocker, Jim Parker, and Harold Stofer who is also I.V.F.A. treasurer. John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety and Columbus Township trustee, Jamie Johns were also honored guests.

We missed the very disappointing attendance at our district family picnic and we asked for ideas on next years' get-together.

Harold Stofer's excellent program "Dealing With Your Township Trustee" got the attention of all fire fighters at that meeting.

Thanks to Jonesville Fire Chief Larry Butler and his people for your hard work on hosting this meeting.

On September 18th, 56 fire fighters from 14 departments traveled to the Clay Township Fire Department at Burney in Decatur County, for our monthly meeting.

State officers attending were East Central Public Relations man Bill Windsor, Past President Jim Parker and the I.V.F.A. State President Bill Sunday. Salesmen attending were Jim Gilmore of Cronk Fire and Safety and John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety.

It was announced our Miss Flame Contest will be hosted by the Waldron Fire Department and Auxiliary on November 24th. Our 1985 Miss Flame, Teresa O'Dell's sister is a member of the Waldron Auxiliary. Thanks to the folks at Waldron.

Our training committee Ray Bentley and John Ray gave an interesting program on grain bin fires.

A special thanks to Burney Chief, Max Israel and his people for hosting the meeting and for their constant support to the District. Departments like yours make my job alot easier.

November 18th we will be meeting at the Hope Fire Station and we will have a Christmas dinner with the District Auxiliary with our meeting following afterwards.

Yours in Safe Fire Fighting,
Bruce Neal
Chairman, District 10

"Books are the highest delight."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

DISTRICT 11A

Since the convention in Bloomington it has been an unusually busy summer with fish fries, district meetings, picnics and convention meetings.

The 1986 Convention is coming along nicely. The banquet is all set up already, menu and all. Soon your departments will receive some tickets for our convention raffle. We urge you to buy them and ask for more. They only cost a dollar and that's pretty cheap for a brand new pickup. It will help finance one of the best conventions you can attend.

Our district picnic was held on Septemoer 15 in Terre Haute at Dobbs Park. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

If any of your departments have a candidate for the district Miss Flame Contest, please get your entries in. The contest will be held at the Sandford Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m. We will have a dinner followed by a short meeting and the contest. Afterward we will just have a good time.

President Sunday is concentrating on safety during his term -- so here is something to think about. As this is being written one of our District 11A firemen is in the hospital because of a car fire explosion. I don't know all the details, but many of our firemen consider a car fire relatively safe because a tank will usually explode down and to the rear. However guys, it really pays to be extra cautious in any fire situation.

If any of your departments haven't sent in their dues yet, better have them do it now. An organization is only as strong as it's membership. Attending district meetings will help make the membership strong.
See you soon.

Larry Biggs
Chairman, District 11A

DISTRICT 11B

Fellow Firemen:

The Harvest Season is upon us once again and the chance of field and equipment fires, equipment accidents and dryer fires is the problem we all face at this time of year. You should now be doing some training in this type of situation or at least be reviewing your procedures.

How's your funding coming along? Might I suggest you invite your trustee to your meetings. Then perhaps they will be more receptive to your requests for additional funds, once they are aware of where the funds go.

Our next meeting will be November 10th at Reelsville. You are invited to come and share in the fine meal and to participate in the meeting.

Our 1986 Miss Flame Dance is already in the planning stage. The ladies will be in charge of the program this year.

To those departments that have not returned the information request that you were sent, please do so as soon as possible. This will enable your chairman to update the files and also will help us to help you.

Don't forget, YOU are the district. Without your participation the district cannot function properly.

James Tagney
Chairman, District 11B

DISTRICT 12

The July 15th meeting was held at Brown Township Volunteer Fire Department (Mooresville). Meeting was called to order by

Chairman Johnson at 7:30 p.m. with 35 members and guests representing 11 departments present.

Opening prayer by Chaplain James Bruner. Pledge to the Flag led by Sgt.-At-Arms Rosie Johnson.

Introduction of guests. There were: P.R.W.C. Toddy and Helen Michl and Bob and Joan Hayes from Honey Creek (Terre Haute).

First Roll Call. Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was given and approved.

New Business - Chairman Johnson read a letter from our new State President, Billy Sunday regarding the appointment of the new Fire Marshal. Names suggested at the last state officers meeting were Neil Huff, first choice, then William Kinsey and Larry Bosell.

P.R.W.C. Toddy Michl was in charge of nominations for the 12th District officers. Don Johnson was re-elected Chairman by unanimous vote. Bob Sutton and James Bruner were nominated for Vice Chairman with James R. Bruner becoming our new Vice Chairman. Charles Bogden was re-elected District Secretary and Treasurer by unanimous vote, and will be starting his 31st year as District Secretary. Bob Sutton and Rosie Johnson were nominated for Sgt.-At-Arms. After voting Bob Sutton was elected. Chaplain will be James R. Bruner. Motion was made and seconded to destroy all ballots. Motion carried.

Dates for host departments for 1985-1986 were given and are as follows:

Clayton Vol. Fire Dept.
September 16, 1985
Stilesville Vol. Fire Dept.
November 18, 1985
Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept.
January 20, 1986
Decatur #4 Vol. Fire Dept.
March 17, 1986
Mooresville Vol. Fire Dept.
May 19, 1986
Wayne Twp. Station #2
July 21, 1986

Second Roll Call.
Good Of The Order - None.
P.R.W.C. Toddy Michl reported on the new state fire marshal report sheet. Very complicated and the I.V.F.A. officers refuse to accept this type of report. Toddy also strongly stressed building our membership.

Joan Hayes reported on the 1986 I.V.F.A. State Convention being held in Terre Haute June 11, 12 and 13. She has some raffle tickets to sell. Banquet will be held at the Hulman Center and headquarters will be at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Registration in advance will be \$13 - at convention \$15.

Stilesville will be hosting a Chili Supper and Auction September 28th from 4 p.m. to ??
Chief Joe Mendenhall, of the host department introduced his firefighters.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

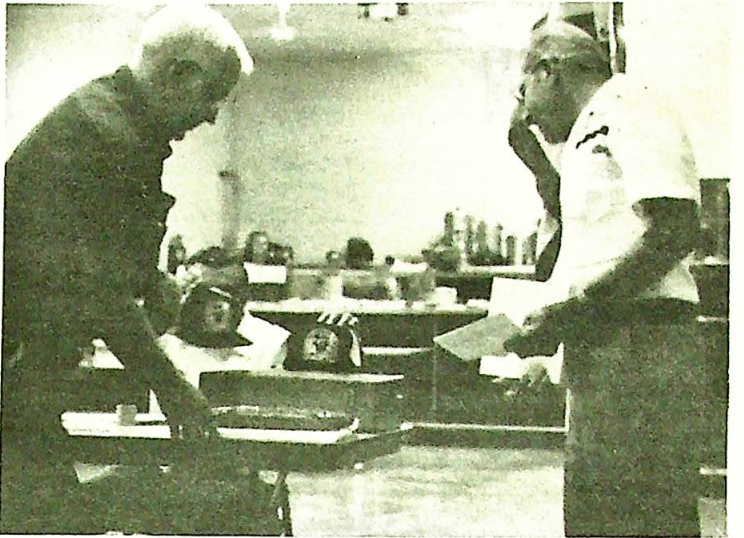
Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Bogden
12th District Secretary

As District Chairman I would like to inform you of part of my job. I am to handle all clothing claims before they go to I.V.F.A. If I am informed of a death, I will bring a grave marker and a Bible to the family. I would like to see at least one member from each department at the district meetings. You pay dues for representation by the I.V.F.A., but we can't help if we don't know your problems.

If you will let me know when you have your meetings, and want me to come, I will be there. If you won't come to me, I will come to you. Following is a list of the meetings for the next year. I would like to see more of you

there.
November 18, 1985 Stilesville
January 20, 1986 Brooklyn
March 17, 1986 Decatur #4
May 19, 1986 Mooresville
July 21, 1986 Wayne #2

Don P. Johnson, Sr.
District 12 Chairman



Chairman Johnson presented Toddy Michl with a cake for his 66th birthday.

At the May District 12 meeting, at Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman Johnson presented Toddy Michl with a cake for his 66th birthday.

Johnson says he doesn't care

Happy Birthday!

what Toddy says, the cake didn't have anything to do with his heart problem. We bet Toddy is happy that 66 only comes once in a life time. The best to you and yours Toddy from District 12.

DISTRICT 13A

The July meeting was held at Green Township. This meeting was for the election of officers. Our new officers are: District Chairman - Jerry A. Nulliner, Vice-Chairman - Jeff Silvey, Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Kilgore.

A discussion was held on the State Convention and on upcoming events in our district.

The August meeting was held at the Philadelphia Fire Station. President Bill Sunday was present and he talked about several legislative issues that the IVFA needs to take a look at.

A discussion was also held on the Miss Flame Contest to be held in February. All entries should be in to Virginia Wilson or Jerry Nulliner no later than January 31, 1986.

Jerry A. Nulliner
Chairman, District 13A

DISTRICT 15

Paradise, IN volunteer fire fighters spent over 800 man hours converting a 1979 Ford truck, donated by Amax Coal Company, into a 1,400 gallon tanker. Captain Joe Herr designed and built the bed and storage compartments around the tank. The paint work and finishing touches were done by fireman Randy Chase. Completion of this truck was accomplished by all members of the department.



Ohio Twp. Fire Department's "new" Tanker and Brush Truck sitting in front of new bay.

The latest addition to our equipment is a 1985 Chevy pickup truck that we converted to a brush truck. Once again we called on our members and their talents to do the work. Fireman Mike Casson refitted and built hose reels for the removable tank and Randy Chase did the paint work.

Another project was the construction of a new bay to our firehouse. The construction of the new bay was done by the Paradise fire fighters with help donated by area contractors. Dave Loehrlein and Steve and Alan Bosma coordinated this project.

Our Chief, Jerry Bulger, would like to thank all the fire fighters, businesses and people of this community who helped to make our fire department and its efforts successful.

Sam Sloat, Asst. Chief

Starke County 2nd Class Firefighters School Knox Fire Department 1:00 p.m.

- Sept. 22 First Aid & Personal Safety
- 29 First Aid & Personal Safety
- Oct. 6 First Aid & Personal Safety
- 13 First Aid & Personal Safety
- 27 Koontz Lake, Water Rescue
- Nov. 3 Fire Behavior
- 10 Fire Behavior
- 24 Fire Streams
- Dec. 8 Hose
- 15 Ladders, Ropes & Knots
- Jan. 5 Smoke Mask
- 12 Forcible Entry
- 19 Ventilation
- Feb. 2 Salvage & Overhaul
- 9 Rescue
- 16 Rescue
- 23 Review
- Mar. 2 Test

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Salamonia Fireman's Fun Festival



BILL BUSH

Time is really flying fast and your 1985-86 dues should be paid. If not, please get them in.

We want to let Bill and Janet Goodwin know how much we appreciate the fine job they did while Bill was State Fire Marshal. He did a great job and she was a tremendous "assistant" always.

If I can be of any assistance to any firemen or fire departments, just give me a call. We attend many meetings and fund raiser functions. We always receive fine hospitality.

Now is the time to start thinking about next year's convention. Plan your vacation for June 12, 13 and 14, 1986. Come to Terre Haute and have a good time! Send in your registration and reservations right away. The forms can be found in another part of the paper.

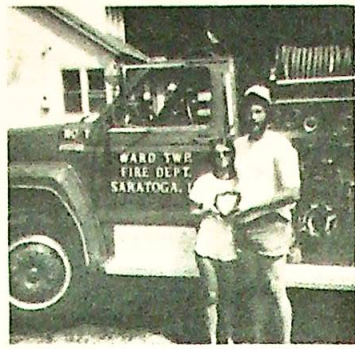
A 1986 Dodge Ram Pickup is the raffle grand prize to be given away on "Friday the 13th". Tickets are being mailed to every I.V.F.A. member fire department. Please return your money and ticket stubs as soon as possible. Requests for additional tickets are welcome. If every fireman would buy just one ticket, it would sure help us pay for the convention.

We have a lot of big plans for the convention for everyone. Check the next issue of the paper for more details.

BUSINESSES DESTROYED IN WOLCOTT

About 4:50 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 1985, Bootie Huff, owner of the Parts Bin and the building that housed it, was awakened by a noise and went down the hall to open a door to an area once used as a ballroom. He was hit by smoke and heat. He immediately roused his wife, Harriette, and the occupant of another apartment, Terri Sanford, and they escaped from the building.

The Wolcott Fire Department, with the aid of the Remington and Rensselaer Fire Departments, battled the fire for over three hours to get it under control. At



Ward Twp. Fire Department was judged 1st place winner with their 1983 FMC Pumper at the Salamonia Fireman's Fun Festival Parade in August. Gary & Stacy White drivers.



Pennville Fire Department placed 2nd with their 1932 Stutz.



A few of the people watching the parade which was held on Sunday afternoon.



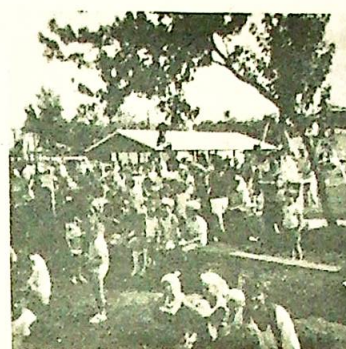
Even the little kids got into the act. Here are a few of the kids playing the games provided for them.

one time the fire threatened to spread west across Range Street to other business buildings.

Businesses destroyed in the fire were the Parts Bin, The Pizza Place, Stitch'n Time Sewing Shop, auto shop area to the rear of Parts Bin, and a vacant store that recently has been a real estate office. The adjacent building on the north side, formerly a floral shop, received smoke and water damage, as did a storage shed on the south side of the burned building.



There was a Kiddie Tractor Pull held on Sunday for the little kids. Here are a few of them getting weighed in.



Kids waiting for their turn to pull in their weight class.



Salamonia Fire Department's new pumper.



The arrival of the Rensselaer snorkel truck was a key factor in controlling the fire. Firefighters said factors hampering them were the wooden floors, false ceilings, and tar roofs in the older building. Low water pressure also played a part when some 70,000 gallons were used in the first two hours and the town water tower was emptied. Hoses were strung to Prairie Lake (Old Tile Pit) to furnish water for the remainder of the effort.

Highway 24 was closed in the area affected and traffic re-routed. After the fire began to subside, a crane was used to knock down the front wall and part of a side wall because of their being a possible hazard to traffic on U.S. 24 which goes in front of the building. Traffic resumed about 5:00 p.m.

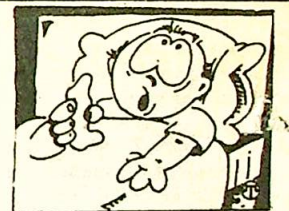
On Monday, State Fire Marshal investigator Bob Dean, I.N.S. Investigator Larry Fisburn, and

members of the Wolcott Fire Dept. conducted an investigation to try and determine the cause of the fire. The fire was officially listed as of undetermined origin. The unofficial feeling was that the electrical wiring in the false ceilings behind the Pizza Place is where the fire started.

An estimated 400,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the blaze. Fire pumpers, one aer-

ial ladder and about 35 firemen were on the scene almost all morning. A total of 400 man hours were spent fighting and investigating the fire. Total damage will run over \$400,000.

The Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department would again like to thank the Remington and Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Departments for their help in fighting the fire.



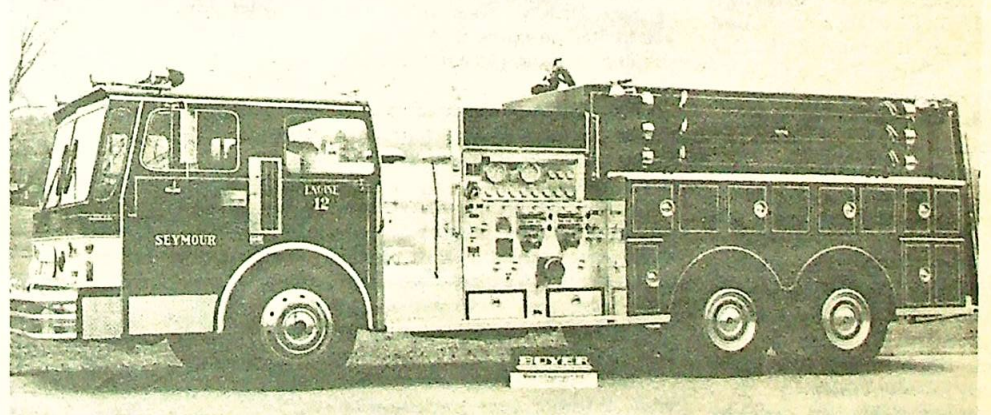
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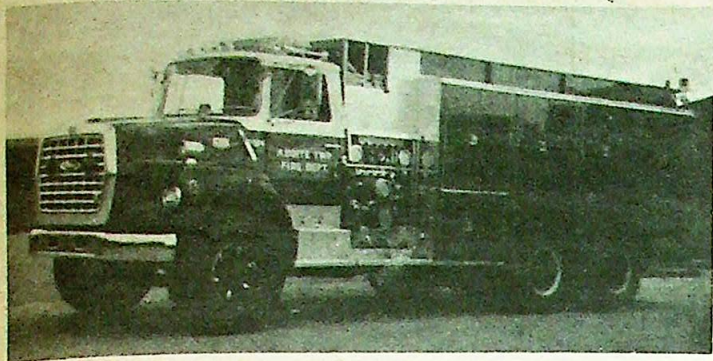
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RETURN TO: Convention '86 3200 Park Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47805



New Fire Equipment



New Pierce 3,000 gallon Pumper Tanker belonging to Aboite Township Fire Department. It has a Ford Chassis and a 1,000 GPM midship pump.

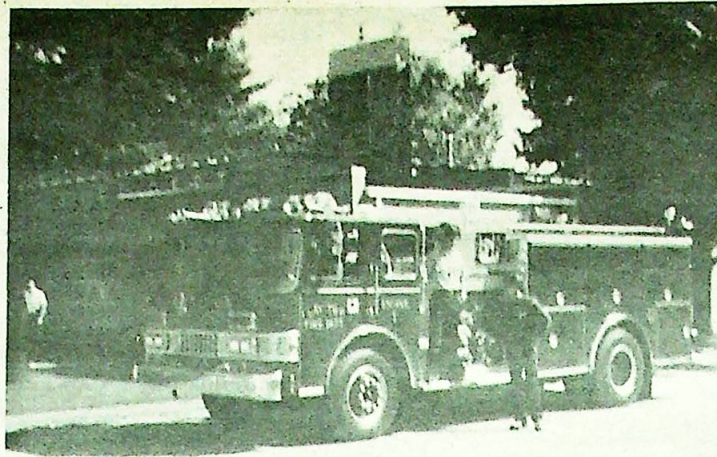


The Charlottesville Volunteer Fire Department just recently put this 1985 four wheel drive Ford fire rescue truck into service. They service Jackson and Blue River Townships in Hancock County.

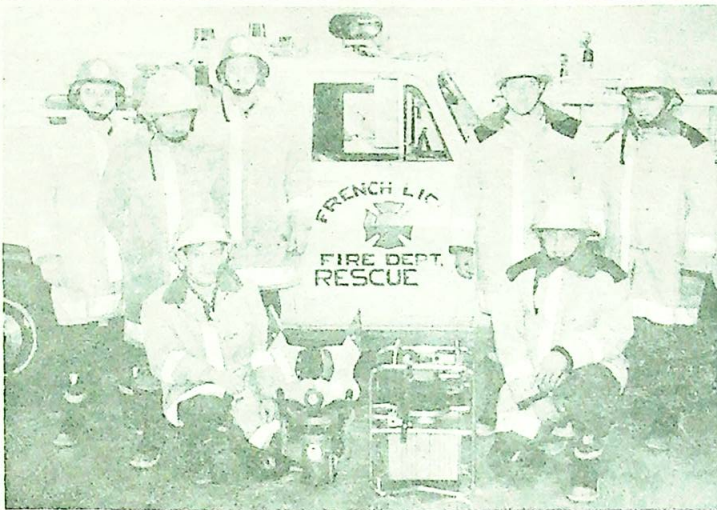
FRENCH LICK FIRE DEPT. RECEIVES PHOENIX TOOL

The rescue unit of the French Lick Fire Department display their new power extrication spreader. This tool will enable the extrication team of the fire department to remove victims of car accidents, etc. much more quickly

with less risk than before. The unit is a Phoenix A55/30, and is manufactured by the F.M. Brick Co. It has an opening force of 18,000 pounds, a closing force of 15,000 pounds, and the built-in cutters have a force of 60,000 pounds. The fire Department purchased the new device with the help of State EMS and Federal Grants through the Donley Safety



Clay Township obtained this 1,000 GPM Pumper, with 1,000 gallon of water, top mount control, 6V92TA engine, Allison automatic transmission, high left side compartments, 1/2 side compartments on right side, color coded controls, hard suction compartment in hose bed, reel in rear. This is the second for St. Joe County this year with 6 more on order for delivery in 1986. Firemen shown are Dan Kagarise and Tom Campbell.



Pictured front left, Chief Barry Winger, front right, Arthur Jones and standing, Ed Winger, Claude Cox, Asst. Chief Jim Parkhiser, Tom Huser and Wes Humble.

Service of Indianapolis. The Phoenix Tool is a much needed addition to the rescue unit and will help the French Lick Fire Department to better serve the residents of Orange County.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
It is with great pride and honor that I write this letter to the Association, to inform you that one of our members has retired from active duty in the Munster Volunteer Fire Department. If you have not already guessed of whom I speak, it is none other than Mr. Cornelius Vander Vaart, better known as "Cornie". After serving on the Munster Volunteer Fire Department since June, 1925, the time of organization, he has decided to hang up his boots as of August 1, 1985.

Cornie has served as Chief of the Munster Volunteer Fire Department from 1944 through 1964 consecutively. He also helped to establish the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association in 1947. He holds the number "2" membership card.

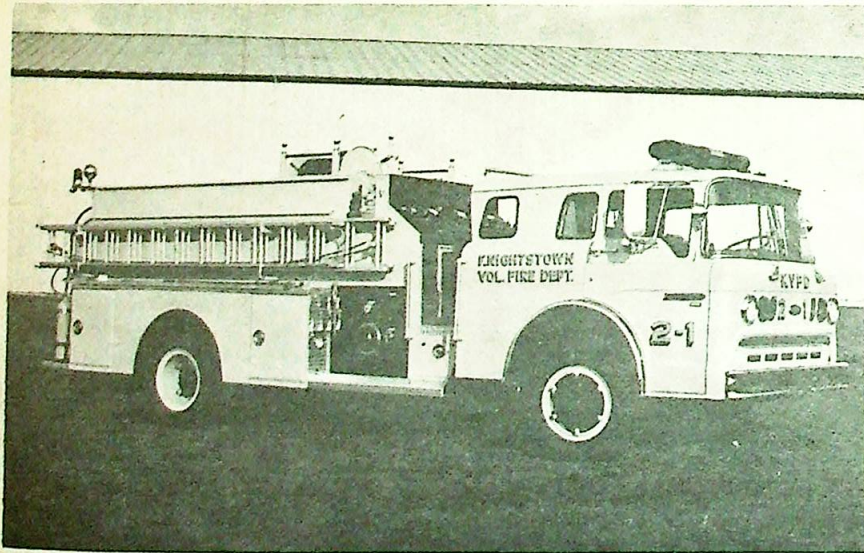
Cornie is also certified by the State as a Master Firefighter in Tactics, Arson Investigation and a First Class Instructor.

Mr. Cornelius Vander Vaart was named the "Citizen of the Year, by the Munster Chamber of Commerce in 1983.

I did not want an occasion such as this to pass by without letting the Association know that after sixty years of serving the community Cornie is now retiring. His dedication and leadership will surely be missed in our department. He, of course, will continue his membership with the Association. Hopefully, we will see him around
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KNIGHTSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
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This unit was a refurbish request by the Knightstown Fire Department. It was originally a front mounted pumper. The "new body" is now a top mount pumper mounted on a 1985 Ford C800 with a canopy cab. It is equipped with a Darley KDM 750 pump and is capable of carrying 1,000 gallons of water.

"Thank You" Knightstown Fire Department



MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONCLOVA, OHIO

Monclova Township Fire Department is the proud new owner of this Indiana Fire Apparatus Alert 5 Top Mount pumper. Unit was supplied on a 1985 Hendrickson chassis with a two man canopy cab. It is capable of carrying 1,000 gallons of water and has a Hale QSMF 150 pump. It has many compartments for equipment storage.

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Rushville Gets New Home



August 25th marked the official move of the Rushville Township Volunteer Fire Department into their newly constructed home on Washington Street in Rushville. The truck bay portion of the new building was completed only six weeks from the ground-breaking date of July 13th. Work continues on the fire department office, kitchen and trustee's office. Pictured left to right—74 Ford Tanker (2,000 gallon capacity), 70 Chevrolet Pumper (1,000 gallon capacity), 80 GMC Rescue Truck (500 gallon capacity).



Rushville Township Volunteer Fire Department held ground-breaking ceremonies July 13th for their new home. Although a blinding rain storm drove participants indoors, there were still several people on hand. (Seated l. to r.) Paul Harcourt, Gerald Shanahan, Pat Todd on the Township Advisory Board, Mayor Joe Delong, Rush County Commissioner, Marvin Van Atta, and Trustee Britt Buhler. (Second Row l. to r.) Mary Tyler, Volunteer, Jon Naylor, Asst. Chief, Phil Dearing, Chief, Jim Dice, Asst. Chief, Jr. Kuhn, Volunteer, Dwayne Jones, Volunteer. (Back Row l. to r.) Clarence Lee, Secretary/Treasurer, Don Rains, Volunteer, Mike Mastin, Volunteer, Rick Hartwell, Volunteer.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CLASS HELD IN GREENFIELD



Stan Gibson along with the State Fire Marshal's office held a 12-hour Hazardous Material Incident Command class at the Greenfield Fire Department. Approximately 35 students from Greenfield and the surrounding fire departments attended.

MADISON TWP. FIREMEN SAVE TAXPAYERS OVER \$30,000

By Ron Gholson & Ted Huffer
MULBERRY, IND. At the July 1985 fire meeting the membership had decided that our 1100 gallon Pumper/Tanker was just not big enough for our needs, and that a tanker that would carry at least 2000 gallons of water would certainly make an improvement in our fire fighting ability.

We soon found out that new equipment with this gallonage requirement would cost between fifty and sixty thousand dollars, and it was hard for us to justify, to the taxpayers of our mostly rural township, in spending that much money.

So we started looking around and came up with the idea of a used milk truck. There were not very many available in Indiana. But as everyone knows, Wisconsin is the dairy capitol of America, and they have used milk trucks.

On August 6, 1985 five members drove to Bangor, Wisconsin and found just what we needed. A 1981 G.M.C. truck with a 2300 gallon stainless steel tank, and the price was right in our budget, \$14,500.00.

During the next 2 1/2 weeks the members dismantled, refinished and installed an 8-inch dump valve and rebuilt the used milk truck. After approximately 450 volunteer manhours and \$3,000 later, the used milk truck was turned into a 2,300 gallon water wagon with a total end cost of a very affordable \$17,500.

By saving our taxpayers over \$30,000.00, we found it was a great public relations move. We had two articles and one editorial in two local newspapers commending our department for finding alternatives for much needed expensive equipment.

In looking back on this project, we feel it was a great morale builder for our members and a real service to our community, and if we had it to do all over again, we would not change a thing.

Before & After



Letter To Editor

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the station when he stops by for a visit.

I as Chief, and the entire department, extend our best wishes for a long, healthy and happy retirement from answering the beeper for fire calls. May he enjoy many undisturbed and restful nights of sleep.

Robert C. Nowaczki
Fire Chief

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