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20,000th INDIANA FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFIED

INDIANAPOLIS — John Trimpe, Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department, became the 20,000th fire fighter to become certified under the minimum training standards established by the Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education.

Governor Robert D. Orr made the presentation at a ceremony and reception in the State House rotunda to mark the occasion, with representatives from twenty-eight Indiana fire service organizations, career, volunteer, union, fire chiefs, instructors, in attendance.

Commission Chairman William Kinsey made the introductory remarks and presented the Commission members who are appointed by Governor Orr from all areas of the state, and also explained the direction that the Commission has taken in basing Indiana mini-

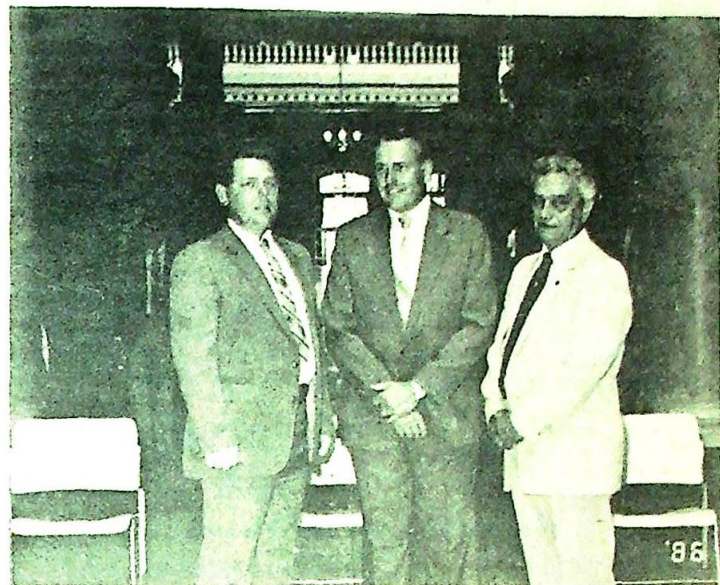
mum standards and lesson plans on N.F.P.A. Professional Fire Fighter Qualification series. State Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell, spoke on his support of the Commission's work, and former State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin recalled the beginnings of the Commission.

Charles Coffee, Administrator of the Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety, was introduced who then presented the Governor with a personalized copy of the newly adopted Indiana fire codes.

John Trimpe represented the finest of fire fighters in receiving his certification. He took his certification training through Wayne Twp. Fire Academy, Indianapolis. Trimpe is a supervisor for Indiana Bell System in Bloomington, and has served other volunteer fire departments in Indiana, Long Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. at Michigan City, and Zionsville Emergency

Ambulance Service, as his career moves dictated. He has also served on three organizations in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. James Herald, vice president at Indiana Bell, commended John's involvement in and dedication to the communities in which he lives. Wayne Twp. training officer, Lowell Pruett, stated that the community of Brooklyn will be well served by having fire fighters of this caliber on their department because of John's positive attitude, enthusiasm and conscientious participation in both the class room and practical skills portions of the training.

Former commission chairmen and members were in attendance and are being kept up-to-date on revisions in the standards. Following the ceremony, a reception was held with the sheet cake designed as the Commission certificate, served to the seventy participants.



20,000th Certified Fire Fighter

IVFA President, Bill Sunday, attended the 20,000th certified fire fighter presentation at the State Capitol Building, in support of the Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. John Trimpe, Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department (middle) was the 20,000th certified fire fighter, with Commission Chairman, Bill Kinsey (right) who presented John with a plaque. Governor Orr presented the certificate, with 28 fire service organizations represented.

Here We Go Again or Big Brother Is Going to Protect Me "Ouch"

About every year it seems the Volunteer Firemen are put in the position of saying "I'm against safety." It's almost like saying I don't like apple pie or motherhood.

I have a feeling that if the fire service, the administrators, and the tax payers don't stand up together and put this down, it will come back to haunt them both in high costs and create a tremendous liability for them in the future.

What we are talking about is N.F.P.A. Standard 1500 "Fire Service Occupational Safety and Health" and N.F.P.A. 1501 "Fire Department Safety Officer." We will attempt to highlight in a brief outline what this standard says.

It covers all fire and rescue departments paid, unpaid, part-paid, volunteer, and no volunteer.

TRAINING

All officers shall meet N.F.P.A. 1041.

Training programs will be held at least monthly.

Training programs will be held to cover each hazard the department will come in contact with.

Training program will be held each time a new hazard is identified.

Each member will be trained and meet the requirements of N.F.P.A. 1001 prior to being permitted to engage in any emergency operation.

Each driver/operator will meet requirements of N.F.P.A. 102 prior to driving or operating equipment in an emergency situation.

All members will be trained in the incident command system.

Special training and education shall be provided to each member covering any special hazard that may be faced.

Each department shall develop written procedure to cover action to be taken in each hazardous situation.

VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Health and safety shall be the primary concern in any purchase or repair of any equipment.

Driver shall be directly responsible for safe and prudent operation

of equipment.

All persons on fire department vehicles will be seated and belted any time the vehicle is in motion.

a. Standing shall specifically be prohibited.

b. Riding on tailsteps will be specifically prohibited.

Helmets and eye protection shall be provided and worn by each member if cab of emergency vehicle is not totally enclosed.

All new apparatus shall have sufficient seats totally enclosed to accommodate the maximum number of people ever allowed to ride that apparatus.

All equipment shall meet noise level 90 dba.

INSPECTION

All vehicles and all equipment shall be inspected each week and within 24 hours of any use.

All other equipment shall be tested at least annually to following

N.F.P.A. Standards:

Hose 1962;

Extinguishers 10

Pumpers 1911

Aerials 1904

All other equipment to Manufacturers Recommendations

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Each member shall be provided with proper clothing and equipment to protect him from any environment or task he might face. It shall include trousers, coats, helmets, footwear, hoods, gloves, and eye protection to meet latest N.F.P.A. Standards:

a. Proper training will be provided for its use.

b. It will be worn at all times.

Work/station clothing will meet N.F.P.A. 1975.

SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)

SCBA shall be provided for each member and shall be worn when:

a. Atmosphere is hazardous;

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Message
From The
Lieutenant
Governor



I recently had the honor of doing something usually reserved for members of your association — riding on the back of a volunteer firefighter's truck. It was in Rosedale, a rural community in southern Parke County. Luckily for the residents of Rosedale, I wasn't there to fight a fire. The firemen had picked me up on the edge of town to escort me to a ceremony at which building plans were announced for the new fire station.

Indiana is a friendly state and our rural communities are among the most pleasant places to visit. The hospitality is warm and the interest in state affairs is acute.

Every time I make such a visit, I come away impressed by the fact that small towns and rural communities are much in demand by firms that are seeking new manufacturing sites. In many areas of the state, active community leadership has helped attract new jobs to once-sluggish local economies. In these dynamic towns, pessimism has been replaced by optimism. Faith in the future has been reborn.

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"A Little Bit Of Heaven In '87"

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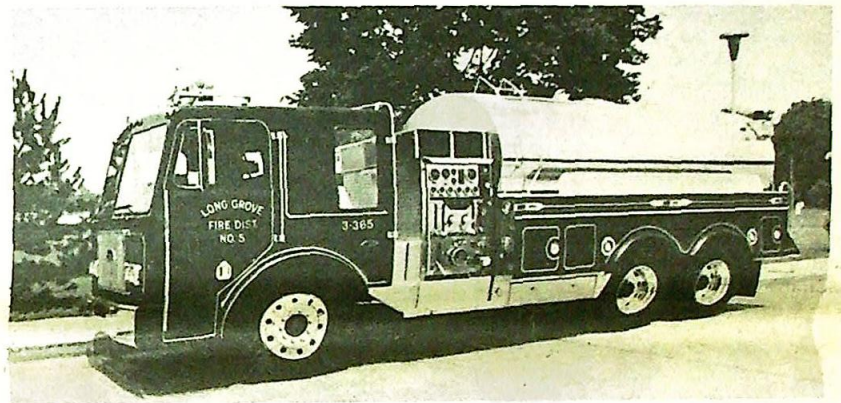
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Knox firemen presented with fire marshal's service award



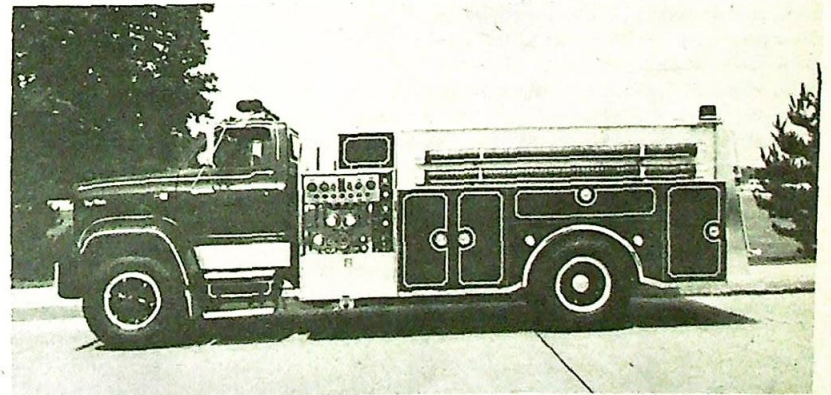
Pictured are Levert Ruff, Mark Riffey - Assistant State Fire Marshal, Leslie "Bud" Shaw, Glen Vandeman, Duane Lantz - IVFA Chaplain, and Lawrence Swartz - IVFA Vice President. Mr. Riffey presented Ruff, Shaw and Vandeman with the Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award. Mr. Ruff has been a member of the Knox Fire Department for 37 continuous years; Mr. Shaw, 38 years, and Mr. Vandeman, 57 years.

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**FROM YOUR
CHAPLAIN
Duane Lantz**



Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
 3 Know ye that the Lord is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

November and December will be very busy months. Four very important dates:

- November 4th — Election Day — Get out and exercise your God given right to **VOTE**.
- November 11th — Veteran's Day — Thank each veteran for what they have done.
- November 27th — Thanksgiving Day — Psalm 100 tells us all about it.
- December 25th — Christmas, the birth of the Christ Child.

The leaves are starting to turn, all the beautiful colors of fall. The garden near completion, ready for cover crop of rye.

Let each of us take time out of our busy lives and thank God for these four dates.

A frail body lying under the white sheet looked up and smiled as I opened the door. My heart ached, for I knew my grandmother was dying. As I talked with her, I thought of how little she had to show for her many years on this earth. She had always been a giver, never a receiver, the one to help the sick family down the street or the one to take a dish to a family in financial difficulty. I felt bitter as I watched life slowly ebb away from this precious lady, and I thought how unfair that she experienced none of the finer things in life.

My grandmother touched my hand and talked softly about how good it was to have me there. I could not help but smile as she talked about my childhood and the boy I had always been to her.

Sitting there listening to her, I realized my grandmother had the greatest treasure of all, the gift of love. Not only did she give it freely, but she had received much in return. She was still giving of herself, even in her deathbed.

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud. *1 Corinthians 13:4*

Let the oncoming holidays be a joyous time with your families, and more than that, let there be **LOVE**.

Your Chaplain has been very busy with memorials. Tragedy has come to some of our Departments — not fire related. My observations of the many young men who are taking an active part in the fire service. I thank the Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department's young men at the cemetery for a job well done.

Now thank we all our God,
 With heart, and hands, and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom his world rejoices.
 Who from our Mother's arms,
 Hath blessed us on our way,
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours today.

Martin Rinkart

Prayer — Thank you, Lord, for giving us friends and for being our friend. When we are lonesome, remind us that despite physical separation and even death — friends can still remain close to us in thought, and hearts. Help us to give others a smile, a handshake, an encouraging word, that rare gift that is truly of ourselves. Amen.

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

Your Chaplain

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b. atmosphere is suspected of being hazardous;
 c. atmosphere may rapidly become hazardous;
 d. when working below grade.
 All members using SCBA shall be medically certified annually by the Fire Department Physician.
 All members using SCBA shall be regularly trained, tested, and certified in the use of the equipment.
 Members using SCBA will work as a team (at least 2) will have audible or visual contact using a lifeline or other device.
 At least one person shall remain outside and maintain a constant awareness and identity of those inside. Others will stand by for rescue.
 All members will be personally fitted and tested with SCBA. Facial hair or eye glasses that touch the seal will be prohibited.
 Each member with SCBA shall be provided a personal alert safety system that will be tested weekly.

ROPES, HARNESS AND HARDWARE

All rope, harness and hardware will meet N.F.P.A. 1983.
 All rope used for rescue at the scene of an emergency shall be previously unused and shall be destroyed after use.

EMERGENCY OPERATION

Incident command system will be established with written procedure to cover all members and identify hazards.
 Officer in charge shall be responsible for overall safety and all activities at the scene.
 Fire Department will provide adequate personnel to safely conduct emergency scene operation.
 Qualified life support personnel shall be standing by at each incident.

FACILITY SAFETY

All buildings shall meet with all legal health, safety, building, and fire codes.
 All sleeping areas shall be separated from equipment area by one hour separation.
 Fire station shall have proper exhaust and ventilation system.
 Facilities shall be inspected annually. Inspection shall be documented and recorded.
 Facilities shall be inspected monthly for health and safety and be corrected.

MEDICAL

All members must be examined by doctor and meet medical and physical provisions of Chapter 2 of N.F.P.A. 1001.
 Fire Department Doctor will re-examine each member and certify his ability to engage in any emergency procedure.
 Fire department shall establish and participate in a physical fitness program.
 Fire department shall establish and maintain a permanent health file on each member.
 Fire department shall have an officially designated physician who shall be responsible for guiding, directing and advising the members with regard to their health and suitability for various duties.
 The doctor will be readily available for emergency professional services on an urgent basis.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Fire department shall provide an assistance program that identified and assists members with substance abuse, stress and personal problems affecting job performance.
 Fire department will adopt a written policy statement on alcoholism and substance abuse and other problems covered by the Member Assistance Program.

1501 FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY OFFICER

Each fire department shall have a safety officer, minimum standards N.F.P.A. 1021 Level 2. He shall report directly to the chief.
 Safety officer shall have authority to cause immediate correction of imminent hazard to personnel.
 Safety officer shall have authority to terminate any activities he considers an imminent hazard to personnel.
 Safety office shall maintain all records of health, accidents, injuries and death.
 Safety officer shall maintain a liaison with equipment manufacturers, standard makers, regulatory and safety specialists.
 Safety officer shall review specification for new equipment, apparatus, protective clothing and protective equipment for compliance with applicable standards.
 The safety officer shall develop, implement and maintain a protective and protective equipment program to meet N.F.P.A. 1500.

If you like these new standards, start raising taxes to pay for them. If you don't like what you see, immediately write to N.F.P.A., Battery-march Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269. Tell them what you want and why you don't like it.

It appears this is another attempt to harass the volunteer service, by those who feel threatened by this great American tradition, those who could profit from these new regulations, or by those who have never been exposed to the real world of Hoosier fire-fighting, and finances.

**Donations Put
Dent in Debt**

By KEVIN KILBANE
Of The News-Sentinel

Donations have helped former Hometown fire chief Conrad Tucker pay about half the medical bills for care of his late wife, but he still faces \$15,000 to \$20,000 in charges.

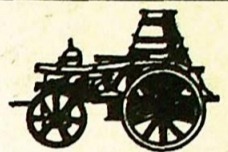
"Our efforts probably are going to fall short of wiping out all the indebtedness, but we're going to make a dent in it," said Bill Kinsey, a friend and member of the St. Joseph township Volunteer Fire Department.

Kinsey, who organized the fund drive for Tucker, said individuals and volunteer fire departments have contributed about \$13,000 to \$14,000.

Tucker's wife, Beverly, 61, died of cancer July 6.

The Arcola Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a benefit bingo game at 8 p.m. Sept. 13 at the fire station.

The News-Sentinel



New Museum continued... screening room for films are included in the plans, and regularly scheduled programs for children and adults are anticipated.

To highlight our exhibits and recognize each and every fire department in Indiana, we are requesting a shoulder patch, a map locating your fire district and stations, a department history, old and current pictures and list of fire fighters who died in the line of duty.

parent. The implementation is a vast undertaking. The end result will be one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country. The Indianapolis Fire Buffs and its sister organization, The Pompier Pump and Playpipe Societies of the Indiana Chapter of SPAAMFAA will only be the curators. This Museum will belong to you. The unanimous support of all fire fighters and related organizations is vital to our success in implementing this project for you.

We will be seeking the majority of funding for this project from many foundations and organizations. As with other fire fighting museums across the country, we anticipate a continuous backing of the operating expenses from insurance companies and other related organizations who will benefit from the teaching facility, but we must be able to demonstrate solid financial backing and a reasonable continuing "operating proforma" to be considered for a grant of this kind. A small pledge from everyone toward the initial building program and the ongoing operating expenses is imperative. All donations are tax deductible. The pledging of only a few dollars of support from everyone will create the sound financial base we need to pursue major funding. As soon as possible, we would appreciate a letter indicating a unanimous pledge of support for your Museum to include in our presentation package.

We look forward to your assistance in erecting this facility in honor of all past and current fire fighters. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact the Indianapolis Fire Buffs in care of: Rodger J. Birchfield
 2205 East 58th Street
 Indianapolis, IN 46220

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New Museum Planned by Fire Buffs

The Indianapolis Fire Buffs have commissioned an architectural firm for the planning of a Fire Fighters Museum to be located in the Indianapolis area. Preliminary planning has been completed, and we are currently looking for a site in or near the planned White River State Park. As Indianapolis is rapidly becoming one of the major convention cities, and the downtown area is developing into a nationally recognized showcase of planning,

development, and revitalization of all areas of interest, we have a unique opportunity to be a part of this outstanding endeavour.

The Indianapolis Fire Buffs and Fire Department Museum Inc. currently has over 20 pieces of hand drawn, horse drawn and motorized fire apparatus. Some of the equipment is already "museum quality," but some will require various degrees of restoration to make them suitable for display. In addition to the equipment

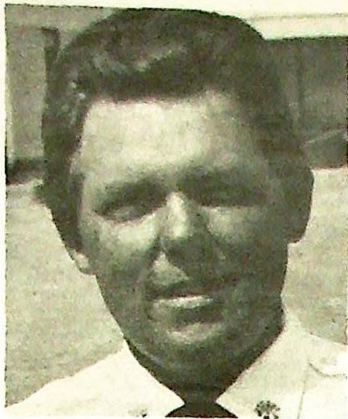
already in our possession, many communities and private individuals throughout Indiana have offered other articles and apparatus for permanent or loaned display. Also, the Children's Museum has expanded its exhibits to the point that they have requested us to remove our current exhibit of fire apparatus within the next year.

Vast collections of fire apparatus information and pictures are also available for display from the members of The Society for the

Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America, SPAAMFAA is a nationwide organization of antique fire apparatus collectors and has expressed interest in locating the national fire apparatus archives in this facility.

In addition to the displays and exhibits, we are planning the Museum to be a teaching and learning facility for fire safety. A stage for live demonstrations and a

NEWS FROM THE PREZ



BILL SUNDAY

As the year moves so fast and time for a new group of officers will be taking the reins of the Association, I will be proposing some changes in the procedures. I have tried to work hard and do the job as president to the best of my ability, but there have been a few obstacles in the way. As I travel the next six months you will be hearing me talk about these changes and I feel very strong on these issues.

This Association has done so much for the Fire Service, not only in Indiana, but all over the world. We have to make some necessary changes in order that we might continue this work in the future. I would hope you will support the resolution changes that appear this year for the betterment of the I.V.F.A. Many things have happened in the last two years and hopefully your continued efforts in the future will help us to be even stronger.

The \$3,000 financial assistance

you have been hearing about and also the two \$15,000 scholarships that are now available was made possible through the efforts of 15 remaining people who were part of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.

Just for the people who need an explanation on what happened at the convention - Bridgeport came to us (I.V.F.A.) and asked if we would be interested in \$100,000 for a death benefit for I.V.F.A. members. Yes, we were interested, so the President's Advisory Committee set everything up, put the rules and regulations together for the Financial Assistance, and the two scholarships with the approval of the Board of Directors of the I.V.F.A. Then with the approval of the Bridgeport people and the attorneys for the same, I.V.F.A. Board of Directors gave the 15 people remaining on Bridgeport's roster paid up membership to the Association until they decide to drop, or are deceased. I was the instigator of this so I'll take the necessary comments.

We have been real busy traveling to the different meetings and functions. I'm here to tell you it is a very hard job. Whenever you see a state officer out in the field doing his job, show him a little respect, be nice and tell him you appreciate his work. That's about all he will get out of it.

Bill Goodwin, Jim Parker and myself and our wives went to New York to the Federation of World Volunteer Fire Councils. I would have to say this was the most valuable experience that my tour as President has given me as well as just the honor of representing Indiana in the United Nations. I will be visiting meetings telling of our experience, but be sure and

read Bill Goodwin's article and pictures.

The Committee on Legislature has been working hard and long trying to be ready for this session. Jack will have a report in this issue so be sure and catch it.

I guess I'd better stop before Bob runs out of room to put my report. Thanks everyone for all your kindness and help.

Nickie, the kids and myself would like to wish all of you a successful rest of the year, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Whenever any company considers a potential investment site, it wants to know many things: characteristics of the workforce, the quality of schools, availability and cost of utilities, land prices, lifestyle and, of course, the assurance that they will be protected in case of fire. This puts local volunteer fire companies on the front line of the state's economic development efforts. You provide a service that is an important part of the story we tell potential investors in our state. You should have a close working relationship with the economic leadership of your community. You can be a big help.

There was another indication recently of the impact of volunteer fire departments on the state. Governor Bob Orr awarded a training certificate to the 20,000th person to complete the rigorous course leading to first, second or third class qualification. This is a purely voluntary training program. The course has been offered for 10 years. For 20,000 people to complete this course in that time is encouraging for the future of the state.

LT. GOV. JOHN MUTZ

OFFICERS' QUARTERLY MEETING Rodeway Inn, Indianapolis, Indiana August 2nd & 3rd, 1986

President Sunday called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M., Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag, led by Vice President Swartz.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Recording Secretary. A short discussion followed on the lateness of the minutes. Howe made a motion to accept the minutes. Sorg seconded it. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Officer Reports

President Sunday reported that he had attended the ceremony in Indianapolis where the 20,000th firefighter certification was presented. He also commented on several other meetings and functions that he had been a part of. On the 1987 Convention he stated that the only report given to the officers meetings will be given by the convention chairman or the IVFA Convention Committee Chairman.

Vice President Swartz spoke on a recent district meeting he attended and the problem he encountered at the meeting. He attended several meetings and functions.

Secretary Bechtel reported on the work being done with the computer as well as some benefits which will be available when completed.

Treasurer Stofer gave the financial report as of 7-31-86. He stated that we only have 254 paid up members as of that date.

Recording Secretary Nevil, passed.

Chaplain Lantz reported on the memorial services given and various other activities and functions.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush was absent. John Davis sitting in for Bush had no report.

All Past Presidents in attendance passed.

P.R.N.W. Howe said he had attended most meetings. He also invited all officers to Knox next Sunday, August 10th for their 75th anniversary celebration.

P.R.N.E. Kinsey stated that he had attended all meetings and briefly discussed some problems that he had taken care of.

P.R.W.C. Michl reported that he had attended all but one of the meetings and spoke briefly on the past convention.

P.R.E.C. Windsor commented on the meetings he attended.

P.R.S.W. Davis said he had done some traveling. He also commented on several activities in his area.

P.R.S.E. Richardson was absent.

District 1 Esserman was absent.

District 2 Reed absent.

District 3 Sabie thanked everyone for their vote on the 1988 Convention acceptance. He also reported that the attendance is up for the meetings and he listed some activities that have been going on in the district. He stated that two new departments have joined the association from his county.

District 4 Ferro absent.

District 5 Smith absent.

District 6 Sanders stated that as a new chairman he had nothing to report.

District 7 Sorg reported on two deaths in the district. On the Coney Tucker Benefit Fund Raising held recently at Poe, approximately \$1,400 was raised. Also plans are being made to possibly hold a district picnic in September. It was also noted that Poe Fire Dept. will be holding their 50th Anniversary on August 22nd & 23rd.

District 8A Fleener absent.

District 8B Nickens commented on two deaths and reported on several activities he had attended.

District 9A Sutton reported that he was re-elected. Also the attendance has been good and things are going pretty good.

District 9B Parrish stated that things have been going pretty good in the district and he had attended several department meetings.

District 10 Neal thanked the officers for attending the meetings. Attendance has been down at this time. He also stated that the 7th Annual Fire Muster will be held on September 7th at Hope.

District 11A Biggs reported on the truck that was won at the Convention and the upcoming meeting in the district.

District 11B Osborne absent.

District 12 Johnson stated that they have put a new policy in effect at the district meetings. They are going to rotate between EMS and Fire for their monthly program for some type of training.

District 13A Nulliner absent.

District 13B Kahal absent.

District 14 Sellmer absent.

District 15 Seitz absent.

District 16 Atkins stated that since he was just elected he had no report but he gave some background information on himself.

District 17A Engle reported on a death and some problems that developed as a result of it.

District 17B Lockhart said he was re-elected and that the attendance is up at the meetings.

District 18 Winger thanked the officers for attending the meetings. Attendance has been good at the meetings and some activities in the district were discussed. He also stated that they are looking into the possibility of hosting the 1989 Annual meeting.

District 19 Weigel was absent. The report by Vice Chairman Paul Hilderbrand included the results of the election and a list of upcoming events in the district.

District 20 Scherer absent.

District 21 Culross absent.

Communications:

Secretary Bechtel had none.

President Sunday had received a letter from the Dale Corp. thanking the Association for the hospitality at the Convention in Terre Haute. Also the Dale Corp. had donated \$100 to the Cooney Tucker Benefit Fund.

A letter was read from Mr. Ben Moore of the Farm Bureau Insurance in which he regretted being unable to attend the convention. He also stated in the letter that the Farm Bureau Award of Excellence will be continued and it will be handled through their own representatives.

President Sunday read a letter from Larry Curl, Assistant Chief of Wayne Township, Marion County, on the action taken by the I.V.F.A.

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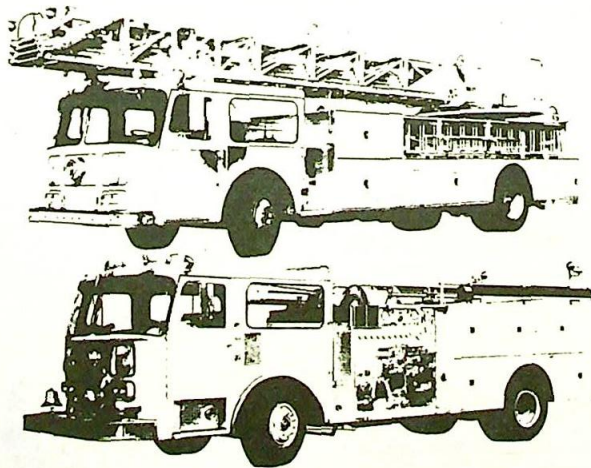
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President in the giving of Lifetime Volunteer Membership in the Association to the past members of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Dept. after they gave the Association the money to establish the Benefit Fund for firefighters killed in the line of duty and also the college scholarship fund. A short discussion followed. President Sunday then stated that no action would be taken at this time.

At 5:05 P.M. President Sunday recessed the meeting until 7:30 P.M. in the same room.

President Sunday reconvened the meeting at 7:32 P.M. and stated that the officers now in attendance who were not here earlier would give their reports.

District 2 Reed said he was re-elected. The programs at the meetings have been good and that the Fire School would be held on September 20th at the Lowell High School.

District 5 Smith stated that he had been re-elected. That Fire School is set for August 9th on Fire Codes. Karen Bosell will be the instructor. Also in cooperation with the EMS Coordination representatives he has a defensive driving program going on.

P.R.S.E. Richardson welcomed the new district chairmen and reported on several things that are going on in the area. He also commented briefly on next year's Convention.

District 8A Fleener said that he had been re-elected and commented on the scheduled activities in the district.

President Sunday stated that contrary to all rumors Federal Revenue is not out all together. Articles showing what position our legislators have towards the program were passed out and we were encouraged by President Sunday to contact our Senators and Representatives in Washington, D.C. and let them know how we feel towards the Federal Revenue Sharing Program.

Old Business:

President Sunday stated that the Digest Committee has met and completed their job. The Digest will appear in the next issue of our paper.

Letters from various fire departments in the state and some of the problems that they have and some assistance from our association officers was requested. A short discussion followed concerning some of the problems and the best way to handle them on a one on one basis.

President Sunday reported that he will be meeting very soon with Chief Kouts from Carmel, who was recently elected President of the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association.

The guidelines for the death benefit fund were discussed briefly. They were in the convention book and they will also be in the next issue of the paper.

New Business:

Bob Fleener asked the question if having a uniform dress code for all volunteers was possible. After a short discussion it was the consensus that about the only thing to do was publish an article stating the proper placement of the U.S. flag on the uniform and publish it in the paper.

President Sunday has a brochure from the Volunteer Fire Services Insurance Company on their Junior Firefighter Excellence Award. The information will be published in the quarterly paper if anyone wishes to participate in the program.

Treasurer Stofer stated that the vouchers for the past year's District Secretary's expense must be turned in today.

President Sunday stated that an additional allowance of \$1,000 be added to the Funeral Fund to pay for the recently ordered Bibles. He also requested the names again, of any firefighters killed in the line of duty to be placed in the Rotunda of the State Capitol.

At 9:32 P.M. the meeting was recessed until the following morning at 9 A.M.

Sunday, August 3, at 9 A.M. President Sunday called the meeting to order. Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation.

District 13A report was read by President Sunday.

District 11B Osborne stated that he had just recently been elected. He listed some upcoming events in the district.

President Sunday talked of the relationship of the fire service and the EMS. He suggested that we again consider bringing the state certified EMS personnel into our membership. Discussion followed on the advantages and disadvantages of having them join. Nothing was decided one way or another because of the amount of work to be done to bring it to the annual meeting for a resolution.

Further discussion was held on changing the name of our association from Firemen's to Firefighter's for several reasons. It was stated that this is a reality and will have to be done real soon.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush said some supplies are in short supply today but will be made available at a later date.

President Sunday at this time announced the committees for the coming year and stated that guidelines will be given as to what would be expected of each.

Games — Al Mendel.

Clothing — Lockhart, chairman; Esserman and Sellmer.

Safety — Parish, chairman; Engle and Johnson.

I.N.C.E.R.T. — Biggs, chairman; Sorg and Nullinger.

Membership — Bruns, chairman and all P. R. Directors.

Public Education — Parker, chairman; Sabie, Winger, Smith and

Ferro.

EMS — Weigel, chairman.

Historical — Sutton, chairman.

Awards — Schwartz, chairman; Neal, Reed and Fleener.

Editor Assistant — Howe, chairman.

Convention — Stofer, chairman; Nevil and Parker.

Presidents Advisory and Legislative — Bruns, Stofer, Swartz, Parker, Ford, Bechtel, Lantz and Lockhart. Chairman to be announced.

New member package committee — Swartz, chairman; Bruns, Parker, Reed and Parrish.

Resolutions — Michl, chairman and all P.R. Directors.

Fire School — Swartz, chairman, and all P. R. Directors.

National Volunteer Fire Council — Goodwin, Parker is the alternate.

Photographer — Neal.

Editor — None at this time.

Ad Solicitor — Dale Jablonski.

Parliamentarian — Kinsey.

Insurance Committee — Kahl, chairman; the other members are on according to the by-laws.

Committee Reports:

Clothing — Lockhart, no report.

Membership — Bruns, pass.

Public Education — Parker outlined what the committee is doing. Their first thrust will be on smoke detectors. He stated that attempts are being made to get Larry Bird to do the program. It will be done for T.V., radio and newspaper.

I.N.C.E.R.T. — Biggs said that no changes have been made.

Fire School, Training and Awards — Swartz stated that the awarding will be changed to suit the title of what the form is for. He encouraged all to promote fire schools in their area. Also Northern Indiana Public Service wants to cooperate with us on having a continuous on going program for the firefighters of the state. The registration fee at the fire schools was discussed briefly. It was deferred to the Board of Directors for action.

The Mid-West Awards will again be sponsored next year and Vice President Swartz charged each chairman to take the means to get some recognition for at least one individual in the district. On the Ollie Sanburgh Award, it was requested that letters be gotten in for that special firefighter in each department.

Legislative — Ford discussed some of the proposed legislation for this year, including the state certified EMS personnel in our bill which covers accident and health insurance; to include firefighters and EMS personnel on the living will. Jack stated that he has been in contact with the insurance factions concerning fire service charges. Several methods have been discussed and this coming Tuesday, August 5th, they (the insurance people) indicated that some type of paying agreement will be settled. The fire leadership meetings have been very productive, everyone seems to be working together.

On the recodification of the laws pertaining to fire fighters, Rep. Richardson said we would be given a copy to review and offer suggestions before it is put to press.

"Fire Academy" — Jack stated that it is not properly named. The building would be for all emergency services. He said that they want something but no one knows what they want. Jack also reported that three bills have been introduced and presented to Governor Orr for his approval and backing. They are to provide some type of identification as a firefighter on a license plate; mandatory smoke detector bill and 24 hour mandatory training for a firefighter before they made a ride or be a part of an emergency response team.

A short discussion of Ford's comments followed. It was also discussed, of the probability of volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance services will be forced to purchase license plates and pay all taxes on the vehicles.

Gene Stofer made a motion that a bill be presented for legislative action that volunteer fire departments, rescue services and volunteer ambulances be exempted from purchasing license plates and that they be able to obtain the yellow government plates at no charge. Engle seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Stofer made a motion that President Sunday go to the next meeting of the joint fire service and voice our associations displeasure on the way the Governor's Emergency Task Force is headed. Also that he attempt to contact the Governor and Lt. Governor and voice the same feelings. The motion was carried by voice vote.

President Sunday suggested that plenty of convention books are available for the officers to take back home and give to the people who helped support us with their ads.

Good of Order:

Treasurer Stofer stated he wants to meet with Secretary Bechtel and Sergeant-at-Arms Bush on how much printed material we need in a year to get a firm price on all that is needed.

Congratulations will be sent to Chief Dick Lamb of Wayne Township, Marian County, who was recently one of thirty to represent the International Fire Chiefs Association in an exchange program with New Zealand.

Having no further business, Howe made a motion to adjourn. Parrish seconded said motion. The motion was carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Board of Directors:

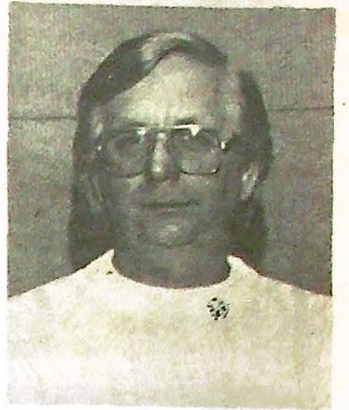
Chairman Lockhart called the meeting to order at 1:42 P.M. and called for the reading of the minutes. Howe made a motion to dispense with the reading. Winger seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Bill Engle made a motion that the committee set up by the President to set up the Bridgeport Benefit Fund be authorized to spend monies from that account with no action by the Board of Directors required. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

A short discussion followed on the problem that has developed with the paying of dues deadlines and the eligibility requirements set down by the Bridgeport Benefit Fund Committee. Bill Howe made a motion that dues are payable through September 30, 1986, and still be eligible for the death benefit. Winger seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



LAWRENCE SWARTZ

Fellow firefighters, I sincerely hope you have taken time to present a fire prevention program to your community and especially to the schools in the area. I am sure all of you practice prevention all year long. However, if you did not give it an extra push during prevention week, it is still not too late, especially with winter and the holiday season arriving. This is also a great way to show the people of your community what you offer them in life and property saving situations. Community relations is the name of the game.

The Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services is sponsoring a Junior Firefighter Excellence Award program. The details are elsewhere in this paper. The cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 should be an incentive to enter this contest. I am sure any department with a Cadet or Junior Firefighters group will want to participate. Deadline is December 1, 1986.

There are still several good quality schools around the state and are so designed to allow you, the volunteer firefighter to participate. As the fire service is now in business it should be treated as such and I strongly urge you to take a course in volunteer service management as well as the many other courses. This is especially for officers and anyone who wishes to become an officer in the future.

Once again it is election time. As I travel the state I hear of those public officials who are not sympathetic to the fireman's plight of no funds for equipment or safety devices. This is an area you need to work on and promote the candidates who will work with you. It certainly appears there will be legislation coming up in 1987 that will directly affect the fire service. We will need your help as in the past, so please answer our call when it arrives.

In closing my wife, Theda and I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season as 1986 draws to a close and 1987 makes its appearance.

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BILL KINSEY

I want to thank the membership for their support in re-electing me to the PRNE for 1986-87. I have always tried to do a good job. The need for a strong statewide association to represent the Indiana firefighters of the State of Indiana has never been greater. The only way the I.V.F.A. can truly represent the volunteer firefighters of Indiana is for those firefighters to attend the District IVFA meetings and voice their opinions to the state officers.

Many younger firefighters question the need for a strong state association. They did not experience the low class position of volunteer firefighters in Indiana prior to the IVFA's beginning. The younger firefighters walked into the improved position and thought it has always been a respected well-informed position. Not true. For many years, the Fire Marshal's office did not communicate well with volunteer fire departments. Now all fire departments receive equal treatment

and communication. The IVFA fought hard to open communications. Many of your IVFA officers were the members who fought for improved communications, better insurance, better representation with the legislation, and many of the benefits we all take for granted.

The younger members of Indiana's Volunteer Service need to become more active and fight for a position as an officers in the I.V.F.A. to protect their present position in the fire community and work toward improving it even more. The older members have fought the battles and won many of them, but the future belongs to the younger firefighters. With all of the rapid changes taking place that affect the fire service, these younger people must take a more active part in the plans for the future.

Among these changes are plans for an Emergency Services Institute (a brick and mortar) central academy for advanced training of Hazardous Materials Responders, Firefighters, etc. Some projected plans for this method of training would change the current certification program, now 100% voluntary participation, at all levels to a system where only 2nd class certification would be available at the local and regional level and all advanced training would have to be obtained at the "Institute." The younger members of the fire service are the ones to face this challenge. They will have to live with the system. They had better voice their opinion of the future plans and become active and vocal. We either become active in the IVFA and voice our opinion as to the future or we sit back in our local de-

partments and take what others hand out. It's time to wake up and start moving.

I'm proud and happy to report that the response of the Indiana Fire Service both volunteer and career to "Cooney" Tuckers financial need has been outstanding. Many thousands of dollars have been received and paid on medical expenses that would have been insurmountable for Cooney alone. He thanks you, I thank you. You should all feel better for helping a fellow firefighter in need. Cooney went with me to the Kosciusko County Firefighters Annual Recognition Fish Fry recently and plans to visit many of your meetings in the future. It is good to have Cooney back on active status.

We have some new District Chairmen in our area. Welcome. We have some re-elected. Congratulations!

Many things are happening in the Fire Service. Be a part of it. Be active in the IVFA.

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Secretary Bechtel had a request for the purchase of a small fire-proof safe for the office of Secretary. It would be used to store petty-cash, checks and software for the computer. It was stated that approximately \$200 would be needed to purchase one of sufficient size. Smith made a motion that the money be allocated to purchase the safe. Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

At this time Chairman Lockhart requested that the budget for the coming year be read by the Recording Secretary. The minutes of the Budget Committee were read and it was stated that because each officer in attendance today had a copy of the budget it was not necessary to read it line by line. However, it was noted that an additional \$1,000 had been requested for the Funeral Fund. Roy Richardson made a motion to approve the budget as printed and with the addition of the \$1,000. Parrish seconded that motion. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

The next item of business was the fire school registration fee. Bill Howe made a motion that the District Chairman has the option of charging or not charging for a fire school, depending on the need. Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

At this time Chairman Lockhart asked what position the officers were going to take concerning a letter from Wayne Township Chief Larry Curl in reference to a possible by-laws violation on the convention floor this year. After a short discussion it was left to the discretion of the President to handle.

On the issue of needed envelopes, Stofer made a motion, seconded by Engle to purchase two cases of envelopes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chaplain Lantz asked about insurance coverage on the recently ordered and received Bibles. He was informed that they were covered by insurance if they were damaged in any way.

At this time Chairman Lockhart turned the chair over to President Sunday for the election of the new Board Chairman. President Sunday asked for nominations from the floor for Board Chairman for the year 1986-87. Neal nominated Pete Lockhart for Board Chairman. President Sunday repeated, asking three times for any other nominations. Having none, nominations were closed and he directed Secretary Bechtel to cast a unanimous vote for Board Chairman 1986-87 Pete Lockhart. Secretary Bechtel then cast the unanimous ballot.

Having no further business, Winger made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Engle. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
IVAN NEVIL, Recording Secretary

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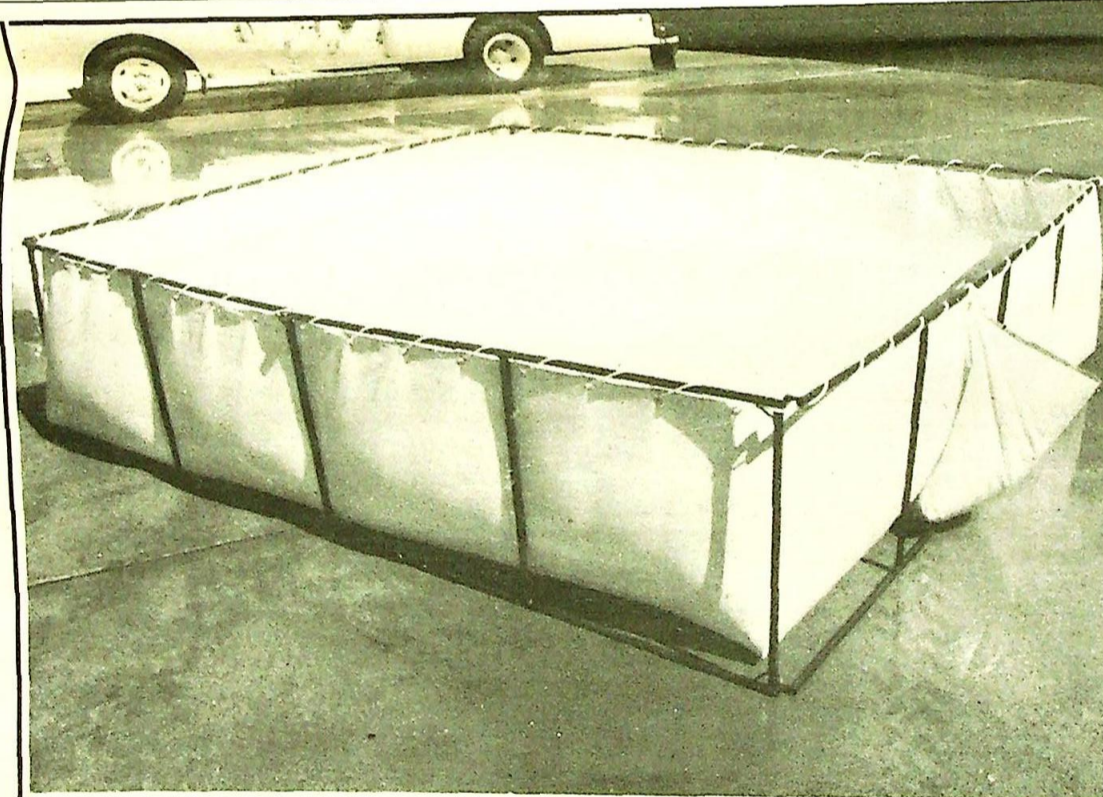
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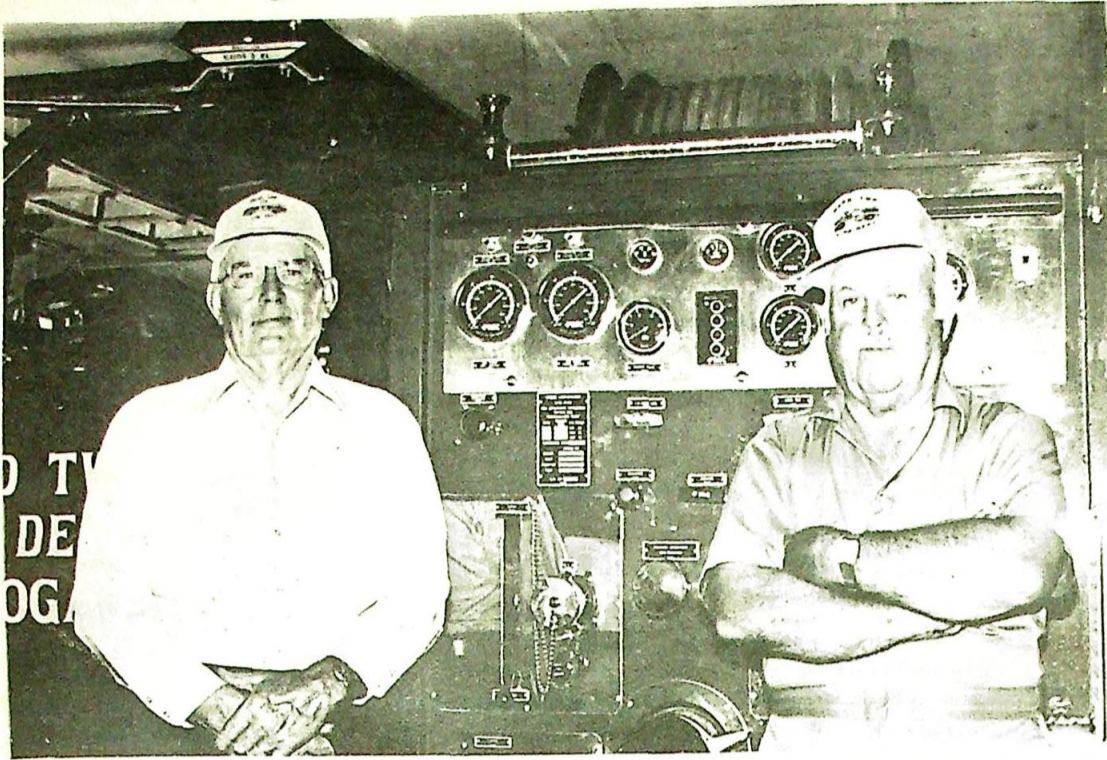
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Ward Township Says Goodbye to Charter Members



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Ivan Bousman and George Retz Jr. have retired after 30 years of dedicated service to their department and community. Even though they have retired we don't want to say goodbye to these men because of their experi-

ence and teachings to the younger and less experienced men on the department and it's good to know we can still count on their help when the department needs them. Ivan was Mr. I.V.F.A. in 1975 and won the 8B Midwest Award in

1970, as well as being district 8B Chairman for eight years. Ivan and Jr. are true volunteers from every angle of the definition. Men, thanks for all your time and help. The Firemen and Wives of Ward Township

SARATOGA — It was back in 1956, and it was the town board that "instigated" it, Ivan Bousman and George Retz Jr. will tell you if you ask how they got started on the volunteer fire department.

That was 30 years ago, and having written the age of 60 into the by-laws of the department, the two veteran firefighters have found it time to retire.

A party in honor of the two charter members was held Saturday night at the fire station. Over the years Retz has held every office, and Bousman has held all of them except sergeant-at-arms. Bousman has also been recognized by the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for the activities in the district.

All that followed some talk 30 years ago.

"Merrit (Lang) jumped me and Bob one Sunday morning," Retz said. Lang was on the town board in 1956 and suggested upgrading the fire department.

"I'm glad he did," Bousman said. "We went from the point where they (people) in town wouldn't even call us here in town and now we go all over the county."

"They call that mutual aid," Retz added.

Before the town board suggested improving the fire department, the town had a couple of trucks and "some old guys" running it.

"They never had the trucks ready or anything," Bousman commented.

The trucks and department started out with included a 1939 school bus with most of the seats taken out and a 1,000-gallon tank in the back.

Another was an overhauled milk truck, still parked in the garage with shiny newer trucks and the gas rig.

"When we got that truck, we thought we'd really got something," they said of the milk truck.

"We went from about a \$300 outfit to a \$54,000 truck," Retz said.

To raise money for the truck, the fire department and auxiliary put on fish fries and "sausage and pancake deals" and served break-

fast at the Portland steam engine and threshing machine show, according to Retz. "The auxiliary pitched in a lot."

"If it hadn't been for them, we'd have been broke a lot of the time." Besides the auxiliary raising funds, volunteer help constructed the garage and adjoining meeting room and full kitchen.

Over the years, the department's safety record is one that the two charter members are proud of.

"We've been lucky," they said. None of the firefighters have been killed or seriously injured.

"We never lost anybody," Bousman said. "In 30 years, I saw my first body this year, and that wasn't even our fire."

The younger guys, Retz said, take schooling in how to fight fires, and do a good job.

"When we started out, we went out and threw water on it — that's basically what we did," he said.

One of the worst fires that the department "threw water on" involved the Saratoga hotel that burned during the winter of 1965 and 1966.

"Thought we were going to lose part of the town on that sucker," Bousman said. "It was so darned cold that night my wife took a knife and pecked the ice off the buckles of my coat and set it up against the wall (of the fire

house). It set up there a long time before it crumpled."

Retz said one of the firemen finally got inside the building to the source of the fire and "knocked it down." The fire was started by a hot plate left unattended.

The fire department over the years has "caught the dickens" over ruts through yards, holes chopped through roofs — "here comes the axe brigade," Retz quipped — even marred floors.

"One guy said we scratched his hardwood floors dragging in the hoses," Bousman said, adding they had to go clear through the house to the bathroom where the fire was, and if the firemen hadn't been there, there wouldn't have been any floors left to scratch.

"I still don't think we ever scratched his floors," Bousman said.

"We've done a little bit of everything," Retz said, "pumped out basements, pushed snow drifts, made a few runs to the hospital. Seems like when somebody's in trouble, they end up calling the fire department, and we usually help them out."

"It's been a real interesting project," Bousman said. "We've saved a lot of property and caught a lot of the dickens, but I think the good outweighs the dickens."

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By ANN PHELPS
News-Gazette Reporter



German Twp. Fire Department members cooking hamburgers for the 15th District Meeting.

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"Just a note from Morristown"

Our summer is gone. Fall has arrived. Can winter be far away! Time to light the wood burner/fireplace or "kick" on the furnace. 'Now is the time to remind ourselves and others of the dangers connected with the heating season. Extra caution should be taken to make the season a safe one and let our firefighters work less.

If you have not paid your I.V.F.A.A. dues, it is not too late. Send \$2.00 per member to Nancy Neal, Recording Secretary.

District Miss Flame judging will be in full swing soon. Good luck to all contestants. Be sure to notify Barbara Surber, Chairman of your judging dates. After the judging send the form of the selected winner along with a black and

white picture to Barbara.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is a woman in your Auxiliary that is deserving of the Lois Boaz Award. The committee does not know about her unless you write a letter of nomination. Make the committee have a difficult time selecting the 1987 recipient. Send in a lot of nomination letters. Let's have a nominee or more from every district in the state. The address of the committee members is listed under Auxiliary Officers.

By the time the paper is printed, the Christmas season will have past. My family and I wish you and your families a very joyous Christmas season and a happy safe New Year.

Loretta J. Nulliner
President, I.V.F.A.A.

DISTRICT 16

RAMSEY, IN - The Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Chairman Vi Cambron. The pledge of allegiance was said by all. Election of officers was held.

The following: Vi Cambron, Chairman; Mary Lawrence, Vice Chairman; Dottie Striegel, Secretary and Treasurer; Barbara Hunt, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Lois Graham, Chaplain.

The minutes of the state officers were read by Dottie Striegel, and Vi Cambron asked for suggestions on fund raising ideas from each individual auxiliary.

Lois Graham made a motion to close the meeting and Mary Lemmel seconded. The Lord's Prayer was led by Chaplain Graham.

The next District meeting will be held at Lafayette Township November 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Lois Boaz Award

The Lois Boaz Memorial Award is presented each year at the I.V.F.A. Convention. It is presented for work or deeds done by any member of the I.V.F.A.A. Please send your letters (no Xerox copies) to one of the following recipients for recommendations:

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11053 McGregor Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46259

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RR1, Box 289B
Morristown, IN 46161

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Deadline April 1, 1987

Auxiliary District News

DISTRICT 11A

Hi,
Well summer is over and the holidays are just around the corner.

Like everyone else, we have been very busy. There have been fish fries, parades, meetings and many more things that we have attended the past few months.

Now that things are starting to settle down I hope to be attending more of your meetings - just let me know the time and place.

We had our annual picnic on Sept. 21, 1986, at Dobbs Park. We enjoyed breakfast and also dinner in the park. It was a very enjoyable day. We also held our district election with the same officers as last year:

District Chairman - Sue Biggs
Vice District Chairman - Janet Meyers

Sec.-Treasurer - Eva Gottsche
Chaplain - Cathy Vermillion

Our next District meeting will be held on November 15, 1986 and will be hosted by Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Our annual Miss Flame contest will be held at that meeting. So if any of your departments or Auxiliary have an eligible girl, please contact me.

Have a happy holiday season.
SUE BIGGS
Chairman

DISTRICT 12

Aug. 11, 1986 - The meeting was called to order by Mary Brooks at 8:12 p.m. at Wayne Township Station #1. Prayer was given by Martha McConnell in the absence of our Chaplain, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call was answered by 11 members representing five departments and four guests. Mary introduced our guests as Nancy Neal, State Recording Secretary, and her two daughters and a friend. All are members of the Hope Auxiliary.

The secretary's report was approved as read and treasurer's report filed for audit.

Mary gave the report on convention. Doe Doll ticket sales were down from last year.

Elections were held. Officers for District 12 for 1986-1987 are: Chairman, Mary Brooks; Secretary-Treasurer, Rosie Johnson; Chaplain, Shirley Crouch, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Inez Waggoner.

Nancy Neal was installing officer and Sandy Thomas was Marshal. Loretta Nulliner, State Presi-

dent, came in.

Carol Curl made a motion to hold Miss Flame judging November 16 at the Wayne Township Academy at 1:00 P.M. - Pitch in dinner. The motion was seconded by Shirley Crouch. Motion passed.

Shirley made a motion to have \$3.00 gift exchange at the meeting in November. Seconded by Martha McConnell. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be November 10 at Wayne Township #2.

Adjourned at 8:50 with prayer by our new Chaplain, Shirley Crouch.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosie Johnson

DISTRICT 14

The 14th District, I.V.F.A.A. meeting was held on September 17, 1986 at the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department with 5 auxiliaries represented.

Election of officers was held and the new officers are as follows: Chairman, Nancy Richardson; Vice-Chairman, Deanna Kaskie; Secretary-Treasurer, Bette Sellmer, and Sergeant-at Arms, Lucille Neuhauser. We want to thank these members for their help in the past year and we hope you will support them in the coming year. Let's all get out and attend the district meetings and support our auxiliaries.

The members in District 14 are busy planning a great convention next year in Clarksville. Plan now for "Little Bit of Heaven in 87."

Coming Events - McCulloch Dance at the Shrine Club on Nov. 1; McCulloch Open House, Nov. 15, 25th Anniversary, both houses from 1-5 p.m.

Nancy Richardson, Chairman

My New Friend

How lovely
Are new friends:
How precious
Are the old;
New friends are like
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1986 I.V.F.A. Convention Thursday Night Opening Session

President Sunday called the 40th Annual meeting to order. Vice President Swartz escorted 1985 Miss Flame Sandy Weber into the hall followed by the 1986 Miss Flame contestants escorted by the respective District Chairman.

The colors were posted for the Auxiliary and Men's Association by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The singing of the National Anthem was led by Lisa Sunday, after which Vice President Swartz led those present in the pledge to the flag. The invocation was given

by Chaplain Lantz.

President Sunday welcomed everyone to the 40th Annual Convention. He announced that during the convention that a Miss Flame, a Lois Boaz, a Mr. I.V.F.A., the Farm Bureau Award, the Ollie Sanburgh Award and the President's Award will all be announced. Also the games on Saturday as well as the parade to wrap things up.

It was stated that Linda Baker from Indianapolis was the organist providing the music for tonight.

Following is a guest listing of the people attending the opening session: Bill Sunday, President of

I.V.F.A., his wife Nickie; Vice President Swartz and his wife Theda; Convention Co-Chairman Bob Meyer and his wife Janet; Bill Bush and his wife Eula; State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell and his wife Karen; Jack and Ruth Ford; I.V.F.A.A. Miss Flame Chairwoman Lucy Stofer and her husband Gene; Don Moreau, Executive Director of the E.M.S. Commission; Ad-taker, Dale Jablonski; Mayor of Terre Haute, Pete Chalos; and I.S.P. Commander Bob McQuire. Some of the guests spoke briefly.

Also introduced was Bill Goodwin and his wife Janet, our representative of the National Volun-

teer Fire Council. President Sunday then presented a plaque to Bob Surber who is calling it quits this year after heading the games at the convention for the past 17 years.

President Sunday then received a check from the members of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Dept. for the establishment of the Benefit Fund. President Sunday then presented the members with a lifetime membership in the Association.

President Sunday then introduced all the officers in the association, after which he turned the meeting over to Auxiliary President Nickie Sunday for the intro-

ductions and awarding ceremony of the Miss Flame contest. After the Miss Flame winner was announced, the Lois Boaz award winner was also announced. After these were taken care of the meeting was turned back to President Bill Sunday for the awarding of the Mr. I.V.F.A. award. When these ceremonies were concluded, President Sunday gave the times that things were to start on Friday. The meeting then was at this time recessed until the following day at 9 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
IVAN NEVIL
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1986 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

time. It is just impossible to do some of these things unless you are retired, you just can't do it, believe me. But any way, we have had a good time as we travelled all over, met a lot of good people, we've met a lot of good departments, we have had a lot of good conversations, lots of good things happening in the fire service around the state of Indiana. We have in the association now a full time lobbyist who has spent a lot of time in the legislature in the last couple of years, especially this year. We have spent a lot of time down there working with the fire marshal's office and different organizations of fire service and professional firefighters, EMS people, the fire chiefs, the instructors association. We have met quite a few times this year and we have worked out a lot of the problems. We've got some things going for the fire service in Indiana and I think one of the greatest things we've got going so far, is every month we meet at the fire marshal's office with all of those people and we discuss legislation and anything else that might be coming up with the laws versus services. So we are working together and we are getting along together better right now than we ever have.

Okay, we have now this group that meets once a month in the fire marshal's office; we have, as you heard me mention last night, the Bridgeport Memorial Trust Fund with two \$3,000 benefits. One is if killed in the line of duty and the other would be two \$1,500 scholarships that we will start at the annual convention next year.

We have a representative who is a technical advisor of the Volunteer Firemen's Association to the Emergency Task Force of the Governor of the State. This is all new; we are putting this program together now. The Governor has appointed committees and groups to organize an understanding, including all the emergency services and the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association has the technical advisor sitting on this committee. His name is Paul Spurlin, from Wayne Township. He is going to try to be here today; if not, we will have his report later on.

Nickie and I both would like to thank everybody for all their support and all the hospitality that they have shared with us this year. We appreciate everything that everybody has done for us. We have had a very good and successful year. Thank you very much.

Vice President Swartz, will you report, please?"

Vice President Swartz: "I would like to thank all of you firefighters, friends, ladies and gentlemen, for the fine year we have had in the past year; the hospitality that has been shown to myself, the people who attended the district meetings as I traveled throughout the state, and my wife. I have realized this year that for hospitality-wise, the volunteer fire service is at the top of the list. I want you to realize how great this past year has been. You are really fantastic; you make everyone feel at home and it has been a great year as far as I am concerned. I have not driven nearly as much as the president; I have driven a total of 10,849 miles in my first year as vice-president which I thought was quite a bit.

It has been a very interesting year, I feel that the association is moving forward at a rapid pace. Again, I want to thank you for your hospitality and accommodations over the past year."

President Sunday: "Secretary Bechtel."

Secretary Doug Bechtel: "Thank you, President Sunday. At this time I would like to thank all of you who have helped me this past year in the office."

We have roughly 15,500 paid members this year. We had about 76 departments that did not pay dues this past year. These were departments that had paid dues

from approximately '82 on. Also, we have had in the neighborhood of seven new departments who have joined our association this past year and in the last few weeks we have already received dues from 2 brand new departments to add to this year's total.

If any of you are up in the area I would like to welcome you to come over to my residence to look the computer over and see what we are doing. If you find "H" on your computer readout, what that means is that person's name is on "hold" on the mailing labels only and he will not receive a newspaper because for some reason somebody didn't change an address. We do get those mailing labels back and they cost us 30¢ apiece for every mailing label that is improper.

The other day we were handed a death claim that was four years old. The widow has not received anything, and wants to know why, which proves to be very embarrassing.

Fellows, we are going to have a fantastic year. I look forward to working with you for another year. Thank you."

President Sunday: "Thank you, Doug. The Treasurer's Report — Gene Stofer."

Treasurer Gene Stofer: "Good morning ladies, gentlemen, and whatever else is in the audience today. I have a letter here, but I am not going to read it, from Rob-

ert O. Stewart, Certified Public Accountant, it says that the money that we do have is in good shape. Our current assets and cash in the bank total \$42,767.80. Cash in the bank — certificates of deposit is \$60,000, giving us a total of \$102,767.80 on hand. We have equipment in the total of \$18,829.64 which gives us a net worth of \$121,597.44. The complete financial report will appear elsewhere in the paper.

That is my treasurer's report. With permission of the president and several of the officers I am going to make a motion that for this year with the excess money that we have, we should increase the delegate fees from 10¢ to 20¢ per mile. That is a motion and I would like to hear a second to it and it takes two-thirds of the poll to do the job.

"Mr. President, Bob Esserman, District 1, seconds the motion."

President Sunday: "You are out of order. I need a motion to suspend the by-laws."

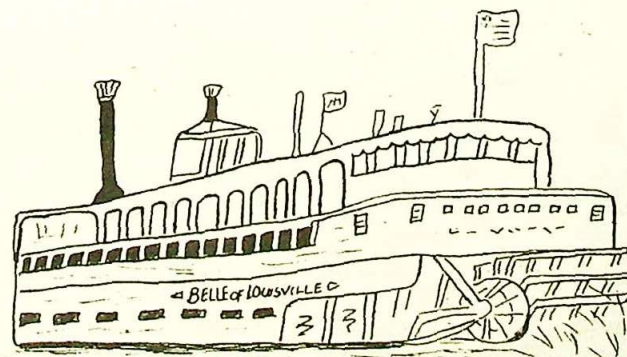
"Bob Esserman, District 1. I make the motion to suspend the rules." (The motion was seconded by an unidentified person.)

President Sunday: "All those in favor of the motion signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed: . Okay, now I will entertain a motion."

"Mr. President, Bob Esserman, District 1. I second the motion to accept the recommendation of the

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Treasurer to increase the mileage to compensate the delegates to this convention."

President Sunday: "Okay, I have the motion by Treasurer Stofer and a second by Bob Esserman to change the mileage from 10' to 20' per mile for the delegates to this convention. All those in favor of the motion of raising your mileage — we are going to give you 10' a mile more, fellows — signify by saying 'aye.' Those opposed: Carried.

"Mr. Chairman, Bill Howe, PR Northwest. I move that this body goes back to the rules of operation."

"Bob Esserman, Chairman of District 1. I second that motion."

President Sunday: "All those in favor, say 'aye'. Opposed? Carried.

Pete Lockhart: "As Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Auditing Committee, the audit committee met on June 12, 1986 and reviewed the report of Robert O. Stewart, Certified Public Accountant, the petty cash fund of the secretary, and the Treasurer's Report. As Chairman of that committee, I move that this body accept the Audit Committee's and the Treasurer's report."

President Sunday, "Ok, here is the recommendation of the committee. I will entertain a motion. Correction, Pete made the motion. I need a second."

"Mr. President, District 18, Barry Winger. I second the motion."

President Sunday: "Ok, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying 'aye'. Opposed the same. Carried."

Treasurer Stofer: "Gentlemen, I do want to thank you for the confidence of your vote."

Lucy Stofer: Introduced the Miss Flame for '86' and her court.

Sergeant-at-Arms report, Bill Bush.

Bill Bush: "I appreciate the information that I get through the mail that you need bibles, grave markers or whatever the need may be. I prefer you write, not call me. I do appreciate your support and if I can help you in any way, shape or form, just holler. Thank you."

President Sunday: "Recording Secretary Ivan Nevil."

Ivan Nevil: "Pass."

President Sunday: "Immediate Past President Carl Bruns."

Carl Bruns: "Carl Bruns passes."

President Sunday: "Okay. Thank you, Carl. Father Lantz."

Chaplain Lantz: "Well, fellows, I too have been busy. I am going to give you a quarterly report. (He then listed his many activities.) Going to these departments and knowing when they started and seeing the nice big departments and trucks — knowing as we started out 30 or 35 years ago — fellows, it's nothing but a dream come true to see the different fire departments throughout the state of Indiana. A good job and you fellows work hard."

President Sunday: "Other past presidents: All past presidents in attendance passed."

President Sunday: "Public Relations Directors." All passed.

President Sunday: "District Chairmen." All passed.

President Sunday: "Committee reports. Would the INCERT Coordinator like to come up and say a few words at this time?"

Bill Murray, INCERT: "I represent the Indiana State Police and the INCERT program of Central Indiana. It is indeed a pleasure to be representing both the State Police and also District 10 where I am a member of Markleville Volunteer Fire Department, Franklin Township, Marion County. Over

the years the volunteer fire service has provided the State Police and the communities in which they live in a tremendous service. We realize you are out there day and night providing the fire and first aid function for the community, but to assist the law enforcement community, we can only say, 'Thank you.'"

President Sunday: "Committee reports. Editor of the quarterly paper, Robert Laney and the Editor's Assistant, Bill Howe. Legislative report, Jack Ford."

Jack Ford: "Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Volunteer Fire Association, I wish to thank you for the opportunity you gave me this past year in representing you down at the State House. We got some of our bills fulfilled, I am very proud of it, and I hope you are pleased with the results as I am."

(The complete legislative report will appear elsewhere in the paper.)

President Sunday: "Okay. New member Departments — Carl Bruns."

Carl Bruns: "Pass."

President Sunday: "Convention Ads — Dale Jablonski is president of the Dale Corporation. I know Dale is here somewhere. Dale, would you like to address the group?"

Mr. Jablonski: "Good morning. It is a pleasure to be with you for the first time, and I look forward to being with you in the future. The program book, as Bill indicated, it is the first time we have done it for you. We are looking forward to doing the convention book in the future. I'll be around for the rest of the convention — just give me a holler. Thank you."

President Sunday: "Thank you, Dale. Resolutions Committee: Chairman Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "I will introduce the committee which are PR Directors. There were three resolutions presented to this committee for consideration at this meeting. They will be presented to this body as they were received by the secretary. Number 1 is concerning the date of the 1987 convention. Resolution #1: Read by Howe, THAT THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11; SATURDAY, JUNE 12; AND SUNDAY, JUNE

13, 1987.

President Sunday: "Gentlemen, you heard the resolution reading. What is your pleasure? (Some discussion from the floor followed.) I have a motion. Do I have a second? I have a motion. Do I have a second? The motion dies for lack of a second."

Chairman Howe: "The second resolution refers to changes in the blue light law. Resolution #2: Read by Howe, shall pursue an amendment to the Indiana Statutes which would allow or permit a vehicle displaying an illuminated blue light, while on an emergency call to proceed through an automatic signal or any other type of traffic control, after coming to a complete stop and after determining that the intersection is clear or that the right-of-way has been granted by all other traffic at that intersection, may then cautiously proceed through that intersection and on to the destination."

President Sunday: "What is your pleasure?"

"Mr. President, Max Poling, District 6, I make a motion that we accept this resolution to have the legislative committee plan to enact it."

President Sunday: "I have a motion to accept the resolution. Do I have a second? Do I have a second to the motion?"

"Mr. President, Mike Farnsworth, District 17B. I would like to second the motion."

President Sunday: "I have a motion and a second to accept that motion. Now. A question, sir? (A discussion followed.) All those in favor of accepting this motion signify by saying 'aye'. Opposed? Motion defeated."

Chairman Bill Howe: "Okay, the third resolution refers to having forward facing alternating flashing lights. Resolution #3: Read by Howe."

President Sunday: "You have heard the reading of the resolution and also the committee's recognition. Again, what is your pleasure?"

"Mr. President, Randy Auken, District 6, at this time I would like to make a motion that we enact the resolution to the legislative committee."

President Sunday: "Okay, I have a motion. Do I have a sec-

ond? I have a motion. Do I have a second?"

"Mr. President, Dave Guley (?), 6th District. I would like to second that one."

President Sunday: "I have a motion and I have a second to accept the resolution. All those in favor of accepting this signify by saying 'aye'. All those opposed? Let me run that one more time. All those in favor of accepting the resolution signify by saying 'aye'. All those opposed? District Chairmen, poll your districts. I have the results. We have a possible amount of votes of 285, and the yes vote was 126 and the no vote 149. The motion was defeated."

Adjourned for Memorial Service and Lunch.

Friday afternoon, June 13, 1:32 P.M. — resumed:

President Sunday: "National Volunteer Fire Council report by Bill Goodwin. (Will appear in paper.)"

Bill Goodwin: "Once again, thank you much. Thank you for your support. Any time you have any projects, call us. We'll be glad to come if we can get there. Thank you much."

President Sunday: "Thanks, Bill. Jim Parker, Public Education Committee."

Jim Parker: "This year the committee decided after reviewing the work that had been done at the State Fair and the problems we have had in the last few years in getting the education trailer commanded at the State Fair. We also discussed the traffic we had in the public ed. trailer. We thought there must be a better way for us to spend our money and probably get to a lot more people. Therefore we will not be at the State Fair. We came up with the idea, 'Let's go professional here, let's get on TV'. We are going on television, radio and newspapers across the state. We will have releases mailed around to your local newspapers several times during the year about public fire safety and education in the home. We are looking for 20 or 30 second spots similar to the Dick Van Dyke spots that you see on the matches and all that bit. The public ed. trailer is still available. Bill Windsor, East Central PR, is your con-

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Knox-Center Township Celebrates Its 75th

On August 10, 1986, the Knox-Center Township Fire Department celebrated its 75th anniversary with a hog roast and awards dinner.

Present and speaking at the ceremonies were Congressman John Hiler, Assistant State Fire Marshal Mark Riffey, IVFA Vice President Lawrence Swartz, and IVFA Chaplain Duane Lantz.

The Knox-Center Fire Depart-

ment was organized by former Indiana Governor Henry Schricker in 1911. Prior to that there was a bucket brigade in which each business owner was required to keep a bucket in his or her business. Failure to do so resulted in a \$5.00 fine.

Presently the 25 member department operates out of two stations and with 10 pieces of equipment.



William Fennema of the Knox-Center Fire Department is shown with the plaque he received commemorating his 30 years of volunteer service. Mr. Fennema retired from the fire service as of Sept. 1, 1986. Pictured with him are Duane Lantz, Mark Riffey and Lawrence Swartz.

Feet to the Fire —

The president of the Professional Firefighters of Indiana says it is unfortunate a lawsuit was filed about a fire that destroyed a half block of downtown Anderson commercial buildings while striking firemen looked on.

He does not have that quite right. And other public employees, including teachers, might want to observe this proceeding. Indiana public employees have no legal right to strike.

It is unfortunate there was a fire. It is unfortunate the people with the job of fighting fires did not fight it. It is especially sad if the fire fighters were given to understand that they would have no liability for any fire catastrophe which might occur during their unlawful strike.

But it is the nature of law in the United States and this state that if someone suffers a great fire loss while equipment to fight the fire sits idle and equipment from elsewhere is blocked, as is alleged, then a search for responsibility can be expected in the courts.

So the owners of the five buildings destroyed in the 1978 fire sued the city of Anderson, the Anderson Firefighters Association, Local 1262, Professional Firefighters of Indiana, and the International Association of Firefighters.

A Grant Superior Court judge dismissed the case before it went to trial. Now that ruling has been reversed by a unanimous decision of three judges on the Indiana Court of Appeals. The appeals court ruled that the firefighters and their local, state and national groups must defend against the damage claims. The city properly was dropped as a defendant.

The court pointed out that the plaintiffs claimed the firefighters not only were on the scene, but failed to "perform their duty" and acted to prevent others from fighting the fire.

Thomas H. Miller, the president of the state firefighters, said the Anderson situation would not have happened if Indiana had a public employees bargaining law

with strong no-strike and arbitration sections. Well, Indiana has a teacher bargaining law, with arbitration, and a strike ban. But teachers still strike in many Indiana communities.

Note, though that such strikes are unlawful. Do they damage a child denied education for a week? How about five weeks? Do teachers under individual contract have a duty to perform? Eventually someone will take these issues to court. Teachers who flout the law in their own interest can hardly expect children to respect them or the law.

Granted, the peril of fire is more dramatic and unquestionable — in fact it is one of the reasons firefighters are so widely admired. Yet public duty is special duty, and it never will be wise for Indiana law to view them as if they were but private contractual matters, whether the workers are in classrooms, in police cars or at prison doorways.

Indianapolis Star, 10-5-86

What is the Federation of World Volunteer Firefighters Association?

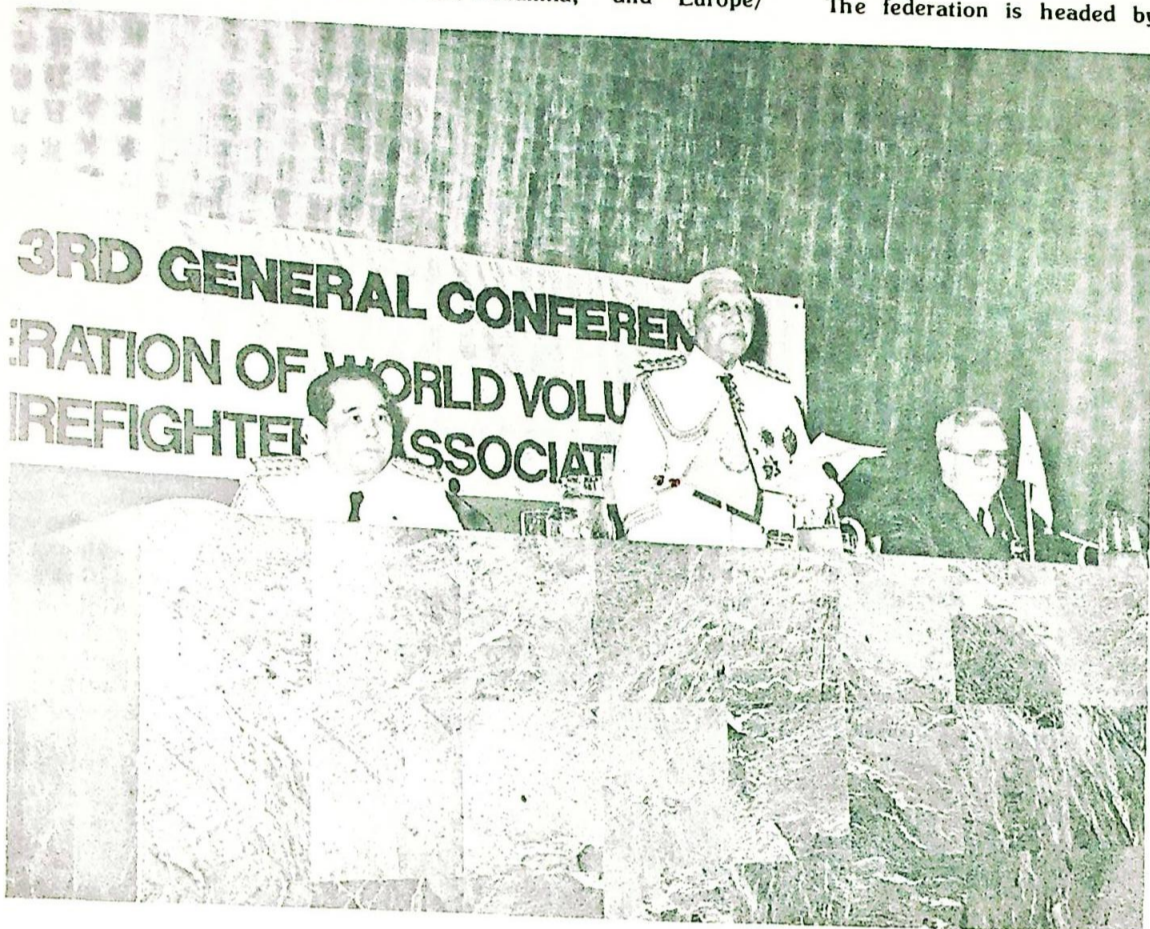
The Federation of World Volunteer Firefighters Association is a non-governmental organization of the United Nations established in December of 1982, to contribute to the development of the world's fire service and for the promotion

of international relationships.

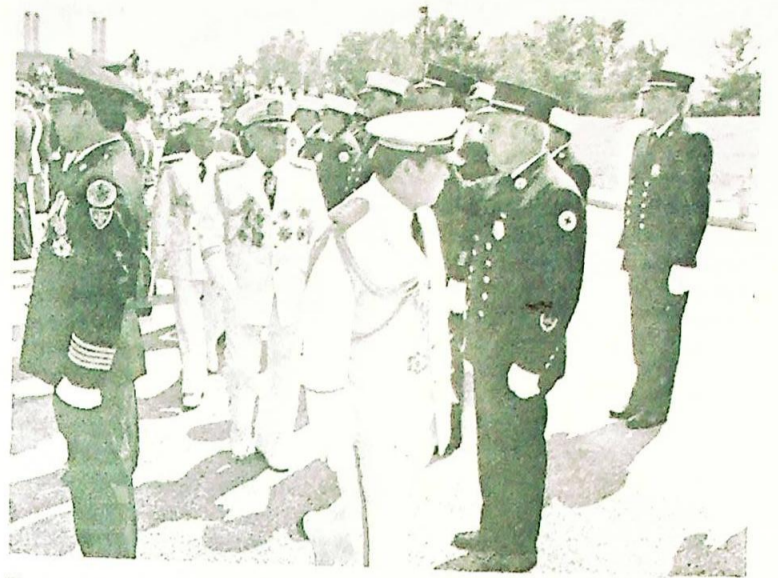
The federation has held three general conferences, two in Tokyo and the one in New York in September of 1986. The federation is comprised of 3 blocks; American, Asia/Oceania, and Europe/

Africa. It has held three regional meetings in Seattle, Bankok, and Milan. Future regional meetings will be held in China in 1987, Great Britain in 1988, and Chile in 1989.

The federation is headed by



Left to Right: Masaaki Tokuda, Japan, Secretary General; Ryoichi Sasakawa, Chairman; E. James Monihan, Chairman, National Volunteer Fire Council, Third General Conference, Federation of World Volunteer Firefighters Association, New York City, September 5-6-7, 1986.



Foreground, Masaaki Tokuda, Secretary General; center, Ryoichi Sasakawa, Chairman Federation of World Volunteer Firefighters Association, New York, September 5-6-7, 1986. Sasakawa, center, inspects delegates at Review New York City Training Center, Saturday, Sept. 5, 1986.

Ryoichi Sasakawa of Japan. Sasakawa has endowed the federation through the United Nations to insure its permanent continuance, he has led the worldwide effort in eliminating smallpox and has led efforts to eliminate hunger in the developing nations of the world. In January 1981 he was the first non-American to receive the Martin

Luther King Peace Prize given those who have made outstanding contributions to world peace.

Masaaki Tokuda serves as Secretary General, he is the Managing Director of Japan's Firemens Association.

The Federation is comprised of memberships from 74 countries.

Report by Bill Goodwin on the 3rd General Conference of F.W.V.F.A.

The third general conference of the Federation of World Volunteer Firefighters Association was held in New York City on September 5-6-7, 1986. Attending from Indiana was, Billy Sunday, President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association; Bill Goodwin, delegate to the National Volunteer First Council from Indiana, and Jim Parker, alternate delegate. Nicky Sunday, Janet Goodwin, and Barb Parker accompanied their husbands and attended the various meetings and functions.

Friday morning was taken up with committee meetings held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Friday afternoon the Board of Directors held their meeting at the Waldorf. Friday evening a get acquainted reception was held in the New York Penta Hotel. The majority of

the delegates and guests were housed at the New York Penta. This was a delightful affair with all of the pomp and ceremony, bowing and salutes expected at an affair with the Japanese.

Sunday, Goodwin and Parker were all presented to Chairman Sasakawa in a very formal manner at which time they presented him with a clock in the shape of Indiana and the face contained the IVFA seal. Also a key to the city was presented on behalf of Mayor Lett of Angola, Goodwin's hometown. The clock was made by volunteer firefighter Cal Shackel of Mount Comfort.

On Saturday morning the officers, delegates, and guests were transported by bus to the New York Fire Training Academy. *Continued on Page 12*



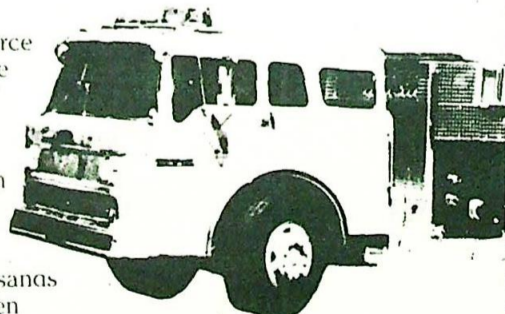
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Chairman Sasakawa reviewed the uniformed delegates and an exchange of flags and pictures between the city of New York Fire Department, the New York Firemen's Association, and the Japanese took place. Music was furnished by the New York City Fire Department Band, and the flags of the 74 countries were on display.

The group then boarded the busses for the trip to the United Nations Building for the general conference meeting which was held in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations Building.

The thrill of standing at the main podium where you see the President of the United States speak, taking your seat at one of the desks, just the opportunity to walk onto the floor of the General Assembly, is more than a small town Hoosier volunteer firefighter should ever dream of, especially an old one like me. As you sat there with the ear phone on, the talks being translated in six different languages, associated with Volunteer Firefighters from 72 countries it has to make President Sunday, Jim Parker, all of our wives, and myself very proud and humble to be representing the Indiana Volunteer Firemen.

Sasakawa, Tokuda, James Monihan, Chairman of National Volunteer Fire Council, and Hans Einhaus, Deputy and Director to the under Secretary General Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, all addressed the General Council on Saturday afternoon.

Each of the countries and their delegates were introduced and recognized. The World Federation presented plaques to each of the countries that were presented to various individuals to bring the Saturday afternoon General Conference to a close.

On Saturday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. a reception was held in the United Nations Building for the delegates, guests, and UN representatives. It was complete with all of the bowing, saluting, handshaking, backslapping and pomp and ceremony you could ever see in the finest Hollywood production.

They served everything from Bud light to the finest imported brands. Also delicious raw salmon to the rarest prime roast beef. All I could say was "gosh, we ain't never seen nuthin' like this down on the farm in Indiana, hell, not even in Angola."

Sunday morning various sub-committees held meetings, and in the afternoon a collective meeting of the delegates from the various countries represented was held at the New York Penta Hotel. At this meeting Ryoichi Sasakawa was re-elected Chairman and Masaaki Tokuda was re-elected Secretary General of the World Federation.

A discussion was held, and the recommendation of the Board of Directors was approved for sites of the next three regional meetings and the country for the next General Meeting.

A lengthy debate on reporting and decimating technical information concerning major disasters, hazardous material incidents and fires was held. A committee representing various countries is working on this. A report was made on the progress being made on Freight Free movement of donated fire equipment to Third World Countries. The meeting was adjourned with the report of the Secretary General.

It was a very informative meeting, finding that most places in the world have money problems along with manpower recruitment and retainment.

Most of the countries wore dress

uniforms. The United States delegation were very outstanding in blue blazers, gray slacks, white shirts and red, white and blue ties.

I am sure that I speak for Billy and Jim when I say we came away from the meeting having a better understanding of other countries' problems, some misunderstandings, and mistrusts that have grown over the years.

We found that the volunteer fire service protects more of the world

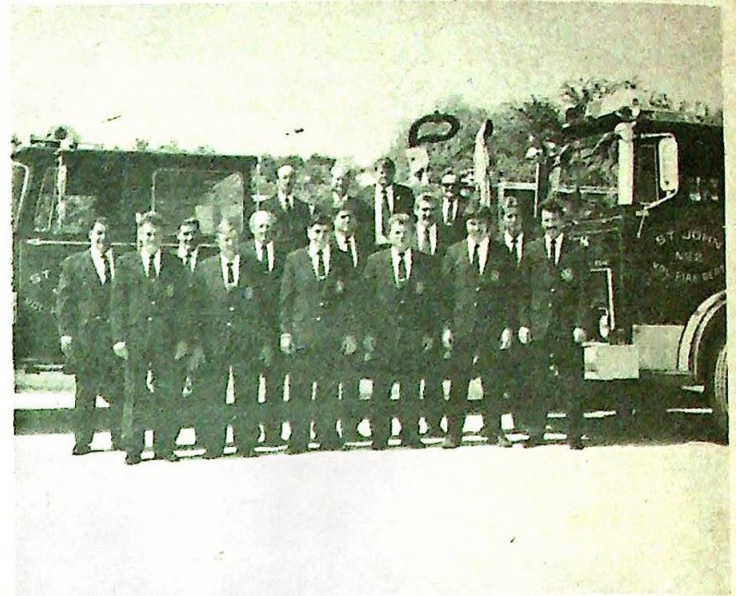
than we ever imagined, even New York City has over 10 volunteer fire companies.

Most of all, it was a great experience for three auxiliary members and three volunteer firefighters from Indiana, but even greater, how proud we were to represent the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at this great world meeting, knowing with the dedication of volunteers working together, brightens that glimmer of hope for WORLD PEACE.



Jim Parker, Alternate Delegate; Bill Goodwin, Delegate to National Volunteer Fire Council; Billy Sunday, President IVFA. Standing at main podium United Nation General Assembly Hall, September 6, 1986.

St. John Fire Dept.

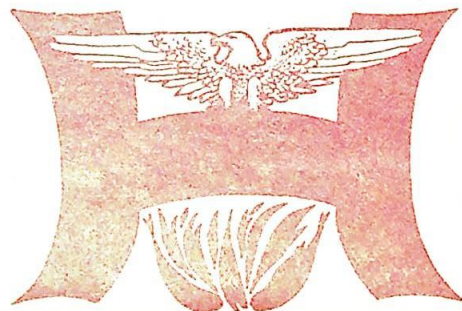


The yearly department picture of the St. John Fire Department was taken in 1986. The members are identified as follows:

First Row (left to right): Gerald Spohn, Assistant Chief Clarence "Pete" Monix, Anthony Casboni, John Stabler, Pat McKeague and Lieutenant Dennis Wilson.

Second Row (left to right): Mathew Casboni, Vincent Casboni, Captain Samuel DeYoung, Captain John Geary, Richard Spring and Ron Simpson.

Third Row (left to right): James Kovanic, Robert Davis, Lieutenant James Guess and Lieutenant James Wozniowski.



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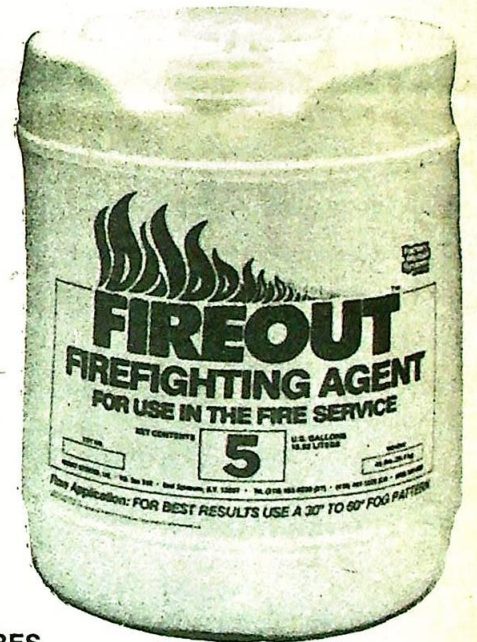
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 9B

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:30 p.m., at the Brook Fire Station on July 10, 1986. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

There were 4 guests present. Total firemen present 36, with 49 fires among the 11 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Items discussed: 1986 I.V.F.A. Convention, 1987 I.V.F.A. Convention, 1988 I.V.F.A. Convention, Bridgeport Memorial Fund, Federal Death Benefit requirements (ortopecy, blood test, and toxicology test).

Award winners: Mr. I.V.F.A., Bill Goodwin; Ollie Sandburg award, Wilbur Gillmyer; District 9-B Midwest award, Mitch Parish. Other items discussed: Haz./Mat. Task Force, Haz./Mat. School July 19 and 20, 1986 at the Marriott in Indianapolis, District Fire Schools, Instructor's Course in Highland. News for the paper to be in by Sept. 20.

District 9-B election of officers - re-elected same officers from previous year. Chairman, Mitch Parish; Secretary-Treasurer, Dennis Risner; Chaplain, Keith Getz.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were: Bob Peck, Rensselaer; Clyde Conrad, Brook; Clid Martin, Brook. Haz./Mat. book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Jerry Carlson of Kentland.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to send \$25.00 to the Cooney Tucker Fund in memory of his wife.

Next meeting is at the Brookston Fire Station Sept. 11, 1986. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:20 p.m. at the Brookston Fire Station on Sept. 11, 1986. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

There were six guests present. Total firemen present 55 with 170 fire runs among the 15 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Fire schools discussed: Dist. 1 and 2 Fire School - Sept. 20, 6-hour class on Law, Records, and Communication. Instructors Course - Oct. 4, 5, 11, 12, 30-hour class in Highland. Fire Service Manage Course - Sept. 20-Oct. 12, 60-hour in Monticello. Richmond Fire Conference-Oct.

18-19. State Fire School-South-Sept. 13-14, in New Albany. State Fire School-North-Sept in Fort Wayne.

Other items discussed: Miss Flame Contestant qualifications, Fema Videoconference Schedule for 1986-87. Loretta Howard Boat Ride at New Albany, I.V.F.A. Computer Form, Dale Corp. and the 1987 Convention Book, Municipal plates on department owned vehicles, Insurance Institute and billing for runs, possible training toward certification at N.I.P.S.C.O. in Wheatfield to be discussed at District 1 and 2 meeting in Wheatfield on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m., need for letters to committee for Mr. I.V.F.A. 1987, possibility of E.M.S. joining the fire service, possibility of a State Fire Academy, updating the plaque for firemen and policemen killed in the line of duty. News for paper to be in by Sept. 20, testing of ladders by Underwriters Laboratory, I.A.A.I. meeting Sept. 20 at Fire Marshal's Office.

Two committees were formed: District 9-B Midwest Award Nominating Committee - Don Parish, Mitch Parish, Don Lah.

District 9-B Ollie Sandburg Nominating Committee - Dave Warren, Bob Crone, Larry Smith.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were Ralph Roe, Wolcott; Lawrence Swartz, Rensselaer; Mike Hill, Chalmers. Lawrence Swartz donated his winnings to the Cooney Tucker Fund. Haz./Mat. Book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Kevin Ham of Wolcott.

Host department showed a Haz./Mat. VCR tape titled "First on the Scene."

Next meeting is at Buffalo Fire Station on Nov. 13, 1986.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Dennis Risner Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 10

Sept. 30, 1986

Firefighters from I.V.F.A. District #10 have met three times since our last paper. Attendance has been down a bit with many firefighters participating in summer activities, but those attending our meetings have enjoyed good food, training and fellowship.

Our July meeting was on the 16th at Elizabeth town with 38 firefighters from 13 departments



For the third year in a row the Clay Township Fire Department of Bartholomew County wins the District 10 attendance award.



Columbus Township Fire Department was the runner-up for the 1986 District 10 attendance award.



Former District 10 chairman Steve Macy is presented the 1986 Midwest award by the former winner Jim Schneider and District 10 Secretary Joyce Cookson.

with 527 runs for the last months answering secretary Joyce Cookson first roll call. I.V.F.A. President Bill Sunday, former state president Bill Goodwin and Jim Parker, salesman John Maudlin of Midwest, and Earl Chastine of Donley were guests for the evening.

Warren Township Training Officer Don Abbot gave the evening's training on Has-Mat transporting. Thanks to the E-Town firefighters for their hospitality.

District #10 Firefighters were welcomed to the Letts Fire Department on August 20. Fifty-nine firefighters from 21 departments reporting 84 emergency runs for the previous month. East Central P.R. man, man, Bill Windsor; former I.V.F.A. Presidents, Jim Parker and Norm Crocker; salesmen, Jim Gilmore and John Maudlin were all honored guests.

Training for the evening was taken care of by Letts Chief Ray Bentley. A program on tanker shuttle and dump tanks was received by everyone. The Letts firefighters are to be commended for the great food served at the meeting and the recent remodeling just completed at their station.

Our September meeting was on the 17th at the Jonesville Department in Bartholomew County with 36 firefighters from 13 departments and reporting 79 emergency runs for the previous month. Guests for the evening were former I.V.F.A. President Jim Parker, Salesman John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety, Earl Chastine of Donley and Barb Spurling of the Wayne Township Fire Department who provided the evening's training on Juvenile Fire Setters.

Thanks to our friends at Jonesville for once again making us welcome. I hope to see more of you at our District meetings.

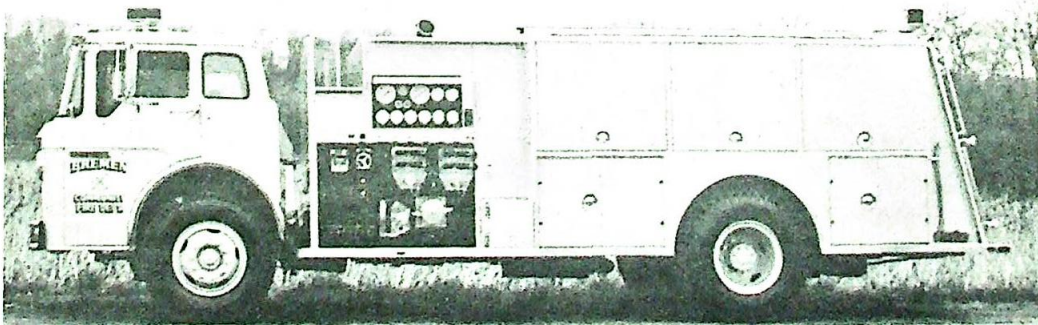
Best wishes, Bruce Neal

DISTRICT 11A

Well help again, summer is over and soon it will be time to fire up the old furnaces and wood burners. To most of us it means increases in fire runs and more danger to us and the people we are trying to protect. Please be careful.

Our district 11A meeting and picnic was held on September 20
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at Dobbs Park in Terre Haute. A good time was had by all. We held our election for district officers. This year's officers are: Chairman, Larry Biggs; Vice Chairman, Bob Meyers; Secretary, Clyde Gottsche; Sergeant-at-Arms, Bob Hays, and Chaplain, Pete King.

District 11 A will hold the November meeting and Miss Flame contest on the 15th, 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Operating Engineers Hall on U.S. 41 just south of Terre Haute. Sue and I would like to see a contestant from each department.

If there's anything I can do for you or your department, just call. LARRY BIGGS
Chairman

DISTRICT 12

Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson at 7:30 p.m. The opening prayer given by our Chaplain, James Bruner. Pledge to the flag led by Sgt. at Arms, Posie Johnson, with 30 members representing 10 departments present.

First Roll Call.

Introduction of guests: our West Central Public Relations Director, Toddy Michl, Helen Michl, Bob and Jo Ann Hays from the Terre Haute District and Gene Stofer, our State Treasurer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and were approved.

Treasurer Report given and was accepted.

Communication gave no report. There was no Old Business.

New Business - Election of our new district 12 officers for the year 1986-87 are now in order. Chairman Johnson, appointed P.R.W.C. Toddy Michl to take charge of this business. Nominations are now opened for District Chairman. Don Johnson's name was presented. There being no other name, Secretary Bogden cast one unanimous vote for Chairman Johnson.

Vice President - James Bruner's name was presented. There being no other names, Secretary Bogden cast one unanimous vote for Bruner.

Sgt. at Arms - Bob Sutton's name was presented. There being no other names, Secretary Bogden cast one unanimous vote

for Sutton.

Sec. and Treas. - Charles Bogden's name was presented. There being no other names, Chairman Johnson cast one unanimous vote for Charles Bogden. This concluded our annual elections.

Bogden will begin his 32nd year as district secretary.

Jack Winkler, from Wayne Twp. #2 asked about the guidelines regarding the Bridgeport V.F.D. Memorial Trust. A \$3,000 financial aid to beneficiaries of volunteer firemen killed in the line of duty. Also the eligibility for this program includes continuous membership in I.V.F.A. for three years. He was told this program will take effect following our 1986 annual convention.

Second Roll Call.

Toddy Michl was asked to say a few words. He stated that our 12th district mid west award was won by Rosie Johnson. He also stated the Farm Bureau award has been dropped from the awards program.

Toddy also read through the rules and regulations regarding Ollie Sandberg Award. He prefers that the rank and file be nominated not the state officers.

There will soon be changes for

the next convention regarding games, registration and parade. Terre Haute Committee will be getting together with the Jeffersonville Convention committee of 1987.

Gene Stofer gave a report to Revenue Sharing and liability insurance and stated to the members present that they should ask their trustee how much insurance their department is covered for.

Al Mendel from Bridgeport Vol. Fire Department, co-chairman of our games, was very disappointed regarding our games during the annual convention. Not very many departments are participating. There were also several pros and cons regarding filing deadlines.

A training film titled "Arson Most Costly Crime - #607" was shown to members present.

Refreshments were served by the host department. Host Department Auxiliary and the firemen and firefighter members were introduced.

Good for the order - none.

Next 12th District meeting will be held on September 15th at Clayton Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bogden, Secretary

DISTRICT 14

District Raised \$115,715.85

Volunteer Fire Departments throughout I.V.F.A. District 14 participated in the raising of funds for the handicapped children in southern Indiana, in conjunction with WHAS-TV's Crusade for Children.

Holding dances, fish fries, bean and chili suppers, conducting road blocks and other fund raising activities during the entire year, 14th District Departments raised \$115,715.85.

Roy Richardson, Underwood, is in charge of providing firefighters and auxiliary members from southern Indiana to work at the TV station during crusade weekend. As always Roy did a fine job.

On Sunday of the crusade, the departments in southern Indiana and Kentucky appeared on TV reporting their totals and to give recognition to the people and businesses in their areas that donated and helped with the crusade in any manner.

Totals as follows were recorded by the Crusade for Children:

McCulloch	\$30,789.00
Sellersburg	19,287.00
Charlestown	16,676.00
Madison	8,021.00
Monroe Twp.	7,884.00
New Washington	6,728.00
Jennings Twp.	5,299.00
Scottsburg/Vienna	4,872.00
Johnson Twp.	3,416.00
Utica Twp.	2,524.00
Crothersville	2,407.00
Underwood	2,323.00
Bordon/Wood Twp.	1,825.00
Lexington	1,611.00
Nabb	925.00
Gibson Twp.	572.00
Medora	418.00
Finley Twp.	365.00
Kent	87.85
Hanover	15.00

Thomas E. Sellmer,
Dist. 14 Chairman

Jackson County Announces Dates For Fire Training

Jackson County Fire Chief's Association has announced class dates for the third annual Jackson County Fire Training Academy.

Sessions for Second Class Certification will begin on November 18 at Hamilton Township Fire Department, Cortland, IN at 7:00 p.m.

Owen Township Fire Department, Kurtz will host First Class Training beginning on January 8, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.

Master of Tactics hours are slated to start on January 10, 1987 at Brownstown Fire Department, Brownstown, IN at 8:00 a.m.

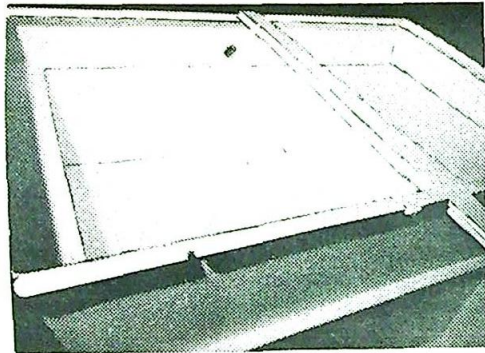
"We are very well pleased with the success of our academy," commented Association President Richard Blaker. "All interested firefighters are welcome to join our student body this year. We are committed to providing the best possible training for the least expense to the student."

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tact for either of these trailers. They are available and guys, you should be using them. Thank you."

President Sunday: "Thank you, Jim. Fire schools and training, Lawrence Swartz."

Vice President Swartz: "There was \$4,940 expended for training by the association for its firefighters. If you are sponsoring a school or you have one in the making, get the date and the subjects, if you will, and the location to the Indiana State Fire Marshal. He is now making a monthly mailing and he will be more than happy to include any schools you are proposing to hold on his mailing list. Give us some ideas for '86-87' and we'll get the programs going, fellows. Thank you, Bill, very much."

President Sunday: "The Nominating Committee, please."

Chairman Willie Parish: "The Election Committee consisted of Bruce Neal, Bob Esserman, Rob Sabie, Mike Brooks and myself. This year for 1986-87 the Nominating Committee nominates as President, Billy Sunday. At this time I will open the floor for nominations for President of IVFA. Do we have any nominations from the floor? (This was asked three times.) Motion made and seconded that nominations be closed. Nominations are now closed. At this time I will call on Doug Bechtel, Secretary, to cast one unanimous vote for Billy Sunday as President of the IVFA."

Secretary Bechtel: "Thank you, Willie. At this time, as Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Billy J. Sunday, Farmland Fire Department, as president for the year 1986-87."

Nomination Committee: "For the office of Vice President, the candidate is Lawrence Swartz. Are there any other nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association? (This was asked three times.) I ask Secre-

tary Doug Bechtel to cast one unanimous ballot for the office of Vice President."

Secretary Bechtel: "Thank you. As secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Lawrence Swartz for the Vice President's job for the year 1986-87."

Nomination Committee: "For secretary we have Doug Bechtel; for recording secretary, Ivan Nevil; Chaplain, Duane Lantz; and treasurer, Harold Stofer; sergeant-at-arms, Bill Bush; Northwest, Bill Howe; Southeast, Roy Richardson; East Central, Bill Windsor; West Central, Toddy Michl; Southwest, Carl Davis; Northeast, Bill Kensey. I will turn it back over to President Sunday."

President Sunday: "Okay, you heard the Nominating Committee's report. The first one was the secretary. Do I have any other nominations for secretary? (This was asked 3 times.) As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I will cast one unanimous ballot for Douglas Bechtel, Concord Township Fire Department, secretary for 1986-87."

"For Recording Secretary the Committee has Ivan Nevil. Are there any other nominations for recording secretary? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot?"

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to take this time to cast one unanimous ballot for Ivan Nevil for recording secretary for the year 1986-87."

President Sunday: "The next one is Chaplain. Duane Lantz is the Nominating Committee's name. Are there any other nominations? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot?"

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, again I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for one of the world's finest chap-

lains anywhere in the state or anywhere in the world, Father Lantz or need I say Duane Lantz as our Chaplain for the year 1986-87, '88 and forever."

President Sunday: "Treasurer. Harold Stofer is the Nomination Committee's name. Are there any other nominations? (This was asked 3 times.) Would the secretary cast a unanimous ballot?"

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I guess I will have to cast one unanimous ballot for one of the largest men around the state, Harold 'Gene' Stofer, for the year 1986-87."

President Sunday: "Sergeant-at-Arms. The Nominating Committee has entered Bill Bush. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary."

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Sergeant-at Arms for the year 1986-87, Bill Bush."

President Sunday: "Northwest. Public Relations Director. The name of Bill Howe has been put in by the Nominating Committee. Are there any other nominations for Northwest PR? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary."

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Howe as Northwest PR for the year 1986-87."

President Sunday: "Southeast. Roy Richardson, from the Nominating Committee. Any other nominations for Southeast PR? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary."

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Southeast PR, Roy Richardson, for the year 1986-87."

President Sunday: "West Central. Let's do East Central first. Bill Windsor is the Nominating Committee's name. Are there any other nominations for East Central PR? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary."

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Windsor for East Central PR for the year 1986-87."

President Sunday: "West Central. The Nominating Committee has Toddy Michl. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary."

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for West Central PR for the year 1986-87, Toddy Michl."

President Sunday: "Southwest. Carl Davis. The Committee has Carl Davis. Are there any other nominations for Southwest PR? (This was asked 3 times.) Mr. Secretary."

Secretary Bechtel: "As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Southwest PR for the year 1986-87, Carl Davis."

President Sunday: "Northeast. The Nominating Committee has Bill Kinsey. Are there any other nominations for Northeast PR? (This was asked 3 times.)"

"Mort Sorg, District 7. I would like to nominate Ralph Bechtel."

President Sunday: "We have a nomination of Ralph Bechtel on the floor. Is Ralph here? Are there any other nominations from the floor for the Northeast Public Relations Director? The Northeast Public Relations area will be the only area to vote. You District Chairmen of the Northeast PR will have to poll your districts — 4, 5, 6, and 7. Bob Surber, would you like to report, on the Games Committee?"

Bob Surber: "The drawings have been done. We had our drawing last night; they are posted out in the hall there if anybody wants to see it. Our teams are way down now. Five or six years ago we used to have as high as fifteen. I'd like to acknowledge the rest of my committee, Al Mendel and Steve Mason. Thank you."

President Sunday: "Safety Committee Report, Bob Esserman."

Bob Esserman: "Thank you, Mr. President. I think we should take a strong look at the safety of the firefighter on the apparatus. Go back to your fire departments; if you do not have safety bars in your jump seat areas on your apparatus, better see about getting them, fellows. Might save you some serious problems or serious losses. Thank you, Bill."

President Sunday: "The 1987 Convention, District 14, Clarksville. We have Bob Masters."

Bob Masters: "I am Bob Masters, co-chairman of the '87 Convention. We are pretty well along with it. We have the Belle of Louisville all ready. You will have to reserve your ride on the Belle ahead of time. We can only put 800 people on it and this counts the bartenders and bands. We are going to have it in the same area we did have; the only difference is the motel changed names."

President Sunday: "I am going to release the committees that are standing, sitting, or whatever. Roll Call and Election Committee is released. The results of the election for Public Relations Northeast is Bill Kinsey."

Is there any other old business?
Is there any new business.

"Mr. President, John Ferro, District 4. We would like to have the Games Committee look into the next year the waterball team double elimination. Double elimination could encourage more people to take part."

President Sunday: "Thank you, John, for your suggestion. Tom?"

"Tom Sellmer, District 14. That is a good idea you've got there. We are proposing next year the possibility of having a novice division with first, second, possibly third place trophies."

President Sunday: "Convention bids, 1988."

"Rob Sabie, District 3. We are going to bid for the 1988 Convention. We have a letter from Mr. Ernie Jett: (The letter was read.) Let me introduce the LaPorte County Director of the Convention Bureau, Mr. Ernie Jett."

Mr. Jett: "Thank you very much. I have a letter from our mayor of Michigan City, Mayor Clifford Arnold. (The letter was read.)"

President Sunday: "Are there any other bids for Convention '88?" (A letter from the Allen Co. Firefighters was read.)

President Sunday: "Thank you. Are there any other bids for Convention '88? Are there any other bids for Convention '88? We are going to do this by voice vote as normal. All those in favor of Convention '88 being in District 3, Michigan City, signify by saying 'aye'. All those in favor of Convention '88 being in Allen County, Fort Wayne, District 6, signify by saying 'aye'. The 1988 Convention bid winners will be District 3, Michigan City."

Anything for the good of the order?"

Bill Howe: "Mr. President, I would like to say a couple of words about pre-registration for this convention. Every year we leave the people hosting this convention with one hell of a bill. That is, the banquet. If you people would send in your pre-registration, besides saving \$2.00, it would save them one hell of a headache."

President Sunday: "Any other comments?"

"Jerry Sorg, District 7. Commented on the Cooney Tucker Benefit at Poe, on July 14, 1986."

President Sunday: "We are about ready to close this thing off. Anything else for the good of the order?"

Jim Parker: "Mr. President, I make a motion we adjourn this annual meeting."

President Sunday: "You are out of order, sir. I am not ready to adjourn yet. Okay, gentlemen. It is 3:00; this is the hour I was shooting for. I would like to have Father Lantz come forward to close us with prayer, and then I will enter-

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State Group Honors Firefighter Known as 'Cider Man'

By SALLY SCHLATTER
Neighbors Correspondent

In his 33 years as a volunteer fireman with the Grabill Fire Department, Urcyl Dever, 78, has received many awards.

This summer he got another one: the 6th District Fireman of the Year Award from the Midwest Fire and Safety Co. of Indianapolis. It is given each year to one member from each of the 24 districts in the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association who puts forth more than is required and promotes fire service for his community.

Dever, 13025 Elsworth St., Cedarville, also received Fireman of the Year for Allen County Firefighters Association in 1978. He was named fireman of the year in 1973 by the Grabill Chamber of Commerce, and he served as treasurer of the ACFFA from 1959 to 1985. He is also a board member of the Grabill Fire Department and has participated in the Waterball and Bucket Brigade teams of the department.

Dever was born in Sadorus, Ill., near Champaign, Ill., and moved to the Cedarville area in 1949. He's an elder and adult Sunday school teacher at Cedarville Community Church. He's been asso-

ciated with the Boy Scouts since 1950, is an Explorer Post adviser, a Silver Beaver award winner and Order of the Arrow member.

His wife, Verda, died three years ago. A heart attack last spring has slowed him some, said his daughter, Marilyn, 1116 Jones St., Fort Wayne. But he sells produce from his home every summer.

"People call him the 'cider man'," she said.

The News-Sentinel

JOB WELL DONE

In April 1984 at the monthly meeting, the Monon Volunteer Fire Department decided their old van, which was used on every fire run, did not have the capability they needed. They felt a four wheel drive mini-pumper would better meet their needs; with better capability of pumping and hauling water and driving off the road and through Indiana winter conditions.

With this in mind, the department went to work. \$20,000 was borrowed to get the basic truck, and the department built from there. The town and township were canvassed for donations; other money raisers were fish fries and pancake breakfasts. In a little over two years Squad 8 was completely outfitted and paid for at a total cost of \$40,000. It has now been donated to the town.

Thanks to all for their donations, work, thoughts, and time and energy for helping complete this project with no added tax burden.

Robert Crone
Monon Vol. Fire Dept.
Monon, Ind. 47959



Pictured above is Monon Vol. Fire Dept.'s Squad 8. It is a 1984 G.M.C. one ton 4X4 truck, PTO pump 250 GPM, 150 gal. tank cap., portable generator Keligon lights, level 1 rescue equipment.

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tain a motion."

Father Lantz: "Have you had a good convention so far, fellows? Shall we pray.

Our Heavenly Father, we come to the end of a work day, and ask thy blessings through the end of this convention. Bless the firemen as they continue their duties. Watch over us that we may have a safe return home to pick up our duties again. We thank you, dear Lord. Amen."

President Sunday: "Jim Parker."

"Mr. President, I move we adjourn this meeting. Bill Howe, PR Northwest.

"Bob Esserman, District 1. I second the motion.

President Sunday: "All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'. Opposed? The 40th Annual meeting is officially adjourned."

Digest Committee
President Sunday
Vice President Swartz
Secretary Bechtel
Recording Secretary Nevil

1986 IVFA CONVENTION Friday Night Banquet June 13th

The banquet was held in the Hulman Civic Center at 6:30 P.M. The menu consisted of Prime Rib, baked potato, lettuce salad, green beans, lemon cheese dessert and drinks. During the meal the Zorro Shine Banjo unit provided the music. After the meal, Auxiliary Chaplain Betty Sellmer, returned the blessing for the meal.

President Sunday introduced the President of the I.V.F.A.A. Nickie Sunday, who is also his wife; V.P. Swartz and his wife, Theda and the convention co-chairmen and their wives; Bill and Eula Bush and Bob and Janet Myers. Also the State Representative and Senators in attendance

were introduced as were our legislative lobbyist Jack Ford and his wife, Ruth.

Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell and his wife, Karen, were then introduced; after which Marshal Bosell on behalf of Governor Orr, presented a Sagamore of the Wabash certificate to Bert Ketchum of Odon.

Bob Myers at this time introduced the Mayor of Terre Haute, Pete Chalos, for a short speech.

Mr. I.V.F.A. for 1986, William Goodwin was introduced by President Sunday.

V.P. Swartz introduced James Tartar of Farm Bureau Insurance for the presentation of the Farm Bureau awards: 1st - Cicero Hamilton County; 2nd - North Judson Wayne Township; 3rd - Pershing Township. The Midwest awards were given to the District Chairman to be given at their discretion. The Ollie Sandberg award's winning letter was read. The recipient was Wilbert "Ship" Gallmeyer from Poe in Allen County. The award was presented by Ollie's son Brad.

I.V.F.A.A. President Nickie Sunday introduced the winner of the Lois Boaz award and Miss Flame for 1986 and her court. She then introduced the new auxiliary officers for the coming year.

President Bill Sunday introduced the officers for the men for the next year and they were given the oath of office by Marshal Goodwin.

The President's award, made possible by Bill and Janet Goodwin, was presented by President Sunday to Jack Ford.

Closing comments were given by President Sunday and the awarding of several prizes, including a new Dodge pick-up (it went to Florida) were then held. After which the banquet was adjourned until Clarksville in 1987.

Respectfully submitted,
IVAN NEVIL
Recording Secretary.

Schererville F.D. Hosts Softball Tournament

The Schererville Fire Department hosted the Second Annual Northwest Indiana Fireman's Invitational Softball Tournament at the Omni Sports Complex in Schererville on the 6th and 7th of September, 1986.

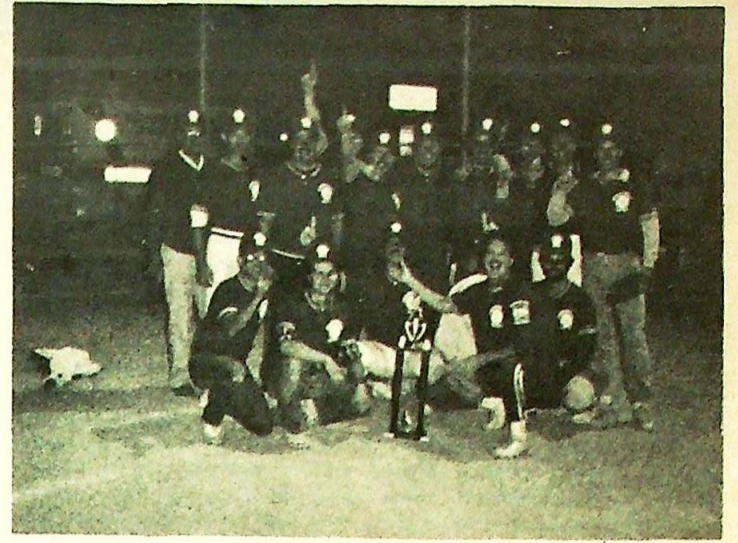
This year the tournament consisted of eight teams from Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties. The teams were Chesterton, Dyer, Highland, Independence Hill, Kingsford-Union, Koontz Lake and Schererville, with the last team being from Lake Hills who unfortunately had to pull out because of some unforeseen circumstances.

The tournament this year was very competitive with some well coached ball clubs. The final results were as follows with trophies being awarded to Kingsford-Union, 3rd place; Chesterton, 2nd place, and the winner Schererville.

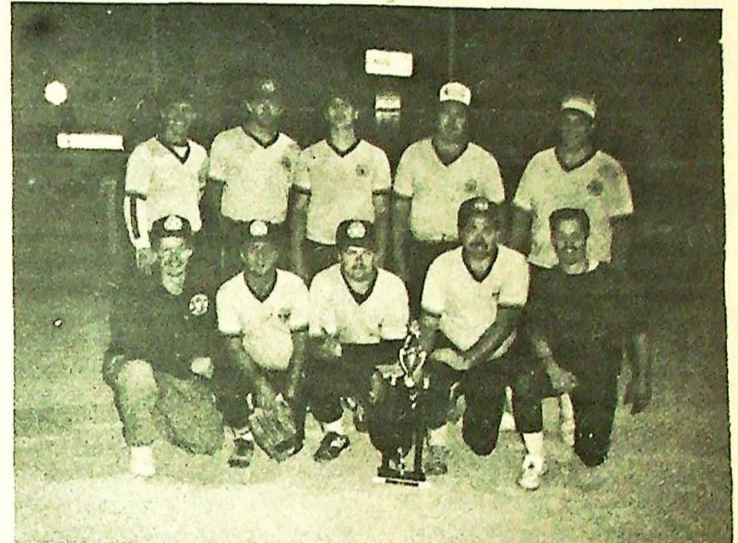
The Schererville Fire Department would like to thank all the teams that participated, Earl's Tap and Stan's Steak House for their donation, the Schererville Fire Department Auxiliary for handling the refreshments, and a very special thanks to the two ASA umpires who so graciously donated their time for the two days. We would like to thank the Omni Sports Complex for the reasonable rental of the field and their donation of the complimentary passes for each of the players to use the facilities.

The Schererville Fire Department hopes that all had a good time and that you return in 1987 with your neighboring Department.

Thank you,
Schererville Fire Department
Bill Howe, Drew Froman
Coordinators



The Schererville Fire Department with the 1st place trophy.



The Chesterton Fire Department with the 2nd place trophy.



The Kingsford-Union Fire Department, winner of 3rd place.



A special thanks to the ASA umpires Al and Buzz for donating their time.

E. Columbus Fire Department

EAST COLUMBUS INDEPENDENT
FIRE DEPT.



East Columbus Fire Department members and newly elected officers: (Back row, left to right) Bill Maze, Tim Morris, Tim Tibbs, Jim Green, Jeff Tindell, Garry Smith, David Boston, Steve Ruse and Joyce Cookson. (Front row, left to right) Lieut. Tom Foist, 2nd Capt. Paul Frazee, 1st Capt. Gene Wever, Asst. Chief Ken Greenlee and Chief Fred Barkes.



East Columbus Fire Department in Columbus, Indiana, elected new officers. (Left to right) Treasurer, Tim Tibbs; Secretary, Joyce Cookson; Asst. Chief, Kenneth Greenlee; Chief, Fred Barkes; 1st Capt., Gene Wever; Lieutenant, Tom Foist; 2nd Capt., Paul Frazee.

Pershing Twp. F.D. announces church preplan project

Pershing Township Fire Department in Freetown has announced the completion of a church preplan project. Nine local congregations participated in the two month long program emphasizing fire safety in houses of worship.

"Our rural area has ten congregations that depend upon our immediate protection," explained Pershing Fire Chief Richard Blaker. "Some churches are quite new while others are very old structures. Locations vary as do water access area and road conditions. The information that these congregations have given us will be our best tool against a church disaster."

The project began in March, 1986, at the third annual Church Leadership Conference sponsored by the fire department. Captain Rebecca Scott co-ordinates the department's Chaplaincy program. "Our officers explained the need for a thorough preplan and the congregations swung the doors open for us. They understand that fire safety is a

form of good stewardship of church assets."

Pershing officers and firefighters visited churches at the convenience of the church leaders. A fire safety inspection was conducted detailing times of occupancy and seating capacity.

"We were careful to clearly state that our inspection was a voluntary safety check - not a code enforcement effort," Chief Blaker said. "We especially noted location of nurseries and children's class rooms. Church files and important articles were also located for a quick fire recovery if possible."

Building measurements and diagrams were taken. Water supply sources and the distance to the nearest mutual aid company were logged. Interior and exterior photos were taken. Close attention was given to heating plants and electrical services.

For their cooperation in the church fire safety program the churches will receive a certificate of participation, copies of the preplan report, and a letter of

acknowledgement for their insurance agent.

Captain Scott called the project a 'huge success'. "We had an opportunity to see these structures first hand and to acquaint ourselves with any problems. We took lots of slides to use in training and preplanning for these buildings. We now have a ready reference to life saving and timely information in the event of a church fire. From a public relations point of view the church program was a major victory that brought the fire department into the public view in a positive manner."

"Our community does not have service organizations beyond our churches. They are our best avenue to spread the fire prevention message," commented Blaker. "Not only are they helping with church preplans but they are now distributing residential preplan forms for us. The churches are a vital partner group in the protection of our community."

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
SOUTHWEST**



CARL O. DAVIS

As of the last word from our state secretary, Doug Becthel, we were short many members from this time last year. The \$7.50 that your dues cost is the best money that you or your department can spend for the betterment of yourself and your fire department. It supports fire schools, legislative help in getting laws passed, help in keeping out laws that would hurt the fire service. District meetings bring taining and fellowship of your neighboring firemen. There are many more reasons for belonging to the IVFA. So get your dues in and keep up the good work of our association.

I was up to St. Meinrad's open house and have pictures and the history of the department for the paper. I also visited the St. Henry open house and turtle soup dinner. I hope to have pictures and the station history for the next issue of the paper. Schnellville had their fund raiser and a bucket contest. I hope to have a picture of the winners in the next issue of the paper.

Thanks to the Crane Naval Weapons Support Center and their fire chief, R. G. Veth for the fine training that they put on for the firemen in the local area. Many good points were brought out in this class on hand-held extinguishers. Thanks again to the chief and his department for the training.

To all department chiefs, there are many things brought up in the district meetings that will help you and your department. How to fill out clothing claims, death notices and new membership forms; what you need to know on insurance and who to mail the forms to are some of the things that are discussed. Attend these meetings and learn what you can do to better serve your department.

Keep the cards coming and I will make all of your department meetings that I can. Hope to see you at the district meetings.

I have been trying to get some information on the Miss Flames for our records. The best that we came up with is the following: the 18th district was formed in Sept. 1965. Starting in 1967, they had a Miss Flame from their district in each of the state parades. The first Miss Flame was Debbie Lueken of Ferdinand Fire Department. Their Miss Flames were selected at the annual Fire Prevention parades held in the 18th district.

The first state Miss Flame was Marsha Eberle of Cedar Lake. From the records, she was crowned in 1974 at the New Haven convention. Thelma Lester has all of the Miss Flames and other information. She has put it together for you.

Thanks to Thelma and the Ferdinand Fire Department and all that helped to get this information together.

That's it for this time.

**Two Hurt
In Accident**

New Albany, IN - Two members of the Georgetown Township Volunteer Fire Department were listed in fair condition at Humana Hospital-University following an accident in which a fire truck overturned Sunday, Sept. 14, at about 2:30 p.m. during a fire training school exercise.

Major Jim Kron of the New Albany Fire Department said the truck being used was a pumper truck from Clarksville Fire Department and was being driven by 35-year-old Donna Gibbs at the time of the accident. Gibbs is said to be one of the newer members of the Georgetown department, and riding with her was John T. Walters, 28, the instructor grading her performance.

Kron said that the course was set up in a parking lot at the Pillsbury Company off Grant Line Road, and required firemen to drive down a 100-yard lane which split into three other lanes. As the driver approached the three lanes, an instructor standing in

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Photo by Micky Storie

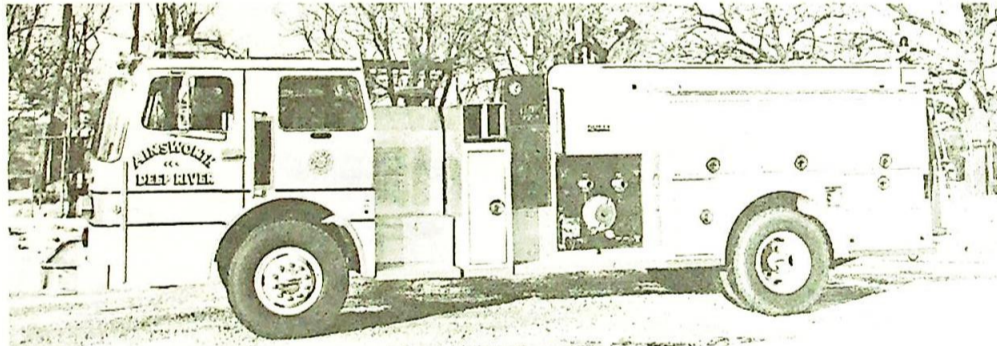
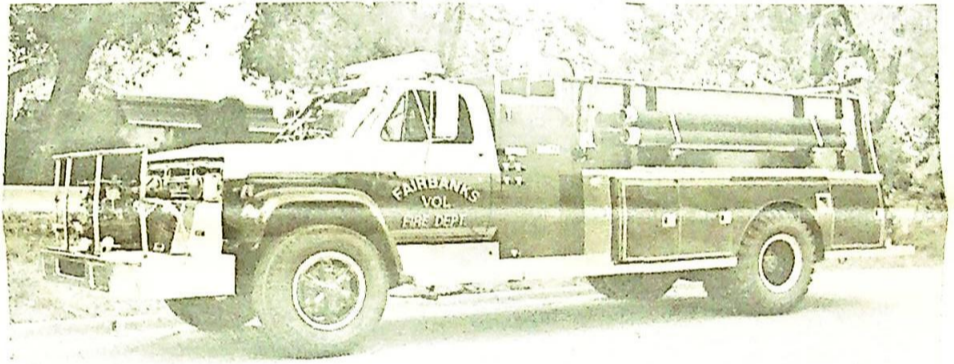
Two Georgetown firefighters were hurt yesterday when the truck they were using during a training session overturned and slid down an embankment. The accident occurred on the Pillsbury Co. parking lot in New Albany, IN.

Three new apparatus to Indiana fire services typify Darley versatility.

FAIRBANKS, INDIANA

This brilliant red and white "Challenger" is Fairbanks' second Darley. It features the Darley Champion KDF 750 front-mount pump - chosen partly because it allows a larger booster tank - in this case, one with a 1500-gallon capacity.

By the way, Darley front-mounts are protected from the severest winters by Darley's exclusive design heating jacket, built into the pump casing, which constantly circulates radiator water through it.



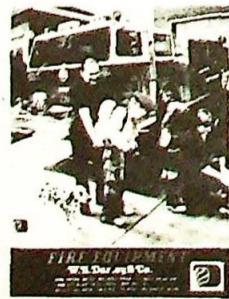
HOBART, INDIANA

This is the third Darley unit chosen by the Ainsworth-Deep River volunteers of Hobart. It features the Darley Champion Model SH 1500 mid-ship which has an independent third stage so their apparatus can deliver both high pressure and massive volume at the same time. A state-of-the-art Darley design top console affords the pump operator a 360° vantage safely out of the roadway.

TYNER, INDIANA

Each of these apparatus was built according to specifications drawn up by their respective departments. This customized version of a Darley "Challenger" features a Champion SECH 1000 3-stage midship, selected by the Polk Twsp. volunteers of Tyner.

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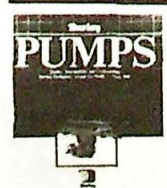
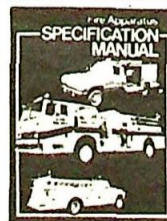


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St. Meinrad Fire Dept. Displays New Firehouse

On Monday, Sept. 14, the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department hosted an Open House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their new firehouse on Highway 545 just south of St. Meinrad.

The old firehouse, next to the Archabbey's laundry service, had long proved inadequate to house all the fire department's vehicles under one roof, let alone provide adequate space for meetings and practice sessions. Vehicles were scattered in four different locations, one of them being an open shed, where a tanker was stored. Housing all the vehicles under one roof has improved response time for both equipment and personnel.

Ground was broken for the new firehouse on Sunday, Oct. 13 and by February 1986, all the vehicles were housed under one roof. The new house is 60 by 80 feet, and has eight bays, including a service bay. When the interior is fully completed, there will also be a large meeting room, a bathroom with shower and a storage room. A pre-engineered Butler building, the new firehouse is located on the site of the old horse barns of the Abbey. It is a building that should provide many years of service during changes in equipment, fire-fighting techniques and personnel.

The members of the fire department would like to say thanks to all those people who have supported the department over the years. Special thanks need to be expressed to those who have already donated time and/or materials for this project, especially Wayne E. Seufert and Associates, Sitzman Construction, Al Schaefer, Vaal's Furniture and Appliances and St. Meinrad Archabbey. It is through such assistance that the department is able

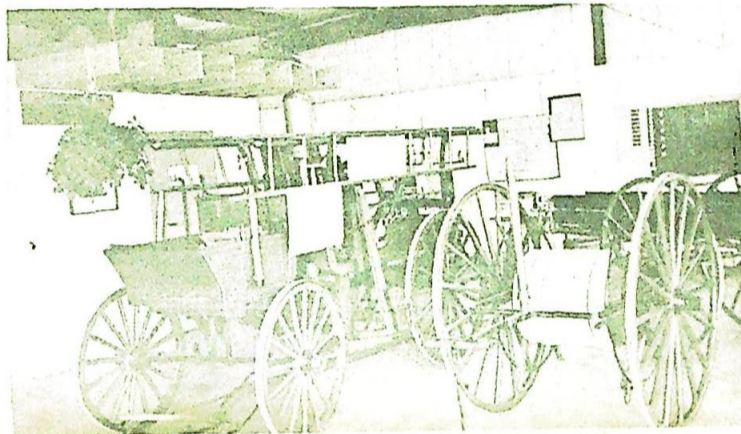
to carry out its work. Special thanks also need to be expressed to the families of the fire department personnel, who have so graciously and patiently tolerated the absences of their family members.

St. Meinrad Fire Department provides fire protection for the Archabbey, Town of St. Meinrad and the surrounding area. The roster of volunteers is divided into two companies, with Rev. Kilian Kerwin, O.S.B., serving as chief

of the Abbey Company, and Randall A. Schaefer serving as chief of the Town Company. With the grace of God, and the continued cooperation and diligence of all who live in the area of St. Meinrad, this protection will continue for a long time to come. The members of the department are proud of their new firehouse and invite the public to come and see it.



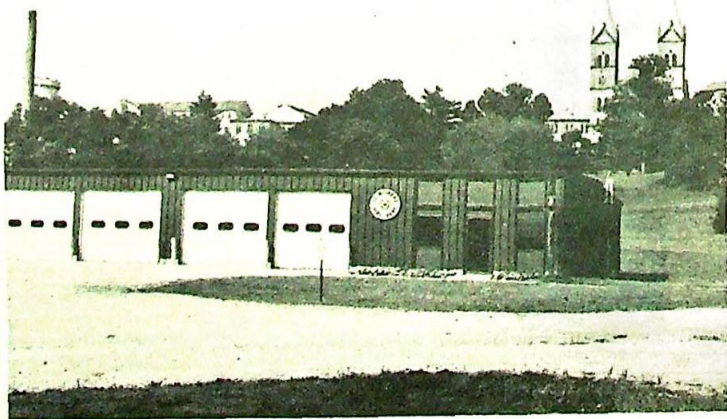
St. Meinrad Fire Station Open House



Old fire equipment used by the St. Meinrad Fire Dept.



Members of St. Meinrad Fire Department and Board of Directors Kneeling, left to right: Nick Dilger, Randy Schaefer, Ray Vaal, Br. Giles. Standing: Kenny Faulkenberg, Kevin Hedinger, Mark Ruxer, Leo Tretter, Jody Berg, Br. Jerome, Mike Kunkler, Jim Ebert, Butch Klem, Brian Schaefer, Marvin Vaal, Br. Luke, Br. Alexander, Br. Daniel, Br. Dominic, Larry Aders, Cleon Brahm, Br. Angelo. Members absent when photo was taken: Br. Kim, Br. Hugh, Br. Jacob, Fr. Kilian, Fr. Carl, Br. Blaise, Russel Aders, Br. Rabin, Br. Terence, Danny Van Winkle, Scott Fischer.



The St. Meinrad Fire Station

PUBLIC RELATIONS EAST CENTRAL



BILL WINDSOR

Here we are, summer over and old man winter just around the corner, time to start reminding the public about kerosene heaters, wood stoves, fresh cut Christmas trees and all the other things that come with cold weather.

I hope by now all departments have their dues paid. If not, you have missed out on the death benefit for this year. Don't forget to get them paid next year by July 31, 1987, so you don't miss out next year too!

There are a lot of schools and conferences coming this fall and winter. Try to get out to a few of them, we need to support them so we can continue to have them around the state. Support your districts by attending your district meetings. Let your chairman know your feelings, that is the only way the I.V.F.A. can do what its members want.

Don't forget the trailers — try to schedule them as early as possible. Lots of dates are open for 1987.

See you at the district meetings.

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front of the lanes flashed a card showing which lane the driver was to take. Top speed on the course, which is designed to test drivers' reflexes and maneuvering ability, is 20 mph, according to officials.

Kron said that Gibbs had driven the course once, and had told the instructor that she had trouble seeing the orange cones marking the lanes. She asked the instructor if she could drive through the course again. It was on the second time through that the accident occurred. Kron said Gibbs told him that she was having trouble finding the brake pedal, and he said it is believed that she may have been looking down towards the floor for the pedal when the truck went off the course, striking a guardrail and over turning down an embankment.

Both she and Walters were trapped inside the truck and had to be removed through the front windshield. According to Kron, Gibbs suffered a fracture of her back, but he was not sure of Walters' injuries.

Kron said that portion of the

exercise was about half completed when the accident occurred, and that it was discontinued following the mishap. This was part of a two-day fire school for firefighters, both paid, volunteer and industrial from Indiana, Kentucky, and other nearby states. Some of the instructors were from as far away as California.

In addition to the driving tests, firefighters were given classroom instruction at Indiana University Southeast, plus actual fighting of fires set in vacant houses on West Second Street and on East Ninth, as well as some chemical firefighting in an open field area in the new section of Industrial Park. In all there were 27 courses conducted Sunday, four in the field and the rest in the classroom.

It was not known just how much damage was caused to the wrecked fire truck, however the value of the truck was said to be \$110,000. Clarksville Fire Chief James Kaster said he would not know the exact damages to the truck until an engineer examines it.

Firemen raise donations for MDT

The White Post Township Volunteer Fire Department in Medaryville raised a total of \$2,000.00 for the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon on Labor Day.

A roadblock held on US 421 in

Medaryville from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. collected \$1,200.00 of the total amount raised. The remaining \$800.00 was raised with a pancake and sausage breakfast and a raffle.



White Post Township Firemen with some pre-telethon publicity.



White Post Township Firemen operating roadblock on US 421 in Medaryville on Labor Day. Photos by Ron Christensen of the Pulaski-Journal.

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We in the 14th District appreciate Chaplain Duane Lantz holding the memorial service for William M. Jennings on August 24, 1986 at the Scottsburg Funeral Home. Mr. Jennings was 72 years of age and was a charter member of the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone remarked on the fine job Chaplain Lantz had done.

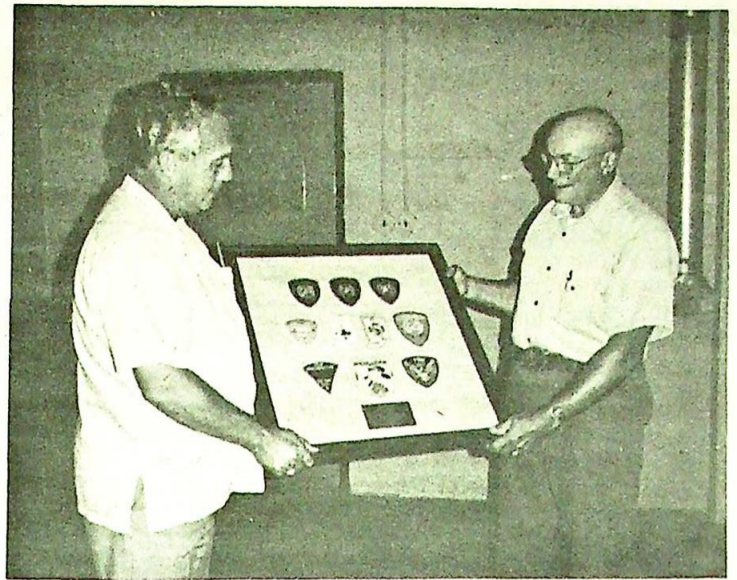
I have been traveling a lot visiting fire departments in the southern part of the state. I have helped with fire schools and other activities.

I want to thank Jim Kron, Assistant Chief of the New Albany Fire Department and his entire fire school committee. They did a super job of organizing the recent fire school at New Albany. The school was a success and had a record attendance. The dinner cruise on the Bonnie Belle on the Ohio River was enjoyed by all.

We are planning on a "Little Bit of Heaven in 87" at the I.V.F.A. convention in Clarksville. Make your plans now to attend this great convention.



Roy Richardson, Public Relations Southeast, presented Richard Blaker, Chief of the Freetown Volunteer Fire Department with the Farm Bureau Award at the 14th District meeting at Scottsburg.

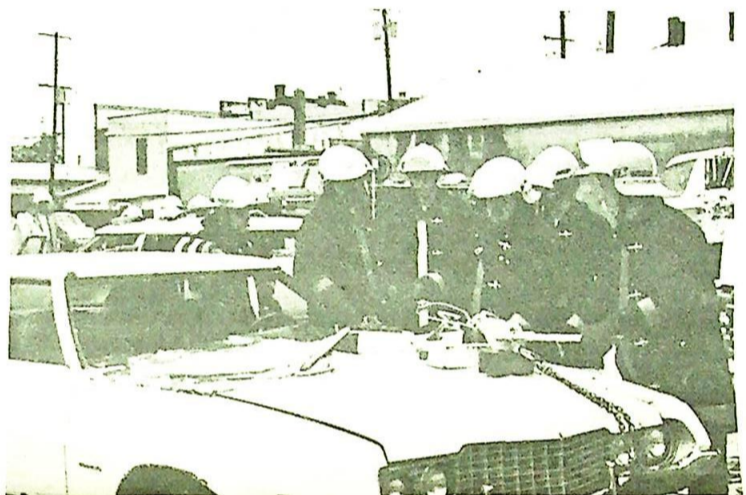


Sam Bower (right), Chief of the New Washington Volunteer Fire Department, presented a plaque of all the Volunteer Fire Departments in Clark County to Scotty Cook (left) of M C Sales in Sellersburg for the outstanding service he has rendered to the volunteer fire departments in Clark County.



The Clark County Fire Chiefs training exercise at ICI America at Charlestown.

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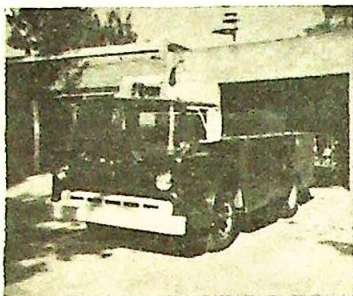
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Ind. Firefighter gets fire safety on the Bill Cosby Show!

Perhaps only the world series baseball fans stayed up late enough to see the Bill Cosby show on October 23, 1986, but those who watched saw the tenacity of Tony Johnson, Elkhart fire fighter and member of the Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. Tony had been searching for the manner to reach the largest audience and concluded that the Bill Cosby Show had to be it. He wrote a letter of appeal for public fire safety education to Cosby, including brochures and statistics. In September, several months after writing the letter, Tony received a script for the October 23rd program, autographed by all the cast, in which his suggestions had been used in that episode.

In that episode, Theo had a school project on fire safety, smoke alarms, and home fire drills and he got the family to cooperate in an evacuation drill. The brochure of safety checks that Theo read from was no doubt one that Tony had included.

It was a thrilling success for Tony and for all persons interested in public fire safety. However, he may have to wait for the reruns to reach the audience originally hoped for. And Tony is not content to let the opportunity pass to promote additional fire safety. More ideas are being promoted with Bill Cosby and Tony Johnson is to be congratulated for work well done.

Moores Hill-Sparta qualifies for Class 6



Left to right: Mike Craven, LMS Water District Superintendent; Clarence Batchelor, Assistant Chief; Lee Kissell, Fire Chief.

The Moores Hill-Sparta Township Volunteer Fire Department recently received word that the department now qualifies for a Class 6 rating from ISO Commercial Risk Services.

The ISO establishes fire insurance classifications for Indiana fire departments. Most insurance companies base their insurance premiums on the ISO classification. The department was inspected in March and the new classification takes effect September 1, 1986.

The rating process bases the classification on points for receiving fire alarms (10%), the fire department (50%), and the water system (40%). Attaining better than a Class 5 is very difficult for a volunteer department.

Changing the fire alarm receiving and dispatching to the Dearborn County Sheriff's Office in 1985 and the addition of radio paging for department members gained additional points for receiving of alarms. The ISO does not recognize the local fire-phone system as an adequate method of receiving alarms. This change caused some concern for some residents, but it has proven to be worthwhile.

The Moores Hill-Sparta Township VFD has always been a Class 10, until now. An attempt was made to have ISO make an inspection in 1980, but the department was refused due to not meeting the basic qualifications. Work has continued since then, to meet and exceed the requirements for an improved rating.

Since 1980, the fire department in conjunction with the Sparta Township Emergency Unit, has been able to add a Chevrolet van to use as a task unit for both fire and rescue calls. Additional hose and various other fire and rescue equipment has been added and several improvements to the fire station have also been made.

In 1983, Sparta Township purchased a new Ford/FMC pumper,

and the fire department supplied equipment for this truck. This new pumper was the key to getting the improved ISO Class 6 rating. The Township has also helped with the purchase of many other items over the past several years. The Town of Moores Hill owns the 1961 FMC/American LaFrance pumper. The fire department also has a 1974 Dodge 1800 gallon tanker and a 1953 M53 jeep, supplied by Dearborn County Civil Defense for use as a brush truck.

According to ISO standards, manpower available for each call must be a minimum of six. The department's average since 1980 is 14 members per call. Many hours of training for all members, maintenance and service testing of all equipment, and general management and recordkeeping are also important to the ISO rating.

Much credit must also go to the Lawrenceburg-Manchester-Sparta Water Conservancy District. Without a qualifying fire hydrant system, the rating improvement would not have been possible. The ISO did their own tests to verify water flow tests conducted by the fire department in 1979.

The Class 6 rate applies to any property located within one thousand feet of an LMS fire hydrant and five road miles of the fire station. A Class 9 rate applies to any other property within five miles of the fire station that does not have a fire hydrant. Class 10 still applies to any property past the five-mile distance.

According to information from the ISO, a Class 6 rating for a \$40,000 frame home should save up to \$154.00 over a Class 10 rating. If the home only receives a Class 9 due to not having a fire hydrant, the savings should be up to \$66.00.

Property owners are advised to check with their insurance agent when renewing or changing policies. Some companies do not use the ISO rating as a guide, and some others have already allowed

a reduced rate. However, the majority of property owners should realize a savings.

"Most communities have a fire department with their capabilities being in direct proportion to how well the community supports it. Good fire protection is a must for industrial and business growth. Many surrounding communities have done very well in their bid for economic development. We hope our area is also becoming attractive to business." (Lee Kissell)

"The fire department sincerely thanks everyone that has contributed in the past, and we hope more people will help us in the future when we ask. Our efforts and your contributions have made this savings possible for the community. This is not the end of our commitment to improving fire protection services for Moores Hill and Sparta Township. Much more still needs to be done." (Lee Kissell)

The fire department currently has 48 members and operates five vehicles. The department is a not-for-profit corporation, and owns the fire station and much of the fire equipment. There are an average of 40 fire and rescue calls per year. The loss ratio on fire calls averages 19.8% in Moores Hill and 27% in Sparta Township, indicating that the department's efforts in saving property have reduced losses considerably compared to past years.

"All of our members deserve the credit, because without their dedication to the community, the fire department could not exist." (Lee Kissell)

Lee Kissell is in his seventh year as fire chief, first elected in 1980. He is certified by the State of Indiana as a Master Firefighter in Tactics and Fire Investigation, and a Master Instructor. Clarence Batchelor has been Assistant Chief since 1979. The President of the department is John Black.

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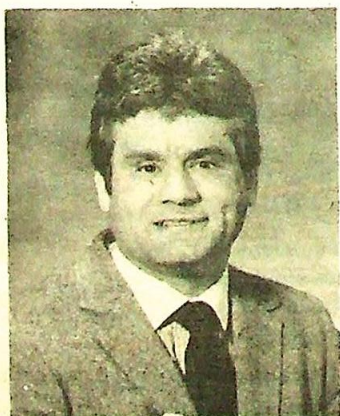
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Still Going Strong at 74



Arty "Smitty" Smith recently celebrated his 74th birthday and his 44th year of active service with the West Baden Volunteer Fire Department. All 14 members of the West Baden department and five district officers with the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association were on hand to celebrate the occasion. At age 74, Smitty still serves as an active member of the local fire department. Pictured with the honoree are (from left) West Baden Assistant Chief Dan Wining; 18th District I.V.F.A. Secretary Kenny Lan; Smitty; and Eldo Reinhart, retired 18th district I.V.F.A. chairman. In the back is Bill Goodwin, retired state fire marshal; Barry Wining, 18th district I.V.F.A. chairman; Carl Davis, I.V.F.A. public relations specialist; and Deputy State Fire Marshal Stan Gibson. Ray Self is chief of the West Baden department.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHWEST



BILL HOWE

With the 1986-1987 year already in its second quarter things seem to be moving rather quietly. I have not heard of any major disaster in the Northwest within the last 3 months and surely hope there has been none.

I would like to thank Bob Esserman and Tim Reed for the excellent job they did at the District Fire School. I understand everyone attending got some very shocking information. All the reports I got were very positive. Again, thanks. I will have to apologize to Tim and Bob for not being able to make it that day.

I was able to attend the 1988 Convention Committee meeting in Michigan City in September. These people are working hard to get off on the right foot and I feel that has been accomplished. I will promise you when you come to District 3 in 1988 you will have a great time.

In talking to the local inspector from the Fire Marshal's office I understand the instructors class at Highland for the two weekends is full. This is good for the area in two ways. The most important probably is that we now have 25 more people capable of teaching fire training in the local departments. The other, that it lets the Fire Marshal's office know that the area is interested in training.

This brings up the next point. Would you be interested in another course from the Fire Marshal's office? If so, what? If your interest is there, we will do all possible to set it up.

I would like to extend my sympathy to the Lake Hills and Griffith Fire Departments for the untimely deaths of their young fireman.

This being the end of September, your department dues are about to expire. If you have not paid by the end of September, your men will not be eligible for the Bridgeport Memorial.

In closing, I would like to request that your department get a representative to the district meetings as this is the backbone of this and any other organization.

This is the last issue of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman before the holidays, therefore I would like to wish you and yours a Very Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season.

Porter Township receives new attack pumper

This 1986 Pierce Attack Pumper was recently delivered to Porter Township Volunteer Fire Department, Boone Grove, IN. It features a 1986 Ford Chassis with a 3450 GVW rating and powered by an 8.2T liter Detroit-Allison diesel engine. It has a top center mount pump panel that is completely color coded, a 1000 gpm waterous 2-stage pump and a 1000 gallon tank. Both sides have

high cabinets that house walk-away self contained breathing apparatus, a 5500 watt generator that provides power for four 500 watt quartz extendable lights.

The new Pierce replaces the original 1946 Ford pumper used when the department was founded. The \$87,000 pumper was funded by the township and the 21 firemen.



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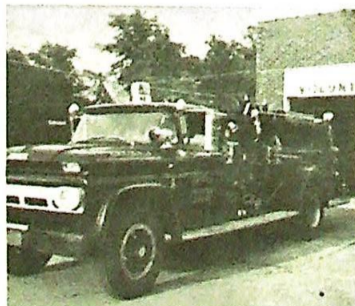
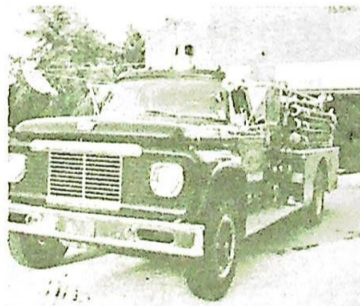
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Notes from State Miss Flame

My hometown Fairland Fire Department had their annual Fish Fry. They all worked hard and it was a big success. The Auxiliary worked by their sides all the way. Bob Greggery and I led the parade.

I attended the 4th of July parade and activities at Waldron. Pete Breyer and his wife were the organizers of the parade. They did a very good job.

Mt. Vernon Fire Chief Mike Seitz and his firemen were very nice, generous and were well organized! They had a week-long carnival in the middle of town. I met the mayor and spoke on the radio. The Mt. Vernon firemen were all outstanding and they sponsored a great parade.

Monroe Township and Clark County in Henryville had their 20th annual picnic and parade. Thanks to Roy Richardson, "I remembered Roy!"

I received a congratulation letter and news clipping from Steve Moberly, State of Indiana House of Representatives.

I missed the 10th District picnic with much regret. I was at Purdue University for a leadership seminar.

I'm looking forward to visiting Reelsville and Washington Township. They are having their 25th anniversary chili supper. Also the Montezuma firemen are having activities during the Covered Bridge Festival.

My mom wrote this short story one night when my father came home with his clothes frozen to his body.

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On a cold winter night with heavy snow on the ground, there is a mysterious silence in the air. No stars, no wind, and black as pitch. On the inside there is peaceful silence and not a person stirring. Everyone is all snuggled warm in bed and sound asleep. The only sound in the son's room is the bubbling of a fish aquarium. In the girl's room there is an occasional toss or turn and light snoring. In the master bedroom there is loud snoring and peaceful rest of the master of the house! On the dresser sits a monitoring radio with a small flashing red light.

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Hurriedly he gets into his black pickup truck and triggers the blue



flashing light. Off with a flash he goes! All the snow is covered with a blue coat. The night is no longer silent, and the mystery has come to life. When all the flashing blue lights meet, that's when the big engines roll. Off to save a life and fight a fire and save someone's life earnings.

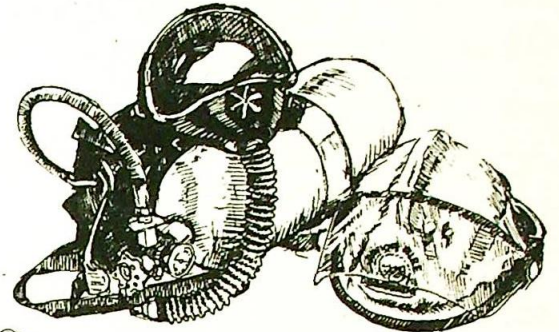
All of you firemen are ever so brave and gallant. You are all heroes and very special people. Only God knows just how special. No one realizes to the fullest how valuable you are. May God bless and keep you, and also the wonderful auxiliary ladies who work so hard for their heroes.

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- Kind of organization:
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- Number of active members today _____ 15. Cost of membership dues _____
- Are members covered for activity related injuries? _____ 17. Your annual budget _____
- How are funds obtained? _____
- Age requirement of Junior members _____ 20. Number of Junior members who have moved up to the regular firefighting force in your community _____
- Junior Firefighters' activities _____
- Awards or public recognition (enclose copies, if possible, with application) _____
- In 100 words or less. (Print or type on separate sheet of paper.) DESCRIBE WHY YOUR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM DESERVES THE VFIS JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER EXCELLENCE AWARD.
- Enclose a copy of your charter, constitution, bylaws, rules of conduct, or other organization documents.
- Sign this statement:
We hereby give Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. permission to use the information contained in this application for developing and promoting Junior Fire Departments.
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Deadline: December 1, 1986 — Complete this form and mail with your support materials to: Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc., P.O. Box 2726, York, PA 17405

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Fire Officials Fail to Find Cause of Propane Blaze

ELWOOD, IN — The State Fire Marshal's Office's final report on the cause of the July 13 fire at the Werline Hoosier Propane Company on Ind. 28 east of here does not pinpoint the exact cause of the blaze.

"The ignition source of the fire has been limited to the motor or its connections" the report read. "Further detailed testing of specific appliances will be needed in order to find the actual ignition point."

The report also said investigators found several code violations at the LP gas installation.

"These violations included improper wiring, unsecured building and an improper motor," the report stated.

State Deputy Fire Marshal

Bryan Frank declined to elaborate on the specific violations.

He did say, however, that the business owner, Jim Werline, was made aware of the violations and has agreed to install materials that meet fire codes when he rebuilds.

Emergency personnel evacuated more than 75 people, in a half-mile radius of the business, from their homes after the fire was discovered.

The fire was contained to a small shed that housed a transfer pump for bottled gas so it could be transferred from a 500-gallon tank to smaller tanks for campers and barbecue grills.

The fire ignited when a one-inch rubber hose leading from the tank to the pump ruptured allowing gas

to escape.

"The hose that fed the pump from the 500-gallon tank has been determined to be between 20 to 25 years old," the report said.

Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Chief Rick Flanagan said he believes it is now up to Werline's insurance company to provide the department with the exact cause of the fire.

He said, though, company representatives have indicated they will not investigate any further.

"All we wanted to know was why this happened so it wouldn't happen anywhere else," Flanagan said. "Maybe another town would not have been as lucky."

"There was a possibility the whole town could have been wiped off the map and that is not

an exaggeration," Flanagan said. He added that several local police and fire personnel risked their lives to fight the fire.

The fire chief said the fire departments who responded were able to save the major portion of the structure. He said he believes the company should reciprocate

by spending the extra money involved to inspect the equipment.

"We will never know the exact ignition point without proper testing," the chief said.

Flanagan said the motor and its connections would need to be sent to a special laboratory for tests.

IMPORTANT REFERENCE AND HISTORICAL CONVENTION DATA DURING THE PAST 34 YEARS

INFORMATION SHOWN BELOW IS AT THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30th

Convention City	Year Elected	IVFA President	MR. I.V.F.A. Award	Paul Becker Award	I.V.F.A.A. President	Lois Boaz Award	Miss Flame Award
Hartford City	6/1952	Waldo Neal, Geneva Presided			Lola Ridgeway Org. Aux.		
Rensselaer	1953	El. Bob Widemar, Bremen Leonard Kunzler LaCrosse			Vida Baer Centre Twp., S. Bend		
Clinton	1954	Leonard Kunzler LaCrosse			Vida Baer Centre Twp., S. Bend		
Rushville	1955	Albert Moser Bluffton			Loretta Kustron Merrillville		
New Haven	1956	Albert Moser Bluffton			Pauline Glaub Manilla		
Munster	1957	Francis McBane Flat Rock			Pauline Glaub Manilla		
Madison	1958	Francis McBane Flat Rock			Ruby Probst Union Mills		
LaPorte	1959	John T. Ford Fort Wayne			Ruth Ford Ft. Wayne		
Clinton	1960	John T. Ford Fort Wayne	Robert Hutson St. Joe Twp., Ft. Wayne		Ruth Ford Ft. Wayne		
Warsaw	1961	Bernie Jostes New Elliott	Bert Moser Bluffton		Catherine Mason Wayne Twp. #1, Ft. Wayne		
Greenfield	1962	Bernie Jostes New Elliott	Ralph Israel Berney		Catherine Mason Wayne Twp. #1, Ft. Wayne		
Angola	1963	James Glaub Manilla	C. Albert Henderson Clinton		Inez Jeffries Fountaintown		
New Albany	1964	James Glaub Manilla	Garland (Shorty) Kiefer Burket		Inez Jeffries Fountaintown		
Rensselaer	1965	Walter Stieger Benton	Andy Van VanWinkle Borden		Ruth Fairfield Wayne Twp. #2, Ft. Wayne		
Vincennes	1966	Walter Stieger Benton	Ralph Hertle Gaston		Ruth Fairfield Wayne Twp. #2, Ft. Wayne		
New Haven	1967	Carlos Jeffries Fountaintown	"Father" Duane Lantz		Mary Stafford Waldron		
Jeffersonville	1968	Carlos Jeffries Fountaintown	Edmund Weaver Francesville	Allen Blades Flat Rock	Mary Stafford Waldron		
Warsaw	1969	William Goodwin Angola	Verne Konopasek Griffith	Sam Bower Nabb	Rosella Bousman Ward Twp., Winchester		
Shelbyville	1970	William Goodwin Angola	Edgar Nigg Jasper	John Ford Ft. Wayne	Rosella Bousman Ward Twp., Winchester		
Crown Point	1971	William Engle Vincennes	Paul Fairfield Wayne #2, Ft. Wayne	Robert Laney Crown Point	Carolyn McCarty Union Mills		
Bridgeport, D.12, Indpls.	1972	William Engle Vincennes	Charles "Butch" McGill Dana	Carl Davis Odon	Carolyn McCarty Union Mills		
Jeffersonville	1973	Harold Stofer	Chas. Bogden Mickleyleville #5, Indpls.	Paul Kraft Jeffersonville	Joan Shanabarger Churubusco		
New Haven	1974	Harold Stofer	G. G. Boaz Greenville	*Robert Surber Acton	Joan Shanabarger Churubusco	Thelma Lester Raleigh	Marsha Eberle Cedar Lake
Warsaw	1975	Jim Baker Greenfield	Ivan Bousman Ward Twp., Saratoga	Bill Engle Vincennes	Mary Boyd McCulloch Aux., Jeffersonville	Vica McGill Dana	Diane Lynn Cobert Zionsville
Warren Twp., Indpls.	1976	Jim Baker Greenfield	Robert Esserman Chesterton	Duane Lantz Scipio Twp.	Vica McGill Dana	Mary Boyd McCulloch	Angela Cambion Hardinburg
Terre Haute, Honey Creek	1977	Charlie Jones Zionsville	C. N. Jeffries Fountaintown	Jim Bell Honey Creek	Vica McGill Dana	Mary Stafford Waldron	Teresa Lynn Wilson New Palestine
Wayne Twp., Indpls.	1978	Charlie Jones Zionsville	Norman Crocker Harris Twp.	Steve Ritter Bridgeport	Lucy Stofer Wayne Twp.	Virginia Wilson Poe Twp., Dist. 6	Lois May Wilbur Ripley Twp. D.11B
Madison	1979	Norman Crocker Harris Twp.	Jack Ford Washington Twp., Ft. Wayne	Cooney Tucker Huntertown	Lucy Stofer Wayne Twp.	Mary Brooks Bridgeport	Lisa Lynn Krider Churubusco
Ft. Wayne	1980	Norman Crocker Harris Twp.	Cooney Tucker Huntertown	Bill Bush Dana	Barbara Surber Acton	Inez Jeffries Fountaintown	Kimberly Gentry
Merrillville	1981	Jim Parker Acton	Sam Bower Nabb	Ivan Nevil Geneva	Barbara Surber Acton	Catherine Mason Wayne #1, Ft. Wayne	Regina Ann Mowery Hartford City
Clarksville	1982	Jim Parker Acton	Douglas Bechtel Concord Twp., Elkhart	Marvin "Pete" Lockhart Bloomington	Barbara Parker D.10, Acton	Helen Michl Prairieon	Jodie Ketchum Montezuma
Elkhart	1983	Carl Bruns Sunman	Bill Howe D.1, Griffith	Carl Bruns Sunman	Barbara Parker Acton	Eula Bush Dana	Mary Loucks Dunlap
Wayne Twp., Indpls.	1984	Carl Bruns Sunman	Gene Stofer Wayne Twp.	Gene Stofer Wayne Twp.	Nickie Sunday Farmland	Barbara Surber Acton	Sandra Curtis D 8B
Bloomington	1985	Bill Sunday Farmland	William Engle Vincennes	Carl O. Davis Odon	Nickie Sunday Farmland	Loretta Nulliner Fountaintown	Sandra Weber Sunman
Terre Haute, Otter Creek	1986	Bill Sunday Farmland	William Goodwin Indianapolis	Jack Ford Ft. Wayne	Loretta Nulliner Fountaintown	Barbara Ketchum Montezuma	Deanna Robinson Fairland

* Bill and Janet Goodwin are now giving the Becker Award - 1974

Qualifications and Rules to Enter The IVFA Miss Flame Contest

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a volunteer fireperson or belong to a department or Auxiliary with volunteer firemen who belong to the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or she may be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single.
3. Age — must be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. Not more than one entry from each department in District contest.
5. Winner of a department to be entered in District-wide contest.
6. District winner to be decided by March 1 and name and picture sent to a Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10.
7. District winner to be entered in the state wide contest.
8. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperon.
9. Department winner decided by discretion of the department.
10. District winner decided at the discretion of the District.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame to be chosen at State Convention.
13. Host department to pick judges to select the state winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Thursday evening.
14. Winner and Runner-Up to be announced at the ceremonies at opening convention meeting on Thursday evening.
15. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Thursday at convention.
16. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish winner I.V.F.A.A. "Miss Flame" ribbon, flowers, trophy and \$100 Savings Bond.
17. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish I.V.F.A. "Miss Flame" runner-up with flowers and \$50 Savings Bond.
18. Districts can furnish registration for each District Miss Flame winner entering State Contest.
19. Formal attire to be worn at District and State judging.
20. Judging will be based on appearance, personality, poise, ability in conversation, community involvement and ability to express ideas.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hello again!

Summer is about gone and we will be starting into another heating season. Kids are going to school, now so watch for them when you are driving.

I've had a good summer this year. Went to Seattle and Portland. I saw Mt. St. Helens and all the devastation from the eruptions. You don't realize the amount of damage until you actually see it. Just think of a cubic mile blowing up in one direction and spreading all this rock and dust.

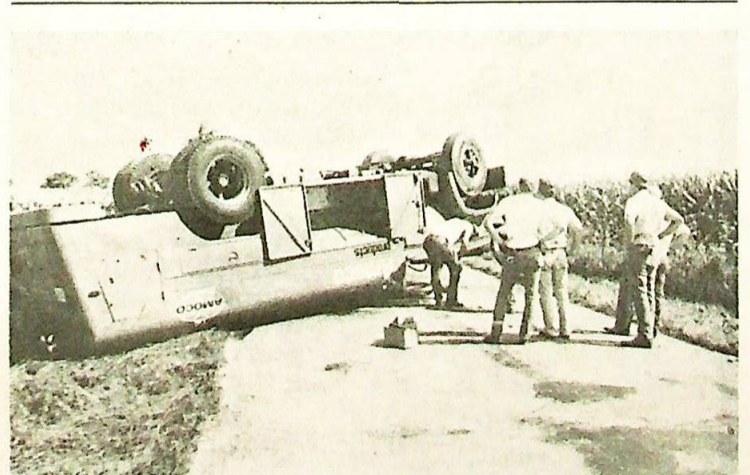
Have been making the district meetings and have noticed a drop in attendance at some. If you don't make the meetings you won't

know what is happening around the state. These meetings are held for you and if you have any questions pertaining to fire schools, training, etc., we will be there to try and answer them. If we can't answer your questions we will sure find someone who can. Now is the time for fire schools since it is cooling off a little. Get to your district meeting and ask about setting up one or for a training session.

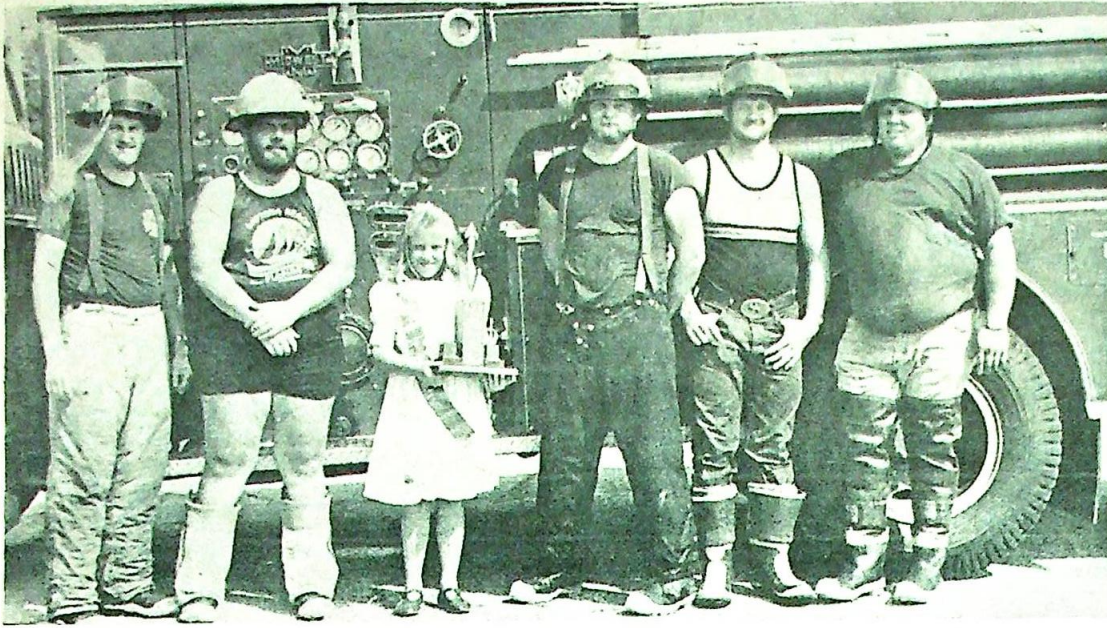
It's after September so dues should be in by now. If you haven't paid your dues, or your department secretary hasn't sent them in yet, ask him to do so.

I would also like to get information from departments for the paper. If you have anything special going on, send it to me or directly to the paper. Reelsville, Washington Twp. is having their Silver Anniversary, October 18. They will have a chili supper along with other activities. They are going to give a Heroism Award to a young member of the community. I hope to be there and get some pictures.

Let's get together and make this one of the best years of our organization. Let us all forget our past differences and work toward a better tomorrow.



A tanker with 2,000 gallons of gasoline and fuel oil on board lies belly up near Manilla following a P.D. ACCIDENT. Fire units from Manilla Vol. and Rushville Twp. Vol. Fire Depts. stand by with foam as wreckers right the truck.



Five Rushville firefighters from the "Mutual Aid" Waterball Team accept the winning trophy from 1986 Fall Festival Princess M. Maddox following the waterball contest held as part of the Chamber Fall Festival. Team members include Mike Buckley, Rushville F.D.; Barry Ward, Arlington Vol.; M. Maddox, Dave Kaehl, Glenwood Vol.; Rick Hartwell, Rushville Twp. Vol., and Bill Cameron, Raleigh Vol. The Rushville F.D. and Manilla Vol. also sponsored teams.



A 29 year old Rushville man was killed and two men injured Friday, Aug. 8, when a semi-tractor lost control, striking a culvert. The tractor became airborne and landed on top of the mini-truck that had stopped at the intersection. The semi flipped over and caught fire. Rushville Twp. and Rushville F.D. were at the scene. — Mary Blair and Jeff Emsweller Photos

Kerosene Heater Safety Urged as Heating Season Approaches

INDIANAPOLIS — Fire officials generally discourage the use of kerosene heaters. due to their questionable safety record. This safety concern led the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to adopt fire and building codes which includes two important restrictions:

- (1) portable unvented kerosene heaters may be used only in detached single family dwellings;
- (2) such units may be approved for use only if certain extensive testing requirements are met.

According to industry sources, approved kerosene heaters represent about 20% of those units which are currently sold in Indiana. Most kerosene heaters on the market bear labels from Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or other testing organizations; however, Indiana law requires an additional independent evaluation

report before they are permitted as a supplemental heat source in detached single family dwellings. In addition, Indiana law prohibits the use of heaters in all structures except **detached single family dwellings** and certain farm service buildings.

The makes and models noted below have been tested in accordance with Commission rules and are approved, by law, for use in detached single family dwellings. This list supersedes all previous lists of approved units.

State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell urges users of kerosene heaters to strictly follow all manufacturer's instructions. Bosell states that the following safety rules are absolutely crucial to the safe operation of kerosene heaters:

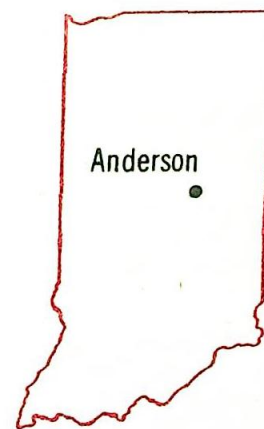
1. Heater fuel tank shall not be refilled when heater is operating or hot.
2. Heater shall not be used in areas where flammable vapors or gases may be present.
3. Heater fuel tank shall not be filled in a habitable space.
4. Kerosene shall not be stored in any container other than an approved safety can and it shall not be stored in an occupiable or habitable space.
5. Use only in adequately ventilated room.
6. Use only water-free type 1-K kerosene fuel.
7. **Never** use gasoline in the heater.
8. The heater is hot while in operation. Do not touch. Keep heater away from children, clothing, furniture, or other combustible material.
9. Do not use the heater in a bathroom or any other small room with the door closed, unless adequately ventilated.

Tips for purchasing and using kerosene heaters are available from the Indiana Energy Information Center (1-800-382-4631). The Indiana Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety can provide further user information, and maintains a current listing of all approved kerosene heaters (317-232-6209).



Members of the Jackson Twp. and Rushville Twp. Vol. Fire Depts., along with the Todd ambulance personnel work together to free three victims of a mock vehicle accident. All three departments learned by sharing ideas in this after-dark inverted vehicle in a ditch near a stream.

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