

Farmland has busy fall

Farmland - Farmland's Fire Department held its annual Fire Prevention Day Saturday with activities for all ages scheduled throughout the day.

and happy for Bill. He deserves it." Savage, in addition to his award, also was named Grand Marshal of the parade and rode.



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Indy crash kills nine

Indianapolis - A disabled Air Force jet fighter crashed into the midsection of the busy Airport Ramada Inn here Tuesday morning and killed nine people.

The A-7D Corsair attack fighter sheared off part of the roof of a nearby bank and clipped a row of parked cars, then plowed into the main lobby of the seven-story hotel and erupted into flames.

Imagine the thoughts running through our minds. At 0918 on October 20, The Indianapolis International Airport Fire Department Dispatchers radioed the Wayne Township Fire Department Communications Center that a plane had crashed into the Ramada Inn at the airport.

The crash occurred when the pilot, Maj. Mark L. Teagarden, 35, of Mount Morris, Pa., ejected from the plane when it had descended to about 800 feet altitude after trying to land his disabled jet at the airport, said Robert Spiler, acting director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

The first fire units arrived from the airport within three minutes of the crash. Wayne Township Fire Units arrived next, and a second alarm was called for. This set a whole series of events that had been practiced in mock disasters numerous times.

"Everyone worked well together in an effort to search for victims and contain the fire," said Lt. Michael Diehl, officer of one of the first Wayne Township engines to arrive. Five area Fire Departments assisted in the incident, including the Decatur Township, Indianapolis City, Perry Township, Pike Township and Washington Township Fire Departments.

"The only thing I saw was devastation," said a witness, John Mentzer. "If anyone was in the lobby area they are gone. It was like a napalm bomb. The heat, the

flames. It collapsed the building." The ALS and BLS units arriving first had the first patient enroute to Methodist Hospital within three minutes of arrival. A primary search of the building was completed in the first 30 minutes, and a second search was completed within an hour. The fire was under control within two hours.

The Fire Departments' activities were coordinated by three Wayne Township officials under the direction of Chief Richard Lamb.

Deputy Chief Larry Curl was responsible for fire suppression. Reporting directly to Curl were District Chiefs who had sectorized sections of the hotel off and could continually update Curl on progress being made.

Division Chief Michael Estridge was responsible for EMS Staging. Reporting to Mike were officers responsible for triage, transport, and patient information.

Division Chief Dennis Anderson coordinated radio communication between on-the-scene units and incident command and Wayne Township Communications.

The initial concern of the Wayne Township commanders was the high number of potential casualties. There were 107 registered guests and 50 people scheduled for a workshop in the conference area of the hotel. Fortunately, the majority of guests had already checked out and the workshop had not yet started.

The remains of the plane's fuselage came to rest 75 feet inside the hotel, said Chief Curl. Most of the casualties were found on the first floor in the lobby area and a meeting room, he continued.

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Farmland's Annual Fire Department Picnic turned out to be all wet. This miniature water ball team is looking forward to the convention games - YEAR 2000! Related story on page 23.



Lt. Gov. proposes new agency

As I travel around Indiana, I am impressed by the various activities of Indiana's 18,000 volunteer firefighters. Your dedication to saving lives and property is obvious. Less apparent is the depth of involvement of many firefighters in all kinds of community affairs.

State government needs to do a better job of tapping expertise

available from volunteer firefighters and other community groups. That's one reason I have appointed a task force to study the feasibility of combining some current state divisions into one agency with a decidedly local mission.

What I am suggesting is better government, not more government. The proposed new agency, the "State Department of Local Government," would forge a creative new relationship between state and local government. Citizens expect efficient, compassionate service from government, and "government" to most people is anyone in public service. . . a volunteer firefighter, township trustee, mayor or governor. For government services, people want

one-stop-shopping at their "neighborhood store," which is often City Hall. So it makes sense for us to try to efficiently funnel certain state resources to the local level.

The proposed new agency would have limited start-up cost because it could include several existing state divisions that are locally oriented. For example, the community economic development division of the Department of Commerce, the public water supply division of the State Board of Health, the enforcement section of the Department of Environmental Management, the local assistance group of the Indiana Department of Highways and a housing division all might be part of an

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Copter transports crash victim

An Ohio man was airlifted to a Chicago Hospital on Friday, August 14th, after an early morning collision involving 2 semi trucks on Interstate 94 near Wagner Road in Porter.

Carl Gear, 35, was in the sleeper compartment of a tractor-trailer that struck a second tractor-trailer which was parked on the berm of the highway. Apparently the driver of the vehicle in which Gear was riding fell asleep at the wheel. Neither of the semi drivers were injured in the crash.

Porter Volunteer Fire Department and North Porter County Ambulance Commission (NOPAC) were called to the scene by Police officials after they received reports of a bad semi accident. Porter Fire Department rescue truck arrived on the scene shortly after the Porter and Chesterton Police Departments. Units found the semi cab collapsed onto the sleeper area. Paramedic Mary Wesley climbed through a hole that had been ripped open in the rear of the cab, between the cab and the trailer. Wesley found Gear unconscious with head trauma and an airway obstruction. The airway was opened and secured for the time being.

When NOPAC and further fire department personnel arrived, Fire Chief/E.M.T. Ray Wesley and NOPAC E.M.T. Kelly Hardesty climbed onto the cab area and assisted with care of the patient. Due to the fact that there was no access to the patient from the front of the cab, and there was no

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The extent of the damage caused by the crash can be seen in this photo. Porter firemen and EMTs work to free the victim, Carl Gear, who was later transferred to Chicago by helicopter.

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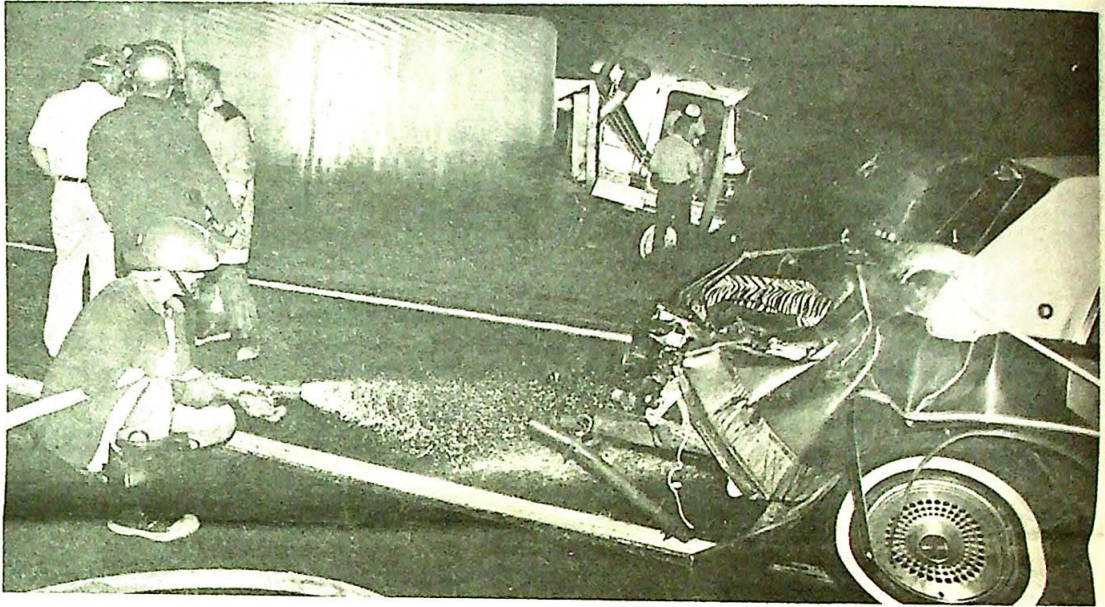
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District 3 firemen handle variety of accidents



District Three's Center Township and Coolspring Township firemen were on the scene of this Sunday morning accident at Wozniak Road and Orchard Drive. The driver of this car was taken to the hospital with serious injuries. Center Township firemen can be seen working to extricate the victim. The head-on collision took place on August 23.



Kingsford Union Firemen hose down leaking gas from this car involved in a rear-end collision with the semi truck in the background. The trunk of the car is now where the rear window was located. The October 26th accident took place just east of 6 and 35 South junction. The patients refused medical treatment.

Charlestown uses swimming pool to fight fire

Charlestown volunteer firefighters used a nearby swimming pool as a secondary water source in putting out a house fire in Otisco yesterday.

Secondary water supplies "are a problem in rural communities," Charlestown Fire Prevention Officer Danny Grace said. "Not all hydrants can supply you with the water you need. You may have to travel a couple of miles to find a hydrant with a large enough line to supply the truck."

In other words, most rural lines are not of adequate size to supply firemen with enough water

to put out a major fire and Charlestown volunteers improvised with what was available yesterday.

Through a technique called "drafting," Charlestown firefighters were able to use a special suction hose inserted into the swimming pool to douse the flames at the Otisco home.

Total damage to the home was estimated at \$20,000 and the cause of the fire has not been determined yet.

Doyle Murphy resides there but was not home when the fire broke out.

The home is located on old Highway 3, one-half mile north of the Charlestown-Henryville Road.

While the fire was being fought by all 11 Charlestown units, another fire broke out at Bryson Woods. Sellersburg volunteer firefighters were on standby at Charlestown and responded to the alarm.

There was no major damage reported in the Bryson Woods fire.

-The Evening News
by Margaret Abby, Staff Writer
9/28/87

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Fire officials conducted a room-by-room search for victims. "They were finding groups of bodies in twos and threes," said Capt. Gary Campbell of the Indianapolis Fire Department.

The final number of casualties included nine dead (all hotel employees) and seven injured; two of the injured were firefighters, one from Wayne Township and one from the Airport.

Spitler said no rockets or ammunition were on board the jet, a single-engine, single-seat attack jet that was used extensively during the Vietnam War.

The jet was on a training mission en route from a weekend open house at Greater Pittsburg International Airport to Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, where

the aircraft was assigned to the 4450 Tactical Group and where Teagarden is stationed.

Although a panel of Air Force officers has been appointed to investigate the crash, Air Force Col. William H. Johnson, stationed at the U.S. Army's Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, said Teagarden had little choice but to ditch the plane. "I'm sure the major made the best decision he could have, given the circumstances," Johnson said.

There are many lessons to be learned from an incident such as the crash. One is to identify potential disaster situations, and practice mock incidents. But you can't prepare for everything, according to Deputy Chief Larry Curl of Wayne Township Fire Department.

"It does not prepare you for the aftermath. I don't care how many times you practice, returning to your normal day-to-day activities is difficult.

"But it does prepare you for the actual on-the-scene operations, and that is the key to successful scene control."

An ironic meeting occurred between Wayne Township Fire Officials and The Airport Fire Department, the day before the incident, and communications between different agencies in such an incident were discussed.

"It was simply a tragedy," added Chief Lamb.

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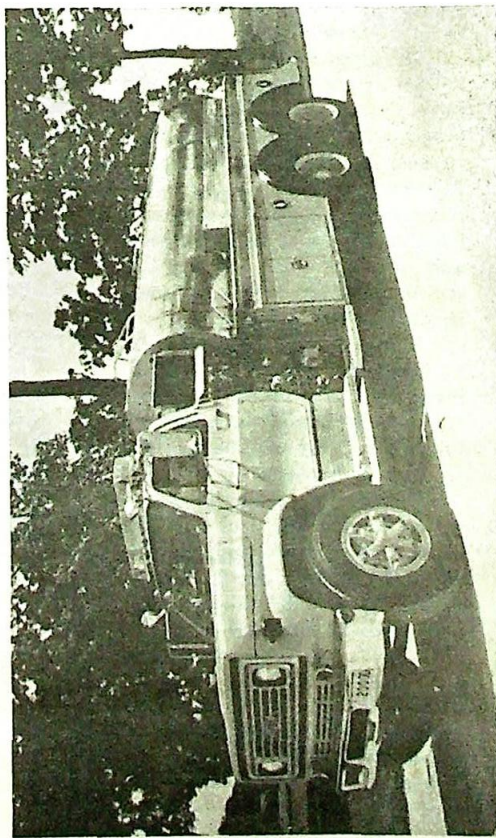
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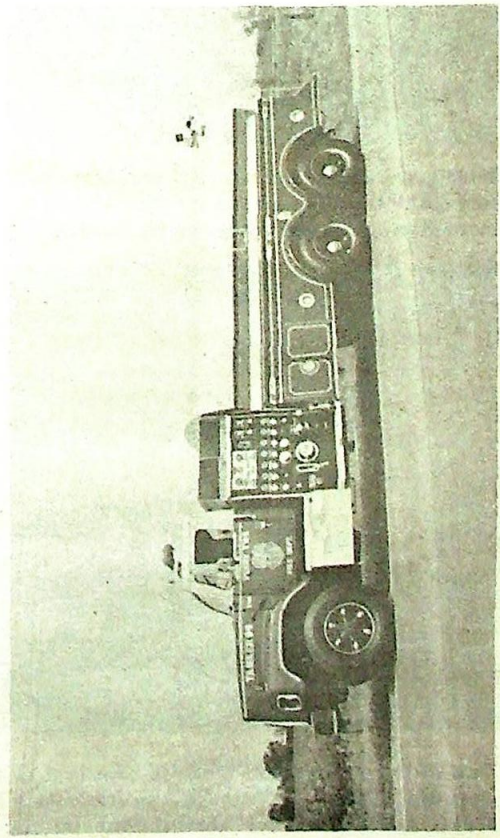
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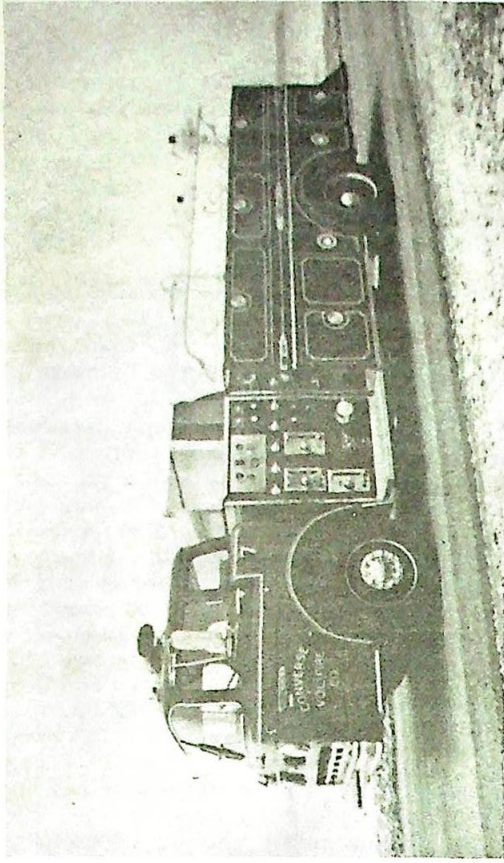
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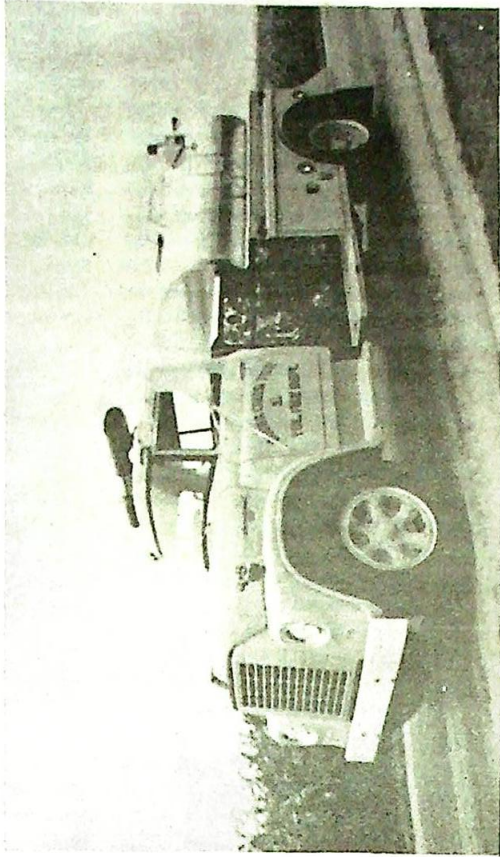
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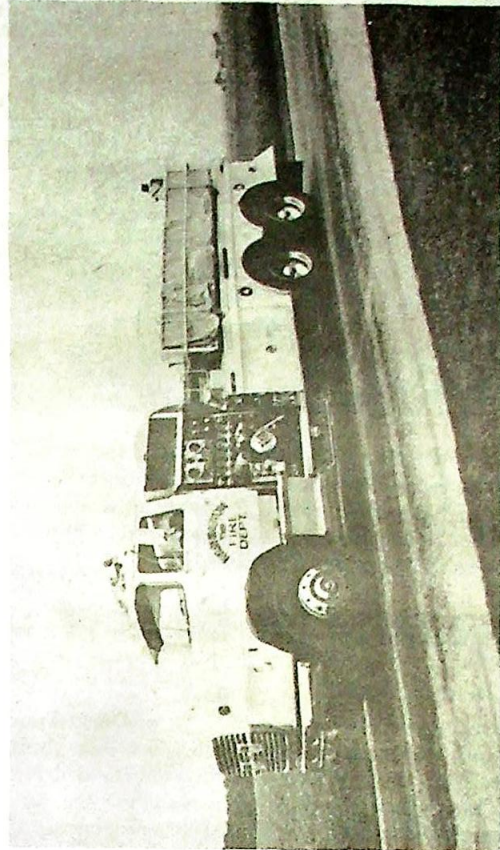
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Michigantown Fire Chief David Trees requests all Firefighters, EMTs and Sheriff's Deputies to stand shoulder to shoulder in a line from the front door of the Richardson house to the funeral coach to give the victims an honor guard and to block the vision of people who follow fires and tragedies.

Michigantown fire kills four

by Jack E. Halsema

"Attention Station 7 - You have a house fire on the curve east of Michigantown across from the Church." That is how the nightmare began on Sunday, August 9, 1987, at 3:34 a.m. for members of the Michigantown Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Departments.

I was first on the scene, and as department photographer and medical officer/firefighter, I was able to capture the fury of the blaze (see accompanying photos.)

As every fireman knows, there may be people trapped in the house. We knew this was the home of Earnest (65) and Janet (57) Richardson. A passer-by had found the fire and told me he had heard shouts from inside. We broke windows to the downstairs bedroom but the thermal layer was just above the bed. The rest of the house was totally involved in

flame.

Chief David Tree and fireman Jeff Cline went through the window and handed Mr. Richardson to waiting arms. As an EMT and CPR Instructor ventilated and got an air exchange, CPR was initiated.

Many of the wives of the firemen are EMTs and, as a matter of practicality, bring an ambulance to the fire scene. They arrived seconds after Mr. Richardson was removed from the building. He was placed on a cot and sent to Clinton County Hospital where he was D.O.A.

Fire suppression had started immediately and continued for the next 1½ hours.

Mutual aid was requested of Forest and Johnston Townships and Frankfort Fire Departments at the same time. As a rural community of 450 we DO NOT have a

From your president - Lawrence Swartz

FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS AND ASSOCIATES:

Here we are with over three months having passed since being elected as president. The old saying of "Busy hands have no idle time", is certainly true. I asked for communication and the response has been overwhelming. Some of the problems of the fire service have no quick and easy solution, however, it helps to target the direction of our efforts. Keep writing or calling when you have a need, I will answer your inquiries as soon as possible.

We held our first officer's meeting in Lafayette on August 1st and 2nd. Reports and Appointments were the main context of the meeting. Our budget was presented and approved by the board of directors.

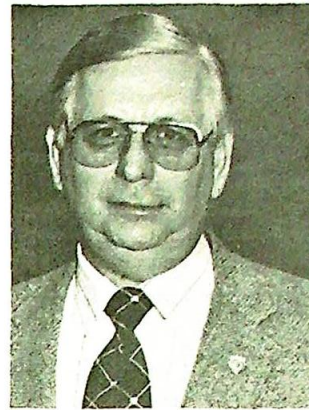
Barry Winger was elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Congratulations are in order to you Barry, as I am sure you will do an excellent job. Our Treasurer Gene Stofer has been appointed to serve as our Legislative Chairman. Jack Ford who has ably served in this capacity for so long will still be available for his help and expertise. Thank you Jack for your efforts for the Association. Our Secretary Lee Kissell has been working very hard on the computer and indications are we will be accomplishing before long what we intended to do when we purchased the computer.

It was decided at the last

meeting we needed an I.V.F.A. telephone. This has now been installed in the office of the secretary. The number is (812) 744-3779, this number is for official I.V.F.A. business. This will help Lee's family to use their own phone, but I am sure Lee will talk to you no matter which phone you use.

We have had two joint legislative meetings with all the fire



services, insurance companies, the Fire Marshal and the Executive Director of the Department of Fire & Building Services. They were both productive in outlining our needs to provide adequate services.

As we approach the Fall season we associate it with Fire Prevention week. Let's make it fire prevention 52 weeks a year instead of just one. You are never late with a program because it is one continual program. One life

saved is worth many times the effort put forth. The coming winter months will be excellent to continue your classroom education programs. Don't forget the new required training which takes effect on January 1, 1988. The lesson plans have been established and should be available in the very near future.

Our representative to the National Volunteer Fire Council has been selected, Chief Richard Lamb of Wayne Township. I am sure he will be an excellent representative for the Association.

We have firemen who have served their fire department for many years and in some cases the I.V.F.A. also. Most of the time they receive little or no recognition, perhaps they are overlooked because they are always there such as the foundation of your house. Such is the case of Pete King of the Sanford Fire Department. Pete has faithfully served as Chaplain of District 11A for many years. Last Sunday that era ended as Pete advised everyone that it was time for a new face to fill that office. Thank you Pete for your service over the years.

I know it is early in the fall season, and I will not be seeing or talking to all of you before the holidays so I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a most pleasant, happy and safe Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

Respectfully,
President Swartz

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central water tower or hydrants so tankers were dispatched from the above departments.

Ten minutes into the fire suppression, a couple came on the scene and informed us that their two and only children were in the house - spending the night with Grandma and Grandpa.

The news sent a chill through each and every firefighter and EMT, and spurred a renewed effort to squelch the fire. An hour and a half after they were called to the scene the fire was out but a gruesome task was still to come.

State Fire Marshal representative Robert Dean arrived and took over the investigation. Mrs. Richardson and her two grandchildren were found near the front door. The upstairs bedroom where they were sleeping had collapsed to the lower floor. County Coroner Larry Rothenberger supervised removal of Mrs. Richardson, Derrick (7) and Heather (5).

An investigation was conducted and Mr. Dean announced later that evening that the accidental fire was due to multiple causes. Michigantown had been founded in 1870 as a stage coach rest stop for travelers on their way from Indianapolis to Logansport and all points north and this was the first fatal fire in Michigantown that anyone could remember.

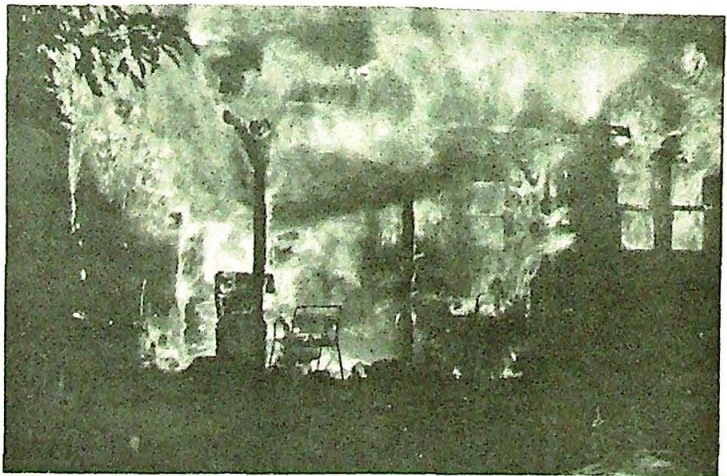
A total of forty firemen fought to bring the fire under control. Members of Northeast Volunteer Ambulance Service attended to firemen and the members of the family who arrived at the scene.

The whole community turned out to lend moral and financial support to the surviving children of Earnest and Janet Richardson, Fred (whose only children also perished in the fire) and Shirley.

A fund was started and money was raised to help with funeral expenses. As in all small communities, residents had tended to feel that this kind of tragedy only happens in the big cities, but we were sadly mistaken. A fatal fire can happen anywhere, even your own back yard.



The damage caused by the fatal fire can be seen clearly in this view looking south east. The arrows indicate the upstairs bedroom where the children and grandmother had been sleeping.



The fury of the Richardson blaze is captured in this picture taken by one of the first firefighters on the scene, Jack E. Halsema, Michigantown Volunteer Fire Department photographer and medical officer.

Indy silk-screening plant destroyed

Fire destroyed a Far-Westside silk-screen printing plant Saturday, spewing out a column of black smoke that could be seen for miles.

The fire started about 10:15 a.m. at the offices of Sport Services Inc., located in an industrial park at 8212 Country Club Place, about one-half mile north of 10th Street and Country Club Road.

Five Wayne Township firefighters suffered minor injuries. Two were treated at the scene and three were sent to Methodist Hospital.

As they entered the building through the front office of the printing company, firefighters discovered the blaze had spread throughout a cement block building just behind the offices, where supplies and equipment were kept. A second alarm then was sounded.

At about the same time, supplies in the building began exploding, according to Robert L. Dillon, a spokesman for the Wayne Township Fire Department.

"I turned around and went the other way (out) as fast I could," said firefighter Darrin Wood, who was inside the printing firm's office when the explosions occurred.

The firm had supplies of ink and paint thinners, Dillon said.

A wall of the building collapsed, as did a corner of the structure's roof.

A lack of fire hydrants nearby was the department's greatest problem in battling the blaze, Dillon said. The first two trucks that arrived carried about 1,700 gallons of water, but hoses had to be strung together for nearly one-half mile south to 10th Street, where the closest water line was located.

While the hoses and pumper trucks were being connected, other fire trucks resupplied water to the trucks at the scene.

Sport Services has been located in Indianapolis for a number of years and has plans to construct a new warehouse, a person connected with the firm said. The firm provided T-shirts for a number of events, including the 500-Mile Race, major drag racing events and the Pan American Games.

Investigators were unable to determine the cause of the fire. They estimated damage to the structure at \$30,000.

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by Rob Schneider, Staff Writer



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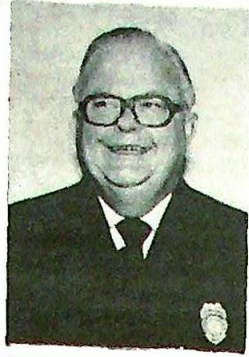
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**FROM YOUR
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Duane Lantz**



St. Matthew Chapter 18 Verses 1-7

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them.

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

The beautiful colors of fall are beginning to show, the garden harvest is nearing an end, and your Chaplain has been very busy — much sadness throughout our association.

Psalm 100 Verse 4 — Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Thanksgiving — Act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgement of benefits or favors, especially to God. This thanksgiving let each of us lay our harvest at the Lord's feet, let us become converted, and become as little children, so we too can enter into the kingdom of heaven. As we live each day in trusting patience, God strengthens our lives and blesses us. Patience is sometimes difficult to practice especially for Volunteer Firemen, but if we place our trust in God, we can watch our lives be transformed, as the little children in our scripture.

In the fall weather walking has become very popular. The trees gradually change until I am walking under a canopy of flaming color. My quiet walk has become a renewing experience, not only for my body, but for my spirit as well.

Yes, the biggest day of all is almost upon us. The birthday of Jesus Christ. Christmas is the day on which Christians celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ.

Use your bibles and find the Christmas Story. (Luke Chapter 2 and Matthew Chapters 1 and 2.) Christmas is made up of many symbols, St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, The Christmas Tree, the Star, Lights, Christmas Cards, The Yule Log, Mistletoe, and Music. The greatest moments of the year are when the family gathers around the piano and sings Christmas Carols.

Silent Night, Holy Night
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Dear God, I know that without You working in my life, I am not who You want me to be. Forgive me when I neglect to spend time with You. Sharpen our awareness of your blessings. Help us to share our gifts so others may be blessed, too. Amen.

To our big I.V.F.A. family, have the greatest of Holidays this year. Go to the Church of your choice — May God Bless.

Your Chaplain

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Please fill out the questionnaire below and return it to: LAWRENCE SWARTZ, PRESIDENT, THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, 407 W. Jackson Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

We need your opinion in regards to a State operated central training facility for all firefighters, both career and volunteers. The results of this questionnaire could have a great impact on the future training of firefighters in Indiana, so let your feelings be known to the Association and its officers.

- Do you feel a central training facility for all firefighters in Indiana would be in the best interest? YES ___ NO ___
- Would you attend a central facility? YES ___ NO ___
- Would you attend on weekends only? YES ___ NO ___
- Would your employer allow you to attend during normal employment hours? YES ___ NO ___
- Who would finance your schooling?
Government entity ___ Fire Department ___
Personal ___ Employer ___
- Do you think Master Certification Courses only should be taught at a central training facility? YES ___ NO ___
- Current 2nd and 1st Class Certification. Schooling should continue to be taught in the department or area?
YES ___ NO ___
- Would you be reimbursed for lost wages while attending schooling? YES ___ NO ___

Thank you
Lawrence Swartz, President

Haysville celebrates 25 years of service

The Haysville Community Fire Department was started by the Haysville Ruritan Club. The first meeting was held October 11, 1961. The following were elected to the Board of Directors: Harold Huebner, President and Director; Paul E. Kreilein, Secretary and Director; Ted Conrad, Vice President and Director; Bennett Adams, Treasurer and Director; and Oran Hall, Director.

The Fire Department was incorporated October 18, 1961. The first meeting was held January 5, 1962, to pick a committee to get specifications on a fire truck. The following men were picked: Edgar Nigg, RADIUS Lansford, Clinton A. Ruckriegel, Elmer (Happy) Neukam, and Delmar Street.

Many hours and trips were spent visiting fire departments and getting information on what was needed for a fire truck. Two companies submitted bids on the truck; they were Becker & Son of Louisville, KY, and Midwest

Equipment Co. of Indianapolis, IN.

On April 10, 1962, a meeting was held with the Committee, the Directors of the Fire Department, and the Directors of the Ruritan Club.

The bids were awarded to Uebehler & Son for the chassis and Midwest Equipment Co. for the fire apparatus and hoses.

On June 5, 1962, a meeting was held by the Directors of the Ruritan Club and Directors of the Fire Department to discuss a building to house the fire trucks. The following committee was picked: William Schafer, William Braun, Clinton Ruckriegel, Charles Seitz, Ollie Huebner, Linus Buchta, and Chris Harder.

The ground for the building site was donated by Walter A. and Zelma Seitz and the labor for the building was donated by the people. The building started June 15, 1962, and was completed August 2, 1962, at a cost of

\$3,496.45. Another addition was added in 1973.

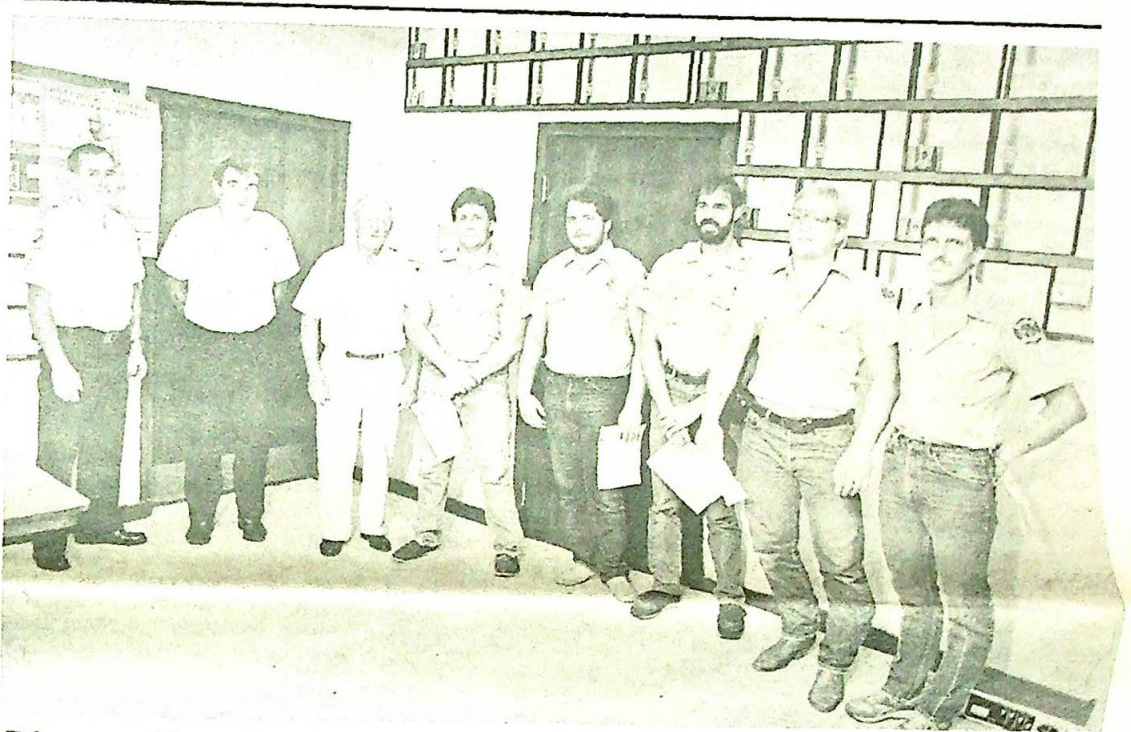
The fire truck arrived August 7, 1962, and the dedication for the fire house was September 23, 1962, with a parade.

The fire department started with two trucks, a pumper, and a tank truck. In 1967, the third truck was added; a 1/2 ton truck for field fires. A fourth truck was added in 1985; a 3/4 ton equipped for field fires and with First Responders Rescue Equipment.

A Ladies Auxiliary was organized March 24, 1968.

The present officers of the Haysville Community Fire Department are Joe Gregory, President; James Popp, Vice President; Jerry Chanley, Director; James Freyberger, Director; Clinton Ruckriegel, Dir. and Treasurer; and Bryant Buchta, Secretary.

There are twenty-two firemen in the department and three recruits in training.



Plymouth volunteers are committed to professionalism

Pictured above are five Plymouth Volunteer Firefighters after presentation of First Class Firefighter Certification under Firefighter Standards and Education Board by Fire Chief Wayne Smith and Chief Instructor John Brown. This picture shows, as evidenced by the certificates on the wall, the serious and total commitment of the Plymouth Fire Department to safer and more professional firefighting.

Chief Smith, Instructor Brown and the members of the Plymouth Fire Department are live examples of professionalism who have combined training and experience through Indiana's Standards Program.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



M. E. "PETE" LOCKHART

Training in the fire service is the most important safety factor we can stress to each person providing this valuable service. Training must be a local ongoing commitment of the fire departments of which we are members. If assistance is needed from the I.V.F.A. you should talk to your District Chairman.

We are developing new forms to help clarify the procedures which must be followed to qualify as an I.V.F.A. sponsored fire school. These forms should be in the hands of the district chairman

by the time this report is in the paper.

I would like to remind everyone to make plans now for the upcoming annual meeting and convention in June; we would like to see new faces there along with our regular friends who are faithful in attending. With your

help and interest we can make this one of the biggest and best conventions yet.

FPSLAP
M.E. "Pete" Lockhart
Vice-President

P.S. I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

12th District pays tribute to volunteer

I would like to take a few minutes and reflect some of my thoughts on Don Boyle "Pappy Boyle".

Don became a volunteer late in his life. From the very outset he was an active member. After passing his recruit training he did his volunteering out of Station #22.

Don did a lot of running with the ambulance in that area as well as making fire runs. When it became necessary for ambulance crews to be EMTs, he did that also.

Was he proud of our department? You betcha! When we had open houses during Fire Prevention Week, Don was right there talking up our department. Whenever there were pancake breakfasts, chili suppers, bingo, car washes and any other fund raisers

for the auxiliary, Don and Bethel were always there.

I can remember at our volunteer meetings Don always tried to encourage our members to attend the various meetings of the organization so they would know what was going on, and he was always disappointed that more members didn't make it.

Whenever refreshments were needed for training, meetings or working fires, Granny Harker Picnic, etc., Don and Bethel were always present. When shifts were short because of vacations and illness, Don would say "I'll do what I can."

The Red Cross was always in need of volunteers at the state fair, and yes, you guessed it, Don was there for many years. Don was a

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Letters to the Editor -

Dear Sir:

Thank you for adding my name on your mailing list again. I enjoy receiving it as it keeps me in touch with both associations. I see many familiar names and faces, some of the old timers, still active and in there pitching for the I.V.F.A. and that is great.

When I mailed in my dues I mentioned in my letter how I miss the paper. She must have taken time out and taken care of it. I don't remember her name but thank you sincerely whoever you are.

I recall when I.V.F.A.A. was organized back in Hartford City, Mrs. Ridgeway was elected president then. I could be the oldest living member of the I.V.F.A.A. at this time. That would be nice.

I understand that the next convention will be close to home and God willing I hope I can attend at least for the banquet. It is nine years this month since Verne passed away. (August 25th)

Bob as usual you are doing a great job on the paper.

Congratulations to Carolyn McCarty and Carl Davis, recipients of well-deserved honors.

If I don't see any of you at the "88" Convention, come and see me. I still live at 145 W. Elm Street, Griffith, IN. Thank you again.

Mrs. Verne (Julia) Konopasek

Dear Mr. Laney,

We were involved in a very promising fund raiser that turned out to be extremely disappointing.

We are enclosing a copy of the report on same that we have filed with the Better Business Bureau. We are hopeful that you will use your newspaper to warn other departments to be extremely wary as we do not wish to see anyone else burnt in the manner we and our contributors were.

Sincerely,
Ceil Woodard, Chairman
Fund Raising & Publicity

Charity Solicitation Commission
Better Business Bureau
22 East Washington
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: American Heritage Portrait Studios (formerly); People's Choice Quality Portrait Studio (now), 400 Tracy Plaza, Suite 6, New Whiteland, IN 46184

At the time we were approached by Mike Parlier of the above organization to do a fund raiser for us, you had no record of them doing charity work and had no information to offer other than their address, officers' names and the date they were established. The references we were able to contact gave us no reason not to proceed and we did sign their contract. Enclosed is a copy of that contract as well as a copy of the certificate they were to sell.

As requested by them, we did run notices in the local newspapers and provided them with an introductory letter as well as a general fact sheet pertaining to our organization. They set the first photo date approximately two or three months in advance and began their solicitation. Except for a few minor hitches, sales appeared to be brisk and we anticipated receiving a healthy donation to our building fund over the next year and a half.

When picture time arrived and we began making the reminder calls, we ran into serious misunderstandings - a large number of people were left with

the impression that the \$10.00 was a donation to us and the picture a bonus, if they cared to exercise the option. Some became quite angry to learn that they had to be photographed for us to receive the donation. We also found people who were left with the impression that it was actually a volunteer at their door, rather than a salesman for the studio. We talked to Mike Parlier and others and were assured that more effort would be put forth in explaining exactly how the project worked.

When it came time for those photographed to pick up their pictures, we found they had raised the price of purchasing another photo \$5.05. When we complained about this, we were told it was none of our business what they sold extra prints for and they would probably be even higher the second year.

When the second sitting dates arrived, we uncovered further evidence that people were still totally confused on the necessity of being photographed for us to receive the donation. Mike Parlier stated that people simply didn't listen and they were covered as our article in the newspaper explained how it worked. He stated that any formal complaints would be handled by showing that article and no one could accuse them of wrong doing. By then we felt the situation was hopeless and we insisted they discontinue the solicitation and announced the project's demise in the local papers. By then they had already sold certificates for a third sitting which was just completed with even less of a turnout than the prior ones. The reminder cards for this sitting did not even contain an adequate address.

The figures are as follows:

SOLD	COLLECTED	PHOTOGRAPHED
781	\$ 7,810	240
384	3,840	105
572	5,720	93
1,737	\$17,370	438

DUE US	RETAINED
\$1,200	\$ 6,610
525	3,315
465	5,255
\$2,190	\$15,180

Although Mike Parlier continued to complain that they lost several thousands of dollars on us, we believe the figures speak for themselves as to whom the project turned out to be a fund raiser for. We are due \$5.00 next year for each one who returns to be photographed but they have admitted that the second year turnout is expected to be lower than that of the first year. And after we are paid what they owe us, we will only have 14.4% of what they collected when we should have had 50% this year.

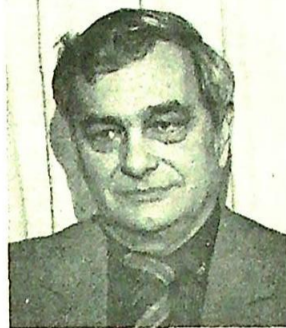
We also heard them making appointments with people to be photographed at their studio in place of our location but they have never admitted to photographing anyone there and we have never received any money for same.

The way the company pays their salesmen makes it very attractive for them to sell certificates regardless of whether or not there is any intention of ever being photographed. Mike Parlier, because he was instrumental in obtaining our signatures on the contract, received \$3.00 for every certificate sold. In addition, the individual salesmen received \$4.00 for each one sold and Mike Parlier sold most of them. We are convinced the effort was expended in selling the certificates and question how much explanation was

put forth. After we stopped the door-to-door canvas, they offered us a "by mail" contract but we have had more than our fill of their organization. We invite you to share our sorry experience with anyone who might be considering this type program with any company. We would like others to be aware of the pitfalls that could exist even though they aren't apparent at first observation.

Sincerely,
Ceil Woodard, Chairman
Fund Raising & Publicity

PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHEAST



BILL KINSEY

Hello Firefighters:

I hope you're ready for winter because summer is over. Fall must have gotten squeezed out of between because the temperature is low. Change of season means it's time to adjust fire fighting to changing conditions. Prepare your apparatus and your turn out gear to protect against the elements.

We've had some good meetings and great gatherings this summer. The recent Kosciusko County Firefighters Annual Fish Fry and recognition dinner was a success again. A fine example of mutual respect for each other. A county mutual fire insurance company sponsors the Fish Fry and Fire Fighters and Town/Township officials get together for a fine feed and open communication that makes it easier for officials and Fire Department personnel to work together effectively.

The public hearing for the 24-hour Mandatory Training was held and the rules are on the way to the Governor's signature.

Hope to see all of you soon.
Bill Kinsey

Volunteer is unsung hero

CEDAR LAKE - Fire department volunteers: they're unsung heroes who often deal with tragic situations because they care for people and their community.

Robert Eberle has been doing it for 33 years, 16 of them as chief of the volunteer force. And, time after time, he's shown the community a thousand times over just how much he cares.

There have been calls for fatal house fires and barn blazes, grass fires and chemical spills. Eberle has seen much tragedy, each case emphasizing the need for a dedicated volunteer fire department.

He has passed the chief's hat over to Assistant Chief Dennis Wilkening, a 15-year department veteran. But Eberle has not left the volunteers; he's still one of the men but serving in a different capacity.

"I thought it was time to let someone else handle what has become a full scale job," he said.

The Chicago-born Eberle, who has lived in Cedar Lake since he was a baby, said firefighting's in his blood.

When he came back from the army in the 1950s, Eberle said he knew Cedar Lake was home. . . apparently it was a home he was willing to endanger his life to protect.

"Most volunteers do it because they want to serve the community," he said. "They just want to help out."

When Eberle started, there

were a lot of old timers in the department who believed experience was the best teacher. That had its merits.

Rookie training is different today, he said, more professionalized. There are certification requirements to be met with specific guidelines and equipment standards.

Firefighting equipment is a story of evolution.

"I can remember when the department had four trucks (some make-shift) and also handled the inhalator," he said.

Today, the department has eight trucks which include several up-to-date vehicles with the latest in technological advances.

Staffing a volunteer force can be difficult. Eberle said it's hard to find people available in the day who can leave their jobs at a moment's notice to answer a fire call. The Cedar Lake department has managed well through the years.

Eberle said many local employers have been understanding and support the volunteer service.

Eberle is quick to praise the wives and families of the volunteers for their support.

The fire department is not the only town organization to which Eberle subscribes. He served as Cedar Lake police commissioner for eight years and, since that time, has been asked repeatedly to serve again.



Bob Eberle spent many years as fire chief in Cedar Lake. Photo by John Bojda

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Plymouth department holds memorial service

PLYMOUTH — Five volunteer firefighters and a full-time veteran driver boarded a pumper truck five years ago Friday on their way to douse a minor house fire.

Only one made it back to the fire station.

Nothing like it had ever happened to this community of 14,000, where most of the people who fought fires have other "regular" jobs, which they leave at the sound of a fire alarm.

On that day, Alphonse "Al" Kriscunas, Randy Hansen, Dane Hoffhein, Brian Samuels and Gary VanVactor became the first Plymouth firefighters to be killed in the line of duty.

They died not fighting the fire, but traveling to it. Their truck went out of control rounding a sharp curve on Indiana 17, a few miles shy of where they were heading, and smashed into a swamp.

Today, five white crosses on a utility pole mark the crash scene.

And other men still drop everything to get to the station after a fire has been reported.

"I don't want to say we've forgotten. It's something you don't forget," said Fire Chief Wayne Smith. "We've got a job to do, and we continue to do our job."

An investigation concluded the truck's 750 gallons had shifted in the curve and the driver, Kriscunas, had little control over where the truck was going or where it would stop.

Last year, in perhaps a symbolic gesture, firefighters and

Plymouth EMS drivers jointly took a driver's safety course for emergency workers sponsored by the Indiana EMS Commission.

"We know we were the first ones in the state, and as far as we know, the only ones in the country with 100 percent" participation from the fire department and EMS, Smith said.

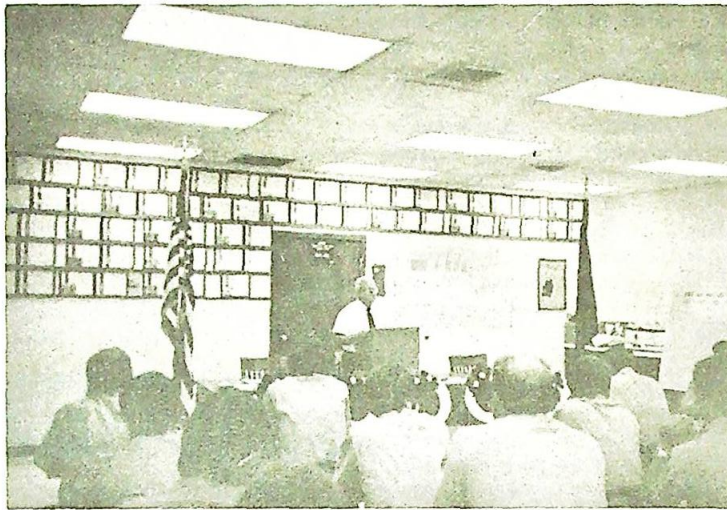
Every year since, on the last Sunday in July, the department holds a private memorial service for Hansen, Hoffhein, Kriscunas, Samuels and VanVactor. Then the firefighters go out to New Oak Hill Cemetery to lay wreaths at their

graves.

Duane Lantz, 25-year-chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, officiated at Sunday's service and said the 30 uniformed men there had not forgotten.

"There were a lot of tear-filled eyes out in the group," said Lantz, who lives in LaPorte County and who represented the state's 16,000 volunteer firefighters at a public memorial service in 1982.

- South Bend Tribune
by Matt Galbraith, Staff Writer
7/30/87



Father Lantz officiated at the Plymouth Fire Department's private memorial services for their fallen comrades, Hansen, Hoffhein, Kriscunas, Samuels and VanVactor. Five years ago this July the five were killed in an accident on their way to a minor house fire.



"Hands On" feature at Decatur

The Decatur Fire Department and Auxiliary, in conjunction with the city annual Sidewalk Sale, on July 8, held a bake sale, demonstrated fire equipment and handed out fire prevention materials.

Also present was a mannequin dressed in fire gear and a "Hands

On" table for the children to try on some of the gear.

Shown in the picture with the mannequin and some of the baked goodies are Walter and Dorothy Reiter and Rita and Jim Hitchcock, members of the Department and Auxiliary.



From Your Chairman of the Board Barry Winger

As your new Chairman of the Board I am privileged and pleased to serve you. Some of you already are acquainted with me, some of you aren't.

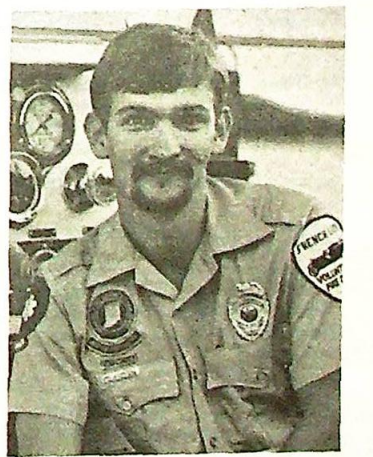
I became a member of the I. V. F. A. 10 years ago when I joined the French Lick Fire Department, the last six years I have served as chief of the department. I was elected chairman of District 18 two years ago. I have enjoyed my affiliation with I.V.F.A., and I feel it is a fine organization and a benefit to all volunteer firefighters. I have seen changes in the past and we can't predict the future, but I feel the future of the I.V.F.A. is bright and we are going places.

I urge you to support the newly elected leadership, President Swartz and Vice President Lockhart. They are willing to help you in any way they can. Also, I have been in contact with Lee Kissell, the new secretary, and things are running smoothly after many long, hard hours of work on Lee's part. He is doing a very fine job, I don't think you will be disappointed in him. As for myself, I will

do my best to serve you and help in any way I can.

In closing, remember with the Holiday Season fast approaching, let us promote fire safety in the homes of everyone in our communities so we prevent the loss of property and lives during this joyous time of the year.

From my family to yours, we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Annual brunch is success

The Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., of Columbus, IN, reports that the Chef Gregory Omelet Brunch was a success again this year. The Whipperwill Garden Club and the Harrison Fire Company sponsored the 9th annual brunch. Approximately 1,100 patrons were served.

The spring money making project will be the auxiliary's Garage Sale. Items are donated and col-

lected throughout the year and sold in June.

Proceeds from each of these projects will go to buy equipment for the station.

Officers elected for the year were Ronnie McIntyre, chief; Philip Pugsley, day asst. chief; Dennis Bautennight, asst. chief; Amos Lucas Day, captain; Carl Kestler, night captain; Cathy Dayhoff, training captain; and Pat Smith, secretary.

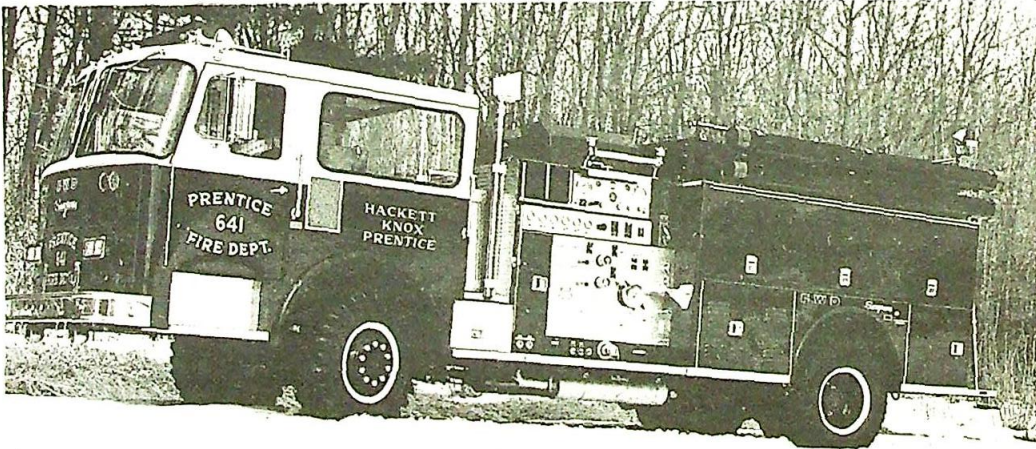
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Barb Mason	Phyllis Vargo	Faye Salee
2133 Medford	Dorothy Reiter	Virginia Wilson
Fort Wayne 46803	Vi Cambron	Lyn Marsh
Betty Nickens		6250 S. Arlington
Joyce Nevil		Indianapolis 46227
R. 2, Box 69		
Geneva 46740		
Bea Walker		
6753 Stein Rd.,		
Greenwood 46143		
Installation	By-Laws	Nominating
Ruth Fairfield, Ch.	Barbara Parker, Ch.	Mary Brooks, Ch.
Katie Mason	Pat Wisniewski	Carolyn Wedgewood
	Nancy Richardson	Mary Stafford
		Debora Harris
Financial Study	Historian	State Awards
Nickie Sunday, Ch.	Katie Mason	Lucy Soofer, Ch.
Betsy Howe		
Carolyn McCarty		
Loretta Nulliner		
Lois Boaz	Parliamentarian	1987 Miss Flame
Loretta Nulliner, Ch.	Ruth Ford	Dawn Lemmons
Barbara Ketchem		R. 1, Box 257
Carolyn McCarty		St. Paul, IN 47272
		(317) 525-4295

Notes from Morristown...

As I look out our front window, there is evidence of the coming season. The trees are changing, especially a certain maple tree that is sporting leaves of bright yellow and red. Soon the leaves will be gone and winter will be here.

During the next few months, each district will be selecting their Miss Flame representative to the 1988 Michigan City Convention. Good luck to all the girls who participate.

Now is the time to write your letters of nomination for the Lois Boaz Award. As usual the committee would like to have many ladies nominated. Look for the Lois Boaz Award information elsewhere in this paper.

I hope each auxiliary and individual member has paid their 1987-88 dues. If not, send \$2.00 for each member to Nancy Neal, Recording Secretary.

There will be a newsletter mailed to each auxiliary and individual member whose dues were paid by September 30, 1987 for the 1987-88 year. The newsletter will be mailed in January, 1988. If you have something you would like to see included, please send it to me by December 31, 1987. Items such as ways to make money, a recipe for cooking for large groups, types of awards given in appreciation, etc. Items not included in the newsletter may be submitted to the I.V.F.A. paper.

We have a couple of new District Chairmen. Congratulations and welcome to Marty Daniels, D-8B, and Dottie Striegel, D-16. A big thanks to Betty Nickens and Vi Cambron for the job they have done.

My family and I want to wish you and yours a safe and joyous holiday season.

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

DISTRICT 1 & 2

On September 3, 1987, our auxiliary meeting was held at Thayer Fire Department. Lake Township and Wheatfield Auxiliaries were welcomed as guests.

Approximately 60 attended and the meeting was called to order by Pat Wisniewski.

Our district's Miss Flame Contest will be held at the November 5 meeting. We will also be having a craft auction. All applications for the Miss Flame contest must be in to Pat Wisniewski or Phyllis Vargo by October 15.

The next meeting will be held at New Chicago Fire Department on November 5.

Karen Yankauskas
District 1 Sec.

DISTRICT 7

We met on a hot summer eve on July 10 at the Decatur Fire Station. Roll Call was answered by 10 ladies from 4 departments. There will be no district picnic this year. Miss Flame contest will be at our Nov. meeting. Election of officers was held. Next meeting will be Sept. 21, at Bluffton, at 8:00 P.M.

District 7 Chairman
Dorothy Reiter

— THANKS —

A special thanks to all my friends throughout the state for the honor of being chosen for the Lois Boaz Award. It's been an honor and privilege that I'll never forget.

Carolyn McCarty

DISTRICT 8B

On July 1, 1987, roll call was answered by 9 members at Salamonina Fire Department. The good job that Melinda Bone did at the State Convention was discussed.

Also on September 10, 1987, a meeting was held at Daleville Fire Department. Four members and a guest (child) were present. A new chairman, Marty Daniels from Pennville Fire Department auxiliary was elected. Refreshments were served by Daleville Fire Department.

I would like to address myself to the members of my district, 8B. Please try to come to the meetings. We need to know what you want done on both the district level and the state convention level.

I hope my upcoming year will be a good one. And I hope that I can help each and every one of you.

Marty Daniels
8B Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

Seems like only a few weeks ago that we were talking about the upcoming convention. As I write this however, the trees are beginning to turn to autumn's brilliant and beautiful colors. As they say, "time flies when you are having fun." It has been a very busy summer for our family and I guess that is why it passed so quickly.

Several fire departments have held various fund raiser activities - I hope with great success. We have attended as many as possible. It is always nice to visit other departments and see how they "operate".

Our September district meeting was hosted by Clinton Township. They had Public Service Company give a very informative demonstration. The next meeting will be at Reelsville on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. The women will bring one baked item and it will be auctioned to the men. Most men have a sweet tooth so we thought we would take advantage of it.

You know it is hard for me to believe but we have auxiliary members who have never attended a district meeting. They have missed the chance to see other firehouses, meet and socialize with members from other departments, exchange fund raising ideas and many other things. Those of us who do attend would welcome others into our fire service family.

District 11-B will have the annual Miss Flame dance on February 20, 1988 at the one Half Century Club in Clinton. For those

who were there last year and enjoyed the band, "Austin City Limits" will be playing for us again this year. To make the evening a real success, we must have a good Miss Flame contest, and I challenge every fire department auxiliary to enter a candidate. Just think, one from every department would total about 50. Wouldn't that be great? As you know, the girl picked that night will represent District 11-B in the state contest at the convention in Michigan City in June. Letters will be sent to every fire chief with the Miss Flame contest rules and application form.

Please make a note that my address is now RR #1, Box 33, Dana, IN 47847 and phone is 317-665-3213. The only change is the box number. We moved only about 150 yards down the road but after 18 years in one house we had quite an accumulation. It has certainly been a challenge.

I believe this is the last page of the calendar year so I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Bushes.

Eula Bush
District 11-B Chairman

DISTRICT 12

The Aug. meeting of the 12th District I.V.F.A.A. was called to order at 8:12 p.m. at the Oaklandon Fire Department by our District Chairman Mary Brooks.

The Pledge to the Flag was given followed by a poem written by Bob Crouch, son of our Chaplain, titled "WHY" with a prayer following.

Roll was answered by 9 members representing 4 departments. Mary introduced our guests who were Miriam Schaeckel, State Sgt.-at-Arms, and Virginia Wilson, District 13 Chairman.

Minutes were approved as read with the addition of Ada Haines daughter's name. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Old Business:

Convention over and pictures were passed around for the ones that were interested.

New Business:

Mary asked for suggestions to raise money for our "Miss Flame". There were none, so she told them to think about it.

Rosie gave a report on the officers meeting. They were asked for ideas for the women to use their money at state level. They were: typewriter for the secretary; copier or the Medallion for the Lois Boaz recipient.

They were also asked to make suggestions of photographer for next year's convention. Several were made so everyone is to pass the word.

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41st Annual Convention Meeting Minutes - Friday, June 12, 1987

President Sunday: I will call the 41st Annual Convention of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association to Order. After the invocation by Father Lantz, please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Vice President Swartz. Father Lantz.

Father Lantz offered prayer.

Vice President Swartz: Pledge to the Flag.

President Sunday: I appreciate everybody who took the time to come out and attend the meeting this weekend as well as the business meeting that we have to take care of today. The agenda is full and we are going to have to keep moving so with your help and cooperation we can get done and get out of here early this afternoon so we will have plenty of time between the end of the meeting and the banquet to socialize a little and visit the displays this afternoon, because most of those will probably leave when we start going to the banquet. Be sure to tell those guys how much you appreciate their support to the Convention Committee and help with the expenses. Do we have any communications from the Secretary?

None.

Any communications from the floor? (None.)

President Sunday: We'll give the Committee list now so you people will remember when you have to function here. The following are the Committees:

Mileage and Credentials: 11A, 13B, 12, 9A and 4.

Nominating Committee: 18, 10, 3, 11B, and 8A.

Roll Call Committee: 6, 2, 20, 1 and 7.

Elections Committee: 9B, 13A, 8B, 19 and 16.

Audit Committee: 17B, 14, 17A, 15 and 5.

Resolutions Committee is the PR men.

Games Chairman: Al Mendel.

Parliamentarian: Bill Kinsey.

Rules of Convention for this meeting: Before you speak you must be recognized. We have microphones in the aisle ways; you can see them on the stands about midway. You need to come to the mike to speak so the recording secretary can hear you and everybody else can hear you. When you come up there to speak, you need to give your district and your name before speaking so everybody will know where you are coming from. Officers need to give their names also. Sgt. at Arms will have everyone in the room with the door closed during the voting with nobody going in or out. You must attend both sessions, morning and afternoon, to be eligible for your mileage. District Chairmen, you are going to have to police that and make sure they go to both sessions. Only one delegate per department may turn in a voucher.

I need a reading of the minutes of the Annual meeting for last year.

Bob Esserman, District 1: I move that we delete the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and accept them as published in the newspaper.

President Sunday: Is there a

second?

Max Poling, District 6: I second the motion.

President Sunday: I have a motion to accept and a second to accept the minutes as printed in the paper. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Opposed: Motion carried.

I am going to introduce to you the Convention Co-Chairman, Stan Kaskie.

Stan Kaskie: We are back here taking care of some chair problems. We are glad to have you all here and hope you are enjoying it. We are having a good time. Any problems, let us know. We will be glad to take care of them.

President Sunday: Thank you, Stan.

Don Moreau who is Director of the Emergency Medical Service spoke briefly and thanked everyone for their help and cooperation.

President Sunday: Thank you, Don. I need to have Gene Stofer explain to you about the vouchers and also Doug needs to explain to you about the roll call.

Treasurer Gene Stofer: Gentlemen, on your vouchers for you delegates, please write delegate and the district you are from, any place on the voucher, just so I can read it. I am going to suggest that right now, officially I can't do it until after the official report, but we did have a little excess money and I am going to move that you gentlemen will be paid 20' a mile instead of only receiving 10'. Thank you very much.

President Sunday: Mileage and Credentials. Doug.

Secretary Doug Bechtel: Thank you, Mr. President. Doug then explained how to fill out the delegate and officer voting form.

President Sunday: We are going to have a roll call of the officers for the officers report and introductions of any guests anyone might have to introduce. First of all, the president's report.

Gentlemen, we have traveled many, many miles this year. I didn't spend as much time traveling around to the districts this year as I did the first year because it just seemed like there wasn't enough time and hours to get it all done. I did attend several meetings, I did attend a lot of legislative sessions, a lot of committees. I spent a lot of time in the Fire Marshal's office, the Governor's office and everywhere else it takes to get those functions arranged. I worked many hours with Jack Ford in the legislature; we worked a lot of hours with our different Convention committees, a lot of hours with the Bridgeport Memorial Fund which is the Scholarship fund and also the death benefit fund. There is always a volunteer fireman out there somewhere. I think the Association is moving forward and I expect the next president and his officers - as a matter of fact, I challenge them to make this association strive to be better each year. It makes it a lot easier for us to make this thing function. Thank you.

Vice President Swartz: Ladies and Gentlemen, I, like the president, have covered quite a few

miles and we don't begrudge anybody the time nor the mileage we have covered. There were a lot of things gained for the Association this year and we do hope to continue our work in the legislature to upgrade not only the Association but all of its members. And in closing, I would like to make one other comment. The American Legion has in the statehouse capital rotunda a memorial for fallen heroes. This includes police officers, fire personnel, both career and volunteer. For those of you who lose fire personnel, please contact either your local American Legion or the American Legion Fallen Heroes in Indianapolis. That address will be available and I am going to try to get that published in the paper on a rotating basis where you are aware of it. Get those names to these people so they can honor your fallen comrades. June 28 at 3:00 P.M. will be an update; it will be the first one, I believe, since 1983.

President Sunday: Secretary's report, Doug Bechtel.

Doug Bechtel: On this last report we had 26 people that paid for last year, bringing us to a total of 15,051 paid people. We will be going to a printed out dues card so that you will no longer have the little stickers that everybody is complaining about, that we never got one. We are going to a printed card right off the computer and I think that will be a big thing. On the back side it will have the blue light law and a place for the chief of your department to sign that. Thus you will have a blue light card.

President Sunday: Thank you, Doug. Treasurer's report, Gene Stofer.

Treasurer Stofer: The complete financial report appeared in the paper.

President Sunday: Thank you, Gene. I would like to call the Audit Committee Chairman, who is also Chairman of the Board, Pete Lockhart, to give the report of the Audit Committee. Pete.

Pete Lockhart: The Auditing Committee met yesterday morning and we had a motion by Tom Sellmer and seconded by Bill Engle to approve the audit report by Robert Stewart CPA audit of the Treasurer's records. We also audited the secretary's petty cash fund; they found a 4' error which they said was in our favor so they decided to go ahead and approve the petty cash fund. The Audit Committee consisted of Bill Engle, Tom Sellmer, Mike Sietz, Charles Sutton and myself. Mr. President, here is a signed copy of the audit.

President Sunday: Bill Howe.

Bill Howe: I would like to move that we accept the Auditing Committee report.

Max Harrah, District 11A: I would like to second that motion.

President Sunday: We have a motion to accept the audit report and a second. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying "aye". All those opposed. (None.) Motion carried. Thank you, Auditing Committee and you are released from your committee.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush, passed.

Recording Secretary, Ivan

Nevil, passed.

Immediate Past President Carl Bruns, passed.

President Sunday: Other past presidents passed with the exception of Cornelius Vanderhart who spoke briefly. Public Relations Directors, all passed. All District Chairmen passed.

Committee Reports: Father Lantz, would you like to give a report?

Father Lantz: I want to thank you guys for the many kindnesses that you have extended to your Chaplain. You know, it is no different than the first time I stood at the podium and this the 24th time. Thank you.

President Sunday: Thank you, Father. Committee reports. Assistant to the Editor, Bill Howe.

Bill Howe: The next issue is due out in July. Copy for the paper is needed by June 20th. Thank you.

President Sunday: I will entertain a motion. I have checked with my Parliamentarian and if these guys want 20' they are going to have to do it right now because they ain't got time to wait to write the checks tonight. If you want the 20' somebody make a motion from the floor.

John Ferro, District 4: I make a motion that we accept the 20' per mile for this convention only.

Max Harrah, District 11A: I second the motion.

President Sunday: All those in favor of the motion to be given the 20' per mile to the delegates of this Convention only, signify by saying "aye". Opposed? Motion carried, gentlemen. Legislative report, Jack Ford.

Jack Ford: Thank you, Mr. President. The report appeared in the paper.

Treasurer Gene Stofer: Mr. Ford, I have a question. Last year I along with many others got notified that I was subject to audit by the State Board of Accounts. My

question is, why didn't we get the report in Executive Session last June of Public Law 3?

Jack Ford: It was missed by practically everybody and it was not known about.

President Sunday: We have some guests who are going to come in and join us. Barb Surber, Chairman of the Miss Flame Committee, will escort all the girls in.

Barbara Surber: Thank you, Bill. Thank you gentlemen. Before I announce the girls, would District 11B chairman please stand. I want to call him by the right name today. DeWayne Osborne, I am sorry. Our winner of Miss Flame is District 10, Dawn Lemmons; our Runner-up is District 7, Karen Sorg; and I think I have them in order then. District 1, Tracy Phillips; District 2, Tammy Sheehy; District 3, Deedee David; District 4, Traci Sue Taghon; District 5, Darla Emmons; District 6, Lynnette Farrington; District 8B, Melinda Bone is sick this morning, she was sick when she came in so her parents took her home; District 9B, Jennifer Hancock; District 11-A, Amy Taylor; District 11-B, Lynda Burgner; District 12, Cynthia Poteet; District 16, Michelle Becht; District 17-B, Katrina May; District 18-B, Jacqueline Neukam; District 19, Lisa Craig. Thank you, gentlemen. This is Miss Flame and her court.

President Sunday: Thank you all very much, girls. Don Weigel, do you have a report from the EMS Committee?

Don Weigel gave a short report.

President Sunday: Bette Sellmer is the Auxiliary Chaplain. Bette.

Bette Sellmer: Gentlemen, last week District 14 and part of 16 and other departments in this area worked very hard all week

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Miss Flame Qualifications and Rules

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or contestant must 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 10th.
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. "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. Formal attire to be worn at District and State judging.
19. Judging will be based on appearance, personality, poise, ability in conversation, community involvement and ability to express ideas.

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long collecting money for the Crusade for Crippled Children. Together, these departments for Indiana turned in \$160,000 in a week's time. Thank you.

President Sunday: Thank you, Bette. Public Education Committee, Jim Parker.

Jim Parker gave a report on the videos sent out to TV stations as Public Service Announcements.

President Sunday: Very good. Fire Schools and Training, Lawrence Swartz.

Lawrence Swartz spoke on the training programs and the cost. One other thing I want to touch briefly on was the 24-hour mandatory training bill.

This becomes effective January 1, 1988.

President Sunday: National Volunteer Fire Council, Bill Goodwin.

Bill Goodwin spoke on what the council has accomplished and some ideas that they are considering.

President Sunday: Thank you, Bill. Al Mendel from Games.

Al Mendel introduced the committee members. Then stated that they would be having a double elimination waterball contest this year. If you lose once you will have a chance to come back and still win. We only have twelve teams entered in the waterball contest this year, seven teams in the hose replacement and five teams in the cart race.

President Sunday: Thank you, Al. That Committee will also be released after the Convention. Safety Committee, Willie Parish.

Willie Parish: Pass.
President Sunday: That Committee is also released. Incent Committee, Larry Biggs.

Larry Biggs introduced other committee members: Jerry Nulliner and Mort Sorg. He stated that he would like to introduce the Incent Area Coordinator for Area 5 and he is also District 10 fireman, Bill Murray and he can tell you about the Pan Am games.

Bill Murray spoke on some activities that are coming especially the Pan Am Games.

President Sunday: Thank you and thank you, Larry. You and your Committee are also released after this meeting. Photographer Bruce Neal. Do you have any comments, sir?

Bruce Neal: I always get the credit for good photography work. It keeps me running and I really couldn't do this without Lee Kissell's help. Thanks, gentlemen, for being so cooperative with the pictures and thanks, Lee, I don't know what I would do without you.

President Sunday: Thank you, Bruce. Clothing Committee, Wayne Smith. Any report?

Wayne Smith: No.
President Sunday: That Committee is also released. Insurance Committee, Jerry Khal, your report.

Jerry Khal: No.
President Sunday: That Committee chairman is also released; the committee is a standing committee. The Historical Update, Charles Sutton.

Charles Sutton: Pass.
President Sunday: That Committee is also released. New Member Departments, Carl Bruns.

Carl Bruns: Pass.
President Sunday: That committee is also released. Awards Committee, Lawrence Swartz.

Lawrence Swartz: For the

Midwest awards this year, every District has a winner. I really appreciate the effort that went into this. Thank you.

President Sunday: The Awards Committee is also released. Convention Book. Dale Jablonski is not here. Ridge Anderson is here who was the artist and the man who did the work on the Convention book this year. Do you have any comments, sir?

Ridge Anderson: No comments.

President Sunday: We are glad you came. Quarterly Paper Ads, Jack Ford.

Jack Ford: Pass.

President Sunday: You are now released from that Committee, after the next issue of the paper. Resolutions Committee, Toddy Michl.

Toddy Michl: We have only one resolution that came in. I'll read it and then after I read it I will ask Gene Stofer to give you an explanation of why we do not want this passed. In a duly assembled meeting Districts 1 and 2 of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association held on November 19, 1986, having at least five departments in attendance, drew up and adopted the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has changed its procedures pertaining to compensation paid to individuals of non-profit organizations;

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service now requires a Form 1099 to be made out for each individual that receives \$600.00 or more from such non-profit organization;

WHEREAS, that most individual officers of this association received more than \$600.00 in expenses;

WHEREAS, this procedure causes an added burden to the Treasurer of this association or added work for the CPA for which we have to pay;

WHEREAS, the 1986 Tax Reform Act will eliminate the tax deduction as was previously available costing our officers more federal income tax;

THEREFORE, we submit this resolution pertaining to Article 2, Section 3, starting on line 19 and continuing through line 22 that states "It shall be \$20 for motel expenses and \$10 for meal expenses per day when such officers are required to spend 24 hours or more in a transaction of business for this association," be changed to

read:

"The Treasurer of this Association shall pay the motel expenses direct to the motel. The officers shall also receive \$10 for meal expenses per day. The two previous expenses shall be only allowed when the officers are required to spend 24 hours or more in the transaction of business for this Association."

Signed: District Chairmen, Bob Esserman and Tim Reed. District Secretary Tom Allen and Jim? District 1 and 2.

Gene Stofer gave an explanation for defeating the resolution.

President Sunday: You heard the report of the Committee. What is your pleasure.

Mr. President, Pete Lockhart, District 17B. I move that we do not pass the resolution.

President Sunday: Do I have a second to the motion?

Barry Winger, District 18: I second the motion.

President Sunday: We have a motion that we not accept the resolution and a second. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying "aye". Opposed? Motion carried. Okay, Toddy, the Resolutions Committee is released.

Al Mendel: Midwest has donated a nozzle to the committee to be given away after the games tomorrow, so we will be drawing for that after the games.

President Sunday: Thank you, Al. We are going to reconvene this meeting at 1:15.

Bob Esserman: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to direct the secretary to send a letter to the Governor of Indiana nominating Father Duane Lantz for the Meritorious Award.

President Sunday: You are talking about from the Association?

Bob Esserman: Yes, from the Association.

President Sunday: He will be so instructed to do that. I don't think we need to carry your motion any further. Does anybody disagree? Mr. Secretary, will you take care of that, please?

All of the Committees are now released.

I would like to have the Election committee, Chairman Barry Winger, come forward and we are going to have the election of the state officers.

Barry Winger: For President, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Lawrence Swartz.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for President? This was repeated three (3) times. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for the

President of the IVFA.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for the President, Lawrence Swartz, for the year 1987-88.

Lawrence Swartz: Thank you.

Barry Winger: For Vice President, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Marvin "Pete" Lockhart.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for Vice President? This was repeated three (3) times. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for the Vice President of IVFA.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Marvin "Pete" Lockhart for the vice president's job for the 1987-88 year.

Barry Winger: For Secretary the Nominating Committee submits the name of Lee Kissell.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for Secretary?

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations.

Mr. President, Jack Winkler, District 12: I second the nomination of Doug Bechtel.

President Sunday: Thank you, sir. Are there any other nominations for Secretary? Are there any other nominations?

Mr. President, Max Harrah, District 11A. I nominate John Davies from District 11B.

President Sunday: According to the bylaws, Max, John Davies is not eligible to run for secretary because he has to be an officer for two years as District Chairman or on up.

Mr. President, Max Harrah

withdraws the name of John Davies.

President Sunday: Thank-you. We have two nominations for Secretary. Bar the doors.

Lee Kissell addressed the delegates.

Doug Bechtel also made some comments to the delegates.

Barry Winger: We are going to go ahead with the rest of the nominations. If we run into one that takes a vote, we will stop there. For the office of Treasurer, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Gene Stofer.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for Treasurer? This was repeated three (3) times. Mr. Secretary, please. I know I just sent you over there to get started on the Committee, Doug, but would you come over here to cast one unanimous ballot for Gene Stofer, please.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, for Treasurer I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Gene Stofer for the year 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For Recording Secretary the Nominating Committee submits the name of Ivan Nevil.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for Recording Secretary? This was repeated three (3) times. If not, Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous for Ivan Nevil for Recording Secretary, please.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Ivan Nevil for Recording Secretary for the year 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For Sergeant-

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Five volunteers certified in Wolf Lake

Five volunteer firemen were certified at an initiation held Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Noble Township Fire Station in Wolf Lake.

The new second-class firemen were awarded shirts, certificates and patches after completing 100 hours of training. Roger McNair, department instructor, headed the meeting.

This was the first time that North Station and South Station trainees were trained as a single

group. Previously, the Big Lake firemen and the Noble Township firemen were taught separately.

The initiates were James Pancake, Sr., Kevin Walker, Jerry Kiester, Russel Uptgraft and Leroy Neyhart. Awards were presented by Bill Kinsey, an official with Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Kinsey stressed, "The one key secret (to firefighting) is to receive training. . . (which) is a never-

ending thing."

The second speaker of the evening was Cooney Tucker, state fireman instructor. He expressed the need for young people to enter fire service, and that he was glad to see this taking place in Noble County.

There were other speakers, including some veteran firefighters and refreshments were served.

- Albion New Era
by Bob Emerson



Bill Kinsey, public relations commissioner for Northeast Indiana Volunteer Firemen, presented certificates to five new second class firemen at the Noble Township Fire Department on August 27. Pictured with Kinsey are (left to right) James Pancake Sr., Kevin Walker, Jerry Kiester, Russel Uptgraft and Leroy Neyhart.
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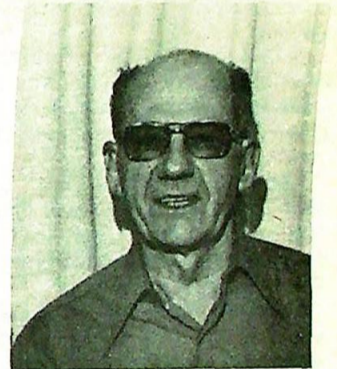
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L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

I went to a reunion with my Navy buddies in September and now I'll get back to what I should be doing for I.V.F.A. members. Received a letter from Lee Kissell with a list of paid departments. Some need to get to their secretary to see if their dues are paid. He gave me the name of Richard Caldwell, the new District 20 Chairman. Good luck, Richard, and thank you for taking the position. I hope to get to your next meeting. Perry Martin, Chairman of District 21 had a meeting and had an interesting speaker. These two new chairmen will need all the support they can get from the men in all their departments. If your department can send only one man from each department, think of all that we can do together. Each one can take information from the state back to their department members, be it fire schools, legislation in State House, or just communication between your neighboring fire departments.

We had our annual picnic for District 11A in September. We held election of officers. President Swartz attended and gave us a lit-

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc., was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish of the Francesville Fire Department at 8:00 P.M. at the Fowler Volunteer Fire Department in Fowler, IN.

There were 10 guests present and 33 firemen for a total of 43 present, with 52 fire runs among the 10 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: "Jerry Lewis" Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon; I.V.F.A. State Convention's 1987, 1988, 1989; Dues to be paid no later than July 31 to New Secretary of the I.V.F.A., Lee Kissell; News for paper due by Sept. 20; Legislation, 24 hr. Mandatory Training effective Jan. 1, 1988; New Computer Membership cards; the standardized percentage billing of Insurance Companies and the new forms; State Fire School - North at Fort Wayne on Sept. 24-27; District 9-B Midwest Award winner - Clyde Martin of Brook, Mr. I.V.F.A. 1987 is Carl Davis; New I.V.F.A. Officers are President, Lawrence Swartz; Vice President, Pete Lockhart; Secretary, Lee Kissell.

District 9-B 1987 Miss Flame Contestant, Jennifer Handcock, gave a short talk on her experiences at the 1987 State Convention.

Chairman Willie "Mitch" Parish, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Risner were re-elected by a unanimous vote for the 1987-88 year.

Program was presented by Verl Elms and Terry Brewer from Northern Indiana Public Service Company on Compressed Natural Gas in motor vehicles.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were: Kerry Smith - Fowler, David Eberhart - Fowler, Barry Bailey - Fowler. The Haz/Mat Book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Terry Maxon of Star City. Streamlight Jr. flashlight donated by George Walda was won by Bruce Yonker.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Next meeting is Sept. 10, 1987, at Francesville Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

Dennis J. Risner
Sec./Treas.

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish of the Francesville Fire Department at 8:10 P.M. at the Francesville Fire Department in Francesville, IN.

There were 7 guests present and 46 firemen for a total of 53 present, with 91 fire runs among the 13 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: Francesville Lions Club raffle tickets; Little Cousin Jasper Festival-Parade September 12; Miss Flame Contestants for 1988; Juvenile Fire Setter Workshop at Indy; State Fire School - North at Fort Wayne, Sept. 24-27; Fire &

Building Standards; Billing Insurance Companies for fire runs; "Fire Apparatus of Yesterday" on Oct. 18 at Pikecreek Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Elwood; Fire Prevention Week & McDonald's Fire Safety Program; Reporting of burn patients to Fire Marshal's office by Hospitals; L.P. Gas School - District 9-A on Oct. 10; Legislation on Workman's Comp.; District 9-B Midwest Award Committee appointed; 1988 I.V.F.A. Convention and raffle; State Fire Marshal's Office - Expansion, Legislation, & Funding; New Incident Report Forms; 24 hr. Mandatory Training; 3 Haz/Mat Training Officers at Fire Marshal's Office; Up-dating of the Deceased Firemen list, News for paper due in by Sept. 20 - need Black/White pictures for paper; Fire Service Management Class at Schererville in Oct.; Instructor's Course at Decatur on Oct. 24, 25, 31 & Nov 1; Arson Arrests; I.A.A.I. Meeting on Sept. 19 at Fire Marshal's Office; 24th Indiana Fire Conference in Richmond on Oct. 17 & 18.

Chairman Mitch Parish presented Certificates for Haz/Mat Class given at Buffalo on Nov. 13, 1986.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were: Francis Smart - Morocco, Bruce Howard - Reynolds, John Hancock - Remington. Francesville Fire Department caps donated by Francesville Fire Department were won by Bruce Howard - Reynolds, Bill Tiede - Francesville, Francis Smart - Morocco. Haz/Mat Book donated by Charlie Baker was won by William McGraft of Goodland. Streamlight Jr. flashlight donated by George Walda was won by Van Carlson of Morocco. Belt Buckle donated by Joe Komoscar was won by Harold Harper of Winamac.

Program on Anhydros Amonia was presented by Mitch Parish & Kenny Burns.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Next Meeting is at Goodland Vol. Fire Department on Nov. 12, 1987 at 6:30 slow time and 7:30 fast time.

Dennis J. Risner
Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 10

I.V.F.A. District #10 Firefighters have met three times since my last report. Our July meeting was the 15th at Amity, 40 firefighters from 13 departments reporting 74 emergency runs from the previous month. Honored guests were John Maudlin from Midwest Fire and Safety, former I.V.F.A. President Jim Parker - who is a district #10 firefighter, I.V.F.A. Chaplain Duane Lantz and I.V.F.A. President Lawrence Swartz. The evening's training was conducted by Columbus Fire Department Paramedic, Bud Corson. The Amity firefighters did themselves proud with a super pork chop dinner that was enjoyed by all.

Our August meeting was the 19th at Milhousen at the Marion Twp. Fire Department, 36 firefighters from 11 departments reported 574 emergency runs for the previous month. Guests for the

evening were Jim Parker, former I.V.F.A. president, I.V.F.A. Secretary Lee Kissell, and John Maudlin, Midwest Fire and Safety.

The September meeting was the 16th at the Anderson Twp. Fire Department in Milroy. Thirty eight firefighters from 16 departments reporting 176 emergency runs from the last month answered the first roll call. Guests for the evening were former I.V.F.A. President Jim Parker, Tim Swartz from Hoosier Fire Equipment, John Maudlin from Midwest Fire and Safety, and 1987 I.V.F.A. Miss Flame, a young lady from District #10, Dawn Lemmons. After a short business meeting, the members enjoyed a training session on 'Insurance and the Firefighter'.

Many thanks to these three departments and my training committee for making this quarter's district meetings a great success.

Yours in the I.V.F.A.
Bruce Neal,
10th District Chairman

DISTRICT 12

12th District Meeting Decatur Twp.

Vol. Fire Department #4
Marion County - July 20, 1987

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Johnson, and then it was temporarily suspended in order for their Ladies Auxiliary to serve lunch which was very tasty. Meeting was recalled at 8:00 p.m., with 37 members and guests present representing 10 departments.

Pledge to the Flag was given. Opening prayer led by our Chaplain James Bruner.

Introduction of guests and host department Chief Joe Miller, introduced his firefighters, Lawrence Swartz, our I.V.F.A. president, and guest, Willie "Mitch" Parrish, Chairman District 9B, Toddy Michl, PRWC, and guest Bob Hays of Honey Creek, and Jim Bruner, our 12th District Midwest Award Winner.

First Roll Call.

Chairman Johnson, yields the floor to our I.V.F.A. State President Swartz to conduct the election for our district officers for the new year of 1987-1988.

Nominations from the floor were opened for the office of District Chairman. The name of Don Johnson was submitted with no other names presented. Secretary Bogden cast one unanimous vote for Chairman Johnson.

District Vice Chairman: the name of James Bruner was nominated from the floor. There being no other names presented, Sec. Bogden cast one unanimous vote for James Bruner.

Sgt. at Arms: name of Dick Johnson was nominated from the floor. There being no other name presented, Sec. Bogden cast one unanimous vote for Dick Johnson.

Chaplain: name of James Bruner was nominated from the floor. There being no other name presented, Sec. Bogden cast one unanimous vote for James Bruner.

Sec./Treasurer: name of Charles Bogden was nominated from the floor. There being no other name presented, Chairman Johnson cast one unanimous vote for Charles Bogden, who will be serving his 34th year as district secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given and accepted.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Chairman Johnson read several pieces of material from the State Fire Marshal's office - Percentage Paid of

Policy Coverage for Fire Runs (Fire Service Charge), Clearing the Smoke Rumor Squelcher, Underground Storage Tank County Survey Program.

He also stated that our membership dues are due in July.

President Swartz gave some informative remarks regarding the association, and his appointment of his new committees for the new year. President Swartz read the expenses of the association for this year of 1986-1987.

Toddy Michl, PRWC thanked the members for attending this meeting and also gave a few remarks regarding Home Owner Insurance.

Chairman Johnson stated that if any of the department members present had any gripe to see him after the meeting so that this can be taken care of regarding the future.

He also has 61 VCR Training Films for our district meeting and 15 Fire House Training Films. In the future host department will have a TV set.

Good of the Order: Decatur Township #4 will be holding Bingo Games the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

Ladies meal we enjoyed especially the pies.

Member departments were asked what night would they like to host district meetings for the new year. Our September 21st meeting will be hosted by the Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department with other departments planning for a future date.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn made at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bogden, Dist. Sec.

QUARTERLY OFFICERS' MEETING

Ramada Inn, Lafayette, Indiana

August 1 & 2, 1987

The meeting was called to order by President Swartz. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice-President Lockhart, followed by the Invocation by Chaplain Lantz.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Kissell. The minutes were tabled temporarily.

New District Chairmen were introduced by President Swartz. They are Jim Straws, District 5; Richard Mackin, District 6; Jack Zekes, District 17B; and Perry Martin, District 21.

President Swartz called for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Bill Engle made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded by Bill Howe. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Guests were Karl Weibaker, Paul Hilderbrand, Eric Nickson and Bob Laney.

Officer Reports

In his report, President Swartz stated that he had attended many functions with departments and districts since the convention. He reported on the Fallen Heroes in the Rotunda of the State Capitol building, a recent meeting in the Fire Marshal's office and a meeting with Lt. Governor Mutz and the M.D.A. Proclamation signing. He thanked everyone for the support given to him.

Vice-President Lockhart reported that he has been busy. He listed several meetings and functions that he had attended. He stated that at a recent meeting in the Fire Marshal's office representatives from 11 other organizations met to study the feasibility of forming an inspectors organization.

Secretary Kissel said that as of today we have 7,973 paid members for "87-88". He also reported on some changes in the computer. A short discussion was held on the eligibility dates for the Bridgeport Memorial Fund. No action was taken at this time.

Treasurer Stofer gave the financial report and passed the proposed budget for the next year to the officers. No action was taken on the budget as it will be discussed further in the board meeting.

Sergeant at Arms Bush reported on the Sandburg Award. He reported that the new grave makers are not in yet.

Chaplain Lantz reported on the memorials which he has given, as well as other activities in his area. He stated that he had been asked if the association had a memorial flag for a grave site. A short discussion followed. This matter was deferred to the board for action also.

Recording Secretary Nevil passed.

Editor Bob Laney said he was happy to be here. He brought some of the papers with him. He also stated that he is getting too many color photos for the paper. He stressed that we remind the members to send black & white as they reproduce much better. He also asked what happened to the "In Memory Of" that was published in the paper. He thought we should go back to it.

Past President Sunday was absent.

All other past Presidents in attendance passed.

Public Relations Directors

NW: Howe reported that he had attended all the district meetings and that three of the chairmen were re-elected. On Fire Schools he stated that their's would cover LP gas. He asked for a copy of some information on the Federal Death Benefit.

NE: Kinsey reported that two new chairmen were elected for District 5 and District 6, while District 4 and District 7 retained their chairmen.

WC: Michl commented that the Public Education tapes had been given to the TV stations around him and he is still trying to get a new chairman in District 20. EC: Windsor was absent.

SW: Davis reported on the deaths in the area as well as the fire school in District 18. He has been busy.

SE: Richardson was absent.

District Reports

D1: Esserman gave the district report and stated that their Midwest Award was awarded to Bill Howe.

D2: Reed had attended the District 3 meeting recently. His district has no interest to hold a fire school at this time and he was trying to get all dues collected by July 31.

D3: Sabie was absent.

D4: Ferro stated that he had been re-elected at the meeting held at New Carlisle recently. He thanked the officers for attending the meetings.

D5: Straws commented that as a new officer he was not sure what he was doing yet. He discussed some problems in the district and

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reported that he was going to try and move the meetings around to more departments.

At 5:00 P.M. President Swartz recessed the meeting until 7:30 P.M. in the same room.

At 7:37 P.M. the meeting was called back to order by President Swartz and he said that we would continue with the District reports.

D6: Mackin said that he was also new and therefore did not have much to report. He does have some ideas on trying to improve attendance at the district meetings.

D7: Sorg absent.

D8A: Fleener stated that he was re-elected and thanked the President for attending the last meeting.

D8B: Nickens absent.

D9A: Sutton absent.

D9B: Parrish commented that he has done a lot of traveling. The Fire School has been set for October and it will be on records and law.

D10: Neal spoke on events in the district and said that the election was held with the same officers back again.

D11A: Biggs reported on district events and election of officers.

D11B: Osborne absent.

D12: Johnson absent.

D13A: Nullinger absent.

D13B: Kahl absent.

D14: Sellmer absent.

D15: Seitz said the Fire School is set for October. Same officers elected.

D16: Atkins was absent.

D17A: Engle said the same officers were elected. He has been busy attending meetings.

D17B: Zakes reported that as a newly elected chairman and with no meeting since the election he had no report.

D18: Winger thanked Vice-President Lockhart for being at the last meeting. He stated that the same officers were elected and gave a short report on the Fire School.

D19: Weigel was absent. Karl Weilbaker sitting in for him gave a report on district activities.

D20: No Chairman.

D21: Martin stated that he hoped to get things moving again in the district.

Committee Reports

Safety: Parrish no report.

Public Education: Parker said the tapes have been mailed on Smoke Detectors. E.D.I.T.H. tapes were talked about. Ideas are needed on what type of tapes to make.

E.M.S.: Nevil no report.

Awards: Vice-President Lockhart mentioned the Sandburg Mid-West and SFM awards. Guidelines would be re-issued for these awards. Also for discussion was the awards night on August 29th at Bush Stadium in Indianapolis.

Fire School & Training: Vice-President Lockhart stated that the form is being revised into a simpler form to fill out.

Resolutions: Davis had no report.

Insurance: Stofer stated that effective immediately any fire school that does not obtain our insurance certificate will be responsible for any damages incurred by that school. Also it was stated that the association will not condone the serving of any alcoholic beverages at any function that carries the I.V.F.A. name unless the organization has liquor liability insurance bought and paid for themselves which does not include the I.V.F.A. as a sponsoring organization or any party of the activity.

Legislation: Stofer listed some things that we need to go after as well as protect ourselves from other interest.

President Swartz explained the change in the legislative representative and how they are to work together until January of 1988.

Clothing: Reed had no report.

Communications

President Swartz read a letter from Wayne Township, Allen County, concerning the continuous membership of its members as they are closing out operations and going into a fire district. It was stated that this would have no effect on their membership.

President Swartz stated that the law requiring hospitals and doctors

to report burns to the SFM is effective 8-1-87.

A short discussion was held on a fire academy. It was decided that a survey be put in the I.V.F.A. paper and let the individual firefighters express their opinion to this matter. Also mentioned were the fire service charges that were recently enacted by the State Insurance Commission.

President Swartz made some comments concerning the officers participation in the convention parade and the presenting of the Mid-West Awards at the convention.

At 9:28 P.M. the meeting was recessed until 9:00 A.M. the following morning.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. on August 2 followed by the Invocation by Chaplain Lantz. President Swartz welcomed all to the meeting that were not in attendance for Saturday's meeting.

Past President Sunday thanked everyone for the last two years.

D13A: Nullinger reported that he has been working on the fire schools and at the last meeting the same officers were re-elected.

President Swartz asked for a Convention "87" report but no one was represented here today.

On Convention "88", Bob Bentley said that he brought handouts with him and detailed some events that are planned for the convention.

Bruce Neal requested what information is available for any district wanting to host a convention. Treasurer Stofer said he would provide anything he has on hand.

President Swartz introduced Marshal Bosell. In his comments Marshal Bosell encouraged all to utilize the agreement with the insurance companies on fire service charges. He stated that new N.F.I.R.S. forms are being printed that have all information that is needed on them. In other comments he said that the three Haz Mat Specialists have been hired and they are Dan Lee, Jerry Nullinger and Paul Spurling. Concerning the S.A.R.A. Commission it has been decided to operate on a County by County system. He also spoke on several awards that can be given thru the Governor's office as well as awards that he as Fire Marshal may present.

President Swartz spoke briefly on the Emergency Response Commission to which he was appointed. Dick Lamb, Chief of Wayne Township, Marion County is the association representative.

A letter from the Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department Inc. was read. They were voicing what they feel is lack of concern and action of the I.V.F.A. on some issues. President Swartz stated that he did answer their letter.

President Swartz stated that Bill Goodwin would, for a while, be our representative to the N.V.F.C.

Marshal Bosell spoke briefly on a program that the McDonalds Restaurant Organization is doing this year during Fire Prevention Week. He urged all to contact their local restaurants to pick up the information prior to October 5th.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Secretary Kissell stated that during the recent organizational meeting it was discussed that some type of arrangement be considered on a I.V.F.A. phone in the Secretary's office and also that each officer be given a calling card on that phone. Estimate costs were given and a short discussion followed. All action will be taken by the Board of Directors.

Good of Order

None.

At 10:25 Bill Howe made a motion to adjourn, Bill Engle seconded the motion and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Board of Directors

Chairman Lockhart called the meeting to order at 10:39 A.M. and asked for the reading of the minutes. Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Stofer seconded the motion and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Old Business

Chairman Lockhart stated that the floor was open for discussion. Hearing no comments he asked for a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Esserman made the motion, seconded by Parrish to accept the budget. Motion carried by a voice vote.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



LEE KISSELL

IVFA members,

I hope everyone is doing fine. Summer is gone and the busy time of year for all departments is about to begin. I hope you all obey all safety rules and have a safe winter season.

My new job as your State Secretary is not so new now. I have been broken in (down??) quickly, with many dues coming in since I started in July. Things are now slowing down, but the job still needs attention almost daily. By doing so, I hope to keep up-to-date with everything. Replies to your requests should be back to you within a few days.

There has been some delay in getting your member cards and stickers back. I ran out of cards, and we were anticipating the new computer-feed cards any day. As of this article, we still haven't received them, but the company promised to be shipping this week. Meanwhile, Bill Bush mailed some of the regular cards to me and we are now getting those in the mail.

I do have the card printing programs written and all I need now are the cards. I can print the cards out for an entire department by just entering the department number. This will be done as dues are processed. I can also print a single card for a member by entering their social security number. This is for individuals that join after the department has already paid for the year. Both of these programs will simplify and speed up our work, so you will receive your cards back sooner.

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Eberle, Howe are Midwest Award Winners

Officers were elected at the July meeting of Districts 1 & 2 which was held at the Lake Ridge Fire Station. The officers from the previous year were re-elected for 1987-88. The officers for District 1 are Chairman - Bob Esserman, Liberty Township, and Secretary - Tom Allen, Lake Ridge. District 2 officers are Chairman - Tim Reed, Lowell, and Secretary - Lance Wisniewski, Cedar Lake.

The Midwest Awards were presented at this meeting. The winners of the award from District 1 was Bill Howe. Bill is a member of the Schererville Fire Department. He has served his department for over 25 years and has held various offices within the department. Bill has held state offices, has been District Chairman, and presently holds the office of PR North West.

The District 2 winner was Bob Eberle of the Cedar Lake Fire Department. Bob has served his department for 33 years, 16 of them as chief. Bob will still be a member of the department but from now on he'll be in a black hat.



Tim Reed, District 2 Chairman, is seen with Bob Eberle, Cedar Lake, a Midwest Award Winner.



Bill Howe, Schererville, a Midwest Award Winner, appears above with Bob Esserman, District 1 Chairman.

Schererville hosts 3rd Annual Tournament

Schererville Fire Department hosted the 3rd Annual Northwest Indiana Softball Tournament. The tournament was held at Griffith's South Park on August 29 & 30.

There were 9 departments represented from Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties. The departments that played were Dyer,

Lake Hills, Highland, Munster, Independence Hill, Chesterton, Kingford Union, and Schererville.

The teams were really ready to play ball and have a nice time. After two days of nice weather and good ball playing, the final outcome was Lake Hills taking third place, Chesterton taking second

and Schererville taking first.

The softball committee and the Schererville Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teams who participated and hope that everyone had a good time. We hope that you will be back next year and

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Bridgeton hosts fire school

The District 11-B fire school was hosted by the Bridgeton Fire Department on Saturday, August 29, at the Rosedale School. The two classes offered included; "Stress and the Firefighter/Emergency Medical Personnel", and "Investigative Evidence". Don Fox from Speedway and Barbara Spurlin from the Wayne Twp. Fire Department were the instructors for the Stress class, and Dave Kauffman from Terre Haute was the instructor for the Investigative Evidence class. There were 22 firemen at the school and they

represented the following departments; Bridgeton, Rosedale, Montezuma, Lyford, Clinton Twp., Fairview, Marshall, and Cayuga. The instructors for the school did an excellent job, and the firemen in attendance were very pleased with the classes. Not only was the Bridgeton Fire Department happy that they were able to host the fire school, but equally happy that the classes were offered at no cost to the individual fireman.

Dave Gilstrap
President, BVFD

President explains investigation

As most of you are aware, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association entered into a contract with the T.D. Corporation of Indianapolis to solicit ads and print our annual convention program book. A percentage of the proceeds from the ads are used in funding the activities of this Association.

During the last session of the legislature a new law was enacted that sets out a number of guidelines and requirements for telephone solicitors. The law became effective on September 1, 1987. On approximately September 17, the Attorney General's office, in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, accused the T.D. Corporation of illegal solicitation for advertising and closed the operation temporarily.

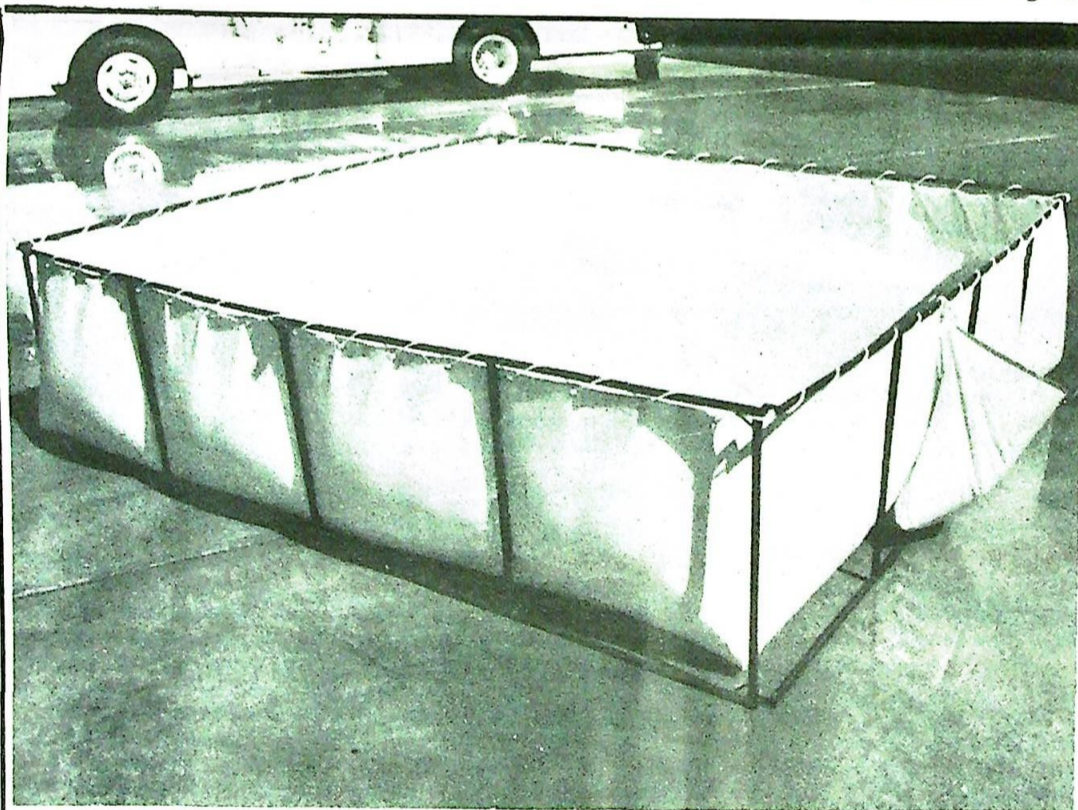
As president, I wish to inform all of our members that we entered into a five (5) year contract with T.D. Corporation and feel we have had an honest relationship and accounting as of this date. It is

our position that we as the officers of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association do intend to comply with the laws of the State of Indiana. I also wish to advise all of you that we have joined the Professional Fire Fighter's Union and the Professional Solicitor's Association in a court action against the Attorney General's office to test the constitutionality of the new solicitors law. This action is at no expense to the Association.

At this time the T.D. Corporation has reopened their ad solicitation business and we have been assured they have and will continue to abide by the requirements of the law.

I hope this explains any news releases you may have read or heard. If you have further questions or comments we urge you to call and be advised first hand of our actions and concerns.

Your President,
Lawrence Swartz



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at-Arms the Nominating Committee submits the name of Bill Bush.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms? This was repeated three (3) times. If not, Mr. Secretary, would you step to that mike right there, please, and cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms for the year 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For Chaplain, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Duane Lantz.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for Chaplain? This was repeated three (3) times. Mr. Secretary, would you cast on unanimous ballot for Duane Lantz as Chaplain.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for the world's finest Chaplain anywhere, for the year 1987-88, Duane Lantz.

Barry Winger: For PR Northwest the Nominating Committee submits the name of Bill Howe.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for PR Northwest? This was repeated three (3) times. If not, Mr. Secretary, would you please cast one unanimous ballot, please.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Howe for Northwest PR for 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For PR Northeast the Nominating Committee submits the name of Bill Kinsey.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for PR Northeast? This was repeated three (3) times. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot, please.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey for Northeast PR for 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For PR West Central the Nominating Committee submits the name of Toddy Michl.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for West Central PR? This was repeated three (3) times. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot, please.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Toddy Michl for PR West Central for 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For PR East Central the Nominating Committee submits the name of Bill Windsor.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations for PR East Central? This was repeated three

(3) times. If not, Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Windsor as PR East Central.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Windsor for PR East Central for the year 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For PR Southwest, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Carl Davis.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations? This was repeated three (3) times. If not, Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Carl Davis for PR Southwest for 1987-88.

Barry Winger: For PR Southeast the Nominating Committee submits the name of Roy Richardson.

President Sunday: Are there any other nominations? This was repeated three (3) times. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for PR Southeast.

Doug Bechtel: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Roy Richardson for PR Southeast for the year 1987-88.

President Sunday: I am going to release the Nominating Committee and now Duane has

something to say.

Duane Lantz: Fellow delegates, I certainly thank you for the beautiful turnout at the Memorial Service. It is a tribute to the Cross, not only the Firemen's Cross, but the real Cross for those who have passed on this last year.

Fellows, you don't know how much I appreciate each and everyone of you, how much your kindnesses - more than that, the love and appreciation you have shown for my efforts. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association shows due respect, not for their Chaplain, but for the people that we represent.

President Sunday: Thank you, Duane. John Davies, who is sitting to my far left is taping the minutes of this meeting. Thank you, John, for doing the job for us.

Jack Ford, do you have a question?

Jack Ford: Thank you, Mr. President. Jack then introduced Senator O'Banion who spoke to the members in attendance.

President Sunday: Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, I would like for you to contact six people and/or yourself to bar the doors. I do not want the doors opened any more until the election is over. We are going to do it again because it was an illegal election. District Chairman, go ahead with your voting.

Tom Sellmer spoke on where the parade would line up, on Saturday and gave the times for line up and starting as well as where the judges will be and where it will end.

President Sunday: Thank you, Tom. As soon as we finish the election count and get that taken care of, we are going to go into old business. I do not have any old business. Mr. Secretary, do you have any old business? Anything from the floor? New business? This was repeated three (3) times.

Convention 1988. District 3, Michigan City, do you have any comments?

Allan Myers, Chairman of 1988 Convention: Right now we are just really beginning to get started in the planning. Michigan City offers quite a bit, with the lakes. Everybody count on '88 because we're inviting you up to have a good time. Keep in mind: It's By The Lake in '88.

President Sunday: Thank you. Gentlemen, you can unlock the doors now. The Election results are in. The Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for 1987-88 is Lee Kissell. Thank you, guys, for the extra bit of work.

Convention 1989.

John Barr, District 15: The people of District 15 would like to invite this fine organization to come to Evansville and have a fine time in 1989. I would like to introduce at this time Yolanda Bolling, Evansville Convention and Business Bureau.

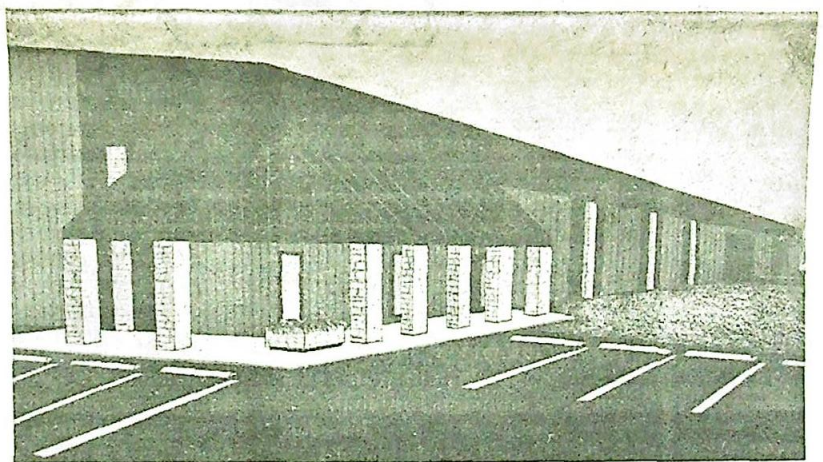
Yolanda Bolling spoke on behalf of Evansville's Chamber of Commerce and then introduced Bill Brooks, Senior Vice President of the Citizens Bank.

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Bill Brooks spoke briefly about Evansville and introduced Mr. Bob Green, the owner of the Executive Inn.

Bob Green: I assure you when you come to Evansville we will not divide you up. There are 400 rooms set aside in case you come to us in 1989. Our room rates right now, and I'll guarantee you there will be very little difference in 1989, are \$38 (double); deluxe room is \$42 (double), \$38 single.

President Sunday: Are there any other bids for the Convention?

Pete Lockhart: Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept Evansville for the Convention bid for 1989.

Gene Stofer: Mr. Chairman, I will second that motion.

President Sunday: There has been a motion that we accept Evansville for the convention in 1989, and a second. All those in favor signify by saying "aye". Opposed? Carried.

Anything for the good of the order? Gentlemen, if not, I will entertain a motion.

Jim Parker: Mr. President, I make a motion the meeting be adjourned.

Carl Atkins, District 16: I second the motion.

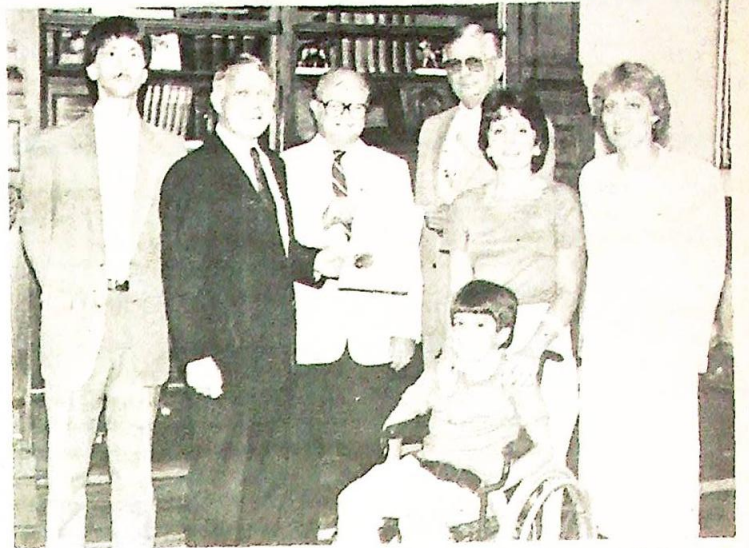
Tom Sellmer: Mr. President, some discussion, if you please. Fire Marshal Larry Bosell is here.

Larry Bosell spoke on training, fire investigations and some hazardous material specialists that they are going to hire.

He further stated that he would be here the rest of today and tomorrow to answer any questions you might have. Thank you.

President Sunday: Thanks a lot, Larry. Glad you could make it down. We have a motion and a second to adjourn this meeting. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Meeting adjourned.

Convention Digest Committee
President Swartz
Vice President Lockhart
Past President Sunday
Secretary Kissell
Recording Secretary Nevil
Sitting in for Kissell and Sunday who were absent were Parrish and Treasurer Stofer.



Lt. Governor Mutz and Lawrence Swartz, Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association President, are among those pictured above with the proclamation which made August 24-30 Firefighters' Appreciation Week.

Week of appreciation proclaimed

The week of August 24-30 was declared Firefighters Appreciation Week in a proclamation signed recently by the governor of Indiana, Robert D. Orr. The action was taken in recognition of the personal risks that firefighters face while protecting the lives and property of fellow citizens and the concern and effort expended by the firefighters for the health and well-being of others through their support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The governor cited in particular the Indiana Fire Fighters' Crusade Against Muscle Disease in support of the 1987 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon to raise funds to help those afflicted with one of 40 different neuromuscular diseases. He called upon all citizens to join him in paying tribute to those dedicated members of the Fire Services who serve all of us in such an unselfish manner.

Washington Township volunteers prepared to face wide variety of firefighting challenges

by Trent L. Balliet
Chief Engineer

Washington Township combines both city and rural firefighting and EMS needs into one community. Sitting at the edge of Fort Wayne, our department needs to be equally prepared to combat structure fires as well as grass and woods fires. So that we may accomplish our wide variety of firefighting challenges, several pieces of apparatus are maintained to do the job.

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department, Allen County, just received delivery of their new 3,500 gallon "304" stainless steel mirror finish elliptical tanker/pumper with 1,500 gpm single stage W. S. Darley pump. The unit was built by S & S Fire Apparatus, of Fairmount, IN.

The apparatus, built on a 1987 L 9000 Ford chassis, is one of the featured S & S Fire Apparatus units which appeared at Baltimore, September 16-20 at the Great American Firehouse Expo and Muster.

Among the custom stainless steel features of the unit, there are two (2) forward compartments 26 inches deep x 30 inches tall x 64 inches wide, and two (2) rear compartments 26 inches deep x 30 inches tall x 20 inches wide.

A 12 inch Keystone dump valve with locking handle is located at the rear of the tank, with a 22 inch dump extension for dumping into a 3,500 gallon portable tank. The dump valve has a 2,400 gpm flow.

The apparatus is equipped with ladder rack, port-apond rack, two (2) hard hose compartments, color coded pump panel, and two (2) preconnected crosslays.

The crosslay lid is hinged two way to allow for access into either preconnected crosslay. Additionally, the entire crosslay lifts upward with twin air cylinders for ease of inspection and maintenance of the pump.

Plumbing for the 1,500 gpm Darley pump includes two (2) 2-1/2 inch discharges each side, a 4 inch discharge with 30 degree stortz connection, one (1) 2-1/2 inch rear discharge, two (2) 6 inch suction, and two (2) 2-1/2 inch gated suction inlets. There is also one (1) 2-1/2 inch dry fill at the rear of the apparatus.

Two class "A" pumpers function as front line vehicles providing capabilities to operate from fire hydrants or the various tankers operated by the department. This versatility is required

as the township has a small, though significant, number of hydrants. These trucks represent modern technology in firefighting. A mini-pumper serves as a rapid response truck with 200 gallons of water to extinguish small fires or help contain larger fires.

A total of three tankers provide more than 9,000 gallons of water carrying capacity essential for fighting large rural fires. A "grass buggy" helps extinguish small or large field fires which most frequently occur in spring or fall, typically caused by careless smokers or outdoor trash fires.

A four-wheel drive rescue van carries two sets of 'jaws', hydraulic rams, and airbags enabling this unit to conduct heavy rescue and extrication. An "air truck" carries a cascade compressed air system used to refill breathing tanks at the scenes of large fires. Two generator trucks, one of which doubles as a plow, are capable of providing large amounts of auxiliary power or lighting when needed.

Our ambulance is a large modular version, built by the leading manufacturer of EMS vehicles. It also features a set of 'jaws' that operate by battery power, enabling the ambulance to conduct extrication if needed.

Arson charges have been filed against a Lowell man in connection with the July 26 fire which destroyed a house he was renting. Charles W. Eich, 56, of 144 W. Oakley Ave., has been charged with one count of arson, a Class B felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. A warrant was issued for Eich's arrest late last week. Lowell Chief Elmer Kender announced this week that an investigation by Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. investigators and Brad Sandberg, investigator for the State Fire Marshal, led to the charges.

Charges filed against Lowell man

The fire was reported at 4:00 a.m. July 26 by a neighbor who reportedly saw an orange glow outside and looked out his window to see flames from a house at 17210 Holtz Road.

By the time firefighters arrived several minutes later, the house was completely engulfed in flames, with fire thru the roof of the one-story wood frame structure.

"It is nearly gutted, with just parts of the exterior walls and room partitions left," said Kender. Dwight Rench, one of the investigators, said the house and its contents were a total loss, and estimated the value at over \$20,000.

Immediately after extinguishing the fire Sunday morning, firefighters began sifting thru the debris to determine the cause, said Kender. Within hours, enough evidence had been gathered to call in Sandberg, who spent the next four days with Rench and another Lowell arson investigator, Dale Smith, interviewing the owners and witnesses.

The house was owned by Kevin and Karen Campbell of Salem, and apparently had been inherited by the couple, who rented it a short time ago to Eich. After several more hours of sifting thru debris and collecting samples for testing, enough evidence had been collected to determine that arson was the cause, said Kender.

By Friday morning, July 31,

Sandberg and the Lowell investigators had taken their evidence to the Lake County Prosecutor's office and Sandberg filed the necessary documents to charge Eich with arson.

No motive was revealed, but investigators apparently determined that Eich had a reason for allegedly setting a blaze which not only destroyed a house, but the contents, which included items he had moved into the building, including two refrigerators, a stove, a washing machine and dryer, and bedroom furniture.

There is some question as to whether or not Eich had moved into the house, and whether he had begun paying rent. Fire department officials are sure he had access to the premises, however.

Kender said the prosecutor did not want to reveal any details at this time about the method or materials used to set the fire.

The garage on the lot was not damaged, and neighboring homes were not endangered because of a lack of wind and because the fire department had the blaze under control within about 20 minutes, said Rench. Firefighters remained on the scene until about 7:30 a.m., however.

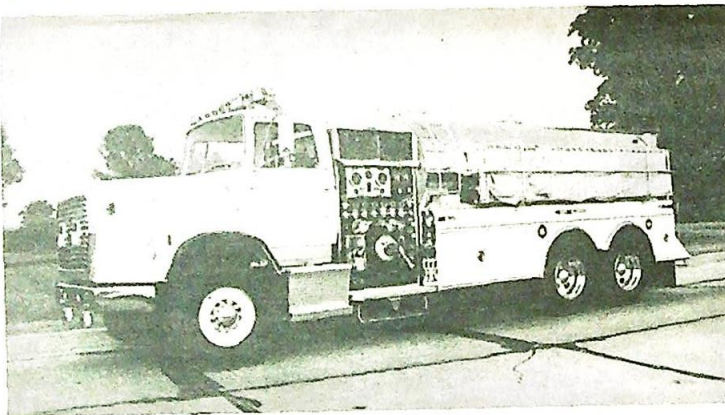
While there were no injuries in the house fire, Ernest Berryman, 45, of 100 McIntosh Blvd., Hebron, was treated for smoke inhalation at St. Anthony Medical Center last week after his motor home caught fire when he tried to start the engine.

The fire occurred in a parking lot at the southeast corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 2, where Berryman operates a food concession in a trailer attached to the motor home.

The fire was reported at approximately 9 p.m., and involved the explosion of a carbon dioxide cylinder in the trailer as well as exploding soft drink bottles.

The cause of the fire was not reported.

The Lowell Tribune
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Firefighters assist state police

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Mary turned the meeting over to Miriam for elections.

The officers for 1987-88 are: Chairman, Mary Brooks; Sec./Treas., Rosie Johnson; Chaplain, Shirley Crouch; Sgt.-at-Arms, Martha McConnell.

Several illnesses were announced and one death in the district since last meeting.

Next meeting will be at Washington Twp. Fire Department on Nov. 9, 1987. This will be our Christmas party and there will be a \$3.00 gift exchange.

Adjourned at 8:54 followed by refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rosie Johnson

Madison and hosted by Rykers Ridge.

I want to remind all auxiliaries to pay their dues (\$2 per person). Dues will be delinquent after September 30.

Nancy Richardson
 14th District Chairman

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Send your nomination letters to Chairman Loretta Nulliner or Barbara Ketchum or Carolyn McCarty. Our addresses are listed under auxiliary officers and committees.

Now is not too soon to send your letters.

DISTRICT 14

Elections were held at the District Meeting in July with the following officers elected: Nancy Richardson, Chairman; Deanna Kaskie, Vice Chairman; Bette Sellmer, Secretary & Treasurer; Lucille Neuhauser, Sgt. at Arms; and Vivian Woodfill, Chaplain.

Dawn Lemmons, Miss Flame, was a welcome attraction to the parade held in Henryville in July.

The September meeting was held at Scottsburg with a very small attendance. We need the support of all of the departments in the district. Next meeting will be November 18, 1987, at

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING Sunday, August 2, 1987 Ramada Inn, Lafayette, Indiana

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Loretta Nulliner. Pledge to the Flag was led by Sgt. at Arms Miriam Schaeckel. Carolyn McCarty introduced two guests who are the new officers for District 3, Debbie Harris, Chairman, and Celine Boisvert, Secretary. Others welcomed were Mary Mackin and Mary Kissell, wife of the new I.V.F.A. Secretary.

Roll call was answered by 22 officers and 8 guests. Minutes of the State Convention meeting were read and approved as corrected. The gentleman from Superior Extermination who sponsored the Doe Doll tickets is George Walda, not Walden as reported. Carolyn McCarty made a motion that District reports not be read. This was unanimously seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report:

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	1,321.38	
Balance on Hand July 26, 1987		\$4,621.51

Memberships:

Final for 1986-87: 1,764 members representing 130 auxiliaries and 83 individuals.

1987-88 to date: 559 members representing 43 auxiliaries and 28 individuals.

Maxine Davies read a note received from Eula Bush complimenting Nancy Neal and the postal service for the quick response on her membership report. Mary Brooks had called to say she would be unable to attend and Mary Stafford was ill.

Virginia Wilson reported her conversation with Jim Baker's family. Jim has had surgery on his knee and experiencing some difficulty in the healing process. Cards may be mailed to him at 241 West 5th Street, Greenfield, IN 46140.

Committee reports:

Doe Doll - Toni Sorg: \$1,356 tickets sold. First place went to John Huffman, 2nd to Sue Digham, and 3rd to Betsy Roadlander. No cities were listed on the tickets, just the phone number but without the area code. It took a lot of research, but the parties have been located. Next year we need to be sure complete information is on the tickets. With the prizes and the check for the first place sales, a profit of \$1,136 was shown. District 1 (Phyllis Vargo, Chairman) was the winner of most tickets sold and received a check. Their sales totaled \$216.

Miss Flame - Barb Surber: Expenses will be balanced out today. I have pictures of the Miss Flames to pass around but please return them to me. I will send them to the girls along with a note. I was very pleased with the way they conducted themselves this year. It was announced that Batesville had recently celebrated their 100th anniversary and was most pleased with Dawn's appearance at the festival. Loretta an-

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Miss Flame makes appearances throughout state

Since the I.V.F.A. convention in June I have been many places. The first place that I visited was Fairland, IN, home of last year's I.V.F.A. Miss Flame, Deanna Robinson. Everyone at Fairland made me feel right at home. They treated my family and me to some great fish and tenderloin at their annual fish fry. In Fairland, I also rode in their parade. I rode on one of the St. Paul Volunteer Fire Department's fire trucks.

My second visit was to Moscow, IN, where I rode in their annual Covered Bridge Festival parade in a horse-drawn carriage. There are many memories for the

people of Moscow. My mother grew up in Moscow, so the hometown feeling that the people gave me meant a lot to me. That very same day I traveled to yet another place, Mt. Vernon, IN. In Mt. Vernon I rode in their parade and spoke to a lot of people there. Mt. Vernon had a great street fair with lots of rides and games that everyone enjoyed.

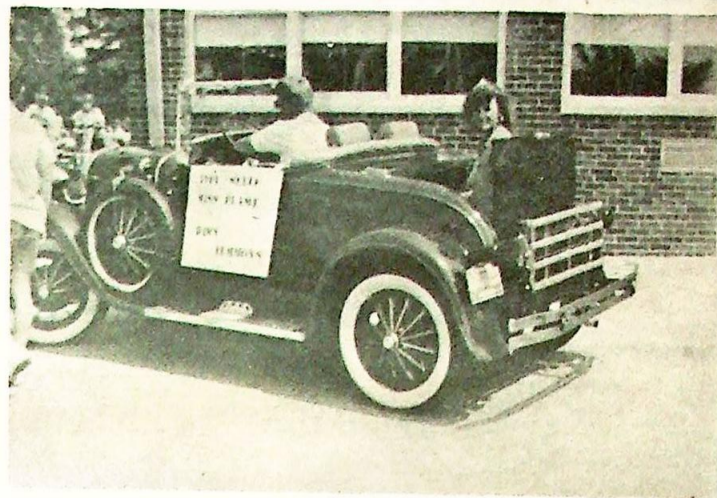
My next visit was to Waldron, IN, a town not far from my own. In Waldron, I rode in their Fourth of July parade in a beautiful old-fashioned car. I also ate at their fish fry and looked at some of the things that people had displayed.

Later that night my family and I returned to Waldron to watch their annual fireworks display, which was a lot of fun, even though I am getting older.

Henryville was my next visit. At Henryville I rode in their parade, which was very large. After the parade, I had the pleasure of meeting their local Channel 3 television news reporter. I also had the pleasure of cooling off in an air-conditioned camper with my family. At Henryville I also met a lot of people. I made a new great friend and got to ride on some rides with my littlest sister Wendy. I also ate at their fish fry, which was very delicious. Someday I hope I can go back to Henryville!

St. Paul, my hometown, started something new this year. It was called "The Homecoming", which welcomes back the people of St. Paul to see all of their friends. At "The Homecoming" I got to play volleyball and pitch horseshoes with some of the men who had come back to see everyone. I got 2 ringers which surprised me as much as it did everyone else who was there.

I went to Batesville, IN, next. In Batesville, I crowned their Fire Centennial Queen at their fish fry on Friday. The next day, I came back to Batesville and rode in their parade with District 19 Miss Flame, Lisa Craig. I also had the pleasure of eating at their fish fry,



Dawn Lemmons, Miss Flame, at the Waldron Fourth of July parade.



Dawn Lemmons, I.V.F.A. State Miss Flame for 1987-88, rides in the parade at Fairland in June. John Bakes drives while Karen Bakes and Doug enjoy the ride.

which was delicious!

St. Paul also holds a festival every year. It's called, "Two Days To Remember", and is held every year in September. In St. Paul I rode in their parade on a float representing Miss Flame and District 10. I also helped the auxiliary women with their annual fish fry, which was a lot of fun! I had the pleasure of performing for everyone with the rest of the members of my pompon squad, and I also got to meet Cowboy Bob, who entertained everyone!

Letts, IN, was my next stop. There I rode into town on their firetruck with Smokey the Bear. I helped give awards to the children there who participated in their fire safety & prevention week.

I had the pleasure of eating at their fish fry and meeting a lot of the people there.

I just want everyone to know how much I appreciate how very nice you have all been to me. I will never forget you, or the nice things that you have done for my family and me. I guess what I want to say is, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Dawn Lemmons



The I.V.F.A.'s 1987-88 Miss Flame, Dawn Lemmons, attends the Homecoming in St. Paul, IN.

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nounced that all districts and departments should contact Dawn if they would like her attendance. She will try to make as many as possible.

Jewelry - Jewelry has not yet been turned in. A new chairman will be named soon. Nickie Sunday will pick up the jewelry for an audit by next meeting.

Lois Boaz - Barbara Surber: We are proud to introduce Carolyn McCarty, our 1987 Lois Boaz winner.

Auditing - Nickie Sunday: Since the jewelry and the Bibles are not here today, we are unable to complete our audit.

Games - no members present. There were some questions raised on the fact that a man apparently played on the back hose of one team. Rules will have to be clarified before next year. Toni will be attending the International Waterball Banquet in Canada in October and will check the rules.

President Loretta announced that Katie Mason has agreed to accept the position as Historian. Materials will be delivered to her.

President's Advisory: no report.

Financial Study - Nickie: we are waiting for suggestions on use of our funds. We plan to meet at the next state officer's meeting.

Installation - Ruth Fairfield: All went very well.

Parliamentarian - Ruth Ford: No report. Barbara Parker called to the attention of the officers that there was entirely too much talking during the installation service. District Chairmen should control their area during these times.

State - Lucy Stofer: No report.

Old Business:

Betsy Howe reported some outstanding checks which should be cleared as soon as possible. German Twp. has had a check outstanding for several months. Debbie Nulliner and Nancy Neal have both contacted the department. If it is not cleared within the next few months, it will be written off.

A guest, Larry Biggs, District Chairman of 11A I.V.F.A., came in to tell us of a problem in his area. A twelve year old boy was severely burned by an explosion in his garage (apparently an underground gas pocket). His grandfather and other family members are volunteer firemen. It was agreed that a hat would be passed at luncheon to help the family.

Loretta had the certificates for the 2 districts missed at Convention. Ruth Fairfield took the one for her area, but the others will be held until next year's Convention. These are for departments in Districts 6 and 7.

Convention pictures were displayed. Nancy Neal explained that next year they may want to hire another photographer. Bruce is District Chairman and Lee Kissell is now a state officer, so their time will be needed elsewhere. Carolyn McCarty said the Convention City will investigate a photographer for next year. Barbara Parker expressed her pleasure with the albums this year. Extra prints are available. Betsy Howe made a motion that we sell the extra prints for a quarter each. Phyllis Vargo seconded. Carried. Nickie has the prints and will collect the money for them.

The President's newsletter was discussed. Barbara Parker made a motion that one edition be mailed to all those members whose dues were paid by the deadline date of September 30. Ruth Ford seconded the motion and suggested putting attention-getting headlines on the various subjects covered. Motion carried.

New committees were discussed (see attached list). It was suggested that some committee members should be other than District Chairmen so they would be available to stay with the jewelry at convention. Debbie Nulliner made a motion that we have the Doe Doll as our fund-raising project again for 1988. Seconded by Ruth Fairfield. Carried.

Carolyn, Debora and Celine from District 3 reported on the progress of next year's convention. Convention Center will be at Howard Johnson's. Raffle prizes are: 1st place, Caribbean cruise; 2nd place, trip to Las Vegas or Florida. Charm theme will be the lighthouse.

President's announcements: Newspaper deadline is Sept. 20. District Chairmen, please check to see the YOUR dues are in by the deadline date of Sept. 30 as well as departments in your district. State Officers, if you would like a hat decorated for next year's parade, please have your hat to Loretta by February. Loretta mentioned she has been contacted regarding a blood draw in an auxiliary area. It was agreed that any auxiliary can sponsor a drive as long as they do it on their own and don't mention the state association.

State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell spoke to us briefly and mentioned Volunteer Firemen's Night with the Indianapolis Indians on August 29. He also told us of McDonald's participation with Fire Prevention Week beginning Oct. 4.

Maxine Davies
Corresponding Secretary

Starke County firefighters pick patch design winner



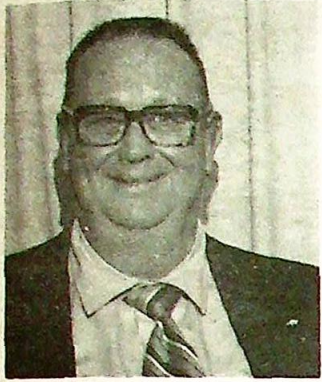
Kim Kuchel, a student at Oregon-Davis High School, is pictured here receiving a \$200 Savings Bond compliments of B and H Construction. Kim received the savings bond for designing the winning patch (below) for the Starke County Firefighters Association. Pictured with Kim are (from l to r) Tim Krick, Hamlet Fire Chief; Dan Johnson, Washington Township Fire Chief; and Rick Minker, Koontz Lake Fire Chief.

All high school students were eligible to participate in the contest. Rules for the design were set to include Fire Safety, Education, Mutual Aid and the red and gold colors of the fire service.



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CARL O. DAVIS

From the Southwest:

Sure have some nice weather today. Had about one inch of rain Monday nite so some of the fire danger is past we hope. Several field and trash fires lately. Please watch your burning in this dry weather.

Hope all the departments take advantage of the McDonalds offer of the help on fire prevention week program. Have over 1000 children getting the program in my local departments.

Visited with Mr. Lantz and his wife on our vacation and want to thank them for the care package. Sure came in handy. Our president was working on his golf course and sure looks nice. I wish you success in your new business.

Several fire schools coming up in the future see, your chief for the dates and courses. 17A and 17B district fire schools dates will be sent out as soon as the instructors let us know when they are available.

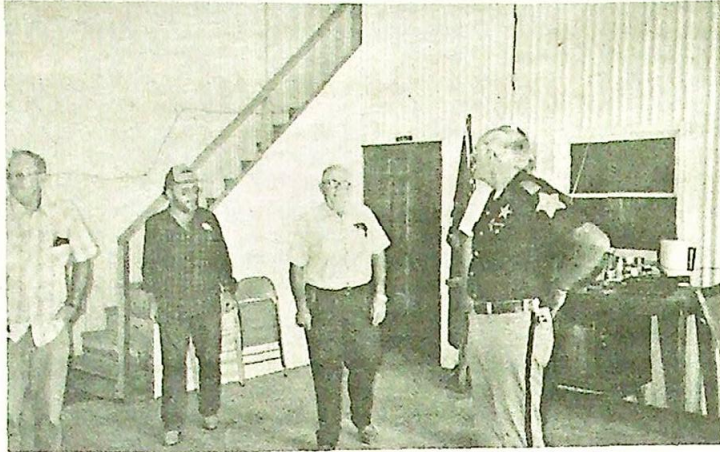
Thanks to the Haysville Department for the invitation to their 25th anniversary. Sure enjoyed the program and fellowship.

Richland-Taylor held their family picnic on Sunday, September 27, and the members and their family enjoyed a fine

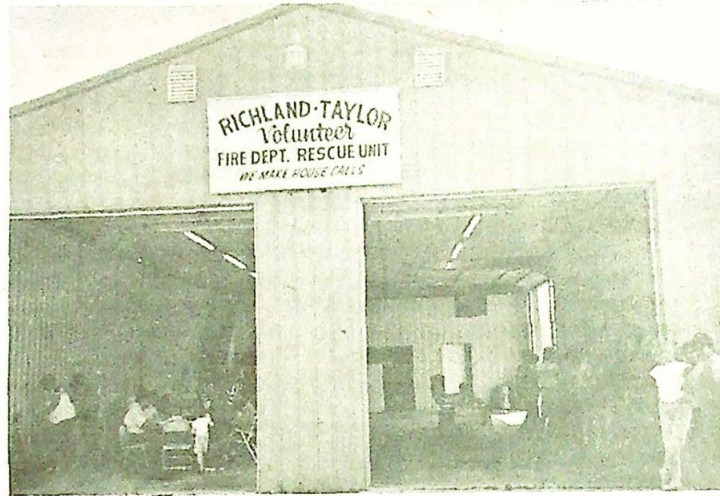
meal and program. The pork chops were delicious and thanks for the invitation.

As this is the last paper before the holidays, want to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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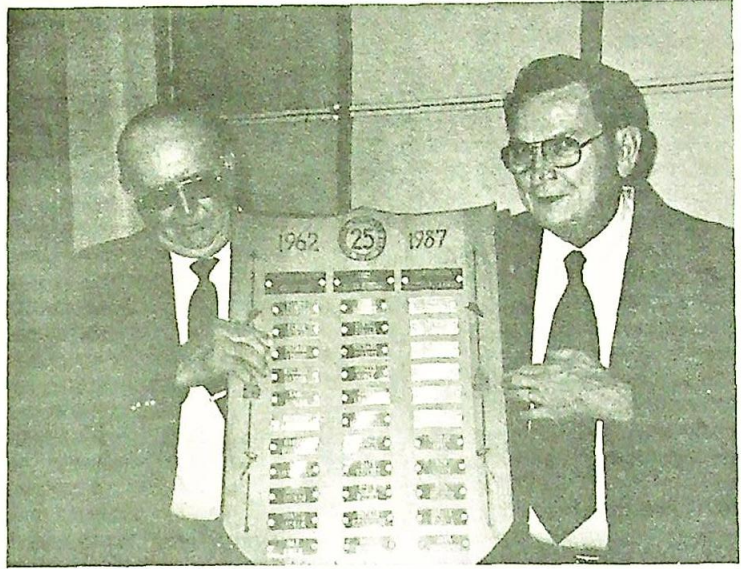
Chief Johnson and members of the Richland-Taylor Department.



Members and family of Richland-Taylor department at their picnic.

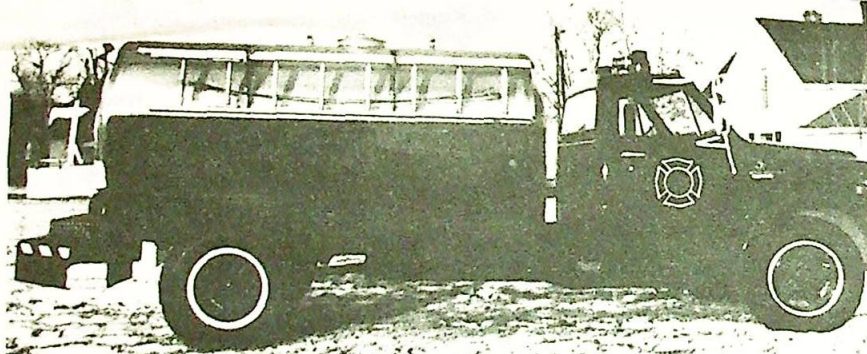


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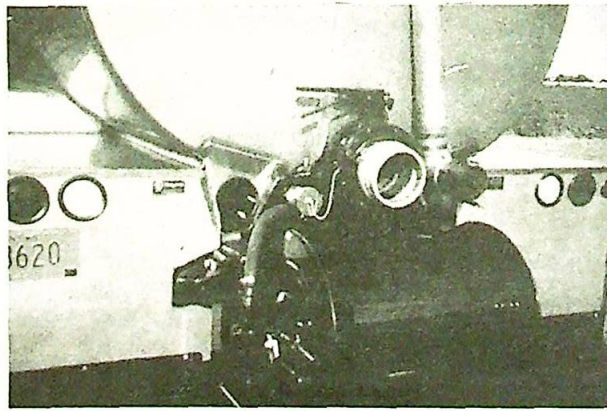
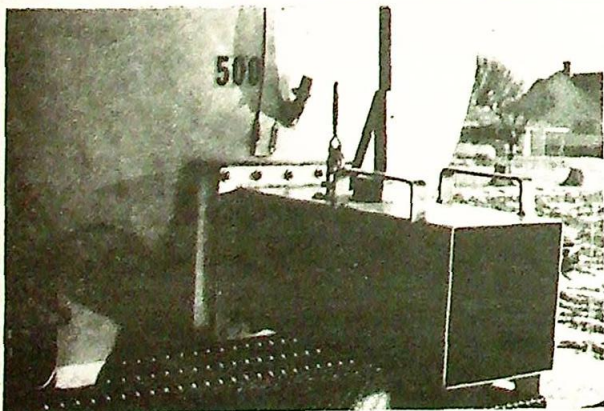


Clinton Ruckriegel and Edgar Nigg, charter members of the Haysville Department, receiving a plaque for the department on their 25th anniversary from the Ruritan Club.

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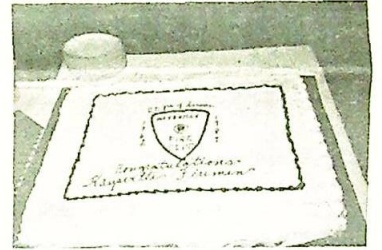
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Chesterton department participates in festival

On the weekend of July 25 and 26 the annual Festival of the Dunes was held in downtown Chesterton. About a three block area was blocked off so visitors were free to stroll about the various booths to look at, as well as buy, the many articles, crafts, art works and pottery that were shown.

Artists and crafts people from all around the state of Indiana, parts of Illinois and as far away as Colorado came here to show their talents.

As with all good festivals there was music, magic acts, a contest to crown Diana of the Dunes queen, a baby contest to name the Darling of the Dunes and FOOD.

In the food department, the Chesterton Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary established a HOT BUTTERED CORN ON THE COB booth. We put on aprons and worked hard and had lots of fun cooking and selling our corn. Many people from other areas thought the corn was a nice touch to this small town celebration. We were able to make some profit as well as show the people of our community that we were a great bunch of people. We all had a good time and hope to do the same thing again next year.

Rockport eulogizes late fire chief, Louis Skelton, Sr.

"He was hard-headed and wanted things done a certain way, but now when we (firemen) do something, we think about whether we're doing it right or not." - Rich Broeker, assistant fire chief

"He would wade right into them (fires). He was kind of crazy that way. . . He was a good friend of mine." - Charles Feigel, fireman

"Grandpa made a better person of me." - Dennis Haines, grandson and assistant fire chief

His grandpa taught him (Dennis) about fire fighting from the time he could walk." - Julia Haines, daughter

The above memories were recounted Monday, the day before the funeral of Louis Skelton Sr., Rockport's fire chief for the past 52 years.

One of the city's fire trucks was parked in front of the local funeral home from the time of Skelton's death on Saturday until after his funeral on Tuesday, its light muffled with a black cloth to honor the passing of the well-known fire chief.

Skelton died Saturday, May

16, 1987, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. He was 81.

Assistant fire chief Rich Broeker, in speaking of his association with Skelton, recalls, "He knew fire situations. He knew how to fight a fire. We weren't scared to go in to fight fires thanks to his leadership. He wouldn't ask you to do anything he hadn't done or still would do, up until the last year."

Why did Skelton devote so many years and risk his life for the Rockport fire department?

He loved Rockport," his son, Cullen, said. "He got satisfaction from helping people and helping his community."

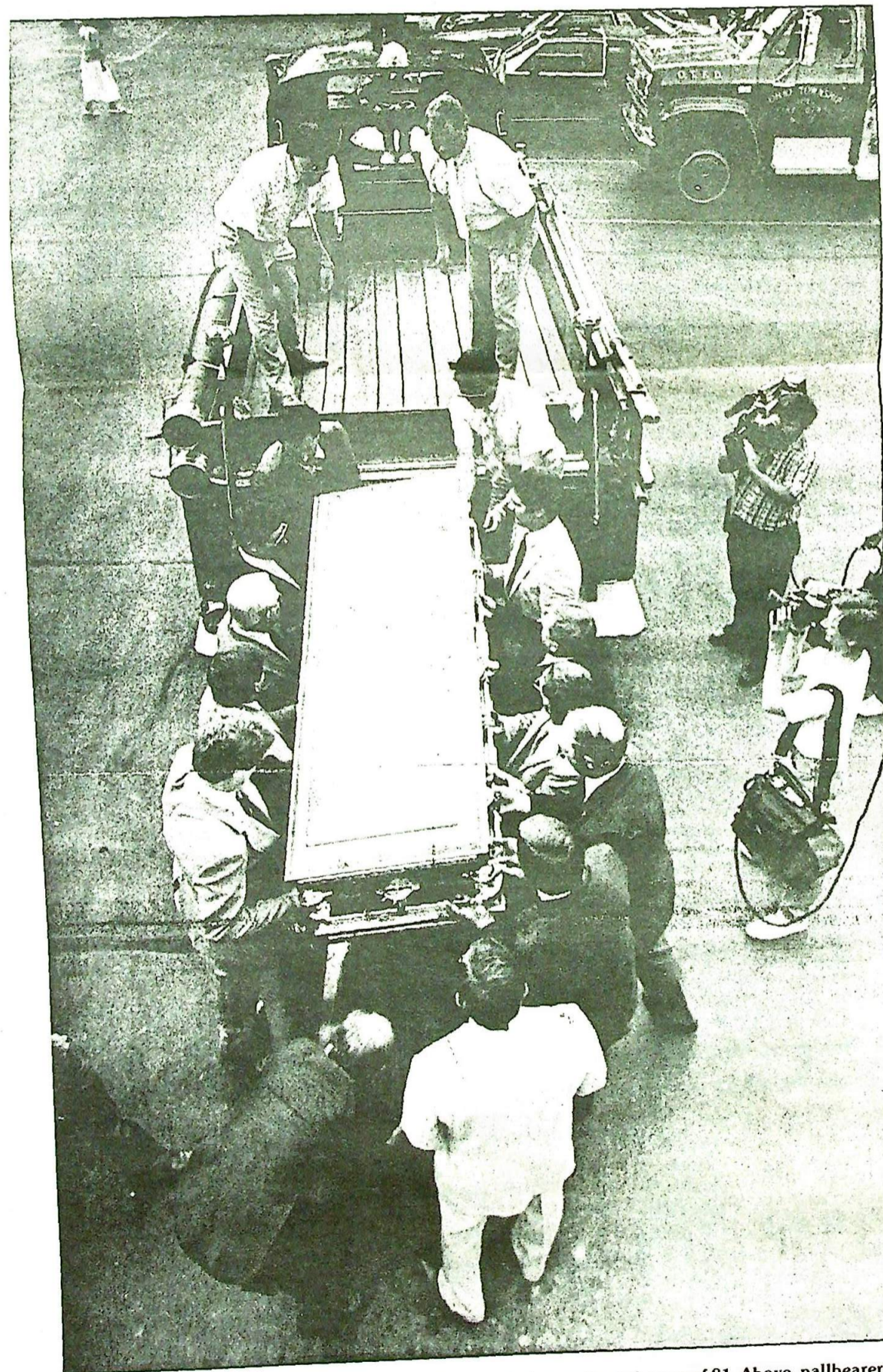
Skelton was respected for his dedication, not only by the people who knew him locally, but by members of fire departments in surrounding communities, the state fire marshal's office and the Indiana State Police.

On November 15, 1986, Skelton received a medallion recognizing 50 years of service and valor at a reception at the Rockport City Community Building. The medallion was presented by Ron Taylor,

investigator for the state fire marshal's office.

During a memorial service for Skelton at Boultinghouse Funeral Home Monday night, Skelton was posthumously awarded a medallion from Governor Bob Orr for courage and outstanding service, the medallion again presented by Ron Taylor. The receipt of the second medallion made Skelton the only person in the state of Indiana to have received two.

Funeral services for Skelton



Louis Skelton Sr., Rockport's fire chief for 52 years, died recently at the age of 81. Above, pallbearers raise Skelton's coffin onto an Ohio Township fire truck for the trip to Sunset Hill Cemetery following the funeral.

were scheduled for 2 p.m. and, at that time, the fire alarm was sounded one last time in memory of him.

Following services, Skelton's coffin was transported to Sunset Hills Cemetery aboard one of the city's fire trucks, as Skelton had requested some time ago.

Skelton was born and raised in Rockport, only moving away once for a year to work for AT & T Longlines in Ashley. While in Ashley, Skelton stayed at a boardinghouse owned by the Hissongs, parents of the girl who was to become Skelton's wife.

After the marriage of Skelton to Eva Hissong on March 31, 1929, in Ashley, the couple returned to Rockport to reside.

Skelton worked as a carpenter at Rockport Lumber Company, and volunteered his time to the Rockport-Ohio Volunteer Fire Department.

Skelton's son, Cullen, recalls living on Eighth Street in Rockport as a child, when the city's fire department was located on Third Street. Cullen related memories of the family not having a car, so that when the fire alarm would sound, his dad would run the five blocks to the fire station to answer the call.

"If he'd pass me riding my bike, he'd grab my bike and ride it there," Cullen recalled.

Eva Skelton handled the calls that came into the fire station for over 30 years without pay, and Skelton's grandson, Denny, manned the phone when he was nine years old so that his grandparents could have some time off.

Skelton's daughter, Julia, has taken refreshments for the fire-

men to the fire scenes for 45 years, and Skelton's son, Bill, serves on the Grandview Fire Department.

Skelton's four sons, two grandsons, and a son-in-law have served under him on the fire department, and, in fact, his son-in-law, Yandle Haines, served under him for 38 years. Skelton's grandson, Denny, has been on the fire department for 15 years, and was his grandpa's assistant for eight years.

Skelton's brother, Henry, was the Rockport fire chief in the 1930's, beginning what could possibly become a family tradition.

Through the years, Skelton served as fire chief under five different Rockport mayors, 23 years under Mayor Ferman Yearby.

According to Skelton's longtime friend and fellow fireman, Charlie Feigel, "The city really owes him (Skelton) and his wife a debt of gratitude."

Feigel recalls the 1937 flood and how he and Skelton stayed with the fire truck day and night to help those in distress. Feigel said that about 35 years ago when Doc Sargeant's (now Rice 'n'Ribbon) caught fire, Skelton was so overcome by smoke that he had to be given oxygen.

The Luce Township Fire Department was on standby status to cover any fires that the Rockport fire department may have been needed for, as the men who had served under Skelton paid their last respects.

As the coffin-laden, wreath-shrouded fire truck carried Skelton to his final resting place, firemen, friends and relatives

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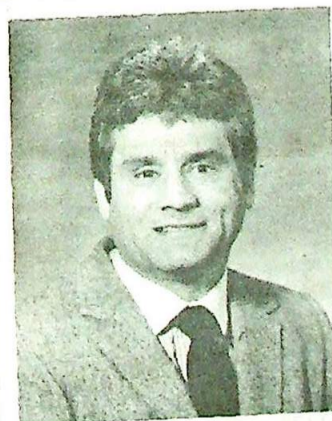
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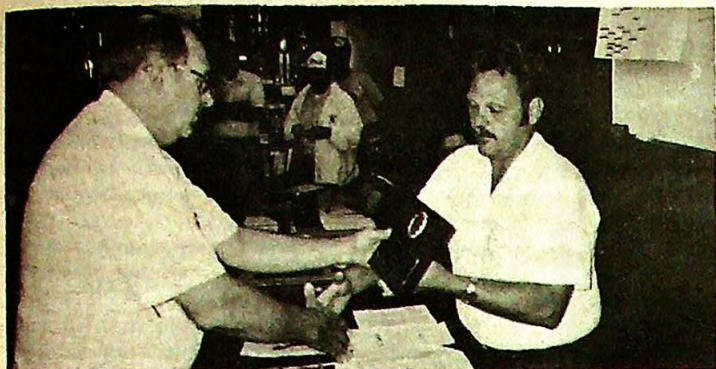
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Pictured above are Dick Wagner and Chief Ed Kaeser.

Schererville volunteer retires

The Schererville Fire Department recently honored another member of their department with over 20 years of service. Dick Wagner has served as an active member of the fire department from March, 1966, to August, 1987. The department is sorry to see him go, but Dick felt that he

was not able to serve actively. He also felt there was a need to make room for younger members on the department.

At Dick's retirement party, retired Chief Joe Govert said, "Dick was one man you could count on to get the job done."



Frank Gard, Joe Govert and Art Schweitzer are pictured with retiree Dick Wagner.

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the more information of what is going on. We didn't have too many for breakfast, but a better showing for the noon meal.

Robert "Pete" King retired from his position as our District Chaplain after some 15 years or more. He said he will still be around if we need him. Thanks Pete, for all the memorial services you attended on our behalf.

Attended District 12 meeting. Don Johnson holds a good meet-

ing. He has tapes on fire training to show. They always serve a delicious meal or lunch. They usually have refreshments first, makes it nice for men who don't have a chance to eat before they come to the meeting. Two tapes were shown at the end of the meeting, always informative ones. This District had a real good turnout. If you are interested enough, you can make a difference. See you at your meeting.

L. J. "Toddy" Michl

Telephone solicitation firm investigated

The Justice Department wants a federal judge to halt a professional telephone solicitation company from continuing to collect money on behalf of three police and fire organizations.

A lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court, is the latest in an ongoing investigation of T.D. Corp. of Indiana. The lawsuit was assigned to Judge Larry J. McKinney.

On Sept. 17, FBI and Indiana investigators raided the offices of the corporation at 5650 West 85th Street and seized the Indianapolis bank accounts of the Police League of Indiana and Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. The two state-based groups and the nationwide Federal Criminal Investigator's Association have contracts for T.D. Corp. to solicit money for them and sell advertisements in their magazines in Indiana.

The Justice Department wants the court to stop the firm from making further solicitations and

from collecting money from customers.

The investigation centers on allegations that telephone solicitors implied to prospective donors that they were FBI agents, policemen and firefighters selling ads for professional journals.

The solicitors also failed to disclose to the people they called that they were professional fundraisers being paid more than 80 cents of each dollar they raised in the name of programs to find missing children, Officer Friendly school visits and other law enforcement projects.

Those actions violate state law, according to Indiana Attorney General Linley E. Pearson.

Investigations by the FBI, attorney general's consumer fraud investigators and the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department involved the use of undercover agents, informants and electronic surveillance to watch and record the sales calls.

The lawsuit charged solici-

tions made by the firm were part of a scheme to defraud, noting the firm "did not intend to provide any substantial benefits to any Indiana police or fire department or federal agency."

The lawsuit said a restraining order is needed "to preserve the status quo because the defendants currently receive substantial sums of money or property and will likely continue to do so."

The Justice Department also wants the court to order the postmaster to detain the firm's mail.

The order, however, would allow the firm to keep mail not connected with the investigation.

Also named defendants in the lawsuit were company President Dale Jablonski of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and the local sales director, William D. Chambers of Indianapolis.

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Firefighters, township haggle over ownership of McCulloch equipment

Jeffersonville — For the second year in a row, contract talks between Jeffersonville Township and the McCulloch Volunteer Firefighters Association are generating more than a little heat.

Last year, problems arose over the association's attempt to form a fire district that would have allowed the firefighters to levy their own tax rate.

Jeffersonville city officials objected, because the district could have impeded their annexation plans. They threatened to underbid McCulloch for the fire-protection contract with the township, forcing the volunteers to back down.

This year, the question is who should have title to the fire trucks, fire house and other equipment the volunteers have bought over

the years with money from the township contract.

Bill Wolpert, the township trustee, said the Indiana State Board of Accounts has informed him that because the property and equipment were bought with tax money, they should belong to the township.

David Pulliam, president of the association, said the township is welcome to any new equipment it wants to buy. He said the association will be happy to use it and make adjustments in the contract.

But volunteers have title to their present equipment and property, Pulliam said, and they intend to keep it.

If the situation can't be worked out Monday night during contract talks among the firefighters,

Wolpert, and the Township Advisory Board, the township may sue to gain title.

"The last thing in the world I want to see is a lawsuit," Wolpert said yesterday. "But that may be the only way to resolve it."

The McCulloch volunteers have been organized since 1961. For their first decade they supported themselves with fundraisers and by charging fees for fire runs.

In 1972, the volunteers signed their first contract with the township.

For the first few years, the contracts did not specify the dollar amounts the township paid, and the records are buried deep in the dusty storage bins at the City-County building. But records are available from 1978 on.

Since that year, the township has paid McCulloch nearly \$850,000 to provide fire protection. In addition, the township pays the volunteers \$6,000 a year in clothing and transportation allowances. It also pays water bills and fire-hydrant rentals, which amounted to \$31,000 in 1986.

Eight of the association's 10 trucks have been bought since that first contract; the association's fire house on Allison Lane was built in 1977.

"The taxpayer gets a hell of a bargain," Pulliam said — quality fire protection for about \$100,000 a year.

Wolpert said the department is "an A-1" operation, but if the taxpayers bought the equipment, they ought to own it. He has support on the three-member

Township Advisory Board.

Advisor David Cole said yesterday that the township ought to stand firm on the ownership issue, even if it means going to court.

"I feel if we bought it with the taxpayer's money, we ought to own it," Cole said.

The volunteers seem to have brought the issue down on themselves. Advisor Dale Popp, a Jeffersonville firefighter, said yesterday that the ownership question arose last year during the negotiations between the township and the city.

Jeffersonville offered to cover the eastern reaches of the township from the Allison Lane firehouse, Popp said. The volunteers protested, however, that the

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New Business

Chairman Lockhart said the floor is open for the Board Chairman for next year. Bruce Neal nominated Barry Winger, Bob Esserman nominated Willie Parrish and Larry Biggs nominated Bill Engle. After requesting nominations three times, the nominations were closed.

Each of the nominees spoke briefly. Howe, Parker and Davis are to count ballots. After the first ballot a run off was required between Engle and Winger. After a total of voting four times, Winger was elected chairman for the coming year. Vote count is on file in the Recording Secretary's file if requested in writing.

Chairman Winger said the first item was the request by Treasurer Stofer to increase a C.D. note from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Bob Esserman made a motion to allow the increase. Engle seconded the motion and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Discussion was held on the possibility of having a flag available for grave markings. After several ideas were given Chairman Winger appointed a committee of Lantz, Neal, Reed and Esserman to pursue the matter and report back to the Board some prices on size, quantity and some idea of how many have requested this type of marking.

Treasurer Stofer stated that during conversation with Tim Downey, some interested parties are interested in making an agreement with TRD Inc. on getting a percentage of the insurance premium that we presently get. Comments were also made by Bill Kinsey and other officers as to what position we should take. After a short discussion a motion was made by Vice-President Lockhart that the association enter into the agreement with TRD Inc. to share with the Indiana Trustees association 1/2% of royalty on insurance premiums collected by TRD Inc. after our present agreement is changed. Motion seconded by Esserman and carried by a voice vote.

On the "88" Convention committee's request for a \$4,000 advance. Howe made a motion that the money be advanced to them in two installments of \$2,000 each. The motion was seconded by Bush and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Winger opened the floor for discussion on a phone in the Secretary's office and calling cards for the officers. After a short discussion Parrish made a motion that the phone be installed and cards ordered. Biggs seconded the motion and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Further discussion followed concerning the purchase of an answering machine. Straws made a motion that one be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Neal seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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Chairman Winger turned the chair over to President Swartz, who stated that he was asking approval from the Board on the appointment of Bob Laney as editor of the paper. Vice-President Lockhart made a motion to accept the appointment. Michl seconded the motion and it carried by a voice vote. President Swartz also requested permission to attend the next meeting of the N.V.F.C. A motion by Sunday to allow the President to attend the next meeting was made and seconded by Stofer. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Treasurer stated again that for his books all bills and income must be sent to him for payment on fire schools. This is the only way they will be handled under the sponsorship of the I.V.F.A. otherwise you are on your own.

Good of Order

None.

Howe made a motion, seconded by Straws to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary

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notify me as soon as you move, so I can get your address corrected. All I really need is a note in the mail telling your name, department, and new address.

"Social Security Numbers: PLEASE include your social security number. This causes problems when you fail to put it on your membership application form. This number will be your member number from now on. If you do not provide an SS number, your new computer printed card will not show a number.

"Computer Printouts: (HELP - HELP - HELP) PLEASE, PLEASE return the printout with corrections marked on it when you send in your dues! If you don't return the printout, it can take 10 times as long to process your dues. Next

year, we will use two-part carbonless paper for your dues mailing printout. You can then keep one and return the other to me with corrections marked.

Also, please don't use the "old long hand-written forms". This again increases processing time, makes it very difficult, and it doesn't contain all the information that I need.

Memo Letters to You: Please return the memo-form that I use to ask for information about your dues or other problem. Use it for your reply, as long as I can read it. (My writing isn't good either!) I usually have over 100 memos out and I can not remember everything or everyone that I sent a memo to.

Membership Enrollment

Forms: I am in the process of having new forms printed since we are about out of the current forms. This will be another new design, necessary due to the previous forms not containing all necessary information. I have found four or five versions flying around. Use these up until you need more forms.

I only need new forms for NEW MEMBERS and BENEFICIARY CHANGES. If you are sending in department dues, make address changes on the printout only. DO NOT make out new forms just to tell me that someone is being dropped.

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Farmland has busy fall

Farmland - Farmland's Fire Department held its annual Fire Prevention Day Saturday with activities for all ages scheduled throughout the day. During a dance Saturday night, Lydia Hoyt, a sophomore, and Joe Jones, a freshman, were crowned Queen and King Flame.

According to Billy Sunday, Farmland fire chief, the event was very successful. He said there were 420 paid admissions for the dance and during the day over 300 children registered for games and prizes which were given away.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of an award to William Savage for his 25 years of service to the Farmland Fire Department and community. The award was presented by Don Donath, chief investigator, State Fire Marshal's office, Indianapolis.

"This award is very special," states Sunday. "It does not go to very many people. We are proud

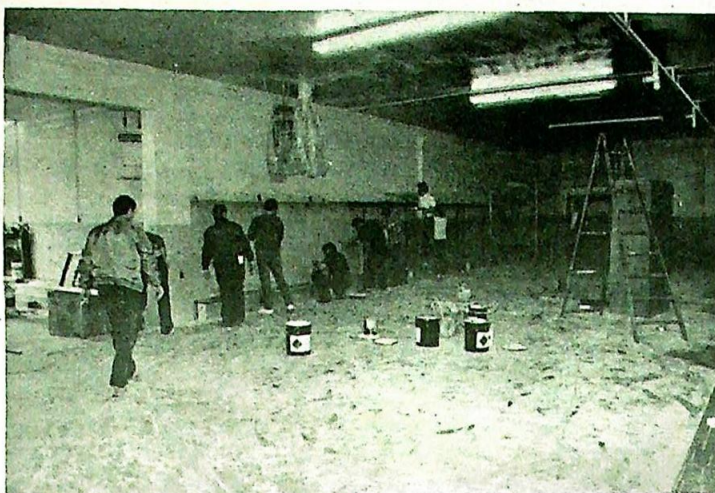
and happy for Bill. He deserves it."

Savage, in addition to his award, also was named Grand Marshal of the parade and rode, along with Donath, on the town's restored antique fire truck during the parade.

In addition to the King and Queen, a Baby Flame was also crowned. Baby Flame was Bobby Smithson, son of Bob and Tina Smithson. The titles of King and Queen and Baby Flame are decided by a monetary vote.

Candidates for King and Queen were chosen from the four high school classes at Monroe Central Jr.-Sr. High School and were: Chad Gantz and Corry Lockard, seniors; Andy Smith and Mandi McKelvey, juniors; Lydia Hoyt and Scott Meyer, sophomores, and Joe Jones and Kerri Sutliff, freshmen.

— News-Gazette
by Janet Fuller, Assistant Editor



Farmland Fire Department has a NEW LOOK! The department spent a Saturday giving the station a face lift. The building went from two-tone green to two-tone blue. Almost 35 gallons of paint gave the station a brighter atmosphere. With what's on the floor, you would think we painted it, too.



Farmland Fire Department sponsored a rescue class for the Randolph County First Responders.

Farmland's Rescue Squad taught and demonstrated all the possible types of vehicle rescue and extrication, and the use of all types of rescue equipment.

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agency that is set up with the purpose of assisting local governments.

The State Department of Local Government would help communities comply with state and federal rules and regulations, rather than dictate deadlines and outcomes. It would also try to ensure that state rules and regulations make sense.

There are a lot of reasons for seeking more ideas from local governments and community groups. Obviously, no one else has the detailed knowledge of local situations that state government needs to make informed, fair decisions. And, local groups are often very creative about solving their problems.

A good working relationship between state and local govern-

ments will be essential in the years ahead in Indiana. That's why I'm excited about a State Department of Local Government.

One last note on another subject; the Indiana Fire Prevention Code is now in its second year. Many volunteer departments are doing a good job of putting the code to work. Some are not.

If your department has yet to purchase a code book from the Department of Fire and Building Services, it is missing a good thing.

The idea of fire service is to prevent fires. Of course, every one knows that the least dangerous and least expensive fires are those that don't start. The new fire code is a good way to begin an aggressive fire prevention program in your community.

-LT. GOVERNOR JOHN MUTZ

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bring another department with you. That will mean a bigger and better tournament for everyone.

- Schererville Fire Department

- THANKS -

The Schererville Fire Department would like to thank all of the Schererville businesses for all of their generous donations for the softball tournament. The donations helped cut down on the cost of the tournament.

The Schererville Ladies Aux-

iliary did another fine job with the refreshments. All of their hard work was appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

A very special thanks goes to our ASA umpires. They again donated all of their time for this year's tournament. Buzz, Al, and Ray called good games and made the tournament an enjoyable experience. Also, a special thank you to our score keeper, Pam Froman, a member of our Ladies Auxiliary.

- Schererville Fire Department



Schererville Fire Department takes First Place.



Second Place went to Chesterton Fire Department.

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room inside the sleeper for further personnel. All care to stabilize the patient was done with the help of NOPAC Paramedic Nora Hutton, E.M.T.s Frank Lizak and Pete Swenson (all on the ground) passing needed equipment up to R. Wesley and Hardesty and then being passed through a small opening to M. Wesley inside.

While extrication was being performed by the fire department, and Advanced Life Support procedures were being performed inside the sleeper, the patient's condition continued to deteriorate. Due to the severity of injuries that Gear was now showing, the medics decided to contact Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso with the request for a land pick-up by the air jet ambulance from the University of Chicago Aeromedical Network (UCAN).

The fire department used the Hurst Rescue Tool to make an opening in the cab to slide Gear onto a spine board. At this time there was room inside the sleeper area and firefighter Glenn Zaideman climbed in and assisted M. Wesley with securing Gear to the spine board to be lowered to the ground. Gear was placed in an awaiting NOPAC unit where further attempt of stabilization was being performed.

UCAN's arrival shortly thereafter (which was about 20 minutes after the initial request), closed down the east bound lanes of I-94 for a half hour. Traffic control was handled by the local police and Indiana State Police. Upon arrival of UCAN's Doctor, she performed a tracheotomy in the NOPAC unit before moving the patient to the air ambulance. Gear arrived in Chicago in critical condition less than 15 minutes later, and underwent about 4 hours of surgery for very severe facial and head injuries.

During the care of Gear, the fire department also had to contend with a large fuel spill, almost 200 gallons of diesel fuel leaked from the semi and headed for Salt Creek which was just off the side of the highway. Highway trucks hauled sand to the area to absorb spillage.

Chesterton Fire Department stood by on their station in case of any other calls in Porter's area.

This was the first time that UCAN has done an on the scene airlift of a traffic accident patient in Porter County.

Three weeks later and still in a coma, Gear was transferred by UCAN to a Fort Wayne hospital to be closer to his home, for continued treatment.



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ROY E. RICHARDSON

I would like to thank everyone that came to the I.V.F.A. Convention in Clarksville in June. Everyone seemed to have a good time, we all did.

Things are beginning to pick up in Southern Indiana. We had a good I.F.I.A. Fire School at I.U.S. in New Albany this past weekend. Jim Kron and the fire school committee did an outstanding job. I think this fire school at I.U.S. was one of the best yet.

Carl R. Atkins, 16th District Chairman is picking up some new departments also Tom Sellmer, District 14 and Donald C. Weigel, District 19. These district chairman are doing a good job. The good job our Secretary Lee Kissell is doing is a big help to all I.V.F.A. officers and members. We are having a good turn out at all district meetings.

There will be a celebration at Scottsburg Fire House on October 4. at 1 P.M. for Charles Neuhauser, who will have 50 years in the fire service. Congratulations to Charlie for a job well done.

All of you state officers come down to the Sunny Side of Louisville and visit with us.

Roy E. Richardson



James P. Keith, Executive Director of the Clark and Floyd Counties Convention and Tourism Bureau (right) is shown presenting Roy E. Richardson (left) with a certificate for outstanding service performance in Southern Indiana to the bureau and the fire service.

The deadline for the January issue of the newspaper is December 20, 1987. Please have all copy in the editor's office by that date. Thank you.

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delegate to the annual IVFA State Conventions and a delegate to the district meetings representing Washington Township Fire Department.

When Don first joined the department in the early 70's, the volunteers were much needed for manpower, but as the years went by more and more merit personnel were needed and Don saw that his first line duties became less necessary. He was also getting a little older. Did Don give up? No, never! When the northern part of Indiana was hit with tornadoes Don helped collect canned goods for the families. You remember the big blizzard? Don stood by for needed manpower. During the Jerry Lewis Telethon, Don went

door to door collecting for the boot drive.

The only time that you didn't see Bethel with Don was when he thought it would be too cold or too many hours for her.

Don was most recently named the "Marion County Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year". The Washington Township Fire Department has bestowed many service and meritorious awards on Don. Neighbors and friends of his were also blessed with knowing him.

Every department should have at least one "Don". Don at the time of his passing was the chaplain for MCVFA. Don, you will be missed. Thanks for coming by.

- Ben Lawrence

Denny Haines continues family tradition as fire chief in Rockport

Denny Haines of rural Rockport was appointed the city's new fire chief at a meeting of the Rockport City Council last Thursday night. Haines will finish out the term left vacant by the death of his grandfather, Louis Skelton, who held the position for 52 years.

Upon recommendation by Rockport Mayor Ferman Yearby, the council agreed to adopt a resolution commending the late

Skelton, and including Skelton's entire family.

"They've all worked for the fire department at one time or another," Yearby commented.

"I'm proud of our fire department and their performance."

- Spencer Co. Journal-Democrat
by Loretta Raley



Denny Haines

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mourned the death of one of Rockport's most dedicated citizens, its fire chief.

The family of Louis and Eva Skelton has provided a total of over three hundred years of service to the residents of Rockport and Spencer County: Chief Louie - 68 years; his wife Eva - 30 years as a dispatcher; (Sons) Bill - 40 years (Grandview VFD); Louie, Jr. - 25 years; Tommy - 20 years; Cullen Earl - 15 years; Daughter and son-in-law, Julia & Yandle Haines have a combined total of approximately seventy-six years of service; and Grandson, Dennis Haines - 16 years.

- Spencer Co. Journal-Democrat
by Loretta Raley, Staff Writer

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house was theirs and the city couldn't use it if the association didn't get the contract.

Popp said he believes the house was built with federal revenue-sharing money provided by the township in the late 1970's and should belong to the township. He said he'd be willing to advise Wolpert to go to court over that issue if the township has a case.

The equipment isn't really worth arguing about, Popp said, because it is depreciating and much of it can't be refurbished.

Bob Kraft, a McCulloch volunteer and the third member of the advisory board, was out of

town this weekend and unavailable for comment.

The law on the ownership question is unclear, according to Tom Bredeweg, membership services director for the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. He said fire-protection contracts across the state have not been very precise and it's difficult for the courts to sort out what was intended in the contracts.

He said he didn't know of any case in which the issue has gone to court.

Bredeweg said, however, that the state board of accounts and the state legislature have acted recently to curb the power of fire districts and require more accountability from volunteer fire departments.

A new state law exempts newly annexed land from taxation by a fire district. That makes fights like the one last year over Jeffersonville Township's proposed fire district unnecessary.

The board of accounts now requires volunteer departments to file an audit with the state showing how they have spent their money.

"We may find some very interesting practices," Bredeweg said.

Language transferring ownership of the property and equipment to the township was included in the fire-protection contract for this year, but the volunteers balked and, with the old contract running out, the language was deleted before the contract was signed last December.

Wolpert said yesterday that he does not want to be in the same position this year and wants the ownership issue resolved long before the current contract runs out at the end of the year.

- The Courier-Journal
by David Goetz, Staff Writer
9/26/87

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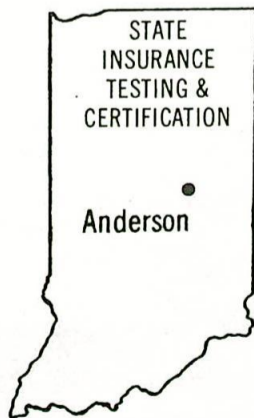


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