

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1930 – 1934

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Al Ring. Last revised in 2023.

There were many people who helped with this project over the years, however 3 deserve special mention. Rick Albers, John M. Monohan, Jr. and Jack Monohan.

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Reorganization of the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association.

By 1930, both the St. Matthews Fire Association and the Community Club were failing. The town was sure to loose everything unless something was done. The town was having many meetings to keep the Community Club going. The leaders wanted to have a membership drive and revive the club. Their biggest issue was helping the Fire Department.

Through the efforts of the St. Matthews *The Booster* (local newspaper) using headlines every week, and new leadership in the Community Club, the town decided to act.

In January the Community Club reorganized and the fire department board agreed to let the Community Club meet with them.

Jesse Ogden became President of the Club, and they held a big membership drive. They got many of the areas leading citizens to speak out for the department.

January 1930: *The Booster*: Fire Equipment Needed — Representatives Inform Fire Chief, Actuarial Bureau Will Give St. Matthews 3 Months To Make Necessary Improvements. Unless This Is Done Your Fire Rates May Be Increased.

On Wednesday of this week two representatives of the Actuarial Bureau called on Mr. Andrew Neichter, Chief of the St. Matthews Fire Association and informed him that the bureau would give St. Matthews three months in which to take steps to improve the fire department of this town. They feel that the present equipment is inadequate to cope with the situation that is developing with the growth of this section. This means that unless our people get behind the present Fire Committee and help raise money to get the equipment necessary to meet the demands of the Actuarial Bureau there will be a chance for every one to be called on to pay more insurance. Now WHY pay more insurance? Why not spend this money on new and needed fire equipment on whatever may be necessary for the betterment of the Fire Department. The Bureau has had men in this territory on five different occasions. They have looked the situation over and each of the recent fires have been investigated. The Fire Department Committee of the Community Club will meet Friday night at the home of Mr. Wm. Hoertz and at this meeting Mr. Charles Roberts, the chairmen will no doubt have a real program and report to offer the Club at the regular Community Club meeting.

It will be the duty of every member of the community to attend this meeting and keep in touch with all that is going on. Don't stay away, depending on the other fellow to go but go yourself (missing words) your moral support and countenance. On Wednesday of this week the Fire Department did its best with the equipment it has when a fire started at the home of Mrs. Welch on Cornell Place and the property was damaged to the extent of about \$800.00. The Eight Mile House fire during the past week removed and old landmark of this territory, having been built and established by Mr. Martin Ochsner forty years ago and was famous as an inn and for its chicken dinners. Mr. Zach Wilhoyte is the present owner of the property. These recent fires should be sufficient to make all realize that the territory is growing rapidly and needs more and better protection in the way of up-to-date equipment. (Missing next sentence.)

Center Front Page, below
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across front page—Fire
Equipment Needed.

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Chief, Actuarial Bureau Will
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**Unless This Is Done Your
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January 1930: *The Booster*, part of article, do not have headline. To be sure the loss of fire equipment alone would mean to each and every resident of St. Matthews, the payment of an additional \$25.00 to \$30.00 in insurance rates and I cannot conceive the idea that this alone is not worth while supporting our organization. A committee consisting of the following: Fred Wooten, J. J. Elder, Wm. J. Rueff, P. Herm, A. L. Stumler, W. J. Butles, Mrs. Wagner, J. J. Butler, Wm. Hertz, Charles Roberts, Louis Schweitzer, John Nuxol, Fred Simmer, Andrew Neichter, Jerry Diggins, has volunteered to canvas the homes of St. Matthews with a personal request that residents may come to the big meeting on Thursday, January 30, at the Evelawn Theater. Please give this committee you support because their unselfish work is entirely for the benefit of our community. According to the ideals of American citizenship, the home should always come first and the St. Matthews Community Club is pledged to work for the welfare of its homes and citizens.

Articles from *The Booster*, we think in January 1930: Only parts of them.

Editor St. Matthews Booster:
The progress of a community generally a clear and positive indication of the spirit and activity of its citizens. There are, however, many factors which enter into a sound and healthy growth and development of any community, but the advance can be rightly gauged through the endeavor and cooperation that every member lends to these activities which seek to bring about improvement as well as protection to material interests.

St. Matthews Community Club is recognized by its own and neighboring communities as a potent force in securing these privileges and benefits. The present body of citizens is not justly entitled to all the honor and credit, but we can at least show our appreciation of the efforts of its pioneers by coming to the support of the St. Matthews Community Club with our financial aid and personal cooperation and thus preserve the life of an organization which embodies the ideals of its charter promoters, and perpetuates the social and material interest of an appreciative citizenry.

REV. B. F. BESINGER

To the Friends and Citizens of the Community Club:
There seems to be no reason in the world why we should fail to support our Community Club and every reason why we should assist it. Its record stands open and shows a long and beautiful continuance of public service, unselfishly given.

One task alone entitles it to our gratitude—by its unselfish aid to the Fire Association it has caused a lowering of our insurance rates, and if the organization passes out of existence these rates will be raised. It has sponsored every worth while undertaking, it has labored tirelessly to raise funds for its work, it has benefitted the town morally, socially and in a civil way and now that we have come to the parting of the ways let us make our endorsement unanimous and show that when we have a good thing we know how to keep it.

MICHAEL ZIEGLER,
Past President,
St. Matthews Community Club.

fire association, be a thing of the past. The fire department is almost a thing of the past because of the fact that the equipment is in a bad and extremely unsatisfactory condition.

It is a matter really vital to the citizens of the community, therefore, that the Community Club's former activities be in some way restored so that it can help to maintain the fire department and perform other work of civic betterment as well.

The fire department matter is, of course, the most important thing at hand, but there are many other advantages to be gained by the citizens through the restoration of the old vigor of the Club; it has functioned correctly in the bringing about of

By H. C. KELLING
A brief survey of its activities is marked with the following successful accomplishments: Paid off \$900.00 debt on fire engine, built \$800.00 engine house, purchased \$200.00 firemen, bought helmets and coats for the volunteer firemen, paid for heating the engine house, paid for telephone of fire captain, sponsored Boy Scouts, held biggest parade in Louisville, caused a good many people to move to our community, aided base ball club, built sidewalk from St. Matthews to the Greathouse School, helped the navy, furnished Christmas Tree upon the roadway, sent Santa Claus with candy and apples to the Kentucky Children's Home Society, and through its committees secured road improvements at various times in and around St. Matthews.

I am sure all these activities have been worth while, but today interest in the Community Club has been lost and there is grave danger of its going out of existence unless the election of officers, which will be held on Thursday, January 30, brings forth an entire new organization of officers.

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January 9, 1930, The Courier-Journal

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Bank Elects Bauer For His 25th Term

The **St. Matthews** Bank & Trust Company Wednesday elected Louis Bauer president for the twenty-fifth consecutive time at its annual directors' meeting. Mr. Bauer has been president since the bank was organized.

Others officers, all re-elected, are: vice president, John M. Monahan, who is president of the First National

Bank; cashier, G. T. Bick, and assistant cashier, T. H. Cooper. Directors of the bank also include J. C. Stanley, J. W. Smith, W. R. Claxon, W. C. Maddox and F. J. Westerman. Mr. Bick has been cashier since the bank was organized.

The First National Bank and affiliated institutions, Louisville Trust Company, Lincoln Bank & Trust Company, National Bank of Kentucky, Citizens Union National Bank and the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Company, Security Bank, Stockyards Bank, Louisville Title Company and the Union Central Bank, Bankers Trust Company, and the Morris Plan Industrial Bank will elect January 16. The United States Trust Company

will elect directors at a stockholders' meeting Tuesday. Officers will be elected a week later when the directors meet.

"MY GOITRE IS GONE"

Gained 35 Pounds. Relieved of Choking, Smothering and Nervousness. An Operation Prevented.

Mrs. Bettie Tracy, R. No. 1, Austin, Ky., says she will tell personally of her relief of her relief by Sorbol-Quadruple, a colorless liniment. She had to sit up in bed and fan to get her breath. She had goitre nine years.

Manufactured by Sorbol Company, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Sold by all drug stores. Locals at Taylor-Isaacs Drug Co.—Advertisement

January 10, 1930, The Courier-Journal

February 20, 1930, The Courier-Journal

The A. J. Eline Garage in **St. Matthews** has been purchased by J. F. Russell and Alfred L. Coupe of J. F. Russell & Co., contractors. They plan to remodel the building into an office and store building and use it as the headquarters for the contracting company. The purchase price was approximately \$90,000.

Woman Arrested On Speeding Charge

Mrs. P. M. Cox, Pursued to **St. Matthews**, Made 60 Miles An Hour, Charge.

"You can't arrest me, I'm in the county now," Mrs. P. M. Cox, 44 years old, Crestwood, Ky., was quoted as telling two city motorcycle patrolmen after a five-mile chase ended in **St. Matthews** at 5:50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. A few minutes later she was in the Second Police District headquarters arranging bond on a charge of speeding.

The patrolmen, Charles Scott and Elmer Ray, said they started after Mrs. Cox's speeding automobile on Frankfort Avenue, near Crescent Court. Traveling at sixty miles an hour, the officers said, Mrs. Cox led the two patrolmen to **St. Matthews**, where she stopped in obedience to a red traffic light.

Mrs. Cox was slated at 6:15 o'clock and about thirty minutes later was free under bond of \$100.

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Courtesy *St. Matthews Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society. Were some STMFD meetings were held. On Lexington Road.

February 20, 1930: *The Booster*: Article stating how to report a fire. It stated to call Ogden Pharmacy and give address.

February 23, 1930: *The Booster*, Article stating what the Club had done for the department so far:

Paid off \$900.00 debt on the Model T Ford fire truck.

Paid \$800.00 towards the fire house.

Paid \$200.00 for the fire siren for the alarm system.

Paid for helmets and fire coats for the freighters.

Paid for the heat for the fire house.

Paid for telephone for fire captain. (Chief)

Sponsored Boy Scouts

Held biggest parade in Louisville, advertising St. Matthews.



February 27, 1930: *The Booster*: Fire Damages I. S. Homan Home. A fire which started in the home of Mr. I. S. Homan Jr. in Ormond Place, did quite a bit of damage. Through the good work of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and Louisville the blaze was extinguished, the cause was not determined.

February 27, 1930: *The Booster*: J. J. Diggins Home Destroyed By Fire. The friends of our former popular President of the Community club extended there sympathy to Mr. J. J. Diggins for the loss of his home on Ridgeway Avenue. The fire which broke out at 5 o'clock Sunday morning. The blaze started in the kitchen. His loss was about \$6,500.00 and he had some insurance.

March 4, 1930: Eight mile House burned to the ground. This was a roadhouse dance hall, located east of the old toll house. It had been erected 48 years before by Martin Ochsner and operated by him for fifteen years before changing ownership several times.

March 20, 1930: *The Booster*: ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONATED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT AT ANYTIME ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE—So Be Sure To Attend Meeting Thursday Night, March 27, Schuler Motor Co., Hall.

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March 1930: Special meeting: The Board of Directors resigned, and a special election was held for new members to run the department until July when the Articles of Incorporation stated they had to hold elections. This was the beginning of a new and better department.

The new Board quickly agreed to start raising funds for a fire truck, and then ordered one.

April 3, 1930: *The Booster:* Volunteer Fire Association Hold Fire Meeting. Recent Fires Should Cause St. Matthews People To Give Whole Hearted Support to Secure Better Equipment. The Volunteer Fire Association with its newly elected directorate and officers held its first meeting on Monday evening at Schuler Motor Company Hall and invited the Fire Committee of the St. Matthews community Club to join with them in discussing plans for getting new fire equipment. This important matter was brought before the body of men and plans will be formulated for beginning a drive to raise funds as soon as word is received from the Actuarial Bureau as to the sort of equipment the Bureau desires St. Matthews to have in order to retain the insurance rate which the town is now enjoying. Many other ways and means were suggested as to the best method for raising money to cope with the present situation. During the winter there have been several fires, recently the Diggins fire, the Smith Homan 8 Mile House, and only Wednesday morning, the home of Mr. Leo Edelen on the Shelbyville Road was damaged by flames. These disasters should be enough to make people think seriously but this is never done until these disasters hit us and then we are ready to say what should be done which is like locking up the stable after the horse is stolen. This way of putting off until the last is natural, but the people should get together and come forward without waiting to be called on to do their part. We feel that the committee in charge of soliciting contributions will not ask any one to do more than he or she can possibly do. It will meet again next Monday evening for a further discussion of the contemplated drive to secure the new and badly needed equipment. Remember "he who gives quickly gives twice," and show you public spirit by rallying around the association and community club in assisting this worthy undertaking.



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\$3,000 FIRE HITS HOME.

Flames destroyed the second story of the frame residence of Mrs. E. S. Shippen, La Grange Road near Lyndon, shortly after noon Wednesday at a loss estimated at approximately \$3,000. The Louisville, Anchorage and St. Matthews fire departments were called to the scene. Firemen said the flames apparently originated from defective wiring in the attic.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shippen, son and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Shippen, who is in Florida, were at home when

the fire broke out but were unaware of the flames until notified by a passing motorist. Firemen were forced to pipe hose across the road and across the Louisville & Interurban Railway Company's tracks to a cistern several hundred feet from the fire.

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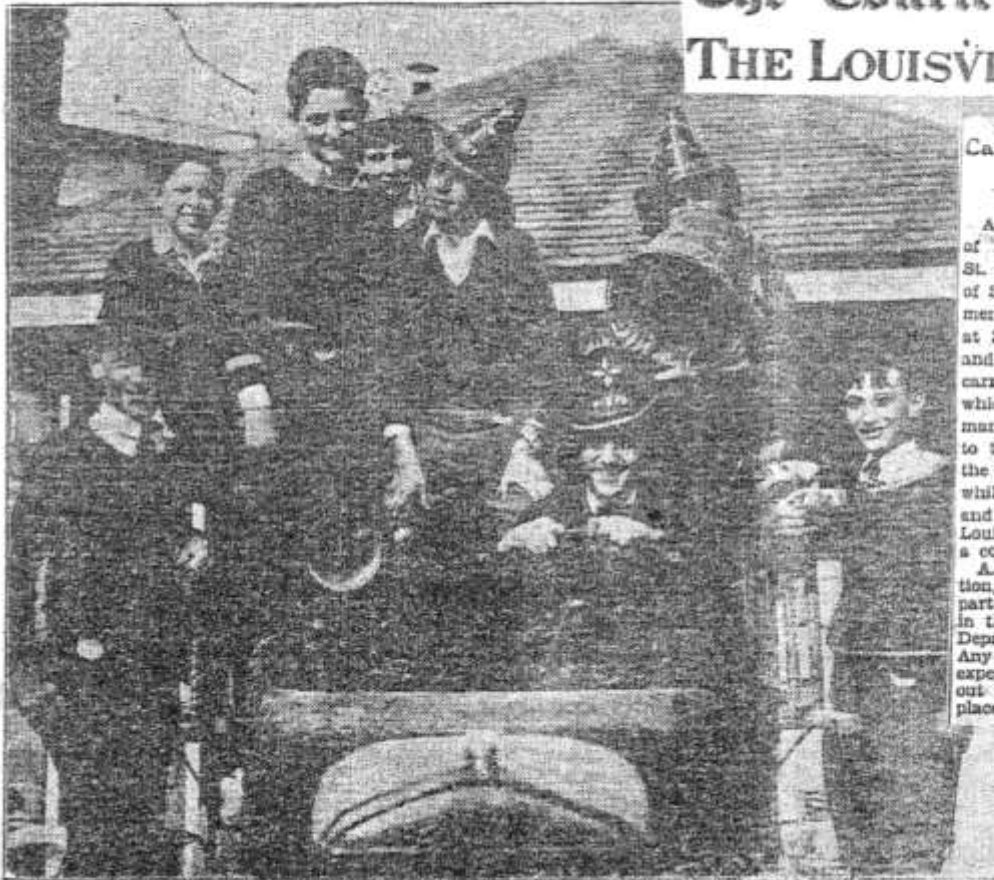
1930 - Burned Barn, Chenoweth Lane. University of Louisville Photographic Archives

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April 1930, *The Courier-Journal*:

Station 17 Boys Act As Firemen

The Courier-Journal
THE LOUISVILLE TIMES



Carriers Voluntarily Fight Early Morning Blaze In St. Matthews.

A short time ago, when the home of Jerry Diggins, Ridgeway Avenue, St. Matthews, caught on fire, carriers of Station 17 acted as volunteer firemen. When the fire alarm sounded at 3:30 o'clock one Sunday morning and nobody responded to the call, the carriers, who were at the substation, which is next to the Fire Department, manned the equipment and hastened to the scene of the blaze. Some of the boys used the chemical pumps while others formed a bucket brigade, and held the fire in check until the Louisville Fire Department could send a company.

A. W. Redmon, manager of the station, said that the boys have taken part in putting out fires several times in the past. The St. Matthews Fire Department is a volunteer company. Any person who hears the alarm is expected to do his share in putting out fires. New equipment is to be placed in service in a few weeks.

Left to right—Raymond Wills, Melvin O'Neal, Carl Kempf, Raymond Kempf, Cecil Steigers, Manager A. W. Redmon, Marvin Douglas and Alvin Kempf.

Local "Paper Boys," notice oval Badges on pants.

Left to right, Raymond Wills, Melvin O'Neal, Carl Kempf, Raymond Kempf, Cecil Steigers, Manager A. W. "Chip" Redman, Marvin Douglas, and Alvin Kempf



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May 3, 1930, *The Courier-Journal*:

June 7, 1930, *The Courier-Journal*

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 3, 1930.

Monohan Funeral Services to Be Today

Rites Set for Cathedral of
the Assumption At
10 O'clock.

Funeral services for Edward Seehan Monohan, Sr., 74 years old, Brown's Lane, near **St. Matthews**, who died Thursday at the St. Joseph's Infirmary, will be held at 9:15 o'clock Saturday morning at the residence and at 10 o'clock at the Cathedral of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. Louis Cemetery.

Six grandchildren have been named active pallbearers. The honorary pallbearers are: George R. Bickel, S. E. Booker, Owsley Brown, Joseph Burge, W. E. Caldwell, Ernest S. Clarke, W. W. Crawford, William C. Dabney, Ralph C. Gifford, Churchill Humphrey, Arthur E. Miller, Otis W.

Pickrell, John W. Price, Jr., Hugh L. Rose, W. K. Stewart, Louis Bauer, C. C. Stoll, T. P. Taylor, Jr., Charley Campbell, James Speed, Shippen Speed, Louis Diemer, Louis Diebel, John Hartman, George Hartman, John J. Ellwanger, John Wurtele, Charles A. Oerther, Charles Scholtz, Henry Chenoweth, Henry Bauer, J. Ross Todd, Henry Thieman, Henry Ormsby, Ex Norton, William Pratt Dale, John Miller, Dr. L. A. Blankenbaker, Charles C. Boldrick, Judge Alex Barret, D. F. Murphy, J. C. Murphy, Hugh Barret, Dr. S. G. Dabney, Fred Kelsker, Harry Smysler, Wallace McDowell, M. A. Erskine, Dean R. L. McCready, John Stites, Charley McFerran, Dr. L. L. Spears, Embry L. Swearingen, John W. Barr, Jr., John S. White, Dr. Irvin Abell, Dr. James S. Chenoweth, Dr. Rowan Morrison, Dr. Harry Frazier, H. B. Veech, H. C. Rodas, James Hines, Joe Marmor, Ed Hilliard, Isaac Hilliard, Harry Dumesnil, W. F. Woodward, William Marshall Bullitt, J. D. Stewart, Oscar Fenley.



ST. MATTHEWS

TO GET PLANT

First Unit of \$1,000,000
Project to Be Started
Immediately.

Plans for the first unit of a \$1,000,000 factory at **St. Matthews** are expected to be started immediately by the Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Co., Chicago, Lawrence Bernard Palmer-Ball, president, announced Friday.

The first unit will be two stories high and will cost about \$250,000. Mr. Palmer-Ball said. The other units to be of similar proportions, will cost \$250,000 each and will be added as the business progresses.

Products to be manufactured by the firm include materials for railroads, large industrial organizations and automobiles, according to the announcement. The company expects to concentrate on a new kind of brake lining for automobiles at its plant at **St. Matthews**, it was said.

A five-acre tract located between **St. Matthews** Avenue and Chenoweth Lane, north of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, has been bought for the factory site. The tract, together with a railroad switch and switching facilities involve an expenditure of approximately \$16,000, Mr. Palmer-Ball asserted.

The Palmer Equipment Company, Chicago, of which Mr. Palmer-Ball is president, buys a large amount of the products of the Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Company. The organization was formed in 1914. It ships its manufactured products throughout the United States and many foreign countries, including the British West Indies, Europe, India, Japan, the Argentina, Brazil and Canada, Mr. Palmer-Ball said.

The general offices will remain in Chicago and the Chicago factory will be operated for the time being, it was pointed out.

Raw materials are obtained from the cotton mills of the South and the location of a factory here will eliminate large shipping expenditures, it was explained.

More than half of the stock in the organization is owned by Mr. Palmer-Ball.

HEART THROBS OF BUSINESS

Site Purchased for New
\$1,000,000 Factory
At **St. Matthews**.

Purchasing a four-acre tract in **St. Matthews** from the Wakefield-Smith Realty Company for \$9,000, L. B. Palmer-Ball announced that a Chicago manufacturer of asbestos products was acquiring it as the site for a \$1,000,000 factory. The weekly payroll of the plant will be between \$4,000 and \$5,000, he said.

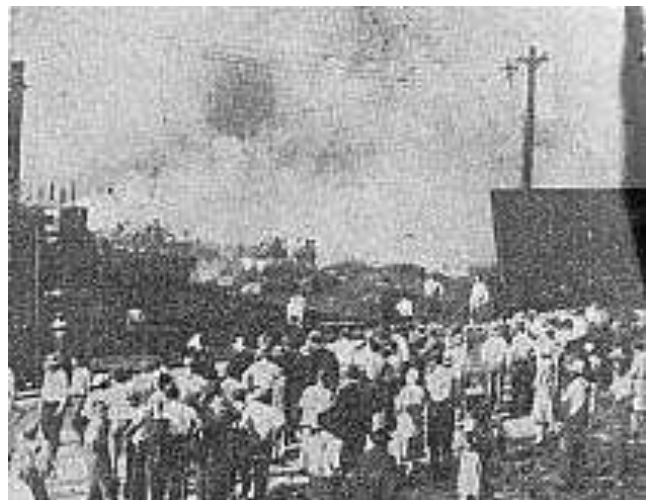
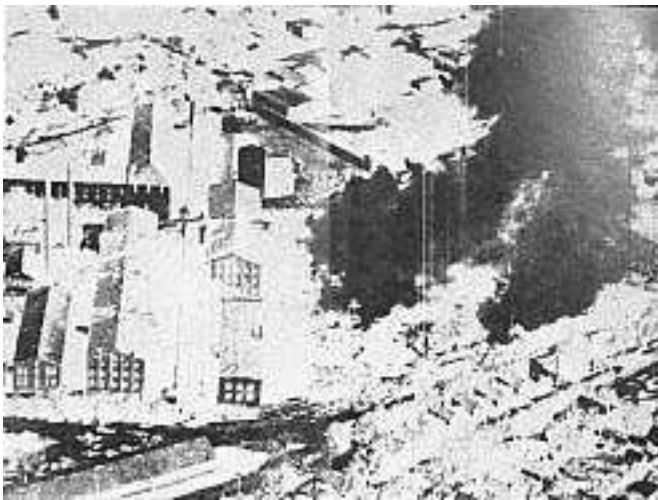
Barnett Jones of the Wakefield-Smith Realty Company asserted that the plans provide for a completely electrified plant. The property is located on Chenoweth Lane, north of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company's station.

April 24, 1930: *The Booster:* Fire Destroys Barn. The place of Mr. F. Kirchner on Chenoweth Lane caught fire Thursday, and a two story stable was destroyed. The fire department again covered itself with glory by its timely and good work. The property belongs to Mr. Robert McCarty.

May 29, 1930: *The Booster:* Fire Destroys Auto At Cornell Park, Wednesday Morning. The automobile of Mr. M. R. Loop of Cornell Place, was damaged by fire Wednesday morning. The extent of damage was not estimated.

July 2, 1930: Fire at the State Penitentiary in Frankfort, Kentucky. We do know that we only sent man power, but St. Matthews as well as Lexington, Louisville and other Volunteer units did respond and help. (We do not know how they got there.) There was \$200,000 damage, with two slightly injured people. The part of the penitentiary that burned was the Chair Factory. We also know that Louisville got the call at 2:45 p.m. The Louisville apparatus, in charge of Captain John Highland, battalion chief of the fifth district, was sent to Frankfort a few minutes after the call. Captain Thomas Kitterman, First District battalion chief, replaced Captain Highland in charge of the detachment after Captain Highland's automobile developed engine trouble in St. Matthews.

Engine Companies # 3 and 10, each composed of six men, went to Frankfort. Captain Claude



Thompson was in charge of Engine # 3 Company and Captain Edward Kraus was in charge of Engine # 10 Company.

July 3, 1930: *The Booster:* Fire Association Election, Wed., July 9th.—Officials Elected Recently Filled Unexpired Terms of Others—Articles of Incorporation Call For Election Every July Everyone Invited. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association will hold its regular election of officers next Wednesday night, July 9, at 8 o'clock p.m.

All people who have contributed to the Association at any time are entitled to vote. Seven directors will be selected and these seven directors will call a special meeting to elect the officers. At the time the present officers were elected it was just for the unexpired time of the officers who resigned at that period, the articles of incorporation call for the election in the month of July. The Fire Department is one of the most important to every citizen of this community. It should be worth their while if all property owners would pause and think what the fire apparatus and protection means to St. Matthews. Without them their insurance would be doubled, but now while we have the Fire Association functioning for our protection it would be not only a wise but vital thing for us to keep behind it, assist it in every way and uphold its officers in doing their level best to maintain it. This is a little thing for us to do, it does not call for any great expenditure, for than we would be forced to pay in insurance without it. Show their interest in their work, their appreciation of the time and attention they give to something that is for the good of all. Therefore all property owners should attend the coming meeting, because it is for their benefit. No matter whether you are a member or not and if you can save twenty-five cents or a dollar a year for this protection, it is certainly worth your while to do so. Don't make any other engagement for July 9th, and make up your mind to be present at Schuler Hall and regard your Fire Association as a saving fund in a safety bank for it will certainly save your home, your property and your purse from higher rates if you make this little deposit with the Association.

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July 3, 1930, *The Courier-Journal*: St. Matthews sent manpower to the scene—

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LOUISVILLE, THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 3, 1930

THREE CENTS

\$200,000 IS LOSS IN PRISON FIRE

AIR VIEW OF FIRE AT STATE REFORMATORY



Air photograph showing view of the fire that destroyed the chair factory at the State Reformatory at Frankfort and threatened other buildings.

CHAIR SHOP DESTROYED AT REFORMATORY

2,300 Convicts Watch Blaze Threatening All Workshops At Institution.

TWO INJURED SLIGHTLY

Hazards In Burned Factory Cited In Actuarial Bureau Report.

By ALLEN M. THOMAS.

The Commonwealth Prisoners Bureau, Frankfort, Ky., July 2.—A smoke and stinging air Sunday was caused this morning by the fire which destroyed the factory of the Kentucky Chair Company, located inside the walls of the State Reformatory. The factory was destroyed in a recent report of the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau as containing substantial fire hazards. For a time the fire threatened the destruction of all shop and prison buildings.

More than 2,000 convicts prisoners stood watching from the small prison yard. The best description of the progress of the fire showed that all were surprised to find that the fire was not in the main building, but in the rear of the main building. There were no signs of burning or threatened fire anywhere during the fire. When the fire was at its worst, Mr. Thomas said, two prisoners were injured slightly.

The Hazardous Condition.

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The report was addressed to State Auditor Carl Johnson, ex-officio head of the Department of Fire Protection and Alarm, and copies were furnished to each member of the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

The fire was observed about 10:30 a. m. in a small town off the east porch of the chair factory, where shavings and lumber that were piled up were burning. It was seen immediately by Brother Cooke, a guard, G. H. Hadden, a yard foreman, and Carl Hadden, a prisoner. Each opened the alarm and the prison authorities and the fire department. The fire was not in the main building, but in the rear of the main building.

Blaze Sparks From Engine.

A water engine had left a small trail of water before it had been the water was discovered. When Mr. Cooke and Mr. Hadden reported the fire that a report from the engine had started the burning in the small town.

Prisoners, officers and guards in the chair factory added to the severity of the blaze and heat. A 200-gallon gasoline tank was on the first floor. But it was discovered that the tank had not broken and the gasoline had leaked out, starting no fire.

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In addition to the loss of the chair factory, an adjacent shirt factory, owned by the Gordon East Coast Company, Chicago, caught fire and was damaged several thousands of dollars, most of which was caused by water coming down and machinery. A restaurant and bank were on the main walls and wooden walls of a corridor inside the outer walls also burned and were a total loss.

Louisville, Lexington Send Aid.

The Fire Department, under the direction of Chief George Conway, began fighting the fire at 2 o'clock. Within thirty minutes additional assistance had been called from Louisville and Lexington. The Lexington truck was the first to arrive, but the fire had been brought under control by voluntary assistants and Firemen before its arrival.

Capt. Thomas Richmond, Lexington, arrived at 4 o'clock with Engine Company No. 2 and No. 28, making the trip in one and a half hours. After a short conference with Warden Beach, Captain Richmond returned his company back to Lexington. Two Jefferson County policemen cleared the road of traffic for the Louisville engines.

A check on Liberty Insurance the State carried on all its property this today showed that the chair factory was insured for \$117,341 of which the State may collect \$40,000 in case of a total loss, according to J. C. Bird, Commissioner of Public Institutions. Mr. Bird had just arrived in Frankfort from Louisville when the alarm was sounded.

Prisoner Conduct Praised.

Prison and State officials who observed the fire from inside the walls freely expressed their praise of the

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(Top Two Photos By S. M. Payne, Prison Photographer; Others By Wallace Lewis, C-J Staff Photographer.)

Top is Holston—Ruins of chair factory at the reformatory; some of the 2,500 prisoners watching progress of Bremen fighting the flames; prisoners marching into the dormitories after the fire for all call, and, bottom, standing, left to right, Brent Nunnally and F. O. Ryser, Louisville; S. Goldberg, Lexington, representative of Man o' War Post No. 8, American Legion, who said twenty-five members of the post had placed themselves to prison authorities for emergency duty, and B. W. Hubbard, superintendent of the House of Reform, Greendale, and, seated, left to right, Warden Beach and J. C. Bird, commissioner of institutions, checking over the list of prisoners.

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\$200,000 LOSS IN PRISON FIRE

2,300 Convicts Watch Blaze Destroy Chair Factory At Reformatory.

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orderly manner in which the prisoners conducted themselves. Even when the shirt factory caught fire at 2 o'clock and it seemed that the blaze would spread perilously close to the small yard where the prisoners were standing, the men remained calm and orderly.

Two hundred and ninety-four men were working in the chair factory when the alarm was spread. They

quickly formed in orderly lines and marched to the prison yard on orders of Frank Sullivan, manager. However, a few remained in the building and helped fight the flames while others knocked the heads off the faucets of the automatic sprinkler system. The sprinklers were in full force during the entire blaze and when the building had caved in water was still shooting from the pipes.

Porrest Stotts, acting assistant superintendent of the prison, said the prisoners were more orderly during the fire than they ordinarily are Sunday, when they are let out in the yards for recreation.

Prisoners Fight Fire.

Dozens of the prisoners manned fire hose under the direction of guards and Frankfort firemen. Other prisoners stood near the firemen with buckets of iced drinking water. Once, Fred Cole, a guard captain, called for fifteen prisoners to volunteer to go to the second story of the shirt factory. More than 200 men rushed toward the gate in response to Captain Cole's request.

Soon after news of the fire spread in town scores of relatives of prisoners gathered in anxious groups near the gates. They were reassured by guards that no chances would be taken with the safety of the prisoners if the flames got out of control.

Major E. M. Sexton of the Adjutant General's Department quickly mobilized all available National Guardsmen at the State Arsenal here and ordered them to report to the prison authorities for any emergency. Although they were placed near all exits, no formal orders were issued for active duty in connection with the fire.

Gov. Flem D. Sampson was at Barbourville when informed of the fire, but rushed to Frankfort, arriving here at 4 o'clock, having made the trip in approximately two hours. Before leaving Barbourville, where he had gone for the July 4 holiday, Governor Sampson gave orders over the telephone to place all necessary troops at the disposal of the prison authorities and to use any other State facilities needed to cope with an outbreak or destruction of the prison.

Chair Factory Frame Building.

The chair factory was a three-story structure, 300 feet by 75 feet, erected in 1915. An annex, 150 feet square and two stories high, was erected in January, 1928. Both buildings were of frame construction, covered with sheet iron. The shirt factory was a three-story brick building. Little damage was done to the building proper.

The residence and junk yard destroyed outside the prison walls was owned by M. O. Sullivan, who estimated his loss at \$30,000. Approximately 500 feet of the wooden stockade wall burned and nearly 100 feet was torn down to permit fire apparatus to enter the prison yard.

Four hundred and fifty-eight prisoners were employed in the shirt factory today, while seventy-eight were employed in the chair factory making brooms. These, together with the 294 men working in the chair factory, made a total of 830 prisoners who might have taken advantage of the fire to escape.

These laborers were employed outside the main walls of the prison, although still within the prison enclosure. Convicts in the dormitories, the kitchen building, the cell blocks and administration building were separated from the convict laborers by a stone wall and could not have participated in a general outbreak at the rear of the prison grounds.

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Thousands Watch From Cliffs.

The fire was witnessed by thousands of persons who climbed to the high cliffs north of the prison grounds or stood on the highway leading to Lexington, south of the prison. Others stood on elevated railroad tracks between the highway and the reformatory walls.

A final check of the prison hospital showed that but two persons had required first aid treatment. Both were prisoners. One was Bill Cochran, Louisville, who was overcome by heat while breaking the heads out of the sprinkler faucets. The other was J. Fuson, Whitley County, who sprained his left ankle. Both were released from the hospital after treatment.

The fire is the second in the prison

The fire is the second in the prison in recent years. Three prisoners were burned to death in the block house fire of 1917. In recent years, however, the cell houses have been made absolutely fireproof and today would have afforded a safe haven for the prisoners had the non-fireproof buildings burned.

The fire first was fanned by an Eastern breeze which carried it across a coal yard. Although the coal pile of more than 100 tons caught fire and burned there were no buildings in the path of the chair factory flames.

Shirt Factory Set Afire.

The breeze shifted later, however, and it was then that the top of the shirt factory became ignited. Had that building burned the destruction of the kitchen and dining-rooms would have been practically inevitable. In that event, the entire prison population would have been hemmed in the small yard back of the administration building, with a blazing building blocking the only opening.

Late today officials of the Kenney Furniture Company, Frankfort, owners of the chair factory, were unable to check their losses accurately. Bronston Kenney, president, said he had no idea of the loss and would not be able to give an estimate until an inventory was made of the lumber destroyed on the yards and the number of manufactured chairs that had burned. The loss was partially covered by insurance, however.

Officials of the Gordon East Coast Company were reluctant to estimate their loss. It is known that thousands of yards of cloth was damaged by water, as well as the garment making machinery. Prison authorities were practically agreed that the total loss inside the prison walls probably would amount to \$200,000.

Says Conditions Are Normal.

Tonight Warden Roach said that conditions inside the prison had about reached a normal state following the excitement of the afternoon. The prisoners were given a good supper, he said. No indications of discontent had been shown by them, he added.

Actuarial Bureau Report.

The report of the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau on fire hazards at the reformatory read in part:

In the industrial buildings also, the exit facilities are entirely inadequate. This is illustrated by the frame chair factory, where nearly 200 men are employed on the second floor, with only one outside exit

Under the heading of "hazards," concerning the burned building, the report pointed out that the "motors are the open D. C. type with moving contracts, and all are subject to inflammable dust and flyings. Approximately half the power woodworking

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on this floor is carried on in the unsprinkled section."

"The machine shop is located on the first floor in the unsprinkled west section of the factory; metal working hazards, involving the use of lathes, grinders, drills, an oxy-acetylene blow torch and forging, with a portable forge and a small anvil on a wooden floor," the report continued concerning the burned factory.

On the second floor of the building, fire hazards mentioned included "hand caining (in which 170 men are engaged), the dipping of furnished chairs into open metal varnish dip tanks, power woodworking (employing five machines), gluing (with electric glue pots), and pattern making (in the small carpenter shop, involving the use of one power planer)."

Cities Drain Boards.

Continuing the report said:

The drain boards from the dip tanks drain back thereto and drippings are caught on sawdust, but the floor is badly caked with dried varnish, and presents the hazard of spontaneous ignition.

The remainder of the report on "hazards," as it concerns the chair factory, read:

The finishing processes located on the third floor include the following hazards—dipping of stock in metal and wooden dip tanks of water stain and fillers, wooden tops being used. Spraying the pyroxylin base lacquers on japans, varnishes and paints in four non-standard booths, one of which is made of zinc on a wood frame and set on a wooden floor.

The remainder are all metal on steel angle irons, and are installed on a metal covered wooden floor. Two booths are provided with baffle plates and 20-inch vent ducts, each of which passes through the roof without clearance to the combustible roof boards.

The other booths have no baffle plates, and discharge to the outside through 12-inch metal ducts which pass through combustible window framing without clearance. Vent fans are non-sparking, mounted inside the ducts, are driven by motors outside of ducts, belts being totally enclosed.

Fan Motors Open Type.

All fan motors are open D. C. type subject to inflammable vapors. Although three of the booths are equipped with vapor-proof globes, one has an ordinary bulb inside, and all control switches are located on the outside of the booths, and are of sparking type. There are ordinary lamps 10 feet distance from each

booth and there is insufficient clearance from the fronts of the booths to various combustible material. Wet pipe sprinklers protect two booths, but two are not sprinkled.

There are no local control valves on the sprinklers in the two booths so protected and the floor has not been water-proofed. General house-keeping in this section is poor, and each booth (one of which is within two inches of a steam radiator) is heavily coated with pyroxylin residues which are cleaned up only weekly.

The supply of lacquer which is kept at the booth is supported in two cases on ordinary sash cored and metal cored cotton cables at the remaining booths. Surplus finishes are stored on this floor, and include 250 gallons of flat coat, fifty gallons of lacquer, forty gallons of amylacetate and fifty gallons of varnish.

The flat coat is thinned with gasoline, which is drawn through an unapproved hand pump on this (the third) floor, from a 200-gallon tank, buried under the building, with fill pipe at the northwest corner of the three-story offset.

Stock which has had the filler applied is rubbed down with excelsior. Packing, approximately two bales of moss and twenty-five bales of paper-wrapper excelsior, without storage bins, are kept on hand and are used in the open.

Sampson Praises Roach.

Governor Sampson, who personally inspected the ruins after his arrival in Frankfort, expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the emergency had been met. He said that he would publicly commend inmates of the prison for their heroic efforts in fighting the fire when Warden Roach had completed his check of their activities.

The Governor's statement follows: The fire at the prison was a great surprise, but was handled so splendidly by Acting Superintendent Roach and his assistants, aided by the inmates of the institution, that not a single prisoner was injured and the fire checked and controlled in such a manner as to save property of large value belonging to the State, for all of which we are most grateful.

I must heartily commend Acting Superintendent Roach and his officers and men for their sober and efficient handling of the fire. Everything was done in order. There was no wild excitement. The best means of extinguishing the fire was promptly employed and the nearby property was protected.

Many cases of heroic effort by inmates of the institution have been called to my attention and I want to, if possible, find some way of the State expressing its gratitude to these faithful men in battling to save the property of the State and, as soon as Superintendent Roach furnishes me a list of the names of those entitled to honorable mention, will publicly commend these inmates. Their conduct proves beyond preadventure that they can and will be of service to the State and that society can afford to accept them, but trust them. I am happy that no one was injured and that the property loss was held down to the minimum.

Louisville Sends Two Engines.

Two engine companies of the Louisville Fire Department were sent to Frankfort Wednesday afternoon to aid in fighting flames at the State Reformatory.

The Louisville apparatus, in charge of Capt. John Highland, battalion chief of the Fifth District, was sent to Frankfort a few minutes after a call for aid was received at 2:45 o'clock. Capt. Thomas Kitterman, First District battalion chief, replaced Captain Highland in charge of the detachment after Captain Highland's automobile developed engine trouble at St. Matthews.

Engine Companies Nos. 3 and 10, each composed of six men, went to Frankfort. Capt. Claude Thompson was in charge of No. 3 Company and Capt. Edward Kraus was in charge of No. 10 Company.

Lexington Sends 9 Men.

The Courier-Journal Lexington Bureau.

Lexington, Ky., July 2.—Nine members of the Lexington Fire Department, in charge of Assistant Fire Chief Louis Travis, were dispatched to Frankfort immediately on receipt of word from Frankfort that aid was needed in fighting flames at the chair factory at the State Reformatory.

Engine No. 1, from Central Fire Station, driven by Ferd Jacobs, was dispatched shortly after word was received here of the fire, but broke down six miles north of Frankfort. Engine No. 6 left here when it was learned the first truck had broken down.

Lexington firemen who aided in fighting the flames were Assistant Chief Travis, Mr. Jacobs, Homer

Brown, Fielding O'Brien, A. E. Bowman, H. M. McDonald, Capt. Raymond Sharp, T. P. Knight, Hiram Winkle and W. M. Cruise.

Officers Elected Recently Filled Unexpired Terms Of Others

Articles Of Incorporation Call For Election Every July Everyone Invited

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association will hold its regular election of officers next Wednesday night, July 9, at 8 o'clock P. M.

All people who have contributed to the Association at any time are entitled to vote. Seven directors will be elected and these seven directors will call a special meeting to elect the officers. At the time the present officers were elected it was just for the unexpired time of the old officers who resigned at that period, the articles of incorporation call for the election in the month of July. The Fire Department is one of the most important to every citizen of this community. It would be worth their

while if all property owners would pause and think what the fire apparatus and protection mean to St. Matthews. Without them their insurance would be doubled, but now while we have the Fire Association functioning for our protection it would be not only a wise but vital thing for us to keep behind it, assist it in every way and uphold its officers in doing their level best to maintain it. This is a little thing for us to do, it does not call for any great expenditure, far less would we be forced to pay in insurance without it. Show their interest in their work, their appreciation of the time and attention they give to something

that is for the good of all. Therefore all property owners should attend the coming meeting, because it is for their benefit. No matter whether you are a member or not and if you can save twenty-five cents or a dollar a year for this protection, it is certainly worth your while to do so. Don't make any other engagement for July 9th, and make up your mind to be present at Schuler Hall and regard your Fire Association as a savings fund in a safety bank for it will certainly save your home, your property and your purse from higher rates if you make this little deposit with the Association.

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A number of subscriptions were turned in at this meeting so it now looks as if the campaign for funds will prove a successful one. It was also stated at this meeting that a regular column will be run in the *Booster*, carrying the name of each one who has made a donation to the Fire Association and this list will appear each week with additional names added and something of an educational nature appearing also in an article which will make publicly known the necessity of this financial aid for our Fire Association.

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for the best interests of the community will not have to look upon an army of empty chairs—nor secure the services of Sylvester Groves to introduce the popular funeral song of the Elks, "The Vacant Chair." Therefore, let's all turn out and be present Thursday evening, July 19, when they cut the melon in great shape.

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Letter from STMFD archives, undated but may be around this time:

Dear Sir:-

We wish to thank you for the check for \$10.00 for the St Matthews Vol Fire Co. We are sorry you have a bad tooth in your mouth but think you will feel differently if you see the Fire Co. side of the picture. We have an indebtedness of \$1600 representing a small amount still owed on the engine and the remainder on 1450 ft of new hose besides other necessary equipment we have purchased in the past few years. Our operating expenses amount to between \$400-500 ^{per} year.

Our sources of income are entirely voluntary consisting of usually 3 from residents and \$5-25 from business houses and voluntary fees of \$25 which we ask of those who have not paid during the current year. Last year less than 150 residents paid their voluntary assessment. No individuals ~~names~~ names are signed to notes at the bank for money used in purchasing ^{their} equipment.

If you buy fire insurance the insurance co will not pay if ^{it} occurs after your insurance expires.

However should you need us again this year there will be no additional charge.

Hoping you can see this the same way we do

We remain
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July 31, 1930: Monday of this week a fire started at Beechwood Station on the Shelbyville Road, which caused a lot of uneasiness for a time. A lot of signboards, dry grass and telephone poles were burned. For a time it looked like the Peacock Inn would go, but the fire department of Louisville and St. Matthews assisted by men from the Plumbing establishment of J. J. Butler combined to quench the flames. It was a close call indeed. The volunteers did them selves proud.

July 31, 1930: New hydrant installed on Bauer Avenue at a cost of \$350.00.

August 7, 1930: *The Booster*: 75 Men Fight Field Fire. One of the greatest dangers entailed by drought, leaves and grass are bone dry, and their have been several big fires about St. Matthews and the surrounding country. One broke out on the property of G. B. and Norbourne Arterburn about four miles east of St. Matthews. Close by was another on the land of J. J. Butler. A force of 75 men worked hard on these fires and on one at Coral Ridge on the farm of Bohenan.

Courtesy *St. Matthews Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, 2/20/1926, Power line repair, this shows the Arterburn property.



August 14, 1930, The Courier Journal Edited article

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For months it is known, what we are going to do. As a case of never since the Actuarial Bureau has said that unless we get proper fire equipment we will go back to the tenth class and that of course means our fire insurance rates will be kept higher. Well we should do as this happened. Certainly we cannot, and it is up to us right now to take steps to ward off such a calamity as this would be. Next Thursday evening at 8 P. M., August 21 the Community Club will hold its regular meeting at the St. Matthews Fire Association. We are going to discuss this meeting because they are members of our town and therefore should have as much interest as we can and be one with us in our efforts to assist the volunteer fire association.

What was said on this occasion is the hearty enthusiastic support of the entire community. The object we have in view effects them as much as us, as the payment of an increased insurance rate will not be confined to the members of the Community Club, but will include every citizen of the town, and therefore it is necessary that all attend this meeting and take part in the discussion of some way to help the association and secure the equipment that is vitally necessary to keep us from going back into the 10th class rating.

Don't put this business aside for it is too urgent to neglect and be sure and attend the meeting and help put the object in view over the top.

Following is a letter, a fac simile of the one sent by the Actuary Bureau.

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Georgetown university will take up boxing for the first time this season. Rocky Green is the coach.

St. Vinton and Illinois college, two Illinois schools playing night football, spent \$3,000 on lighting equipment.

Martin Lang, Kentucky glider, has been purchased from Omaha of the U. S. by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Football fans of the United States spend upward of \$1,000,000 to see gridiron battles each Saturday during

MAYFIELD AWAITS LEGION MEETING

Mayfield, Ky., Aug. 21. — The American Legion General Convention Committee reports that it has completed the arrangements for the Twelfth Annual State Convention of the Kentucky Department of the American Legion which is to be held here August 26, 27, and 28. H. H. Mayton, Jr., the Department Adjutant, has been currently in touch with the local convention committee and with his assistance final arrangements have been perfected and the community awaits the arrival of the delegates that are expected to attend the meeting.

Work has been finished on the new Legion Memorial Building in which the business sessions of the convention will be held. The building was erected by Mayfield Post No. 25 in memory of those of their comrades who were killed or wounded in the war. It contains an auditorium with a seating capacity for fifteen hundred persons, a commodious stage, a gymnasium ideally fitted for basketball, other indoor games and dancing, and offices and committee rooms. To the Mayfield Post goes the honor of first being able to entertain the State

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September 3 & 12, 1930, The Courier-Journal

WANTED

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Gentlemen 50c Ladies 25c

8 Till —

EMIL BIZOT, Chairman
Entertainment Committee

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PREPARE PROGRAM FOR FALL SEASON

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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING BRING OUT GOOD POINTS

At the last meeting of the Community Club quite a large number of interested members and well wishers were on hand. The meeting was held in conjunction with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Good suggestions were offered by several of the members, one being a proposition for the disposal of the fire place located before the building. This matter of course was referred to the Entertainment Committee.

A special committee was appointed by the club to look into the matter of

drainage along the main highway in St. Matthews. It was stated that the water draining from the road forced the children to walk through this water unless they went on the highway where they are in immediate danger from automobiles. About a year ago the Highway Commission placed a sidewalk along the road for the children, but owing to improper drainage this walk is of no use. The committee declared its members would attend to this matter immediately.

Where Does Charity Begin?

When a man's generosity to a fault it is usually his own fault he is generous to a Montford star.

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The Best Band In Louisville

Benefit Fire Department

Help Put The Fire Out
Show Your Spirit In The Community

COME ONE! COME ALL!

GENTLEMEN 50c 8 TILL? LADIES 25c

October 13 & 20, 1930, The Courier-Journal

Boy, 8, Is Injured.

Joseph Kempf, 8-year-old son of Carl Kempf, 157 St. Matthews Avenue, St. Matthews, was seriously injured at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile at "The Point" in St. Matthews. He suffered a fractured skull.

The mishap occurred near the office of Dr. George Ray. The child was first taken to the physician's office and then to St. Anthony's Hospital, where an X-ray examination was made. The boy became unconscious some time after the accident.

The driver of the motor was Charles Pfeiffer, 56, of 125 Fairfax Avenue, St. Matthews. He was driving west on the Shelbyville Road when the accident happened. He halted his car and went to the aid of the child. Mr. Pfeiffer was cited by County Patrolman William R. Brohm to appear Monday in the County Court on an assault and battery charge.

**2 HURT IN WRECK
AT ST. MATTHEWS**

Joseph Russell, 7 years old, son of Mrs. James Russell, Lyndon, Ky., suffered a cut over his eye, and Mrs. Ruth Tomlinson, 30, also of Lyndon, was bruised when two automobiles collided at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at St. Matthews. The accident occurred as the automobile driven by Mrs. Russell attempted to turn into the driveway of the Holy Trinity Church and was struck by a car driven by John Netherton, 50, of Frankfort, according to County Patrolman William J. Brohm. The injured persons were treated by Dr. George Ray, St. Matthews.

November 16, 1930, The Courier-Journal

NEW firm of Chevrolet dealers, Chenault, Etheridge & Schumann, start business on Frankfort Avenue, in St. Matthews.



A complete line of the new 1931 Chevrolet motor cars is on display at the new Chevrolet dealers, at 3912 Frankfort Avenue, in the center of St. Matthews. The quarters were originally built for automobile display rooms, and are admirably designed for that purpose.

The new firm is composed of John W. Chenault, Jr., Edward F. Etheridge and William A. Schumann, all men of experience in selling and servicing motors. Mr. Chenault has had seven years' experience, the last four as president of the Chevrolet Truck Sales Corporation, Louisville; Mr. Etheridge has been in the business also for seven years, and was formerly with the Browder & Hoskins Co., and Mr. Schumann was for two years manager of the Used Car Department of the Chevrolet Truck Sales Corporation in Louisville.

—(Standiford Photos.)

Top, Left to Right—John W. Chenault, Jr., and Edward F. Etheridge.

Below—William A. Schumann.

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By the end of 1930 the department had close to \$2,000.00 in money and pledges, they had ordered "Betsy," but there troubles weren't over.



The new Board Members

Joseph Beierle: Born in St. Matthews in 1878, he was a florist early in life with Nanz and Nunner and then became a Jefferson County policeman. He was a firefighter on the department from 1931 until 1933. He also served on the Board of Directors from 1930 to 1934. He was married to Elizabeth Reis and died at age 68.



J. J. Butler: Born in Louisville in 1894. He was in the plumbing business for most of his life. He was a firefighter from 1919 until 1932. He served on the Board of Directors from 1930 until 1934.

Courtesy St. Matthews Makes Its Bow, by James Speed, 1938.



TWELVE years ago the home owners of St. Matthews and the surrounding territory began to demand city conveniences. J. J. Butler, Jr., seized upon the opportunity to be of service in furnishing equipment. He organized the Butler Plumbing and Heating and is still its president. In the beginning three men were employed. Today ten specialists are busy.

By 1929 it was found expedient to organize the St. Matthews Gas and Electric Shop as a subsidiary of the older company. A complete line of nationally advertised appliances is on display in this shop which has grown far beyond Mr. Butler's expectations.

Both bottled and underground gas systems are distributed by the company. It is possible to cook, heat water, use individual room heaters and have refrigeration anywhere in the country. The cost is low enough to suit anyone.

The store really is:

THE CENTER OF KENTUCKY'S FASTEST
GROWING COMMUNITY



J. J. BUTLER, JR.,
Demonstrates Modern Range

ST. MATTHEWS
GAS & ELECTRIC
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James J. Elder: Was born in Taylorsville, Kentucky in 1886. Moved to St. Matthews in 1913. Was married to Julia, they had 2 sons and 4 daughters by the 1930 census and lived on Nanz Avenue. He had many careers before finally joining the L & N. Railroad. He served as Treasurer of the Board of Directors from 1930 to 1934.



William Henry "Will" Lausman: Born in St. Matthews 1894, he was a member of Bethel Church of St. Matthews and was famous for the turtle soup suppers he helped organized for the church. In 1917 he was a clerk at the St. Matthews Produce Exchange. In 1920 he was an assistant cashier at a local bank and lived on Bauer Avenue,

married to Leeda. In 1927 he went into the Life Insurance business and he served on the Board of Directors from 1930 to 1931. He died March 20, 1977.

*The Voice of
St. Matthews,
December
26, 1957*

Will Lausman reelected St. Matthews Y chairman

Will H. Lausman last week was reelected chairman of the Board of Managers at the St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. for his second term.

Other officers elected were: Vice chairman, Al Tallent, 3823 Elfin, succeeding Willard Brown; secretary, James Noland, Jr., succeeding Harold Fleming; and treasurer, J. Pryor Wise, 134 Brown Ave., succeeding himself. Officers were elected for one year. They will be installed in January.

New Board members elected were:

Harvey Connick, 3912 Elfin Road, Gilbert Fick 145 Chenoweth Lane, Russell Garth, 3917 Warner Avenue, Jack Fritsch, 3568 Grandview Avenue, C. Eugene Painter, 384 Wendover Avenue, Frank West, 4005 Norbourne Boulevard, Cliff Wept, 220 Bonner Avenue, Douglas White, 224 Alcott Road, and Charles Stephen, 4219 Churchill Road.

Mr. Lausman, of 201 Fairfax, recently celebrated his 30th year with the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company.

A native of St. Matthews, he has been interested in youth organizations in this area for a number of years. He founded the first Boy Scout troop here more than 20 years ago. It was sponsored by the old St. Matthews Community Club.

He became interested in the Y.M.C.A. about six years ago which he participated. In that time he held a capital fund drive in which he participated. In that drive, he won the distinction of raising the most money by a single individual.

He became interested in the St. Matthews branch, and was membership campaign chairman four years before becoming chairman of the board. Each year, he led the campaign over the top.

A member of Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, he is married to the former Frieda Lang of Louisville and has four children and 10 grandchildren.



How Bethel's Turtle Soup Supper Started

The late George Drescher, 25 years ago brought a turtle to a Brotherhood meeting at Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church and proceeded to make a pot of turtle soup for those present.

Mr. Drescher knew how to get an idea across. Everyone liked it and Bethel made 50 gallons of soup for its first Turtle Soup Supper in the summer of 1929, and the pot has grown larger every year.

There will be 800 gallons ready to serve when the two-day 25th annual Turtle Soup Supper Festival and Homecoming opens Friday, July 23, sponsored by the Bethel Men's Club.

The chef for the past dozen years has been W. H. Lausman, who uses the following formula: 250 pounds of turtle, 250 pounds chicken, 80 pounds of beef, 80 pounds of veal, 120 calves' heads, 30 dozen eggs, 24 gallons of canned corn, 15 gallons of canned peas, 150 pounds of potatoes, 100 pounds of onions, four dozen stalks of celery, two dozen bunches of parsley, five bushels of tomatoes, three bushels of carrots, three bushels of beans, two bushels of cabbage, 15 dozen lemons, four pounds of spices, one case of Lea and Perrins sauce, two pounds of pepper, plus quantities of ketchup and tomato puree.

You said to taste.

Ladies of the church begin preparation of the ingredients the day before. Working in shifts, they will cook the soup 24 to 30 hours, stirring constantly, and begin serving at 4 p.m. Friday. The next day, July 24, they begin serving at noon. They will also serve fish, bratwurst and complete meals.

(There will be booths and rides for the children).

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F. B. "Bert" Nally: Born in New Haven, Kentucky in 1887, In 1921 he opened a residence, barber and beauty shop at 3929 Frankfort Avenue. He died in 1946 at the age of 54. He served on the Board of Directors from 1930 to 1931 during the reorganization of the department.



Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17, #.002, 1953.
Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society:





Andrew W. Neichter: Was born in St. Matthews January 27, 1898. He went to grade school here and two years of high school at Holy Trinity. He was a mechanic for A. J. Eline for 35 years before retiring to San Diego California. He was married and had two sons. He joined the department in 1919 and was the department's first Captain, and became the Chief of the department in 1920 serving in that capacity until March 9, 1939. He was also a member of the Board of Directors from 1930 to 1934. He returned to Jeffersontown, Kentucky and died at the age of 94, August 26, 1992.

From: ST. MATTHEWS Don C. Leahy, English 101-B, Miss Lyons, May 1938

This association operated for two years on a helter-skelter, hit or miss basis. The first one to the garage, or the first one to know where the fire was, drove the fire truck. It was one of those old time Ford trucks capable, I think, of doing all of twenty miles an hour. Assuming that our apparatus got to the fire — and it did even though some one had to pull it — there was quite some confusion as to what everyone should do. So in 1921, Andrew Neichter, a mechanic working in Eline's Garage, which is right next to the garage that houses the fire truck, was appointed Fire Chief.

Let me say in passing, that here is really a firefighter. Neichter does not get paid for his services. He is no public hero — being disliked by more people in St. Matthews than liked. But he is a firefighter. In the densest of smoke, in the thickest of fires, he fights it and how! He acts as though crazy around a fire. He has been termed fool-hardy and declared not to have much sense. In case of a fire, or better to say when fighting a fire, he rushes in where angels — nay even devils, would fear to tread. He searches through the smoke for the source of the fire armed only with his hose, and somehow, miraculously, he finds it, and if it can be put right out, he puts it out. I have seen this individual dash into a smoking inferno with never a thought of safety — only the thought of getting to the fire and extinguishing it. He has been overcome by smoke, passed out, been taken to the hospital, seriously ill from lung burn from swallowing too much smoke or fire. But he comes back. And, Ladies and Gentlemen, remember he gets no pay for his job, he is still a mechanic at Eline's Garage. This is his only means of sustenance. Whether he fights fires with such gusto from a personal satisfaction or from some other reason, whether from the feeling of prestige or what? One will never know. He has been declared insane for his throwing-caution-to-the wind-attitude. But insane or condemned, he fights fires and gets results. That's why Andy Neichter is still alive and still chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.



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Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/heraldpost&CISOPTR=419&CISOBOX=1&REC=9 Louisville Country Club, August 8, 1930, ULPA 12994.18.0430



James Hubbard Rudy: James Hubbard Rudy was born March 25, 1875, at the family residence which was located at what is now 4205 Rudy Lane. He was a direct descendant of Jacob Rudy, who settled in this vicinity in 1790. He attended local schools completing eight grades and three years of advanced education at Greathouse. Was a member of the Beargrass Christian Church, a deacon of the church, and a member of the Middletown Masonic Lodge No 732. He worked for the Kentucky Lithographing Company for 30 years starting in 1895. In 1900 he married Carrye Edinger, and they had two sons, Hubbard and Millard, and one daughter, Carolyn. He joined the Board in 1930 and served for 3 years as president of the board and served as director until 1935 until his death.

BIOGRAPHY OF

JAMES HUBBARD RUDY

James Hubbard Rudy was born March 25, 1875, at the family residence which was located what is now 4205 Rudy Lane. He was a direct descendant of Jacob Rudy, who settled in this vicinity in 1790.

The one room school which he attended was located north of the railroad track on what is now St. Matthews Avenue. He completed eight grades and three years of advanced education which was taught by Miss Tommy Greathouse.

Mr. Rudy was a member of Beargrass Christian Church, a deacon of the church and Sunday School superintendent for some forty years. He was also a member and Past Master of Middletown Masonic Lodge No. 732.

During the year of 1895 he was employed by the Kentucky Lithographing Company and worked for this company for thirty years.

In 1900 he married Carrye Edinger, and they had two sons, Hubbard and Millard, and one daughter, Carolyn.

Mr. Rudy was civic minded and always interested in the advancement of St. Matthews. During ~~1929~~ 1930 he and other civic-minded citizens formed the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, and he was elected president of the organization.

He served in this capacity for three years. During this time he was instrumental in purchasing the first pumper for the department which is still in service. After three years as president, he resigned but remained a Director until his death in 1935.

1930

The following men helped during the 1930 re-organization of STMFD. Some collected money others served in the St. Matthews Community Club, and helped the department: J. Butees, Jerry J. Diggers, William Ely, P. H. Herm, W. F. Hertshead, William Hertz, William Lynch, John Nuxol, Charles L. Roberts, Lewis H. Schweitzer (became board member and firefighter), Fred Simmer, A. L. Stumler, Mrs. Wagner, and O. L. Wilkins, also helped during this time.

J. Butees

Jerry J. Diggers

William Ely

P. H. Herm

W. F. Hertshead

William Hertz

William Lynch

John Nuxol

Charles L. Roberts, the 1930 census showed a Charles L. Roberts living on Bauer Avenue owning a lawn mower shop, being 59 years old born about 1871 in Kentucky, married to Rosie.

Lewis H. Schweitzer, Became board member and firefighter for STMFD.

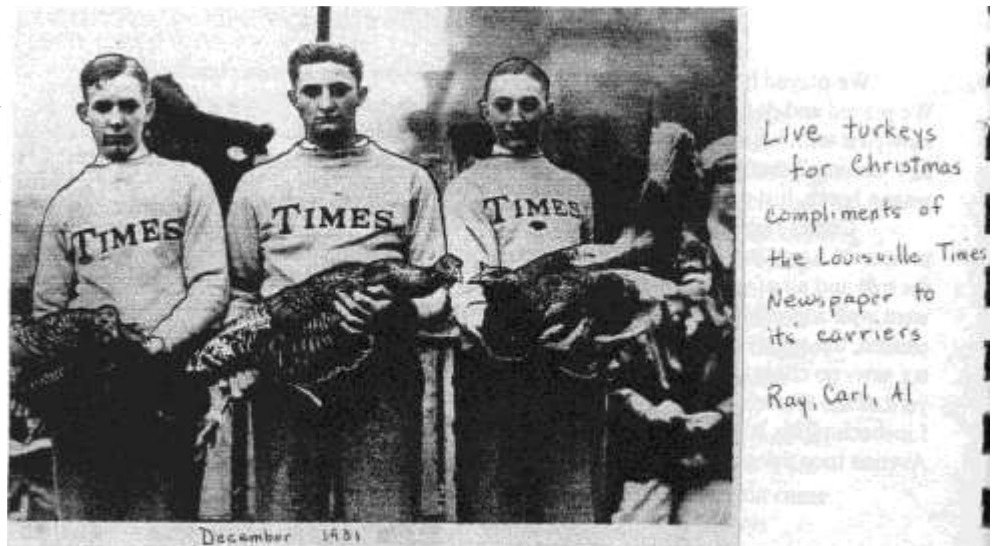
Fred Simmer

A. L. Stumler

Mrs. Wagner

O. L. Wilkins, There was an Otto L. Wilkins on McCrady Avenue who was a manager at an insurance company based on the 1930 census. In 1930 he was 42, born in Kentucky about 1888 married to Eleanor and had 2 children, Eleanor E. and Babette A. Wilkins.

Courtesy, *A Walk With Ray, Memories of Raymond Joseph Kempf*. The newspaper boys in the 1920s and 1930s sometimes official sometime not, helped the STMFD firefighters in fighting fires. These are 3 of the Kempf brothers.



Board Of Directors		Officers
A. W. Bauer Henry Bauer Gilbert T. Dick A. J. Eline Robert H. Nanz Phil G. Rueff William J. Rueff	Special Note After March 7, re-organization the Board was: Jos. Beierle, J. J. Butler, J. J. Elder, W. "Will" Lausman, F. B. "Bert" Nally, Andrew W. Neichter and James H. Rudy.	Chief Andrew W. Neichter
	1930	
The St. Matthews Community Club attended the Board meetings and the Fire Committee members were: William Hoertz & Charles Wilhelm		
Firefighters		
T. A. Baker A. W. Bauer Henry Bauer Irvin Bauer John A. Beierle J. J. Butler J. Duvall Paul H. Fleming R. S. Frank John Haeberlin Richard C. Herdt Ted H. Huffman Sr. Carl A. Hulswede, Sr. R. J. Kleet W. "Will" Lausman Rudolph L. Lineback Francis Xavier Schuler Louis H. Schweitzer Justin Clyde Wilken Fred William Wootton, Jr. George John Wurster Raymond A. "Bud" Young		Newspaper boys from Station 17 who helped with firefighting duties— Raymond Wills Melvin O'Neal Carl Kempf Raymond Kempf Cecil Stiegers A. W. Redmon Marvin Douglas Alvin Kempf NOTE: They may have served years before and years after this date, as the note below indicates.
In the 1920's and 30's many citizens helped the volunteers but were not on the "roster."		

Courtesy
(December 2009)

<http://www.lakedreamlandfire.com/fdnewshistory/lakedreamlandfdhistory.html>
Lake Dreamland Fire Department

A brief history of the Lake Dreamland Fire Department, The Department was founded in 1931 by neighborhood farmers to protect their property and that of the neighbors. The first fire apparatus was a converted farm truck with a water tank mounted on the back. It was housed in a garage located on Lake Dreamland Road. The department covered an area from the City of Louisville, on the north, Fairdale on the east, the Ohio River on the west and the Jefferson County line on the south.

The Lake Dreamland Fire Department operates out of two stations and provides protection to the Cane Run Road area, Lake Dreamlands area includes the largest chemical complexes and petroleum storage facilities in the state of Kentucky they are located along the Ohio River better known as "Rubbertown". The area protected by Lake Dreamland Fire Department covers approximately 17.5 square miles. This area now is smaller but covers from the City of Louisville on the North, the City of Shively on the East, to Pleasure Ridge Park on the south and Ohio River on the West.

Currently the Lake Dreamland Fire Department is a Combination Department. We have 5 fulltime personnel and 43 Volunteers. Our fulltime staff works normally 8 am till 4 pm Monday through Friday. We are 1 of 21 Departments that provide fire protection to the citizens of Jefferson county (Metro Louisville) in Louisville, Kentucky. If any incident is dispatched after these hours Volunteers respond after being dispatched by pagers through Police Fire and Emergency Medical Services Communications Center. The volunteers upon dispatch report to their respective fire stations to respond fire apparatus to the emergency in a timely manner.

The Model T Ford truck was sold to the Lake Dreamland Fire Department, located southwest of Louisville in the Cane Run Road and Camp Ground Road area.

February 7, 1954: *The Courier-Journal*. We had sold Lake Dreamland our 1921 Model T. Ford.

Lake Dreamland-Cane Run Road Firemen Show Off Their Powerful, New Pumper

By H. RICHARD SMYTHE

There's a new fire engine waiting to serve the people living near the Lake Dreamland & Cane Run Road Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

The powerful and efficient-looking truck was delivered recently to the firehouse at Lake Dreamland Road and Camp Ground Road. The 10 members of the department are so proud of their new truck that they held open house yesterday, with coffee and cupcakes for all.

The red-and-chrome vehicle is powered by a 135-horsepower Ford engine, and has 10 speeds forward to allow ease in picking up speed. The truck was built by the Oren Roanoke Corporation, Roanoke, Va.

It cost \$13,500, including hose, auxiliary pump, and ladders. The truck will be paid for by the community that the volunteer fire department serves. Beginning June 1, department members will go from house to business place seeking the service fee and contributions.

The department charges a fee of \$5 a year per home, and \$10 a year per business house. Those who do not pay the fee are charged \$50 for each run made to their house. Money is also given the department by the large industrial plants in the area.

Equipment on the new truck includes 1,200 feet of 2½-inch hose, and 750 feet of 1½-inch hose. It has a water tank with a 500-gallon capacity, a roof ladder and an extension ladder, and special pipes that attach to the hose for fighting cellar blazes.

Has Portable Pump

In addition, there are two carbon-dioxide extinguishers and an auxiliary pump. The pump is portable, so that two men could carry it to a lake or river that the truck could not get near. The auxiliary pump would then pump water to the truck and then through the hose.

The chrome-plated bell on the new truck is not new. It is a bell used at least as far back as the 1938 Chevrolet truck the department used to have.

The new truck is the fifth one the department has had. When the group was first organized in 1931, a 1921 Model T Ford was bought from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. It was kept in the lakeside garage of Edward Harlaze. An old locomotive-wheel rim was used to sound the alarm.

Built Firehouse in 1939

The second engine was a 1932 Hupmobile, an 8-cylinder vehicle given to the department by Austin Proctor in 1934. The chemical tanks from the Ford were put on the Hupmobile, which served up through the 1937 flood.

As the homes increased in the area, the department built a two-story, two-truck firehouse in 1939. Members built the structure themselves, but they lacked enough money for two front doors, so only one was built until 1947.

Also in 1939, the department obtained a 1938 Chevrolet, which the members converted into a truck and which they kept in-



THIS LAKE DREAMLAND FIRST FIRE TRUCK ...



Courtesy-Journal Photo

IS FAR DIFFERENT from the 1953 model delivered recently. From left are Joseph C. Hughes, first assistant chief; Mrs. Philip Charbonneau, official photographer; William Slaughter, and Teddy Travelstead.

proving by adding larger chemical tanks and other new equipment.

The resourcefulness of the department members was shown again in 1947 when they bought a 1946 Ford-truck chassis. With little or no outside help they worked until they had a streamlined fire truck as could be bought. This replaced the Hupmobile, and when the Chevrolet was wrecked in an accident in October, 1950, the members simply rebuilt it for about \$2,000 of their own money.

The new truck delivered eight days ago shares the firehouse with the 1947 Ford. Each carries

the same amount and size of hose. On the racks at the firehouse is enough hose to completely equip either one of the trucks even if all its hose was burned, frozen, or otherwise put out of commission.

Protect 2,000 Homes

Department members feel they are well equipped to protect the 2,000 homes in their area. The personnel includes the president and chief, Philip Y. Charbonneau; vice-president and first assistant chief, Joseph C. Hughes; second assistant chief, Elmer Plamp; secretary, Leroy Chesser; treasurer, William Slaughter; sergeant at

arms, Emil Febber; official photographer, Mrs. Edna Charbonneau, and the board of directors, Teddy Travelstead, Ray Darnell, Robert Harlaze, Sr., and Caesar.

There also is a ladies auxiliary with 15 members, and about 25 school-age junior firemen.

The department, which made \$9 runs last year, has had only one casualty, a driver killed when the Chevrolet turned over in 1950.

Even now the members have plans for future improvement. They want a new firehouse, and a mobile telephone in their new truck such as they have in their other truck.

2-7-54

A. W. Neichter was still Chief and Irwin P. Bauer became Assistant Chief. The department also had a Captain and a Lieutenant.



Irwin P. Bauer: Born in St. Matthews in 1892. He went to grade school here, and then went to Manual High school. Went into the family grocery and restaurant business. They lived on Ridgeway Avenue. He remained in that business until he sold it in 1943. He married in 1922, but had no children but raised four of their relatives. Both he and his wife attended Holy Trinity Church all their lives. He was also an active member of Zachary Taylor Post 190 of the American Legion. He joined the department in 1925 as a firefighter and became assistant chief in 1931, serving in that position until 1938. He served on the Board of Directors from 1931 until 1932. He died December 24, 1957. Ralph Kemp remembers he ran the bar at their grocery

and his nick name was “Ducky.”

Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, by Samuel W. Thomas, 1999: Excerpts

Early in 1887, brothers Louis H. and John E. Bauer had purchased the two-story, brick grocery and tavern at the crossroads that Henry Holzheimer had erected and operated. They were joined by their younger brother Henry. Their father John Bauer, had purchased a small triangle of land on the Brownsboro Road from Richard S. Veech in 1868. He had been a blacksmith for Ainslie, Cochran & Co., before setting up his own shop near his residence, where he died in 1880. Bauer's other sons, Charles C. and Albert W. Bauer, expanded the business into wagon manufacturing. In 1909 his Charles died and Albert took over and with his sons modernized the shop. From such meager beginning came Bauer's since 1870 restaurant. As the art of wagon making disappeared, A filling station emerged in its place run by Edward L. Swartz, who had worked for the Bauer's.

The grocery part of Bauer Bros. did not give up the ghost. Henry, Albert, Irvin and Martin Bauer erected a fine, brick grocery east of the new bank, where the feed store had been. They handled “fancy groceries, vegetables, fruits and meats while soft drinks are carried at all seasons.” The second floor housed a public hall, where monthly dances of the Penrose Club, were held. Bauer Bros. grocery was sold by Louis Bauer's son, Irvin, in 1943.

Fire rates were lowered to 96¢ per \$100.

All Board Meetings were held at J. J. Butler's plumbing business.

St. Matthews Community Club continued to meet with the Board.



Firefighting improved, more men joined the department, and the town began to care, except when it came to giving money.

William Lausman left the Board and Louis H. Schweitzer came on the Board and became Secretary.

In 1910 he was an Engineer at City Hospital, in Louisville, KY.



Mr. Schweitzer died Monday at 8 p.m. at his residence, 227 Cornell Place. He was a long time resident of St. Matthews, active in community affairs. He was a member of the Elks Club and served on the board of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Active in the old St. Matthews Civic Club, he fought incorporation of City of St. Matthews.

Mr. Schweitzer is survived by his wife, Dora Peveler Schweitzer; four brothers, Cornelius, Frank, John, and James Butler Schweitzer; and two sisters, Miss Stella Schweitzer and Mrs. Alvin Nuss.

Funeral services are today at 8:45 a.m. at Ratterman's and 9:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church. Burial will be at Cave Hill Cemetery.

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Firemen Express Sympathy To Louis Schweitzer Family

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department expressed its sympathy recently for the loss of one of its directors, Louis H. Schweitzer, who died April 9, with a formal resolution.

The resolution, drawn up at the department's regular monthly meeting, reads as follows:

"Where as, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call home our Friend and Brother, Louis H. Schweitzer, and

"Where as, this Association, and the Citizens of the St. Matthews

member dedicated to the Safety and Welfare of all people within the confines of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

"Be it Resolved, that we express herein our sincere sympathy to the Family, and the Citizens of St. Matthews in this great loss. . ."

The resolution was signed by John M. Monohan, Jr., president; Martin A. Kamer, vice-president; Fred C. Bass, treasurer; George E. Miller, secretary; and directors, J. P. Terry, Leland Wilson, and Joe Zehnder.

1931

A 1931 Seagrave 500 GPM pumper was delivered to the department. It was named “BETSY” and became the towns pride and joy.

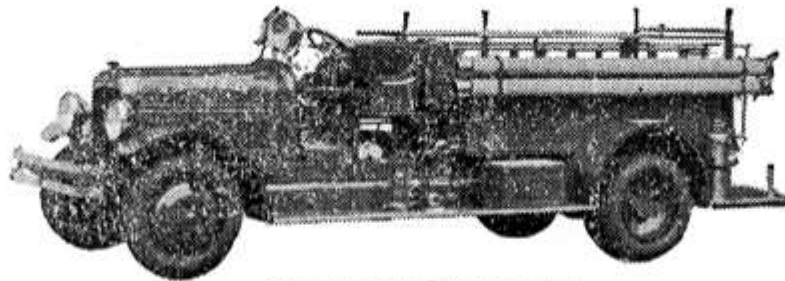
The departments financial troubles still were not over. For years, they had to hide Betsy from the Seagrave Company to keep it from being repossessed.

“Betsy” made all of the town’s parades, hundreds of fire runs each year, and even going as far as Shelbyville, Kentucky. It pumped many basements out during the 1937 flood until its pump blew up. Betsy was removed from first line service in December of 1973 after 42 years of active service. It was still used as an auxiliary, training truck for many more years. It is now a show truck. In the 1990s it was completely restored. It is still the pride of the firefighters and many of the community.

Betsy was eventually paid for.



ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

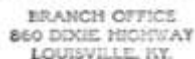


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We hereby propose and agree to manufacture for you, after your acceptance of this proposition, and the proper signing and execution of the accompanying contract by the parties thereto, the APPARATUS and EQUIPMENT herein named and described and for the following prices:—

THE SEACRAVE CORPORATION

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION, COLUMBUS, OHIO, U.S.A.

On the right side of engine, interchangeable, made of silico-chrome steel for resistance to heat and wearage. Valve diameter 1 1/2". Clear diameter 1 1/4". Lift 11/32".

High (direct drives)	5.1 to 1
Intermediate	11.5 to 1
Low	24.4 to 1
Recurve	50.6 to 1

January 1931: Specifications of "Betsy."

PROPELLER SHAFT

Tubular section 2" diameter, with Spicer universal joints of liberal size at both ends. All working parts of joints are carefully hardened, packed in grease and enclosed in a dust proof case. The slip-connection is of splined construction, heat treated and fully lubricated. The coupling shaft between the transmission and pump gear box is tubular section with two fabric disc type joints.

REAR AXLE

Full floating, spiral bevel drive type with electric furnace cast steel housing. All shafts are of chrome nickel steel carefully heat treated. The ring gear and pinion are of special nickel steel, case-hardened. The bevel pinion is "straddle mounted" between ball bearings, and the differential is mounted on Timken roller bearings. A removable cover plate is provided for ready inspection.

FOUR-WHEEL BRAKES

Brakes are of the four-wheel Bendix mechanical 2-shoe type; 16" diameter, 2½" face in rear, and 16" diameter 2" face in front. The foot brake pedal applies the brakes on all four wheels. The emergency or parking brake hand lever applies the brakes, through linkage so designed that failure of any part will always leave effective brakes on at least two wheels.

FRONT AXLE

Solid forging of I-beam section. Spindles and steering arms of heat treated alloy steel of liberal dimensions. Cross steering rod is fitted with ball and socket connections to eliminate possibility of binding and insure easy steering.

WHEELS

Of the cast hollow spoke type. Wheels are machined to universal standard dimensions, taking Firestone Type DT 20" internal diameter pneumatic tire rim equipment. All wheels are mounted on Timken tapered roller bearings.

TIRES

6.50 x 20 demountable truck-type balloon pneumatic cord, single front and dual rear. Firestone rims.

FRAME

Pressed steel type, extra heavy, side members 6½" deep, 8" wide, ¼" thick. Suitable cross members are provided, thoroughly braced and hot riveted. Pressed steel hangers are riveted to frame to carry the running boards.

BUMPER

Double spring bar type, of tempered spring steel, heavily nickel plated, and substantially mounted.

SPRINGS

Semi-elliptic type. Front 28" long, 2¼" wide; rear 10" long, 3" wide. Made of silico-manganese spring steel with bronze bushed eyes. All spring bolts are hardened and ground. Rear springs are especially designed for Hotchkiss drive, and are shackled at rear end only. Springs are designed to carry usual fire department equipment with men without danger of failure.

STEERING GEAR

Rack and lever type, providing exceptionally easy steering together with irreversibility. All working parts operate in bath of oil. Steering wheel is 18" diameter, and has serrated rim.

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DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT

Touring car type seat 40" wide durably upholstered, and provided with mounting handles. Cast aluminum dash, cowl type, with polished mounting handles. Switches and indicating instruments mounted at convenient angle on dash panel. Steering gear on left side, gear shift and brake levers in center. Clutch and foot brake pedals comfortably located. Spark and throttle hand controls mounted above steering wheel. A foot accelerator is provided. Floor boards cast aluminum.

GASOLINE SYSTEM

Gasoline tank of 25 gal. capacity, mounted back of driver's seat and equipped with suitable filter and gauge. Feed to carburetor is by gravity through an efficient and easily cleaned filter near the carburetor. A combined shutoff and emergency supply valve is provided.

PUMP

Highly efficient Seagrave Centrifugal. Specially designed for this machine, and with the driving mechanism and priming pump assembled into one unit, is mounted under the seat.

The pump and driving gear casing is made of bronze. The impeller, which is carefully designed and balanced, is of bronze and is mounted on a stainless steel shaft.

The pump driving gears are of steel and of the "herringbone" type. They are remarkably quiet and efficient and are mounted on ball bearings of liberal size.

The entire pump unit is of exceptionally simple construction, and all parts are readily accessible.

One 2½" quick acting discharge valve with 2½" hose connection and suitable bleeder is provided on each side of machine, both being controlled from the operator's side. One 4" suction connection is provided on each side of machine. Suction and pressure gauges are provided and suitably mounted.

PRIMING DEVICE

To facilitate starting the pump from draft, a specially designed priming pump is provided which exhausts the air from the main pump and permits of water being obtained at the nozzle in from five to twenty seconds. The priming pump is driven from the pump drive gears and is most conveniently controlled.

GOVERNOR

A patent governing device is provided which automatically controls the pump pressure without attention by the operator, and permits of any or all nozzles being shut off or opened without materially affecting the pump pressure.

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PUMP EQUIPMENT

Two 10 foot sections of 4" combination drafting and hydrant hose fitted with proper couplings and strainer. Couplings will be provided with handles of standard design. Suitable troughs for carrying section hose, equipped with quick acting hose locks, are provided.

One double female swivel reducer of size suitable for connecting to hydrant.

Three spanners, one 4", two 2½".

PUMP CAPACITY

Capacity of the pump at normal engine speed, lift not to exceed 10 ft.:

500 gallons at 120 lbs. net pressure at pump discharge
300 gallons at 200 lbs. net pressure at pump discharge
200 gallons at 250 lbs. net pressure at pump discharge

Capacity of the pump at normal engine speed from hydrant with 50 lbs. flowing pressure:

725 gallons at 120 lbs. pressure at pump discharge
425 gallons at 200 lbs. pressure at pump discharge
300 gallons at 250 lbs. pressure at pump discharge

Capacities are based on normal barometric pressure at sea level.

HOSE BODY

The hose body is built of sheet steel and white lead is used between all joints to eliminate the possibility of rust. The floor is made of hard wood strips 6" wide, spaced ½" apart to provide ventilation. The body is 105" long, 46" wide, 26" high and incloses the chemical or water tank in the front end. It has capacity for 1200 feet of 2½" double jacket fire hose.

HAND RAILS

Hand rails are provided at the top and rear of the body.

STEPS AND FENDERS

Side steps as large as space will permit are securely placed between front and rear wheels. Step across the rear of machine extends from outside edges of rear fenders and is 16" deep. All steps are suitably covered and the edges are protected with suitable molding. Heavy steel fenders, properly braced cover all wheels and protect the body, side and rear steps from mud. The space between the front and rear fenders is entirely closed.

TOOL BOX AND TOOLS

A tool box of ample capacity, containing all necessary tools, is provided.

FIRE EQUIPMENT

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| 1 Solid side extension ladder of two 14-ft. sections, extending 24 ft. | 1 Crowbar in regulation holders. |
| 1 Solid side 12-ft. roof ladder with folding hooks. (The above ladders are placed on the side of the body and have quick acting attaching locks.) | 2 Three gallon fire extinguishers and holders. |
| 1 Pike pole in regulation holders. | 2 Electric lanterns in regulation holders. |
| 1 Pick head axe in regulation holders. | 2 Nozzle holders on rear step. |
| | 1 Locomotive bell. |
| | 1 Electric siren. |
| | 1 Speedometer. |
| | 1 Heavy auto screw-jack. |

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LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

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| 1 10" Revolving searchlight on dash nickel plated. | 1 Pump gauge light. |
| 2 9" Right headlights in front; nickel plated. | 1 Light on instrument board. |
| 1 Tail light. | |

WEIGHT AND PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS

The approximate weight of the machine without hose or men is 6450 pounds: front, 2500 pounds, rear, 3950 pounds.

Overall length 19'-8"	Wheel base 132"
Overall width 6'-6"	Turning radius 26'-0"
Overall height 5'-6"	Track 40½" front, 64½" rear.

CHEMICAL TANK

The chemical tank is mounted cross-wise of frame. Bents and heads are riveted. All openings in shell are flanged inside and riveted. All seams, joints and parts exposed to chemicals are heavily lined to make a smooth surface and to prevent corrosion and leakage. All valves and connections are within easy reach, and at all times are under full control of the operator. All piping, elbows, tees and valves are made of heavy bronze and have 1" openings. All joints are thoroughly greased. The fittings, except the valves, are from special patterns and have long standard threads.

The tank is equipped with a pressure gauge, agitator, by-pass, one pure lead acid bottle, one extra lead acid bottle, and one brass acid bottle container in which to carry an extra charge of acid.

The acid dumping device and agitator paddles are on separate shafts, and are operated independently from the same end of the tank. The lead acid bottles (both in the tank and in the carrying container) are effectively sealed by lead stoppers, and the acid can neither deteriorate from long standing nor slip over while in transit.

The tank is fitted with a 2½" hose connection and valve, whereby the tank may be filled from a hydrant, or the water may be passed through the chemical hose without entering the tank. The chemical hose is connected with heavy brass couplings from our own patterns, having no lugs or projections to prevent easy movement from the bucket or reel.

Before leaving the factory, the tank and hose are tested to 250 lbs. hydrostatic pressure.

CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT

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| 1 Chemical tank, 40 gallons capacity. | 1 Brass container, mounted. |
| 1 2½" Hydrant connection with plug and chain. | 1 Extra lead acid receptacle. |
| 1 Pressure gauge for tank. | 1 Acid measure, copper, tin-lined. |
| 150 ft. Best quality ½" chemical hose, coupled and connected to tank, suitably mounted. | 1 Acid funnel, copper, tin-lined. |
| 1 Chemical nozzle, two tips. | 1 Soda bag, canvas. |
| | 2 Chemical hose spanners. |
| | All necessary wrenches. |

If Water Tank System is ordered, this page is void.

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LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

- 1 10" Revolving searchlight on dash; nickel plated. 1 Pump gauge light.
 1 9" Rigid headlights in front; nickel plated. 1 Light on instrument board.
 1 Tail light.

WEIGHT AND PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS

The approximate weight of the machine without hose or men is 6450 pounds: front, 2700 pounds, rear, 3750 pounds.

- Overall length 19'-8" Wheel base 152"
 Overall width 6'-8" Turning radius 26'-0"
 Overall height 5'-4" Track 69 1/4 front, 64 1/4 rear.

PUMP-TANK SYSTEM
(Water Tank)

The water tank is of 60 gallons capacity and is enclosed in the front end of the body. It is made of heavy gauge sheet steel, heavily galvanized and all seams are riveted and soldered. A large hand hole opening is provided, through which the tank may be filled by means of buckets if so desired. The hand hole cap is so designed that it is impossible to apply sufficient hydrant pressure to damage the tank, and the tank may be exhausted without removing the cap.

A connection, with suitable valve, is provided between the discharge chamber of the pump and discharge hose.

All piping is provided with flexible connections at suitable points to prevent possible damage to joints due to flexing of chassis.

WATER TANK EQUIPMENT

- 1 60 gallon Water tank. 1 4" to 2 1/2" Reducer with gate valve.
 1 2 1/2" Hydrant connection. 1 Nozzle, two tips.
 150 ft. Best quality 3/4" hose, coupled and converted to pump, suitably mounted. 2 Hose spanners.

If Chemical Tank is ordered, this page is void.

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FIFTH

Should Second Party desire to purchase said property before being entitled under this contract to a bill of sale therefor, it may do so by paying to the First Party a sum of money which will be equal to all of the remaining yearly rentals here provided for which are not yet due, less a discount of six per cent. per annum from the date of such final payment upon each yearly rental not yet due to the date when such yearly rental is due to renew this lease would be due, and also upon the unexpired portion of the yearly rental last paid to the end of such year.

SIXTH

It is distinctly agreed and understood that title to said property shall be and remain in First Party unless Second Party by complying with the terms of this lease and agreement shall become entitled to a bill of sale or conveyance as stated in paragraph Fourth or Fifth hereof.

SEVENTH

In case Second Party shall fail to make the payment to First Party on or before the 1st day of April, 1931, then and in such event this lease and agreement shall be terminated and Second Party shall be and remain liable to First Party for said amount and shall deliver possession of said property so leased to it by First Party and make good such damage as may have been done to said property while in possession of Second Party, ordinary wear and tear excepted. In case Second Party shall fail to make any payment to First Party as provided in paragraph Third hereof, then and in such event this lease and agreement is to be terminated and First Party shall be entitled to remove said property and take it into its possession without having to account for any payment made by Second Party under this lease.

EIGHTH

First Party warrants said apparatus to do good work when properly and fairly handled and maintained and to be well made out of good materials and durable when used with proper care, and it will replace free of charge at its factory any part manufactured by it found within one year after delivery to be defective in workmanship or material. On all parts and accessories not manufactured by it but purchased from other manufacturers, the guarantee of such manufacturers will apply.

NINTH

It is further agreed and understood that First Party in constructing said apparatus and making delivery to Second Party, as herein provided, shall use reasonable efforts to complete and deliver the same by the time herein specified; but in case of any failure from any cause First Party shall not be liable to damages by reason of such failure.

TENTH

Said Second Party, in consideration of the First Party having and promising the use of said apparatus as hereinbefore agreed, covenants and agrees with said First Party as follows, to wit: The said Second Party agrees that the operation and use by it of said apparatus during the term of this lease shall be at its own cost, expense and risk, and that it will keep said property insured in the sum of unpaid balance for the benefit of First Party. The Second Party agrees to bear and pay any and all cost, expense, charge, damage, loss and liability of every kind whatsoever which may be imposed or assessed against or result to the First Party on account of the possession or use of said apparatus by the Second Party, unless the same shall arise from the actual negligence of the First Party.

At the expiration of this lease, should the said apparatus be returned to the First Party, it is understood that same must be in the condition it was received by the Second Party, except for ordinary wear and tear incidental to that term of service.

The Second Party further agrees that if said apparatus or any part of the same be injured or destroyed otherwise than by the fault of the First Party as herein set forth, the Second Party shall promptly replace or repair the injured or destroyed part or pay the value thereof in cash and shall not be entitled to any deduction of rent for the time during which said apparatus is out of repair.

ELEVENTH

This agreement shall bind the successors or assigns of the respective parties hereto.

TWELFTH

This lease and agreement to be binding must be signed and approved by the President of The Seagrave Corporation or some one authorized by him to do so. This lease and specifications take precedence over all previous negotiations and no representations are considered as entering into this lease except such as are contained herein or in the specifications attached hereto.

Witness our hands and seals this 19th day of January 1931

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

Witnessed

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n., Inc.,

By Joe H. Cuddy President

Second Party

LEASE-CONTRACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Seagrave Corporation, a corporation of the City of Columbus, and State of Ohio, herein called the First Party, and St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n., Inc., municipal corporation herein called the Second Party.

WITNESSETH: That the First Party has and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned to be kept and performed by the Second Party has agreed and does hereby agree to lease and allow the use of by the Second Party, the following property belonging to the First Party, namely: One Seagrave Suburbanite triple combination pumping engine, booster and hose car, to meet Ky. Actuarial Bureau's requirements for ninth class rating.

The First Party agrees to manufacture said apparatus in accordance with the specifications which are hereto attached and which form a part of this contract and lease, and to deliver the same to the Second Party ready at St. Matthews, Ky. and to make shipment of same within about 45 working days after the receipt and acceptance of this Lease-Contract and duly executed at the principal office of the First Party in Columbus, Ohio, by an Executive officer of the First Party, or as soon thereafter as may be consistent with good workmanship and proper packing, subject to all delays due to strikes, failure to obtain men, materials and to other causes beyond the control of the First Party.

SECOND

The Second Party agrees that, receiving said apparatus in accordance with the specifications hereto attached, to accept said apparatus at once after delivery and to test same within 10 days after arrival at destination, and to make a written report of such test to the First Party forthwith. If no such report be made within 10 days after arrival at destination then said apparatus shall be deemed to be fully complying with contract and specifications.

THIRD

First Party agrees that Second Party may retain and use said apparatus and property described in paragraph One herein as lease for a period of one year with the right to have this lease continued after the expiration of the first year as a lease from year to year for a period of five successive years. The first year shall begin on the date of delivery aforesaid and terminate on the 1st day of April, 1931, and each successive year shall begin on the termination of the prior year. Second Party agrees and binds itself to pay to First Party for the use of said apparatus during the first year the sum of \$900.00 within ten days after the arrival of apparatus at destination. Thereafter should said Second Party desire to continue this lease in force for successive years it may do so by paying to First Party the following rentals on or before the dates and for the successive years mentioned —

\$900.00	April 1st	1931	for first successive year.
\$900.00	April 1st	1932	for second successive year.
\$900.00	April 1st	1933	for third successive year.
\$900.00	April 1st	1934	for fourth successive year.
\$900.00	April 1st	1935	for fifth successive year.

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February 2, 1931:

PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT

OF THE

THE BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY

Factory: Akron, Ohio

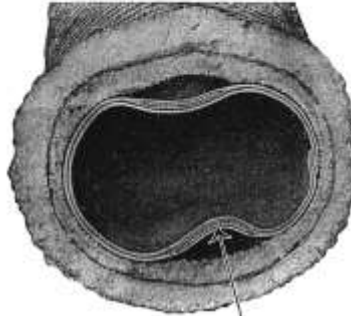
CHICAGO, ILL.

Telephone Franklin 4355



End View Bi-Lateral Hose Flattened

The Bi-Lateral construction absolutely prevents pin holes in the lining. The rubber will never crack or leak, no matter how old the hose may be; it will last equal with the jacket. Bi-Lateral construction makes it the one hose for motor apparatus. The most flexible hose constructed; more can be carried in a limited space.



We accomplish by a simple mechanical construction what hose manufacturers have tried for forty years to secure by compounding rubber, and failed.

BRANCH OFFICE
860 DIXIE HIGHWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY.



We have adopted the ROCKER LUG Coupling as standard. This is superior to the old horn or pin lug.

To St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Inc.
St. Matthews Ky

The BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY, of Chicago, hereby agrees to furnish 900 feet, more or less, of either of the following brands of Fire Hose, internal diameter 2 1/2 inches

					PRESSURE		GUARANTEE
					400		6
<u>UNION</u>	at	<u>1.10</u>	cts. per ft.		lbs.		Yrs.
	at		cts. per ft.		lbs.		Yrs.
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With **ROCKER LUG** or any type of coupling desired attached, cut with the non-cross threads, to fit the hose now in use in your department.

This hose is warranted free from defects in material or manufacture, and to stand the number of pounds water pressure named above, at time of delivery.

By reason of the fact that it is compulsory to carry the hose in a flattened position, we specifically guarantee that the rubber lining will not crack or leak for a period of SIX YEARS.

We will at our expense replace such hose that may fail under the above guarantee, upon return of the defective lengths.

Each section of hose delivered is guaranteed to be like sample submitted, both in quality of material, construction and weight.

The hose to be delivered f. o. b. cars St. Matthews Ky

It is agreed that Major J. Adams shall be the arbitrator of what shall constitute a defect under above guarantee.

The BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY

The BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY,
Chicago, Ill.

By J. Adams

Date Feb. 2. 1931

Your proposal is hereby accepted for 900 ft. of UNION Brand Cotton Fire Hose, and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Inc hereby agrees to pay the sum of Nine hundred and ninety Dollars for said hose and couplings complete.

Payable 1/3 cash - 1/3 in 1 year - 1/3 in 2 years - at 6% after 4 months.

(Signed) For the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Inc -

(Seal of City)

By Jas H. Rudy, President

1931

March 14, 1931, *The Courier-Journal*:

MARCH 14, 1931.

**NEW FIRE TRUCK
AT ST. MATTHEWS**

Members of the volunteer fire department of St. Matthews are practicing on using the new fire truck, which was purchased Wednesday at a cost of \$6,490. The purchase of the modern truck was made possible through contributions by members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, which sponsors the department.

The new equipment displaces the old truck-mounted chemical equipment that has been in use seven

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April 25 1931, *The Courier-Journal*:

years. It is estimated that the volunteer department has been instrumental in saving the community approximately \$375,000 since its organization twenty years ago.

Andrew W. Neichter, Jr., is one of the department and James Rudy is president of the association which has 200 contributing members.

\$8,500 FIRE.

Damage estimated by an insurance man at approximately \$8,500 resulted from a fire which destroyed a small frame building of the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company, St. Matthews, early Friday morning. Several members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department sustained minor burns in fighting the blaze. The No. 6 Hook and Ladder Company and No. 21 Engine Company answered the alarm when an appeal was made to the Louisville department for aid. Tools were stored in the building.

1931

April 24, 1931 Part of a letter:

April 24, 1931

Judge Henry I. Fox,
County Judge, Jefferson County,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Judge,

Pursuant to the promise of Mr. L.H. Schweitzer, a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, I am addressing you in order to put in writing the request he was delegated to make concerning a contribution from Jefferson County toward the payment of fire fighting apparatus recently purchased by the citizens of St. Matthews.

St. Matthews, an unincorporated town, is and has been for several years enjoying the 9th class rate, under the Actuarial Bureau, on the property listed for fire insurance, because of the use by the citizens during that time of second-hand fire apparatus. The apparatus, about a year ago, became unfit for effective use, and because of this the Actuarial Bureau notified us that unless more adequate equipment be provided the citizens' insurance rates would be put back on the 10th class basis which would represent virtually a 100 percent increase in the premium. In order to forestall this the members of the Volunteer Fire Association, an incorporated body, made a canvass for the purpose of securing funds to buy better equipment. As a result of this drive, approximately \$3,000 has been subscribed, of which about \$1,700 has been paid. The fire apparatus was accordingly purchased at a cost, including hose, of approximately \$6,500. The drive was progressing satisfactorily until the serious depression and other local financial difficulties visited the community, whereupon the efforts of the Fire Association became practically ineffective. Part of the \$1,700 collected was paid in on the new equipment and arrangements perfected whereby the remainder could be paid on regular installments.

The existing prospects are such that it seems most unlikely that we will have sufficient money when the next installments are due, to meet them. It has been thought by our Association, and other citizens, therefore, that inasmuch as the provision of adequate equipment, which has been obtained through great effort and sacrifice, has made possible an effective instrument for the protection of the community and the property owners, the County Officials might feel disposed to assist the community by making some contribution toward the payment of its obligation.

1931

July 20, 1931, Monday: Board Meeting:

Monday July 20th/1931

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Incorporated, held their meeting with the St Matthews Community Club. President James Rudy called for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Louis Schweitzer talked on the good work of the Assn. He then made a motion that Four of the seven Directors, namely Mr James Rudy, James Butler, Joseph Beirle & Joseph Elder be Elected by one vote from the Chair. Motion seconded by Wm Hooty and vote carried. Chairman Rudy then called for nominations. Mr Irvin Bower was nominated by L.H. Schweitzer & seconded by J.J. Elder. Mr. Andrew Richter was nominated by Joseph Beirle and seconded by Wm Hooty. Mr. Hooty nominated L.H. Schweitzer and nomination was seconded by Joseph Beirle. As there was no opposition all 3 candidates were duly Elected. The seven Directors then went into Session and Relected Mr. James Rudy President, Mr James Butler Vice President, Mr. J.J. Elder Treas and Mr L.H. Schweitzer Secty. As there was no other business meeting adjourned to meet again Monday Aug 10th.

Signed By.
James H. Rudy
President

Directors

James Rudy.
James Butler
Joseph Beirle
Joseph J. Elder.
Irvin Bower
Andrew Richter
Louis H. Schweitzer

Officers

James Rudy Pres.
Joseph Butler Vice Pres.
J.J. Elder Treas.
L.H. Schweitzer Secty

1931

August 10, 1931, Monday: Board meeting:

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Inc.

Monday Aug. 10th/1931

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. opened their meeting in the Office of James Butler with President James Rudy in the Chair.

Meeting opened at 8 P. M. and some minor things were discussed and the following Bills ordered Paid.

Standard Oil Co. \$3.29

Continental Oil Co. 1.14

\$4.43

Check Rec'd from Mr James Butler for \$25.00

Remittances \$35.00 Pledges \$10.00

Mr. Butler gave a little talk and told how much money he saved on his Drs. by having the new Pub. Serv. Co. Other Business Meeting Adjourned at 9 P. M.

Signed By.

James H. Rudy
President.

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September 13, 1931, The Courier-Journal

September 14, 1931, Monday: Board Meeting:

BOY, 15, INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Victim's Bicycle Collides
With Motor At St.
Matthews.

H. A. Wheatley, 15 years old, Chenoweth Lane, St. Matthews, was injured seriously when he rode his bicycle into the path of an automobile, which struck him at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night, at St. Matthews.

The boy was taken to the office of Dr. George Ray. Under directions from the physician the County Police removed the lad to St. Anthony's Hospital, where Dr. Ray announced he suffered a fractured skull and a fractured leg.

The boy rode across the Shelbyville Road, his bicycle carrying no light, the county officers were notified. The motorist, Howard Wilson, 31, of Middletown, said the boy suddenly loomed up before his car, and, although he swerved the automobile, it was impossible to avoid the accident. The automobile was proceeding at not more than twenty-five miles an hour, Mr. Wilson and his companion, Miss Vivian Raley, Middletown, related. Mr. Wilson was able to halt within a few feet. A charge of assault and battery was registered against him.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Inc.

Meeting Monday Night Sept. 14th 1931 at 8 P.M.

all Seven Directors Present. Roll Call of Officers

President, James Rudy, Present.

Vice Pres. James Butler "

Treasurer J. J. Elder "

Secretary E. H. Schweitzer "

Community Club, Fire Committee

Wm. Hunt Chairman, absent.

Chas. Wilhelm — Present.

Meeting Called to Order by Pres. James Rudy.

Mrs. Wilhelm brought up Discussion of naming streets in St. Matthews. Mr. James Butler offered a suggestion to raise a fund to buy street signs all alike. Mr. Schweitzer suggested the matter be referred to the St. Matthews Community Club. Chief Richter reported extinguishing a fire in a play house built in a tree in Lexington Branch.

Bills Passed Fuel Voucher, Hdr. \$1.00

St. Matthews Hdr. Co. 2.43

St. Matthews Fire & Electric Co. 2.20

\$5.63

Motion that Bills be Paid, Made by Joseph Beards and Seconded by David Bauer. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Wilhelm made a Motion that Society write delegates to the off. that pledges were due. Seconded by J. J. Elder. Motion Carried.

President Rudy ordered Society to write County Judge Fox and County Commissioners about Donation toward Fire Engine, Also to ask them to change Fire Plug, at E & N R.R. & Westport Road to face Westport Road.

Mrs. Wilhelm, Chairman of Entertainment Committee reported that she will give a Dance in Russell's lounge

Hall on Halloween Night Oct. 31st. Mrs. Wilhelm also suggested that Members of St. Matthews Fire Assn. meet with the American Legion the first Monday Night in Oct. Chief Richter reported that the Spark Plugs in the Fire Engine were not working properly. He then called Mr. Perkins and Pres. Rudy conferred with him. Mr. Rudy informed the Directors that Mr. Perkins said that only bad plugs would be replaced by the Factory Fire Engines. President Rudy ordered Chief Richter to buy a Pair of Rubber High Boots and present Bill to the Fire Assn. As there were no other Business a Motion was made to Adjourn by Mrs. Schweitzer and Seconded by J. J. Elder. Motion Carried.

Signed By
James H. Rudy
President.

September, 1931: Typical letter sent out to people who made pledges:

St. Matthews, Ky., September 24, 1931

We realize, of course, that this is an inopportune time to make such a request, but you will of course understand that our obligation must be met if we are to keep the apparatus, and the value of this equipment to the community has already so abundantly proved itself that we cherish the hope that you will come to our assistance cheerfully and thus enable your fire department to keep up the good work it is doing.

Secretary

Louis:
This is a sample
of what was sent
out

J. E. G.

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October 1931: Fire at Mr. Hellmans residence at 424 Iola Road, also Harris property on Hillcrest Road.

October 5, 1931:

Louisville, Ky.,
October 5th, 1931.

Captain John Curley
c/o Louisville Salvage Corps
Sixth & Market Streets
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Referring to conversation with Mr. Robert J. Kleet with the Reiser Insurance Agency, Louisville, Ky., wish to state that we will be responsible for two salvage covers to the value of \$50.00. I understand that you will replace covers that are damaged by fire or will clean same when soiled.

Mr. Kleet told me that you would bring these covers out and show our fire chief, Mr. Andrew N. Neichter, Jr., at 3811 Frankfort Avenue (Wilkins Auto Service) how to use same.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, we beg to remain

Yours very truly,

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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October 12, 1931, Monday: Board meeting:

St Matthews. Volunteer Fire Assn.
Meeting Monday Night Oct 12th 1931

Roll Call of Officers

Pres. James Rudy. Present
Vice Pres. J. J. Butler "
Treas. J. J. Elder. "
Secy L. N. Schorreyer "

Directors Present

James Rudy.
J. J. Butler
J. J. Elder.
E. H. Schorreyer
Joseph B. Bingle.
Andrew Richter.

Discussion of Loan of Fire Covers from Low. Salvage Corps.
Suggestion by Secy that Fire Assn. have ~~with~~ Letter Head Printed.

Postage	\$4.00
Bills Std Oil Co.	\$3.55
Fire Wagon	35
	<u>\$7.90</u>

Mrs. Hallman gave a Check to Fire Assn for \$15.00

We also received a nice letter from Mrs. Hallman thanking the boys for the wonderful work done at his fire.

St Matthews Community Club. Fire Committee

Chairman Wm Houty Present
Chas Willmsham absent.

President Rudy Ordered 500 Letter Head to be printed by American Print Shop.

Fires Reported By Chief Richter.

Hallman Residence 424 Dola Rd,
Harris Property. Hillcrest Ave Lyndon.

202 Letters sent Delinquents on Pledges brought in a return to date of \$17.00. a discussion was then brought up about Drive for funds.

No Other Business a motion to adjourn by Pres Rudy,
and seconded By Andrew Richter. Motion Carried.

Signed By
Gas H. Rudy
President.

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October 13, 1931:

October 13 & 15, 1931, The Courier-Journal

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

KENTUCKY ACTUARIAL BUREAU
(FIRE)
LOUISVILLE, KY.
G. H. PARKER, Manager

Oct. 13, 1931

Andy Heichter, Fire Chief
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Fire Department Training

For a limited time we are again offering to your city the services of our fire department expert, Captain Render.

Captain Render was an officer of the Louisville Fire Department for a number of years. He is an honor graduate of the Louisville Fire Department Drill School, and he has taken post graduate work at the Chicago and the St. Louis fire colleges. We are extremely fortunate in being able to furnish your city with the services of this expert.

In addition to working with your fire department, he will make fire prevention inspections of the schools and the principal mercantile and manufacturing risks.

During the Captain's visit he will also be glad to address any of your clubs and to discuss with the members the fire hazards and fire defenses of your city.

If your city wishes to take advantage of this service, which is absolutely free, please sign the enclosed invitation and return it to us.

May we have your cooperation in this very important work?

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker

MANAGER

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Man Hurt Seriously By Interurban Car

Motor Salesman's Skull Is Fractured In Accident At St. Matthews.

Perry Vandever, 55 years old, 817 Pehr Avenue, salesman for Chenault, Etheridge & Schumann, automobile dealers, **St. Matthews**, was injured probably fatally when he was hit by an interurban car at 8 o'clock Monday morning at **St. Matthews**.

He suffered a triple fracture of the skull, a crushed pelvis and a fractured nose. He was carried to the office of Dr. J. C. Ray, near the scene, and given first aid, and then taken to St. Anthony's Hospital in a county police patrol. Dr. Heman Humphrey, railway company physician, treated Mr. Vandever.

The report of County Patrolmen W. Y. Brohm and B. H. Tyler shows that Mr. Vandever stepped in front of the car, which was operated by Motorman J. C. Osborne, 316 East Jacob Avenue.

SEVEN IN CRASH RECOVERING.

Hiram F. Roberts, 36 years old, 122 Fairlawn Road, **St. Matthews**, and six children he was taking to the Holy Trinity School at **St. Matthews**, were recovering at their homes Wednesday from injuries received Tuesday morning when the Roberts automobile was struck by a La Grange interurban car at the Fairlawn crossing. Their injuries were confined to cuts and bruises.

Besides Mr. Roberts, those in the automobile were his two children, Caroline Roberts, 7, and Charles Roberts, 11; William Henson, 7, of 113 Fairlawn Road, and John W. Fox, 11; Mary Frances Fox, 8, and Robert Fox, 9, all of 209 Fairlawn Road.

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November 2, 1931:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

KENTUCKY ACTUARIAL BUREAU
(FIRE)
LOUISVILLE, KY.
G. H. PARKER, MANAGER

Nov. 2, 1931

Mr. Jas. H. Rudy, President
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

In acknowledgment of your invitation for the services of our fire department expert, Captain Bender, we are pleased to place your city on his scheduled list for a visit, and shall write you at a later date just what time he will be available for your services.

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker

MANAGER

November 1931: There were three field fires on Thierman Lane. An auto and straw stack fire on the Monohan place, and a field fire at Brownsboro Road and Chenoweth Lane.

November 9, 1931, Monday: Board meeting:

*St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.
Meeting Monday Night Nov. 9th 1931*

Roll Call of Officers.
Pres. James Rudy Present
Vice Pres. James Butler "
Treas. J. J. Elder "
Sec. L. H. Schwaiger "
Minutes Present:
James Rudy
James Butler
J. J. Elder
Andrew Cullter
Joseph P. Smith
L. H. Schwaiger
Community Club Committee. Van Hout, about 2. H. Schwaiger
also with them.
a Motion by Mr. Butler Elder & seconded by Mr. Butler
that the Treasurer pay bill of \$29.50 referred to Finance given
by Entertainment Committee.

*Bills. Hotel Del Co. \$2.50
Walkers Del. 24.00
\$26.50 Total*

*a Motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Butler
that the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n. Treasurer Credit by Bond
amount paid for Ass'n \$12.50*

Money Recd. By Treasurer on Pledges \$142.00

*Total Pledges to Date \$2950.30
Paid on " " \$1744.30
Balance unpaid " " \$1106.00
Balance in Bank " " \$732.33*

a Discussion by Directors as to Donations.

*Chief Andrew Cullter Reported the following Tunes
Thierman Lane. 2 Runs to Field Tunes
Monohan Place, Brownsboro, Antwerp - Straw Stack
Brownsboro Rd. & Chenoweth Lane. Field Tunes
also Recognition of Treasurer Fred Norton*

*Discussion of Fire Badges by Directors. Asst. Authorized to
Order 7 #2520 Badges in Cat. #60 of C. D. Reece 57 Warren
St. New York, sent out to Chief Cullter
Mr. Walker made a Motion to approve Fire Dept. By Laws. seconded
by Mr. Butler. Motion carried.*

Comments

*Letter Recd. from Mr. F. J. Mally thanking Ass'n for number of his
pledge which he promptly paid.*

Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

*Signed By Jas. H. Rudy,
President.*

NOTE: Ordered 7 #2520 Silver Badges from the C. D. Reece catalog.

NOVEMBER 17, 1931.

St. Matthews Bank Suspends Business

**Farmers Bank & Trust Co.
Will Be Able to Pay In
Full, Cashier Says.**

State Banking Commissioner C. S. Wilson announced Monday that the Farmers Bank & Trust Company, **St. Matthews**, by action of its board of directors, had suspended business. He said an examiner would be named later to take charge of the institution.

F. M. Hoagland, cashier of the bank, said that the action was deemed advisable because of recent withdrawals and slowness of collections. He expressed confidence that both depositors and stockholders would be

paid in full. Charles Ochsner, Jr., is president of the bank.

The bank was capitalized at \$40,000 and showed a surplus of \$14,500 with deposits of \$147,000, according to a recent statement to the Commissioner.

NEGRO GETS LIFE.

Floyd Thomas, 24-year-old Negro, was sentenced to life imprisonment on a plea of guilty to murder Monday in the Criminal Court in connection with the death of his wife, Carrie L. Thomas. The woman was stabbed to death during a domestic quarrel at 721 South Nineteenth Street, last July.

John Coffee, 40, Negro, was found guilty and given five years in the penitentiary on a charge of malicious cutting. He was charged with cutting his wife, Nina Mae Coffee, 1110 West Oak Street, last August.

Honorary Pall-Bearers.

Honorary pall-bearers will be Arthur E. Mueller, Joseph Burge, William C. Dabney, W. E. Caldwell, Churchill Humphrey, Thomas P. Taylor, Jr., Owsley Brown, Judge Ernest S. Clarke, S. E. Booker, C. C. Stoll, George Bickel, Ona W. Pickrell, W. K. Stewart, Dr. John M. Price, William W. Crawford, Judge Prescott Sandidge, C. L. A. Johnson, Henry V. Offutt, Embury L. Meyers, Pope Nicholas, Nelson S. Milton, Stuart H. Mann, Frank R. Merhoff.

Sherman Gaines, John Stockhoff, Henry D. Grimsby, E. S. Woolley, Douglas W. Potter, S. Albert Phillips, John W. Barr, Jr., Edward P. Humphrey, Bethel B. Veech, John R. Downing, Noel Rush, John E. Huhn, Trevor H. Whayne, C. D. Harris, Lyle Bayless, Prentiss M. Terry, W. P. Woodward, Edward H. Hillard, John Driscoll, Dr. Irvin Abell, Dr. L. A. Blankenbaker, Isaac Hillard, Louis Bauer, Will Claxton, Fred Westerman, Jr., W. C. Maddox, J. C. Smith.

John C. Penley, Gilbert T. Dick, Dr. James S. Chenoweth, Ben O. Ford, Kirby Chambers, Dabney S. Taylor, W. Marshall Bullitt, M. A. Eskine, Harry Dumetnil, John Sutes, William J. Bahill, Menefee Wirgman, Dr. John Holdrick and Dr. Llewellyn P. Spears.

GREENE NAMED JUDGE

MONOHAN—At St. Joseph's Infirmary, Sunday, December 6, at 10:15 a.m., John M. Monohan, beloved husband of Sadie Apperious Monohan, in his fifty-first year. Funeral from his residence, Brown's Lane, **St. Matthews**, Tuesday afternoon, December 7, at 2 o'clock, and from the Holy Trinity Church, **St. Matthews**, at 2 o'clock. Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

ILLNESS IS FATAL TO JOHN M. MONOHAN

(Continued from First Page.)

his close associates said. He formed many lasting friendships, and his place in the banking field was shown by his fellows when they elected him the first president of the local association formed this year, his associates pointed out.

Born in St. Matthews.

Mr. Monohan lived on Brown's Lane, near **St. Matthews**, where he was born July 9, 1881, the eldest son of the late Edward S. and Alice O'Ferrall Monohan. He was educated in Professor Chenault's private school, Louisville, and St. Xavier's College before attending Georgetown University.

In 1907 he married Miss Sadie Apperious of Montgomery, Ala., who with his mother, and four children, Mary Ellen, John M., Jr., Alice and Henry Monohan, survive him. He is survived also by a brother, Edward S. Monohan, Jr.

Mr. Monohan was a member of Holy Trinity Church, **St. Matthews**, the Knights of Columbus, the Pen-dennis Club, the Rotary Club and the Owl Creek Country Club of which he was a director. He also was a director of the **St. Matthews** Bank & Trust Company.

Funeral services will be held in the Holy Trinity Church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Active pall-bearers will be Paul Semonin, Ralph C. Gifford, J. McFerran Barr, Watson B. McFerran, Pope McAdams and Charles Semple.

Death Takes President of 1st National



JOHN M. MONOHAN.

Illness Fatal to John M. Monohan, Head of Af- filiated Banks.

John M. Monohan, president and director of the First National Bank, the Kentucky Title Trust Company and affiliated institutions, and president of the Louisville Bankers' Association, died at 10:15 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. Monohan underwent an operation Saturday morning for an intestinal disorder. He had been ill a week.

Mr. Monohan joined the First National organization twenty-three years ago, after his graduation from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., with two degrees, one the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Choosing banking instead of medicine as a profession, he rose quickly in the bank he headed at his death.

He entered the bank in 1908 and in 1912 became assistant to the president, the late Embury L. Newarrigen. He was named a director in 1914, vice president a year later, executive vice president in 1927 and president in 1929.

Mr. Monohan's ability won for him a powerful place in financial circles in the Louisville area. His decisions in important transactions were always made with surprising rapidity.

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Three Generations of the Monohan Family

**John Monohan Jr. is far right with his brother Henry Monohan next to him
E. S. Monohan with his wife Alice O'Ferrall in the center
Edward S. Monohan, Jr. and family on left of picture
John M. Monohan, Sr. and family on right of picture**

**Standing—Thomas, Eleanor, Edward III, Charles, Mary Ellen, Sadie, Alice, Henry, John Jr.
Sitting—Edward Jr., Edward Sr., Alice, John Jr.
Front Row—Maurice, Eleanor, James**



**December 1931, letters: Note new letterhead paper, believe first letterhead for the department.
Still in use in 1932— STMFD Letterhead**

J. H. RUDY, President

J. J. BUTLER, Jr., Vice-President

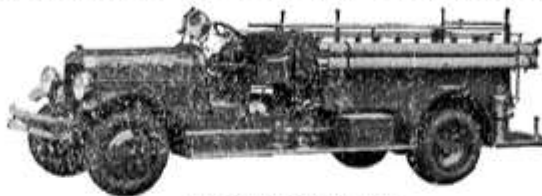
L. H. SCHWEITZER, Secretary

J. J. ELDER, Treasurer

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

DIRECTORS

J. H. RUDY
J. J. BUTLER, Jr.
L. H. SCHWEITZER
JOS. BEIERLE
ANDREW NEIGHTER
IRWIN BAUER
J. J. ELDER



OFFICERS FIRE DEPT.

ANDREW NEIGHTER, Fire Chief
IRWIN BAUER, Assistant
JOHN DUVALL, Captain
JUSTIN WILKEN, Lieutenant

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

December 15, 1931.

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December 14, 1931, Monday: Board meeting:

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.

Meeting Monday Night Dec 14th 1931

President James Rudy in the Chair.

Roll Call of Officers

Pres. Rudy Present

Vice. Butler "

Secy Schuritzer "

Treas. Elden. "

Directors

J. Rudy Present

J. J. Butler "

Joseph Birle "

L. H. Schuritzer "

J. J. Elden. "

Andrew Richter "

Irvin Bauer absent.

Community Club

Fire Committee

Wm Houty Chairman

Chas. Wilhelm

New Business.

*a motion was made by Mr. Joseph Birle that the Assn
Pay the Seagrove Corporation, \$600.00 of Note due in March
for \$1005.00, leaving a Balance of \$415.00 to be Paid when Note is due
Motion Seconded by L. H. Schuritzer. Motion Carried.*

Chief Richter Delivered Badges Ordered by Sec.

<i>Pledges Paid.</i>	<i>Charles Wilhelm</i>	<i>\$2.50</i>	<i>Balance</i>
	<i>Leo Krebs.</i>	<i>5.00</i>	<i>"</i>
	<i>a. J. Barnes.</i>	<i>5.00</i>	<i>"</i>
		<i>\$12.50</i>	<i>Total</i>

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:20 P. M.

*The Members went in a body to Ogden's Drug Store
and after a brief Speech by President Rudy he
Presented Mr. Jesse Ogden with one of our Small Badges.*

Signed By
Jas. H. Rudy.
President.

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December 28, 1931, The Courier-Journal

A National Newspaper
12 Pages Today

The Courier-Journal.

Largest Circulation of
Any Kentucky Newspaper

VOL. CLIV. NEW SERIES—NO. 23,007 *****
LOUISVILLE, MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28, 1931.
THREE CENTS. 10 CENTS PER COPY
CROSS COUNTRY NEWS SERVICE

2 ARE KILLED IN CROSSING CRASH

TWO DIE, ONE HURT AS MOTOR IS HIT BY TRAIN



Crowd surrounds motor hurled seventy-five feet from Masonic Home entrance by train.

BUSINESS PLAN FOR '32 OFFERED

**Economist Suggests Big
Firms Issue Notes to
Counteract Deflation.**

(Copyright, 1931, by the Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 27 (AP)—The problem for 1932 is that of building a value-structure in which we have confidence, in the opinion of Dr. Warren M. Persons, consulting economist to several leading corporations.

"This problem cannot be solved by timidity, witlessness, the pursuit of unenlightened self-interest. It can be solved by morale, intelligence, co-operation," he said in a year-end survey today. Dr. Persons was formerly professor of economics at Harvard.

This economist believes that a form of controlled inflation, without slipping from the gold base, is needed to counteract deflation. He urges



View of automobile wrecked by train.

PROBERS UNFAIR, CANNON SAYS

**Bishop Avers Inaccuracies
and False Accusations
Were In Report.**

Washington, Dec. 27 (AP)—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., today charged the Nye Campaign Funds Investigating Committee with unfairness and failure to make a thorough investigation of where money he collected for the anti-Smith campaign in 1928 was spent.

The Southern Methodist churchman, under indictment here on charges of violating the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, in a lengthy statement denied Nye committee allegations that money contributed to the campaign had been misused and that proper reports to the clerk of the House had been withheld.

"While it is not proper to enter

WOMAN, GIRL DIE AS TRAIN HITS MOTOR

Anderson County Residents
Victims At Masonic
Home Entrance.

MAN IS IN HOSPITAL

Harry DeWitt, Farmer, Suf-
fers Crushed Chest, Be-
lieved Dying.

Two of three members of an Ander-
son County family were killed in-
stantly and the third was injured,
probably fatally, when their motor
was struck at 1 o'clock Sunday after-
noon by a Chesapeake & Ohio pas-
senger train at the railroad crossing
on Frankfort Avenue in front of the
Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home,
near the city limits.

The dead are Mrs. Zema Routt
DeWitt, 50 years old, Sinal, near
Lawrenceburg, and her adopted
daughter, Miss Frances Coons, 18.
Mrs. DeWitt's husband, Harry DeWitt,
52 years old, farmer, who was driv-
ing the motor, was in a critical con-
dition at St. Anthony's Hospital, suf-
fering from a crushed chest, a broken
jaw and possibly a fractured skull.

Witnesses to the accident said De-
Witt drove from the entrance to the
Masonic home onto the railroad track
in front of the C. & O. east-bound
train No. 22. DeWitt was thrown
clear of the automobile, but his
wife and adopted daughter were
found inside.

Hurled Seventy-five Feet.

T. P. Webb, 3706 Frankfort Avenue,
one of several witnesses, saw the ac-
cident from the second story of his
home, which overlooks the crossing.
He said the motor was hit in the
middle of the right side, and hurled
approximately seventy-five feet, turn-
ing over four or five times. Mr. De-
Witt was thrown out, falling approxi-
mately thirty feet from the crossing.

Mr. Webb and others attracted by
the noise of the crash, rushed to the
scene, and extricated the mother and
daughter from the wreckage. Dr.
Joseph Carr Ray, St. Matthews, who
heard the crash, found the woman
and girl dead and Mr. DeWitt in a
serious condition.

In the meantime, the police had
been called. Dr. Ray accompanied
Mr. DeWitt to the hospital in a patrol
wagon. Dr. C. G. Pursee, physician
employed by the railroad company,
was called.

The train, in charge of E. M. Mar-
tin, Louisville Hotel, conductor, and J.
L. Long, Lexington, engineer, was
stopped before the last coach had
passed the crossing. The county po-
lice cited Long to appear in the
County Court at 9 o'clock Monday
morning on a charge of manslaughter.

J. Bert Searcy, postmaster at Law-
renceburg, a nephew of Mrs. DeWitt,
drove by within a few minutes of the
accident.

Mr. Searcy talked to members of
the train crew before they continued
the run, and was told that the fire-
man, Thomas Richardson, Louisville,
saw the motor driving onto the track
and warned Long, who was on the
opposite side of the cab, to throw on
the brakes.

Crossing Signal Working.

None of the witnesses could offer
any explanation for the accident,
other than the possible fact that the
train was moving faster than DeWitt
estimated. The track at that point
is straight and the view unobstructed.
Several persons said the crossing
signal was working at the time.

The adopted daughter, a student at
the Kentucky Female Orphans' School
at Midway, was home for the
holidays. The family drove here Sun-
day to visit a sister of Mrs. DeWitt,
Mrs. Lynn Rodgers, who is a matron
at the Masonic Home. They arrived
at 9 o'clock and left a few minutes
before 1 o'clock.

Among others who saw the accident
were Edward Jutt, 3624 Frankfort
Avenue, and J. C. Morris, superin-
tendent of the Masonic Home.

Deputy Coroner Joseph P. Beck
said Mrs. DeWitt suffered a crushed
body and fractured skull and the
daughter a crushed chest, fractured
skull and broken neck.

Charles DeWitt of the Louisville
Police Department, is an uncle of
Mr. DeWitt. Mrs. DeWitt is sur-
vived by another sister, Mrs. W. H.
Searcy, Lawrenceburg. Arrangements
were made Sunday to have the bodies
taken to their home, near Sinal, for
burial.

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December 1931, letters: Note new Letter head paper, believe first letter head for the department.

J. H. BODY, President J. J. BUTLER, Jr., Vice-President L. W. SCHWITZER, Secretary J. J. ELDER, Treasurer

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

DIRECTOR
J. H. BODY
J. J. BUTLER, Jr.
L. W. SCHWITZER
JOS. BECKLE
ANDREW REICHTER
EDWIN DALLER
J. J. ELDER



ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

December 15, 1931.

Seagrave Corporation,
Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith check for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, in the amount of \$600.00, which is to apply on the acquisition of fire equipment purchased from your organization during the early part of this year.

While the next installment on the fire apparatus will not be due until early in 1932, we felt that inasmuch as this money is on straight deposit, and is not earning any interest, it would be desirable to apply the same, to such extent, on the indebtedness in favor of your company.

While we do not know your practice in such a situation as this, nevertheless, if, by reason of this advance prior to the date of maturity of the next installment, we can obtain some concession in interest amount, we shall, of course, very greatly appreciate the same.

I shall be obliged if you will advise.

Yours truly,

Treasurer,

Encl.

Cy(R) Mr. J. H. Body

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

ORIGINATORS OF CENTRIFUGAL FIRE PUMPING ENGINES



MOTOR PROPELLED FIRE APPARATUS

OFFICE AND FACTORY

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Address all Communications to the Corporation

December 16, 1931

J. J. Elder, Treasurer
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the check for \$600.00, which has been applied as part payment on the 560-B pumping engine sold to your Fire Company March, 1931.

You will understand from the credit which is enclosed, that the amount of \$10.50 has been allowed for interest, and we have applied this on Invoice 37018. According to our records, the balance due is \$4,569.50.

Very truly yours,

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

A. C. BLAKE
Secretary & Treasurer

ACB:NN
Encl.

Form 62-5M-12-30-F-9585

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FACTORY AND GENERAL OFFICES--COLUMBUS, OHIO

December 16, 1931

INVOICE No. 41730

DR. TO St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n,

YOUR ORDER

St. Matthews, Ky.

OUR ORDER 65455

CREDIT MEMORANDUM

Interest allowance for prepayment of \$600.00
12/16/31 to 4/1/32

Applied on invoice 37018

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New Board Members & Helpers:

Joseph A. Hoerter: Director 1931 to 1932. Joseph A. Hoerter was born about 1868 and died December 2, 1943. The 1930 Census shows him living on Wiltshire Avenue, a salesman at a photo shop, born in Indiana, married to Agnes L. being 62 years old and having two children, Frances C. Hoerter and Henry C. Hoerter. An 1890 directory showed him working at 307 W. Chestnut, W. D. Gatchel, as a bookkeeper. The minutes of the STMFD board clearly show Mr. Hoerter as being part of many meeting and making motions, etc. However I can find no mention of his election. He may have been part of the St. Matthews Community Club which met with the STMFD board at that time, we just do not know.

William Frank Hoertz: St. Matthews Community Club, Fire Committee member, 1930 to 1931. William was born October 31, 1872, to Jacob and Mary Hoertz in Lexington, Kentucky. He was married to Bertha Rittnauer Hoertz and we think they had one child William J. Hoertz. In the 1930 Census he lived on Bauer Avenue and was in building/construction. In 1918 registration card he is listed as a brick layer and married. He died December 9, 1946 of congestive heart failure and is buried at St. Louis Cemetery, December 12, 1946. He was living at 414 Macon Avenue at the time of his death. The name is German and is pronounce Hertz. The St. Matthews Community Club meet with the STMFD Board for a few years and helped save the department, mainly by raising money.

Charles J. Wilhelm: St. Matthews Community Club, Fire Committee member, 1930 to 1931. According to the 1930 Census Charles was born May 28, 1885, he was 44, lived on Oxford Place, was demonstrator for yeast, was born in Kentucky, and married to Lorena E. and had a son Charles J. Wilhelm, Jr. age 14. His registration card in 1918 show him as City Foreman at Fleischman Yeast Company

OBITUARIES

This would be of his Charles J. Wilhelm's son:

Charles John Wilhelm, 83, of 230 O'Farrell died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999. A native of Jefferson, Ky., Mr. Wilhelm was a son of the late Charles J. and Lorena Sandmann Wilhelm and was the widower of Celesta Kipp Wilhelm. He was retired as a superintendent for Wellington Puritan and was a member of the University of Georgia Catholic Center. Memorial services will be at 10:15 a.m. today at the UGA Catholic Center with Father Jack McDowell officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in Evergreen Memorial Park. Survivors include nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Emphysema Foundation, c/o the American Lung Association, 2452 Spring Road, Smyrna, 30080. Bernstein Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

Athens Daily News, Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999

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Board Of Directors

Irwin Bauer start 1931

Joseph Beierle

J. J. Butler

J. J. Elder

J. A. Hoerter (Minutes show attended many meetings)

T. H. Huffman start July 1932

W. "Will" Lausman, end

F. B. "Bert" Nally, end

Andrew W. Neichter

James H. Rudy

Louis H. Schweitzer

The St. Matthews Community Club attended the Board meetings and the Fire Committee members were: William Hoertz & Charles Wilhelm

Officers

1931

Chief Andrew W. Neichter

Assistant Chief Irvin Bauer

Captain J. Duvall

Lieutenant Justin Clyde Wilken

Firefighters

T. A. Baker

John A. Beierle

Joseph Beierle

J. J. Butler

Paul H. Fleming

R. S. Frank

John Haeberlin

Richard C. Herdt

Ted H. Huffman Sr.

Carl A. Hulswede, Sr.

R. J. Kleet

Rudolph L. Lineback

Henry A. Monohan

Louis H. Schweitzer

Fred William Wootton, Jr.

George John Wurster

Raymond A. "Bud" Young

In the 1920's and 30's many citizens helped the volunteers but were not on the "roster."

1932

The department started the year trying to collect money. There was over \$1,000 in pledges they had not been able to collect. The business community was sent letters asking for help, and the department even approached the County Judge and Fiscal Court but were rejected. Remember, we were in the great depression at this time.

All Board meetings were held at J. J. Butlers, and the Community Club always met with the Board.

The Board provides insurance for the firefighters for the first time.

1932

January 11, 1932, Monday: Board meeting:

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.

Meeting Monday Night Jan. 11th / 1932

Meeting opened with President James Rudy in the Chair.

Roll Call of Officers	Directors Present	Community Club
Pres. Rudy Present	James Rudy.	Fire Committee
Vice Butler "	J.J. Butler	Wm. Hooty.
Secy Schweitzer "	Joseph Beirle	Chas. Wilhelm absent.
Treas. Elden. "	Z.H. Schweitzer	
	J.J. Elden.	
	Andrew Richter	
	Irvin Bauer <u>absent</u> .	

New Business

a communication from the Seagrave Co. was read informing us that they allowed the Assn \$10.50 Interest on the \$600⁰⁰ Paid on Note Due in March 1932.

The Secty was Ordered by the President to write a letter to the N.Y. acturial Bureau, Starks Bldg. attention Mr. E.H. Parker, asking for Information about Conversation bet Capt Runder and Chief Richter. Capt. Runder told Chief Richter that the Residents of St Matthews could insure with their Ins. Co Fire Engine Protection for the sum of \$1⁰⁰ Per Year. In other words if the St Matthews Fire Dept were called to a fire no matter how small. The Insurance Co carrying Insurance on said Property would have to pay the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn the sum of \$50⁰⁰.

A Committee composed of President Rudy, Wm Hooty & J.J. Elden was appointed to canvass the Business District Sat afternoon Jan 16th

a Committee composed of President Rudy, Z.H. Schweitzer & J.J. Elden was appointed to meet with County Commissioners & Judges Fore Friday morning at 10³⁰ AM Jan 15th to appeal for donation to Fire Engine.

Chief Richter reported making a run to Mason & Davis ave. to automobile fire. auto belonged to a Mrs. Moots.
a motion to adjourn.

Signed. Jas. H. Rudy.
President.

Appears to be part of February Board Minutes:

Printed in Red with the Business Advertisement on the bottom of cards which are to be Round with hole in Center so same can be fitted under Mouth Piece of Telephone.

Chief Richter had most all of his Firmman at our meeting.

a Discussion was held between President Rudy, Board of Directors and Firmman as to Drills Ordered by Acturial Bureau.

Mrs. Charles Wilhelm Spoke to those Present about the offer of the American Legion Gregory Taylor Post #180 to give a Dance in their Hall on March 17th 1932 St Patricks Night for the Benefit of the St Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. which was accepted By President Rudy. who then appointed a Committee of three to work with the Legion on this offer. Those appointed on this Committee were.

Charles Wilhelm Chairman
Louis H. Schweitzer
Joseph Birck.

a Motion to Adjourn at 10 P.M.

Signed By.
Jas. H. Rudy.
President

1932

March 14 and April 11, 1932, Mondays: Board meetings:

COMBINED MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE ST. MATTHEWS
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION OF MONDAY, MARCH 14TH,
AND MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1932.

The meeting in both instances was called to order by President Rudy.

At the March meeting the matter of insurance on firemen, amounting to \$100, was discussed, but at the suggestion of the President the matter was held in abeyance because of his desire to discuss with Mr. Robert Kleet the possibility of some revision or other arrangement whereby the burden of paying the entire expense at once could be in some manner relieved.

At this same meeting, also, it was arranged for the Treasurer to get out a letter to the delinquent pledgers calling attention to the amount due from them.

Balance on hand at the March meeting was \$101.64.

At the April meeting the Treasurer reported that the notices were sent out pursuant to direction of the previous meeting, but that so far no returns had been received from the pledgers.

The Gas Company's bill, amounting to \$16.76, was ordered paid.

Balance on hand at this meeting was \$116.00.

Gas. H. Rudy, Pt.

1932

March 17, 1932:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

KENTUCKY ACTUARIAL BUREAU

(FIRE)

LOUISVILLE, KY.

G. H. PARKER, MANAGER

March 17, 1932

Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer, Secretary
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

We have delayed replying to your letter of March 6 until we have had an opportunity to consult with our Captain Render, who has been out of the city.

It seems that the information Captain Render tried to convey was not properly understood. Our rules provide the following with reference to fire department service charges:

"When a property owner has made arrangements or contracted with an organized fire department to pay certain specified charges for services rendered in responding to calls due to fire originating in, on or exposing his property located outside the corporate limits of a city or town, such charges may be insured in the same policy which covers the direct loss or damage by fire.

"When this liability is assumed, it shall be included as a separate item as outlined below and the same fire rate (or average rate) that applies to the risk covered under the policy must be charged for each \$100.00 of insurance.

\$.....On insured's liability for fire department charges where fire department is called because of a fire in, on or exposing only such property insured hereunder as may be located on the premises described herein".

You will note that under these rules the fire department or association could not collect from the insurance companies, but that the owner could insure his liability if he had contracted with the fire department to pay certain specified charges in case of response, and that the owner could collect from the insurance company if he insured this specified amount in his fire insurance policy.

We suggest that for further information you consult with one of your fire insurance agents.

Very truly yours,



MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Hummel-AS

1932

March 28, 1932, *The Courier-Journal*:

\$200 FIRE.

Flames discovered at 7:40 o'clock Sunday night caused about \$200 damage to a storeroom at Fowler Hall, at the Kentucky Military Institute. The **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department had extinguished the blaze before the Louisville fireman could reach the scene. The building, a one-story structure, is used as classrooms for the junior school. Firemen from Louisville said the fire probably was caused by a cigarette.

April 10, 1932, *The Courier-Journal*:

\$4,000 FIRE.

The home of William Reardon, 121 Palmer Avenue, St. Matthews, was destroyed by fire during the absence of the family shortly before 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. The loss was approximately \$4,000. The **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department extinguished the blaze and prevented the flames from igniting nearby homes. The Reardon family returned while efforts to extinguish the fire were being made.

April 8, 1932, *The Courier-Journal*:

FIRE PUT OUT BY SYSTEM OF SPRINKLERS

Residents of Male Ward
Soaked By Water As
Building Is Saved.

MONEY LOSS TRIVIAL

Patients Marched Out By
Employees; Confusion Pre-
vails for Time.

A sprinkler system averted possible loss of life when fire broke out on the third floor of the administration building at the Central State Hospital for the Insane at Lakeland, Ky. at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night.

Although the flames would have spread slowly because of the nature of the construction used in the building, the fire started in the ward in which officials explained are quartered the most helpless men inmates of the institution.

The sprinkler system was touched off by the flames and the alarm was flashed to the office. Mrs. Helen Stanfield, in charge of the office at night, immediately rang the engine room and the institution's fire whistle summoned every employee.

Cause Is Undetermined.

There are no electrical wires anywhere near the place where the fire started and the entire area around the room has recently been plastered. The cause of the fire was not determined.

The employees marched the 180 patients in the wing to safety. Because the patients were soaked with the water from the sprinklers, a great deal of confusion resulted and there was considerable difficulty in getting the inmates away from the threatened wing, according to the employees.

The flames started between the walls on the third floor, but the patient nearest the blaze was not aroused until awakened by the employees. At that time burning embers were falling into the room.

Damage Put At \$250.

Dr. J. Ernest Fox, superintendent, estimated that the damage would reach about \$250. The flames burned a hole about twenty-five feet square in the wall. The water drenched all three floors of the wing.

Louisville firemen and the **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department responded to the alarm, but the sprinkler system had put out the flames before the firemen arrived.

1932

April 18/20, 1932:

Zachary Taylor Post No. 180

AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY



ST. MATTHEWS, KENTUCKY

April 18, 1932.

Mr. J. J. Elder,
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association,
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Elder:

Enclosed herewith check covering profits on the Dance
Given by Zachary Taylor Post, American Legion for benefit of the St.
Matthews Volunteer Fire Association as follows:

RECEIPTS	
Cash at Door	\$66.00
Advance Sale of Tickets	15.00
Total receipts	\$81.00
Expenses	
Music	35.00
Advertising in the Courier Journal and Louisville Times	3.22
Printing, Breckel Press, 200 Dance Tickets	
50 Window Display Cards	5.00
Total Expense	43.22
Net profit	\$37.78

There were also twelve tickets come in at the door
which are enclosed herewith.

W. R. Wade,
Post Adjutant.

OBJECTS:

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to honor and perpetuate a war bonded yet undiminished; to provide the resources and facilities of our association in the Great War; to maintain a sense of individual obligation to the community, race and nation; to combat the enemies of both the church and nation; to make right the wrongs of justice; to prevent crime and greed; to seek, to safeguard and preserve the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to construct and maintain our country by our devotion to national obligations."

DUES PAYABLE ANNUALLY OCTOBER TWENTIETH

April 20, 1932

(handed to Mr. Paul Fleming)

Mr. W. R. Wade,
Post Adjutant, Zachary Taylor Post No. 180,
American Legion, St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Mr. Wade,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 18th instant, enclosing check in favor of this Association in the amount of \$37.78, being the net proceeds derived from the benefit dance of the Zachary Taylor Post. I have noted, also, the return of the 12 tickets which you enclosed with your letter.

On behalf of the officers of the Fire Association, and in fact speaking, as I feel sure I have their sanction, for the entire membership of the Volunteer Fire Association, I beg to express our sincere appreciation of your very commendatory action, and this evidence of your good-will and civic spirit in thus voluntarily cooperating with us in making possible this generous contribution to an extremely worthy cause.

Very Sincerely,

Treasurer.

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April 30, 1932:

CLAY BARD, PRESIDENT

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company
Fire Hose Constructed on Scientific Principles

12 N. WACKER DRIVE
(FIVE GATES BLDG.)
Chicago

Apr. 30th, 1932.

St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. Inc.
c/o James E. Rudy, President
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

May we have a reply to our letter of March 31st, 1932
relative to the balance due us for purchase of fire
hose by your Company in February 1931?

Yours very truly

BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY

RS

J. M. Baird

May 9, 1932, Monday: Board meeting:

*St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn Meeting
Monday Night May 9th/1932*

Meeting opened with Pres. Rudy in the Chair.

Directors Present.

James Rudy.

J. J. Elder.

J. J. Butler

Joseph Bursile

L. H. Schweitzer.

Directors Absent.

Andrew Richter

Irvin Bauer.

Bills Passed & Ordered Paid

Insurance on Freeman \$25.00

Std Oil Co. ——— 6.58

Low. Gas & Electric Co. 4.07

Champion Iron Works. 11.00

\$46.65

Treasurer's Report. Balance \$154.85

Meeting Adjourned.

Signed.

President,

*L. H. Schweitzer
Secy.*

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May 20, 1932:

May 20, 1932

Hon. H. I. Fox,
County Judge, Jefferson County,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Judge Fox,

At the request of the officers of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, I am addressing this appeal to you in the hope that you may see your way clear consistently to render financial assistance to the St. Matthews Fire Department.

As you are no doubt aware, this organization, a couple of years ago, found it necessary to purchase, on the installment plan, a fire apparatus in order to maintain the favorable insurance rates theretofore granted through the Actuarial Bureau, the old equipment having been virtually worn out. The equipment and hose cost the community about \$6,500; we have paid about \$1,850 covering the first installment and part of the second, leaving a balance of about \$4,650. We have in the treasury about \$150. We have pledged on subscriptions about \$1,200, but the depressed conditions, bank failures in the community and in Louisville, etc., have so depleted the individual resources that notwithstanding every effort to solicit additional funds on these pledges, we are unable apparently to obtain any additional collections. Additional installments aggregating about \$756 are now past due, for which we are being actively pressed. We have other current bills which will about absorb the current balance on hand. We may possibly obtain a few additional contributions on outstanding pledges, but this is by no means assured.

It is apparent, therefore, that unless we can get assistance, there is grave danger of losing our equipment, together with payments already made, which will not only result seriously to the community for lack of protection, but will also cause an increase in the insurance rates, which will of course be another heavy hardship on the community.

We are therefore earnestly appealing to your Fiscal Body for aid, such as you feel it may be consistent to give. This appeal is made in the interest of our entire community, which you will observe is in dire need of help on this matter; and according to information we have received concerning your response to appeals of a kindred nature from other suburban communities, we venture to feel that it will not do violence to the policy of your Body, by way of precedent.

We shall be pleased to hear from you at your convenience.

With grateful appreciation of any assistance you can render, I am,

Respectfully,

Treasurer

1932

May 31, 1932: Fiscal Court of Jefferson County, It was moved by commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Heyburn that the request of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association of a donation be denied. "Carried." A donation request from the St. Matthews fire department, which has a \$4,000 deficit, was rejected after County Attorney Coleman told the court it is without authority to appropriate for this purpose.

May 1932

Model 560 Seagrave Suburban Type Pumper Model 560-B 500 gallon engine.

Financial Statement at present time-----

Original Cost	\$6080.00
Amount paid in-	1700.00
Balance due	4380.00

This amount is divided as follows-----

Balance due on 1932 note	\$240.00
Due April 1st 1933	1,026.00
Total due at present time	\$1266.00

Future payments are due as follows-----

April 1, 1934	1,026.00
April 1, 1935	1,026.00
April 1, 1936	1,026.00

Following amount due in unpaid pledges \$909.00

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION



Model 560-B. 500 gal Engine 6080.00
Paid 1700.00
Bal on 1932 240.00
Due Apr 1-1933 1036.00
1276.00

Due Apr. 1-1934 1036.00
Due Apr. 1-1935 1036.00
Due Apr. 1-1936 1036.00
pledges due \$909.00

May 31, 1932

Fiscal Court of Jefferson County

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke

and seconded by Commissioner Heyburn

that the request of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association for a donation be denied.

"Carried."

NEW RECORD SEEN FOR

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May 1932: INSURANCE: R. L. Kleet, an agent for the Reisart Insurance Agency, and also a firefighter, provided the first insurance for the department. We believe we were one of the first departments to get insurance for the firefighter and department. Their company did not have a written policy, so our people wrote the policy and coverage that they wanted and they put a price on it.

Around 1947 or 1948 we switched to the Tachau Insurance Agency, mainly because their company offered a better policy.

Around 1955 J. V. Kaster an independent agent, and a member of the fire department, handled our insurance. In about 1964 Mr. Kaster sold his company to Hobday & Kinker Insurance Agency. They then handled all our insurance. This insurance covered liability, lives of the firefighter, and medical insurance.

In 1968 the Jefferson County Government started providing medical insurance, but St. Matthews kept their own until 1972.

In 1972 the state started providing Workman's Compensation Insurance on the firefighters and the fire department found that its medical policy would not pay along with the State policy, so the medical policy was dropped.

June 13, 1932: Board meeting:

*St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n. Meeting Monday
June 13th / 1932.*

Meeting Opened with Pres. Rudy in the Chair.

<i>Directors Present.</i>	<i>Director Absent</i>
<i>James Rudy.</i>	<i>Irvin Bauer.</i>
<i>J. J. Butler</i>	
<i>J. J. Elder</i>	
<i>Joseph B. Smith</i>	
<i>Andrew Richter</i>	
<i>E. H. Schweitzer.</i>	

<i>Bills Passed & Ordered Paid</i>	
<i>Stol Oil Co.</i>	<i>\$2 60</i>
<i>St. Matthews Hdw. Co.</i>	<i>4 00</i>
<i>Low. Gas & Electric Co.</i>	<i>1 93</i>
<i>Masonic Printing.</i>	<i>5 20</i>
<i>Fred. Wooten Hdw. Co.</i>	<i>3 22</i>
<i>Telephone, Andrew Richter.</i>	<i>3 75</i>

*A Meeting was ordered
for July 6th for Election
of Officers.*

*A Suggestion was made by J. J. Butler to write a letter
to all Donators to St. Matthews Fire Ass'n. to inform them
of Meeting July 6th for Election of Officers. J. J. Elder
agreed to take care of this matter.*

Treasurer's Report.
Donations \$1 000
Receipts \$2 776.54
Total Expenses \$2 664.00
Balance. \$112.45.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Signed
J. J. Rudy
President
E. H. Schweitzer
Sec.

1932

July 6, 1932: Board meeting:

Meeting of St Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n. Inc.
Wed. Night July 6th/1932

Meeting opened with President James Rudy in the Chair.

Minutes of Previous Meeting read.

Report on Treasure.

a Discussion of Finances by the President.

Annual Election of Officers.

Five of the former Directors were re-elected namely,

James Rudy.
Joseph Beirle
James Butler.
Joseph J. Elder.
Andrew Richter

The other two Directors, Edwin Bauer, was absent and
Louis H. Schwitzer Declined to run for reelection.

Mr. Wm Hoerty nominated the five former Directors
Nominations were seconded by L. H. Schwitzer.
all five were Elected by one vote from the Chair.

Mr. Hoerty also nominated E. B. Schwitzer and
Mr. T. H. Huffman. Nominations were seconded by
Mr. Hoerty, and both were Elected by one vote from
the Chair.

The Directors then went into session and Elected,

James Rudy President.
Joseph Beirle Vice Pres.
T. H. Huffman Sec.
J. J. Elder Treasurer.

Meeting then Adjourned at 9:30 P.M. C.D. Time.
to meet again Monday Night July 11th 1932

L. H. Schwitzer
Sec.

Signed.

President

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July 6, 1932: Board meeting:

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE
ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDED JULY 6, 1932.

Balance on hand, July 8, 1931	\$ 737.79
Moneys received up to July 6, 1932	<u>324.68</u>
Total receipts, July 6, 1932	1,062.47
Total disbursements, July 8, 1931 to July 6, 1932	<u>993.97</u>
Balance on hand, July 6, 1932	\$ 68.50

Receipts accounted for as follows:

On hand July 8, 1931	\$ 737.79
Paid on pledges.	188.50
Donations, putting out fires, etc.	50.00
Dances	55.63
Community Club balance	8.37
Refund of Karl Baumgarten	5.88
Miscellaneous	<u>16.30</u>
Total	\$1,062.47


Expenses accounted for as follows:

Paid Seagrave Corporation	\$ 600.00
Rain coats	47.50
Gas	34.44
Fire insurance	50.00
Repair service	18.40
Hardware, etc.	34.40
Electric lights, charging meter, etc.	114.30
Stationery, printing, etc.	44.00
Telephone	12.25
Badges	10.80
Rent	10.00
Miscellaneous	<u>17.88</u>
Total	\$993.97

The status of pledges follows:

Total pledged	\$2,975.30
Paid on pledges	<u>1,976.80</u>
Balance unpaid - all due	998.50

July 6, 1932.


Treasurer

1932

Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/heraldpost&CISOPTR=198&CISOBOX=1&REC=10 Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, caretaker's house, caretaker was James Dell, March 25, 1932, ULPA 1994.18.0203

Below—Zachary Taylor monument, March 25, 1932, ULPA 1994.18.0200



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July 11, 1932: Board meeting:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.

MINUTES OF MEETING July 11th, 1932

Present at this meeting were following officers, Pres. J.H.Rudy, Vice Pres. Beirle, Secretary Huffman, A. J. Neichter, J.J.Butler. The minute book was not at hand so reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with. The Treasurer being absent there was no financial report.

After general discussion ~~there~~ there being no other business to be brought up adjourned.

Res pectfully submitted,

Theodore Huffman
Secretary

*Signed
J.H. Rudy
Pres.*

July, 1932: Theodore Harold Huffman, Sr. came on the Board and served as Secretary. Irvin Bauer left the Board.

Theodore Harold Huffman



Born in Booneville, Indiana March 25, 1897. Early in his life he moved to St. Matthews area. He worked for the L.& N. Railroad all his life. He was very active in the St. Matthews area and very well known. He served in the Navy in World War I and helped start the Zachary Taylor Post 180 American Legion and was its first Commander. He also helped start the St. Matthews Bethel Church. He joined the department in 1929 and stayed until about 1946. He served on the Board of Directors from July 1932 until July 1933. He was married and has two sons, one of which also was a member. He died in November 6, 1973.

OFFICERS	
E. A. Wilhoite	Finance Officer
Main 3896—Highland 2809	
O. T. Encepp	Sergeant-at-Arms
Charles Sergeant	Executive Committee
A. J. Hicks	
Belmont 1750	
Carl Finkbeiner	
Main 3495	
Wm. E. Drackel	Ex. Officer
Main 115	

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August 8, 1932: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSO-
CIATION, AUGUST 8TH, 1932.

The meeting was called to order by President Rudy. The members present were:

Mr. Rudy
Mr. Butler
Mr. Beierle
Mr. Nichter
Mr. Hoerter
Mr. Elder

Bills presented amounting to \$11.43 were ordered paid.

A question was presented as to the desirability of selecting someone in the community to make a canvass of the parties who had made pledges, and also any other resident of the community, for the purpose of obtaining additional funds; it was suggested that a drive be made to obtain subscribers, anyone being considered a subscriber or a member who would contribute as much as \$1.00 to the organization. After some discussion it was moved and ordered that Mr. O. S. Kremp be asked to make the necessary campaign, the basis of compensation being 10%. Mr. Kremp was subsequently called in and agreed to accept the proposition.

Because of the fact that Monday night is inconvenient for some of the officers of the Association to attend the regular monthly meetings, it was proposed, and so voted, that the monthly meeting night be changed from the second Monday to the first Wednesday in each month, the next meeting being September 7th.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

Jas. H. Rudy
President.

L. H. Huffman
Secretary

NOTE: Do not know who Mr. Hoerter is who attended meeting. He also attended next meeting.

The Board hired Mr. O. S. Kremp to run a drive to obtain subscribers and pay him 10% commission. He never did this.

1932

August 12, 1932:

LOUISVILLE & INTERURBAN RAILROAD COMPANY
INCORPORATED
LOUISVILLE, KY.

F. H. MILLER
PRESIDENT
R. H. WYATT
VICE-PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER
L. D. FEATHERSTON
ASSISTANT TO GENERAL MANAGER
W. E. GARDNER
ASSISTANT GENERAL FREIGHT
& PASSENGER AGENT

August 12, 1932

Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer,
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association,
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Voucher No. 13 for \$20 which we are
passing to you for the willingness shown by your Association to be
of service to our Company when it responded to a call from Lyndon
on March 24, 1932.

We appreciate your effort to be of service to our Company and
trust the enclosure is entirely satisfactory.

Very truly yours,
R. H. Wyatt
Vice President & Gen. Mgr.

August 16, 1932:

August 16, 1932.

Mr. R. H. Wyatt,
Vice President & General Manager,
Louisville & Interurban Railroad Co.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Wyatt,

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your favor of
the 12th instant enclosing Voucher No. 13 for \$20.00, in favor
of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

Please be assured of our great appreciation of your
kindness in making this very timely donation to a very whole-
some cause. We are glad to be of service, but this evidence of
your appreciation is very gratifying.

Yours truly,

Treasurer.

1932

September 7, 1932, GenDiaster, Ancestry.com: Do not know is STMFD responded.

September 7, 1932, The Courier-Journal

Louisville, KY Automobile Accident, Sept 1932

Posted February 28th, 2011 by Gaye Hill

Courier Journal newspaper, Louisville, KY - Wednesday 7 September 1932

Boy Hurt By Motor Dies In Hospital

Injuries Fatal to WILLIAM KIRCHNER, 10, Ran Into Car, Police Learn
WILLIAM KIRCHNER, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirchner, Jr., died at 6:10 o'clock Tuesday night at St. Anthony's Hospital of a fractured skull suffered at 7 o'clock in the morning in an automobile accident on the Shelbyville Road near St. Matthews, a short distance from his home. He did not regain consciousness.

He was given first aid by Dr. D. M. Cox, St. Matthews, and then placed in an ambulance and taken to the hospital.

The boy, who was with his brothers, Cyril Kirchner, 15, and Morris Kirchner, 13, ran across the road to see his father, who was working on a farm nearby. The boy dashed from behind a truck and ran directly against the side of the automobile driven by J. D. Bond, 24 years old, Lexington, KY, the police learned.

The driver was paroled by Judge Henry I. Fox after a technical charge of assault and battery was registered against him. The trial was set for September 15. The charge will be changed to a technical one of manslaughter on that date it was announced.

KY Death Certificate #043-21405

Find A Grave Memorial# 66295303

Gaye Hill

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The driver halted and ran to aid the boy. Mr. Bond took the boy to St. Matthews.

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September 7, 1932: Board meeting:

Meeting St. Mathews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.

Regular meeting held Sept. 7th 1932 was called to order by President Rudy (meeting held in J. J. Butler's offices) with following present--Pres. Rudy, V.P. Butler, Treas. Elder, Secy. Huffman and Heorter and I Bauer. Treasurers report read and accepted showing balance of \$96.97 on hand. Bills to amount of \$7.61 ordered paid.

It was reported O.T. Krempf had not acted in financial drive and was desirous of resigning and resignation accepted.

After discussion it was moved that Pres. Rudy be authorized to employ men or women as he saw fit to solicit funds, they to be re-imbursed at remuneration not to exceed 15%.

Services of Troop #133 B.S.A. were offered for distribution of hand bills etc. as needed.

Adjourned.

Signed-

Gas. H. Rudy
President.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Huffman
Secretary

1932

September 30, 1932:

**COMMANDER'S ANNUAL REPORT
Legion Year-1932.**

St. Matthews, Ky. Sept. 30, 1932.

In accordance with Article IV, Section I of the Post By-Laws, the following report covering Post activities for the past year, and recommendations for the ensuing year are submitted for approval and consideration of the membership.

Whatever success has been attained by the Post during the past year is due entirely to the 100% cooperation of the various committee chairmen and members, and the active interest displayed by practically every member of the Post, for which I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all.

The Post sponsored and maintained an active membership drive, which resulted in a large increase in membership. The Post awarded monthly awards to members. The remarks just expressed also apply to this feature. Notwithstanding the depression, forcing many men out of work, a new high peak in membership has been reached - 188.

FINANCE

Owing to the transfer from the city of the Post Adjutant, arrangements for auditing the accounts have not been completed, but a detailed financial report will be made at the next regular Post meeting. However, tentative figures show an approximate net profit for the year in excess of \$100, notwithstanding the fact that we have paid rental charges on our hall for three years, or covering the duration of the lease thereon.

We have also had unusually heavy expenditures. The increased number of members has naturally resulted in an increased amount spent for flowers, account sickness, etc., this totaling \$85. for the year; also donation of \$37.78 to the St. Matthews Fire Association, and \$96.16 expended for Christmas baskets for the Veterans at Lakeland Hospital, or a total of \$198.94 for benefit and relief.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Following our usual custom, American Legion School Award Medals were presented to the boy and girl honor students of the County School in this community; and an additional medal awarded

1932

October 5, 1932: Board meeting:

Minutes of meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.

Meeting of Oct. 5th at J. J. Butlers Office.

Present---Pres. Rudy
V.P. Bierle
Treas. Elder
Secy. Huffman
Hoerter
Butler
Neichter

Reading of minutes of previous meeting were dispensed with.

Mrs. R.T. Pierce who has been assigned to financial solicitation by Pres. Rudy under authority granted at previous meeting reported collections of \$125.50. Mrs. Pierce was furnished further leads by those present and stated she hoped to have even better report next meeting.

Treasurer's report read and accepted showing balance of \$224.47 and he was authorized by motion to remit \$200.00 to Seagrave Co. to apply on Fire Apparatus.

Discussion of a dance-lotto cardparty as an early money-raising activity wound up by designation of officers as a committee to proceed with full authority to lease Zachary Taylor Post Hall and to proceed with all plans the see fit.

It was stated 72 chairs were left at Legion Hall from Community Club gift and the Secretary Of The Association was delegated to attempt to dispose of said chairs to Zachary Taylor Post.

Adjournment.

Signed

Jas H Rudy
President.

Respectfully submitted

H Huffman
Secretary

1932

November 2, 1932: Board meeting:

Regular Meeting Fire Ass'n. Nov 2-1932
Meeting was held in J. J. Butters
office at 8 pm. Discussion of finances
following reading of minutes. Report
was had from Mrs Pierce of collections.
Amount was furnished Treasurer J. J. Elder
together with list. Adjourned.

Signed -

T. H. Huffman

Approved

J. H. Rudy
Pres.

Present - Jas H Rudy
Jas Butters
T. H. Huffman
J. J. Butters
Jas A Horner

December 6, 1932: Board meeting:

Regular Meeting Fire Ass'n
Met at J. J. Butters office Dec 6-1932
Minutes of previous meeting read & approved.
Discussion of runs out of district was
held but no action taken. Adjourned
early.

Respectfully submitted

T. H. Huffman

Secy.

Approved

J. H. Rudy
Pres.

1932

Board Of Directors

Irwin Bauer end July 1932
Joseph Beierle
J. J. Butler
J. J. Elder
J. A. Hoerter (Minutes show attended many meetings)
Ted H. Huffman, Sr. start July 1932
Andrew W. Neichter
James H. Rudy
Louis H. Schweitzer

Officers

1932 Chief Andrew W. Neichter
Assistant Chief Irvin Bauer
Captain J. Duvall
Lieutenant Justin Clyde Wilken

The St. Matthews Community Club attended the Board meetings and the Fire Committee members were: William Hoertz & Charles Wilhelm

Firefighters

T. A. Baker
John A. Beierle
Joseph Beierle
J. J. Butler
Paul H. Fleming
R. S. Frank
John Haeberlin
Richard C. Herdt
Ted H. Huffman Sr.
Carl A. Hulswede, Sr.
R. J. Kleet
Rudolph L. Lineback
Henry A. Monohan
O. R. Sands
Louis H. Schweitzer
Fred William Wootton, Jr.
George John Wurster
Raymond A. "Bud" Young

In the 1920's and 30's many citizens helped the volunteers but were not on the "roster."

1933

1933: The Greathouse School was having a safety day, and borrowed all the firefighters helmets. During the day the fire alarm sounded, and they looked out the window on to Shelbyville Road and saw the fire truck go by, and none of the firefighters had helmets.

Betsy had a cracked cylinder head. This of course had to be fixed.

All Board meetings were held at J. J. Butler's business on the second floor.

January 7, 1933: Board Meeting: The Board agreed to talk to Anchorage about trading Betsy. The Board felt that they could not pay Seagrave for Betsy due to the depression, and the effect that it had had on pledges. J. J. Butler and J. J. Elder were appointed to deal with this.

Regular meeting Fire Association Jan. 7th 1933

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. After passing routine matters it was brought out Anchorage might be in the market for our apparatus and J.J. Butler and J.J. Elder were appointed to deal with them and if possible trade ~~xxx~~ equipment thereby lowering our financial obligation. They are to act with Mr. Horner of Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted

T. H. Huffman
Secy

Approved

J. J. Butler
Pres.

January 11, 1933, letter:



ST. MATTHEWS, KY. January 11, 1933

The Board of Directors,
Town of Anchorage,
Anchorage, Ky. (for attention of Mr. A. W. Logan)

Gentlemen,

Pursuant to inquiry made by Mr. E. F. Horner of Mr. James Butler, and to conference between your Mr. A. W. Logan and Mr. Butler and myself, I beg to submit below the essential facts concerning the indebtedness against our Association for fire equipment, as follows:

The fire engine was purchased by us from the Seagrave Corporation early in 1931, at a cost of approximately \$5,000, the contract requiring a cash payment of \$900, deferred payments, including interest, to be paid in five installments, amounting to \$1,035 each, due April 1st each year, 1932 to 1936, inclusive, a lien, of course, being retained on the engine until completion of installments. This makes the total cost of the engine \$6,000, including interest. Payments to date amount to \$1,700, leaving, therefore, a balance of \$4,300. Of this amount \$225 (the balance on first installment) was due April 1, 1932, and is still unpaid.

In addition, we purchased 1,000 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose from the Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company, at a cost of \$900. Of this amount \$430 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$470 new hose and bearing interest at 4% from November 1, 1932.

It will be observed, therefore, that there is a balance on the engine and hose of \$4,940, of which there is now due \$725, plus interest on the hose since last November.

While, as indicated in our conversation, neither the Seagrave Corporation nor the Hose Company has pressed us for payment of the amounts due, we have reached the conclusion, in view of the distressing financial conditions which have made it virtually impossible for us to realize any payments on the large amount of pledges now outstanding, notwithstanding our tremendous effort, and of the rather uncertain outlook for the next two or three years at least, that it is best for us to find a way, if possible, to relieve our community of the heavy burden we in good faith assumed. The inquiry made by your Mr. Horner of our Mr. Butler furnished us hope for the possibility that we might effect an exchange of your equipment for ours on some mutually agreeable

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basis that would give us the desired relief and at the same time enable you to acquire a practically brand new outfit at a very greatly reduced cost.

We are, therefore, submitting the above facts for the consideration of your Board and will be glad to receive any proposition you may have to offer, it being understood, of course, that completion of final negotiations must be contingent upon an arrangement satisfactory to the Seagrave Corporation under the existing lien.

Yours very truly,

President.

1933

April 15, 1933: Board meeting:

Minutes of meeting April 6th 1933.

Meeting held at usual place-Butlers Plumbing Shop Office.

All directors were present. As nothing had been heard from

Seagrave people about note past due it was decided to mark time until they

did notify us. Routine bills were passed, and all payments

by treasurer approved. It was announced the Zachary Taylor Post A.L. was giving benefit dance for us and that all directors should assist. Finances were discussed but no action was taken.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.

Approved

Pres.

May 3, 1933: Board meeting:

May 5, 1933, The Courier-Journal

Meeting Fire Association May 3rd 1933

Meeting held at Butlers with all present. Following reading of minutes and allowing of bills it was reported that the Dance given by Zachary Taylor Post #180 Am. Legion was very poorly attended. By stretching the costs down to less than usual the Fire Association will benefit only to the sum of about ten dollars. It is the opinion that any drive would unless better support shown, would amount to nothing therefore no action was taken to try to collect money until something else occurred.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

SECY

Approved.

FIRE DAMAGE AT SCHOOL \$3,500

Damage estimated at \$3,500 was caused by fire at 12:40 o'clock Thursday afternoon in a one-story, six-room frame building used as a school by the Louisville & Jefferson County Childrens Home at Ormsby Village. Pupils were eating luncheon in a nearby building and were not endangered.

Three engines from the Louisville Fire Department aided the St. Matthews and Anchorage fire departments in extinguishing the flames. All of the school equipment was removed without damage, the flames destroying part of the roof and side wall. The loss is covered by insurance.

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February 1, 1933: Board meeting:

Meeting of Fire Association
Feb. 1st 1933

Meeting held at J.J. Butlers
office. Minutes read and approved.
Discussion of possibility of certain
nearby town desiring our equip-
ment brought up. No action
taken however - Other routine
matters discussed. Adjourned

Approved
J. J. Butler
Pres.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Huffman
Secy.

March 1, 1933: Board meeting:

MINUTES FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING MARCH 1st 1933

Regular meeting held at J.J. Butlers Office. Minutes of previous
meeting read and approved. Following were present-Rudy-Elder
Huffman-Béerle-Hoerter-Butler.

Routine matters were discussed and the fact that note was due the first
of following month disclosed very little money in treasury.

It was suggested and approved that the directors authorize
President Rudy to call a mass meeting by handbills if and when
the Seagrave Co. pushed us for payment. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Huffman
Secretary.

Approved

J. J. Butler
President.

1933

Courtesy January 1933, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, #CSO 126350, Termination of Meridian at Shelbyville Road. Bethel evangelical Church at left.

“How St. Mathews looked in 1933.”



May 15, and 18, 1933:

NOT IN ANY TRUST OR COMBINATION

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

ORIGINATORS OF CENTRIFUGAL FIRE PUMPING ENGINES

MOTOR PROPELLED FIRE APPARATUS

OFFICE AND FACTORY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Address all Communications to the Corporation

May 18, 1933

President,
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n., Inc.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Our Secretary-Treasurer has informed me that no reply has been received to our letter of May 4th relative to our account amounting to \$1285.74 part of which has been carried since April 1st, 1932.

We must ask that you give this matter your prompt attention and inform us just when we may expect payment in full.

Very truly yours,
THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION
BY *H.B. Spain*
H.B. Spain
President.

HBS:MF

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May 18, 1933

J.J. Elder,
c/o The Louisville & Nashville
Railroad Company, Executive Department,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I have read your letter of May 17th, addressed to our Secretary & Treasurer. Attached you will find carbon copy of a letter I have addressed to the President of your Volunteer Fire Association today, which I sincerely hope will bring about the desired results.

Very truly yours,
THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION
BY *H.B. Spain*
H.B. Spain
President.

HBS:MF

1933

May 18, 1933:



Address all Communications to the Corporation

May 18, 1933

President,
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n., Inc.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

In reviewing our account against you and the contract or agreement covering the purchase of the machine, we feel that since you have been unable to meet your obligation starting from the first one due, April 1, 1932, that it is necessary for us to take steps to repossess our property.

It is only fair that we should notify you before we take such action and give you an opportunity to make satisfactory arrangements to meet your obligation, so we will give you until June 1st to decide what you wish to and then do in the matter. Possibly you have already taken this matter over and feel that you cannot fulfill your part of the agreement. If so, we shall be glad to take possession of the machine before the 1st of June, but if you wish to attempt to work out some plan that will be satisfactory we will give you until June 1st to get in touch with us.

If case of default making it necessary for us to repossess the machine, will you notify the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau or do you wish us to do so. It will be necessary for them to know as undoubtedly they will be compelled to make some adjustment in your insurance.

We dislike very much to take such drastic action but your seeming neglect leaves no other door open for us.

Very truly yours,

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

By



H.B. Spain - President

HBS:MP

1933

May 25, 1933: Special Board meeting at Bethel Hall:

CALLED MEETING OF FIRE ASSOCIATION BETHEL HALL May 25th 1933

Meeting was opened by Pres. Rudy with fifteen present. It was announced that Chief Neichter and his firement had distributed 1,000 circulars to the community announcing fact the Seagrave Company threatened to take fire equipment. Mr. Rudy announced to meeting that the Fire Ass'n had endeavored to raise funds but had met so many rebuffs that they felt the people did not apparently care if insurance rates were raised. Mr. Elder reported unpaid pledges amounting to \$909.50 on original drive. Ways and means of raising money were discussed. MR. Marshall Bullitt and Mrs. Bullitt pledge \$50.00 if it is possible to save engine. Due to small number present no action was taken.

Respectfully,

Jas H Rudy

T.H.Huffman

Secy.

May 29, 1933:

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED		WESTERN UNION	1206-A CHECK ACCT'G. INFMN. TIME FILED
DOMESTIC	CABLE		
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE	<small>NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT</small>	
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED		
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER		
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER		

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise messages will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

St. Matthews, Ky., May 29, 1933

H.B.Spain,
President, Seagrave Corporation,
Columbus, Ohio.

Your letter eighteenth. Meeting few days ago and additional subscriptions received afford hope may be able meet payment. Therefore, ask you defer repossession until June fifteenth. Please advise.

J.H.Rudy

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May 31, 1933:

CLASS OF SERVICE		WESTERN UNION		SIGNS	
This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.		NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT		DL = Day Letter	
		J. C. WELLESLEY, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT		NM = Night Message	
				NL = Night Letter	
				LOC = Deferred Cable	
				NLT = Cable Night Letter	
				WLT = Week-End Letter	

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.

Received at Louisville, Ky. MAY 31 AM 9 29

VEW21 20 4 EXTRA DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM=

COLUMBUS OHIO 31 858A

J H RUDY=

COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE COURT HOUSE=

ASSUMING THAT YOU WILL PAY FULL AMOUNT PAST DUE WE WILL

EXTEND TIME TO JUNE FIFTEENTH=

THE SEAGRAVE CORP..

May 31, 1933: Special Board meeting.

Called meeting Fire Association- May 31 1933

Meeting held at Butlers all directors present. A telegram from Seagrave Corporation read extending deadline until June 15. A report was made of meeting held by Mr. Elder and others from fire Ass'n with the Fiscal Court of Jefferson County. It was announce Mr. Palmer-Bell assisted by introducing our delegation Mr. Elder reported \$87.00 in treasury. Mrs. Pierce reported \$107.00 on hand and that she could secure \$105.00 more if we could hold engine. It was decided that all money secured would be kept secure untill sufficient was raised to keep engine. On Mr. Beierle's motion seconded by Mr. Elder it was ~~an~~ decided that gas for the present be bought from Continental Oil Co.

As some of the other citizens of the Community were meeting to discuss situation we adjourned to attend that meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Approved.

Jas H Rudy

T. H. Hay Jr

1933

May 31, 1933:

CLAY BRIDG, PRESIDENT

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company

Fire Hose Constructed on Scientific Principles

20 N. WACKER DRIVE
CIVIC OPERA BUILDING
Chicago
May 31st, 1933

St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n. Inc.
c/o Mr. James H. Rudy, President
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Won't you kindly write and tell us when we may expect payment of the amount due us from your company?

We are enclosing a statement of the account. If you are not in a position to pay the balance at this time we would be pleased to accept a partial payment as some of our accounts are making monthly payments to us and this is satisfactory with us.

Will thank you to give this your attention and anything you may do to get our account settled will be appreciated by us.

Yours very truly

BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY

FMB

STATEMENT			
May 31st, 1933			
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n. Inc.			
St. Matthews, Ky.			
IN ACCOUNT WITH			
BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY			
3304 Civic Opera Building CHICAGO, ILL.			
2/4/31	900ft. 2½" Union Fire Hose	\$ 990.	00
	5/13/31 paid on account	\$330.00	
	11/9/32 " " "	\$100.00	
		\$ 430.	00
		\$ 560.	00
	Interest at 6% from 11/31/32 to date	19.	60
		\$ 579.	60
Statement July 31, 1933 585. 20			
Jude Arthur 7-31			

June 5, 1933:

June 5, 1933

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.,
20 North Wacker Drive,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 31st ultimo, enclosing statement of account against the above organization.

In common with all other activities, our Fire Association has been hit very severely in connection with the general depression. Our collections have fallen off so badly that we are not in position at this time to make any payment on the fire hose. However, we have just inaugurated a further and more determined drive to accumulate funds, and it is sincerely hoped that within the next couple of weeks we will be in position to advise you definitely just what you may expect from us.

Yours truly,

President.

1933

June, 1933: The department again approached the businesses and community for money and this time they were successful. They were able to raise enough money to pay Seagrave \$1,200.00 and have a little towards maintenance for the coming year.

June 9, 1933:

J. H. RUDY, President

J. J. BUTLER, Jr., Vice-President

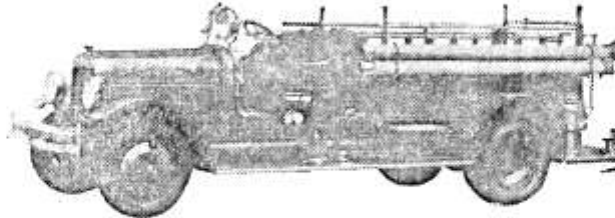
T. H. HUFFMAN, Secretary

J. J. ELDER, Treasurer

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following letter was today received from the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau:

"Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer of your Fire Association, called at our office today to inquire as to what effect it would have on the grading of your town if the fire truck which you now have were removed.

"For your information we wish to advise that the removal of this truck and equipment would place your town in tenth class, which would mean an increase in rates.

"We hope that every effort will be made so that your community will be able to retain this truck, as we would regret to be forced to take this step.

"Our experience in giving credit for public fire protection to unincorporated communities, has been very unsatisfactory, because of the lack of cooperation and the absence of properly qualified public officials who are responsible for satisfactory maintenance of the equipment and organization. We have, therefore, long ago made it a rule that to get credit for public protection a community must be incorporated.

"Should this truck be removed, your community would have to be duly incorporated before we could give credit for any equipment hereafter provided."

The original of the above letter may be seen at Buschmeyer-Ogden Drug Store.

It is of course understood that we will continue in the ninth class rating IF WE DO NOT LOSE OUR PRESENT FIRE ENGINE. This is to certify that

is authorized by The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association to solicit and collect funds to apply on unpaid balance due on fire equipment.

Secretary.

J. H. RUDY
President

1933

June 15, 1933: Letter to Mr. DeJarnatt, Sales Manager, A & P Tea Company, 901 South 15th, St., Louisville, Ky. Dear Sir; Referring to your conversation with Mr. Roy H. Foreman, in connection with which you desired certain information regarding the status of our St. Matthews Fire Association equipment.

In 1930 the Association purchased a new engine in replacement of the worn-out imitation in order to prevent a change in the insurance rating of our community from the 9th to the 10th class, which would have nearly doubled the insurance premiums. The people from whom we purchased the engine of course retained title until it is paid for on equal yearly installments of approximately \$1,000 for the next three years. Prior to the purchase of this equipment we made a drive for funds and realized cash and pledges (the town is not incorporated and consequently we could only appeal to the generosity of the citizenry) approximating \$3,000. The depression came and nearly \$1,000 of the pledges have never been paid. In the meantime, we have defaulted on our yearly installments to the extent of about \$1,300 and the owners of the equipment have stated they would repossess the engine as of today if the installment was not met. We have asked for a few days extension and believe we will get it.

In order to avoid possible loss of the engine, however, and the resultant loss of protection and increased rates (the Actuarial Bureau advised a few days ago we would be put into the 10th class if the equipment is lost) we inaugurated an intensive drive last week to obtain funds, and so far we have met with success but have not accumulated the \$1,300 necessary, and Mr. Foreman was delegated to call on you for a subscription in order to help us out, save additional expense on the community and continue the protection.

We shall of course greatly appreciate what you may feel disposed to give, and without, of course, suggesting such amount, I may say that \$25.00 has generally been the donation from individual business houses in St. Matthews.

Because of the urgency of the matter, we shall be grateful if you will give us your prompt decision.
Yours Truly, Treasurer.

June 15, 1933

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Sales Manager, A & P Tea Co.,
901 South 15th St.,
Louisville, Ky.

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Yours truly,

Treasurer.

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June 16, 1933:



June 16, 1933

Jas. H. Rudy, President,
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Co.,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

We received your wire yesterday afternoon informing us that you have collected about a thousand dollars and that your drive is continuing.

Apparently you are meeting with some success and prospects are good for your being able to collect the balance, therefore, we are granting the extension, as requested, to July 1st.

We shall appreciate your notifying us by the latter part of next week what progress you are making.

Very truly yours,

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

By *H. B. Spain*
H. B. Spain
President.

HBS:MP

FRANKLIN S. FITCH
ATTORNEY AT LAW
INTER-SOUTHERN BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 20, 1933.

President St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Please advise me as to what progress you have made in your negotiation with Jefferson County to secure the payment now due the Seagrave Corporation.

It is not my desire to unduly press you on this matter, but you must see from the length of time that this indebtedness has been running that the Seagrave must have some action in the very near future.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I am

FSF:REB

Sincerely yours,
Franklin S. Fitch

1933

June 21, 1933: Board meeting:

Called meeting Fire Assn June 21, 1933

Meeting held at Butlers. Mr. Bierle moved after considering reports of drive that \$1,200.00 be sent Seagrave Co. Seconded by Mr. Elder and passed. It was decided to renew drive to raise all funds possible. Election was set for July 14th at Bethel Hall at 8:00

PM. The secretary was authorized to incur whatever expense necessary to announce this meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Approved.

June 21, 1933:

June 22, 1933:

Gulf Refining Company
Incorporated

B. R. JOHNSON,
DISTRICT SALES MANAGER

Louisville, Ky.

June 21, 1933.

PETROLEUM
AND ITS PRODUCTS

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY
Incorporated

CENTRAL WESTERN DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS—DETROIT, MICHIGAN

801-815 E. 12TH ST.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 22, 1933.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assoc.,
St. Matthews,
Kentucky.

Attest: Mr. J. J. Elder

Dear Sirs—

Mr. Roy H. Froum,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching herewith check in the amount of \$25.00, being donation to the Volunteer Fire Department.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
DISTRICT SALES MANAGER

RRJ:MK

Replying to your letter of June 18th, advise that the question of a donation to the purchase of a new engine for the St. Matthews Fire Association, advise that it was decided to contribute \$10.00 if this will be satisfactory.

You probably are aware of the fact that we are burdened today with tremendous taxes and particularly a 1% sales tax in Kentucky that doesn't have to be paid by our smaller competitors, and that it costs us almost \$1000. a year for this one tax alone on our St. Matthews store.

We have also been called upon for more contributions for charitable purposes this year than we have ever been called upon in the past. For that reason, it has been necessary for us to limit the amounts we have been giving in an endeavor to be able to give at least a small amount to everything that we have been called upon to contribute to.

You can rest assured you have our very best wishes for a successful campaign in your drive for funds.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Sales Manager

JRD:PK

1933

June 22, 1933:

June 22, 1933

Mr. Franklin S. Fitch,
Attorney-at-law, Inter-Southern Building,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir,

The President of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 20th instant, and to say that we are today mailing to the Seagrave Corporation our check for \$1,200 as payment on account in connection with the engine which we purchased from that organization.

We hope to meet the balance due in a very short time.

Yours truly,

Treasurer

June 22, 1933:

June 22, 1933

The Seagrave Corporation,

Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen,

The President of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Mr. James H. Rudy, has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 16th instant, regarding our fire apparatus.

We are pleased to inform you that our campaign for funds to meet the payments due you has almost reached the cherished goal, and I have been authorized to make payment on account to the extent of \$1,200. The check for such amount is herewith enclosed.

We are continuing the drive and have no doubt whatsoever that we will be able to meet the balance very shortly.

In the meantime, I shall appreciate it if you will furnish me a statement showing the status of our account, including the above payment, the amount of interest, and the balance due.

Yours truly,

enc.

Treasurer

1933

June 22, 1933: Letter on St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association letterhead paper from J. H. Rudy, President.

FELLOW WORKERS OF THE FIRE ASSOCIATION:

The remarkable results accomplished by you folks in soliciting funds to keep our fire engine, and the splendid response to your pleas by the citizens of St. Matthews, are a source of much gratification to us all, and on behalf of the Association I want to thank each and every one from the bottom of my heart.

And while the cash obtained is hardly sufficient as yet to meet all payments now due, including some interest, we are so confident that the additional amount can be obtained that we expect to pay the lessor of the engine, in the next few days about \$1,000 to avoid further interest. The lessor, on the 16th instant, extended the dead line to July 1st to pay the balance.

We will need about \$400 additional to put us in proper shape and have a little left over for current maintenance, gasoline, etc.

May I ask, therefore, that you concentrate on the drive a few more days to pull us over. Doubtless some of you have still others in your territory you have not seen; maybe some whom you saw and did not give will now help out a little to make the campaign 100%. Their civic pride in the face of the generous response of most of their neighbors, coupled with the assurance of keeping the engine, the protection and cheaper insurance than without it, will prompt them to give a dollar or two. Every dollar counts up.

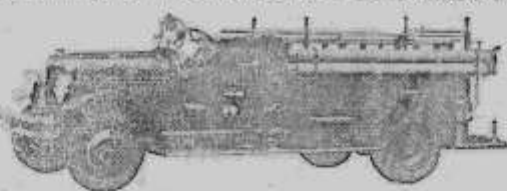
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J. H. RUDY, President	J. E. BUTLER, Jr., Vice President	L. H. SCHWEITZER, Secretary	J. J. ELDER, Treasurer
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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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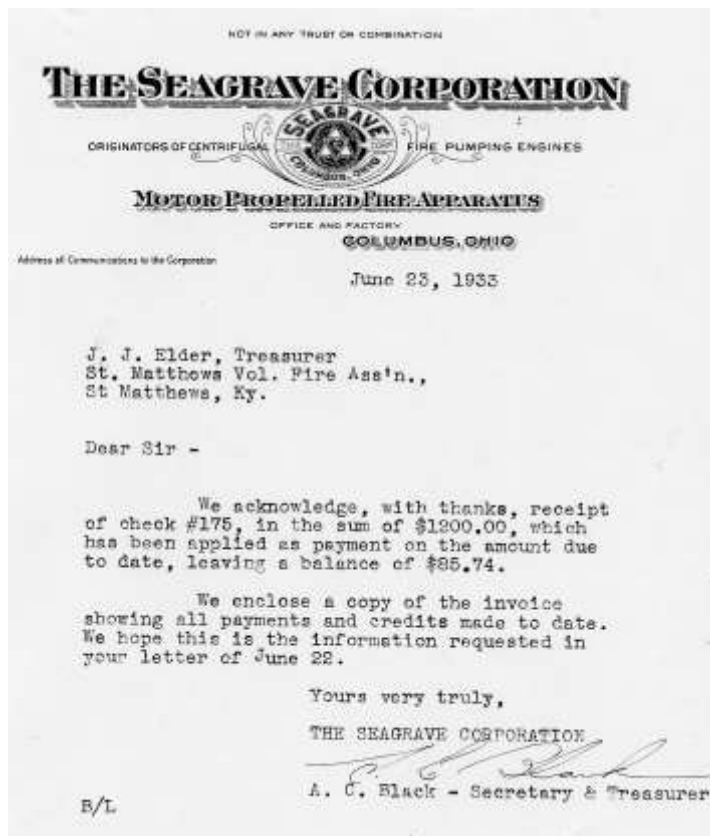
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J. H. RUDY
President.

1933

June 23, 1933:



June 29, 1933:

Mr. E. W. Stiles,
Branch Manager,
The Kroeger Grocery & Baking Co.,
1100 Garland Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir,

One of the workers of the St. Matthews Fire Association requested me to give you some information regarding the campaign we are now making for funds to save our engine.

We purchased the engine in 1930 in order to prevent an increase of nearly 100% in our annual insurance charges. In order to pay for the equipment we made a campaign of solicitation among the citizens of St. Matthews, obtaining pledges approximating \$3,000. Nearly \$1,000 of these pledges have not been paid, partly because of the depression intervening since we made the drive. An installment of approximately \$1,300 on the engine was due the first of April. The firm from which we purchased the equipment have stated to us that if we do not raise this balance by July 1st they will take steps to repossess the engine.

As a result of the drive we are now making, we have realized practically enough to save the engine, but we will need about \$400 additional to pay the balance now due on the engine and take care of running repairs and maintenance during the next year.

We will greatly appreciate any contribution from your organization, and I might say, without of course suggesting the amount, that the individual business houses located in St. Matthews have generally given not less than \$25.00.

Yours truly,

Treasurer.

Enclosed
Circular

1933

July 1, 1933: Treasurer
Report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF ST. MATTHEWS
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDED
JULY 1, 1933.

Balance on hand July 8, 1932 (last annual report)	\$ 68.50
Moneys received to June 30, 1933	<u>1,952.81</u>
Total receipts to June 30, 1933	2,021.31
Total disbursements to June 30, 1933	<u>1,900.16</u>
Balance on hand, July 1, 1933	\$ 121.15

Receipts accounted for as follows:

On hand July 8, 1933	\$ 68.50
Donations for fire runs	65.00
Pumping out basements	15.00
Refund, Karl Baumgarten	2.94
Collections from drive beginning June 2, 1933	1,289.25
Other collections (before the drive)	<u>580.62</u>
Total	\$2,021.31

Note: The Treasurer is unable to determine the status of the old pledges at the moment because all the receipt books have not been turned in and analyzed.

Expenses accounted for as follows:

Paid on engine	\$1,400.00
Paid on hose	114.85
Gas and electric lights	90.13
Gasoline	32.63
Insurance	65.00
Telephone	48.75
Chains for engine	8.50
Repair parts, etc	16.60
Printing, stamps, etc	15.57
Commissions, pledge collections	<u>108.13</u>
Total	\$1,900.16

Note: The above indicates that general maintenance and running expenses amounted to \$385.31, or about \$32.00 per month, or say \$1.00 per day.

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Bills outstanding:

Hose (including interest to June 1, 1933)	\$579.50
Balance due on engine	85.40
Gas	5.02
Telephone	3.75
Electric lights	<u>1.65</u>
Total	\$675.76

Since the records were balanced as of July 1, 1933, the Treasurer has received:

Cash	\$ 6.00
And holds post-dated check for	<u>15.00</u>
Making the conditional balance	\$142.15

Respectfully submitted,

J.J. ELDER

Treasurer

July 14, 1933

1933

July 4, 1933: Fire on Alice Monahan's place, she sent donation.

July 14, 1933: Annual Board meeting:

Minutes Fire Association Annual Meeting.

Bethel Hall Friday July 14th, 1933

Meeting called to order by President Rudy at 8:30PM with about 25 ~~and~~ or 30~~ik~~ p resent. Following announcement of ~~purpose~~ of meeting the minutes of last annual meeting and last called meeting of the Association were read and approved. The Treasurer made his annual report, copy of same being attached to and part of these minutes. He stated that income since his report had been compiled brought the actual balance at this time to \$157.36.

Secretary rendered ~~an~~ impromptu report of activities of past year, recalling dance by Zachary Taylor Post American Legion. Mrs. Pierces work in soliditing, the mass meeting in May. He also recalled the efforts of Dr. Winter and Dr. Ogden together with that of P.H.Fleming and others in drive which secured suffieient funds for payment of note on Fire Engine. It was also stated that over thred hundred notices had been sent out for this meeting.

Election being next in order 17 were nominated for directors, and after the appointment of Mrs. Mary Pierce and Mr~~x~~ Louis Schweitzer as tellers and Mr. Wm. Hoertz as judge the ballots were cast and the following were declared re-elected-J.H.Rudy-J.J.Butler,Jr.-A.Neichter-Jos. Beierle-J.J.Elder. Two new members were elected, P.H.Fleming and Wm. E.Ehlig.

Chief Neichter reported 41 calls during past year of fire department. Mr. Roy Foeman ask that the Fire Ass'n assume the water rent on fire plugs in the buisness district. However after it was pointed out that to do so it would be necessary to do this all over the community the discussion was dropped. It was moved and passed on the motion of Mrs. Pierce that a rising vote of thanks be given those directors elected whø served last year for theår efforts. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved.

J. H. Rudy
Pres.

J. J. Butler, Jr.
Secretary.

1933

July 19, 1933: Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Fire Association,
Held at Butler's Gas & Electric Shop,
8 P.M., July 19, 1933.

As election of officers for coming year was the first business at hand, nominations were in order for office of President. After being properly nominated and votes cast, Mr. Wm. Ehlig was elected President. After usual proper procedure, nominations, votes cast, etc., the following others were elected to offices as specified below:

Vice President	Jos. Bierale,
Treasurer	J. J. Elder,
Secretary	Paul H. Fleming.

Mr. Rudy, the out-going President, had expressed himself at the outset of the meeting that he had held office sufficient length of time, appreciated the cooperation given him in the past, but preferred not to be re-elected, as he thought a new deal was needed and new blood should take over the welfare of the Association in the immediate future. These remarks were given due consideration in the election of officers as shown above.

Out-going Directors extended to J. J. Butler, Jr. their thanks for his generosity in allowing the Association the use of his office as a meeting place. Mr. Butler responded by stating that as long as the building is in his hands the Association could continue using same for meeting purposes.

President Ehlig thanked those present for placing their confidence in him and promised his best efforts would be put forth to make the Association a big success. His first assignment was to contact R. J. Kleet with regard to getting information concerning insurance and rates covering for the volunteer firemen. Mr. Ehlig also promised to see Mr. Carson, and/or other influential residents of Lyndon to spread the word that it is imperative we receive some remuneration in the future for making runs to that point.

Following matters were discussed informally, however as time was scarce no definite plans laid down at this meeting:

Matter of securing payments for runs - some Director to be appointed to render bill to party having fire, especially where that property owner has made no previous donation; thought best not to have any of the individual firemen name an amount while on the job - bill to be presented later (brought up by Mr. Elder)

Matter of getting \$2 or \$3 per year, each, from families in St. Matthews - approximately 700 families. (Brought up by Secretary)

Matter of checking up on where and when fire truck makes runs - statement made at least 80% of runs made to Lyndon and have received no donations from that point. (Brought up by Mr. Butler)

Matter of getting badges for new officers.

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Current bills read and payment authorized. The Treasurer also brought up matter of paying Seagrave Co. balance of note due at this time, if can in some manner raise an additional \$50.00 or more, in order to keep balance of \$100 in bank.

On suggestion of Mr. Butler, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Past President Rudy for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Association, in the past.

Adjourned 9.45 P.M.

APPROVED:

W. C. Ehlig
President.

Paul H. Fleming
Secretary.

1933

New STMFD Board Members:



William E. Ehlig, Sr.: Born in Louisville August 16, 1894. He attended Louisville grade schools and went to Manual High School. He then went to work for Louisville Tin and Stove Company, eventually becoming Vice President of the company. He married in 1922 and attended the Bethel and Beargrass Christian Church in St. Matthews. He was a member of the Louisville Rotary, and president of the Louisville area Boy Scouts. He joined the Board in 1933 and served as President until he resigned because of work pressure in 1934. He died April 2, 1949.



Paul H. Fleming: Firefighter 1930 to 1935, Trustee 1933 to 1934. Born in Louisville, June 5, 1898 he attended boarding school and then went to Male High School. He started with the L. & N. Railroad on completion of high school and stayed with them all his life. During World War II her served with the 728 Railway Operation Battalion as a Captain. Though born a Catholic Mr. Fleming usually attended St. Matthews Bethel United Methodist Church with his wife Sara and they lived on Wallace Avenue. They had two daughters. He was also a member of Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion. He was a firefighter from 1930 to 1935 (maybe not officially) and joined the Board in 1933 and served top 1934. He died January 27, 1951.

Courtesy University of Louisville, ULPA 1994.18.0716, Administration building, Central State Hospital, Lakeland, Kentucky 1933. another structure STMFD protected at the time.



1933

August, 1933: Fire at 18 Indian Hills Trail.

August 2, 1933: Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Fire Association,
held at Butler's Gas & Electric Shop,
8 p.m., August 2, 1933.

All present with exception of Directors Butler and Nichter.

The President stated he had seen Mr. R. J. Kleet about insurance, and produced policy covering the members of the volunteer fire crew. Policy good for one year at premium of \$115.00, minus \$25.00 credit on old policy; net premium due \$90.00. Motion made by Mr. Rudy to pay \$20. on premium carried. Policy was turned over to Secretary.

Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Alice Monohan for donation, account, particularly July 4th fire. This was done, and copy of letter dated August 9th is on file.

Mr. Elder made motion that Chief Nichter be appointed to send bill after each fire to party benefitted. Carried.

After some discussion on suggestion originally made by Mr. Rudy, it was decided, after proper vote taken, that in October of this year a post card in form of tax assessment will be sent to each family in St. Matthews assessing them \$3.00 for the year 1934, towards payment for the Fire Equipment. This money due by April 1, 1934 - canvass to be made on each street in St. Matthews, starting one month after money due, seeing those who have not yet paid. Such card will not be mailed to the business houses - they to be canvassed by men selected at the time.

President Ehlig was to see Judge Fox, explaining to him need for \$500.00 at once to pay on fire hose, stressing in his talk with the Judge the County's donations to Jeffersontown and St. Helens, our canvass made this year, and our dire need of funds. Mr. Rudy said he would ascertain date and time of next meeting of Co. Commissioners. In this connection, the President suggested Mr. Elder write the Bi-Lateral Hose Co. telling them of our endeavor to raise the funds mentioned and asking that they extend time for payment on their bill.

President and Secy were instructed to see Mr. Turner at Lyndon to see about that community contributing to the Fire Dept in return for the services rendered, suggestion made to let Turner get donations on commission basis. (This includes also Warwick Villa and Norwood).

Treasurer's reported after incidental bills paid, the balance on hand as of August 2d \$140.15 - approved. New bills of \$1.65 and \$3.75 in favor of Gas & Electric Co. and Telephone Co., respectively, approved.

President to see Mr. Foeman about donation of \$10. from chain stores. Mr. Rudy to see Mrs. Pierce about any additional donations she might have received.

Adjourned 9.30 p.m.

APPROVED:

W. B. Ehlig
President.

Respectfully

Paul M. Stearns
Secretary

1933

August 31, 1933:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Matthews, Ky.

August 31, 1933.

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.,
3504 Civic Opera Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to your recent letter with which you forwarded statement of our account with your Company, showing balance due as of August 1, 1933 - \$560. principal; \$565. including interest.

As I believe we have previously advised you - and as certainly you are aware of the same general conditions existing thruout the nation - our little community has been hard hit by the depression, and it has been only thru the untiring efforts of the officers of our Association, and a few of the loyal residents of St. Matthews, and vicinity, that we have been able to overcome our many and difficult obstacles up to the present time.

However, times are getting better, and at our last Directors' meeting on August 2d. a plan was adopted and started to working by which we expect to receive at least between \$200. and \$300 in the very near future.

With this outlook ahead of us, and with our assurance that everything possible will be done to take care of our obligations quickly and properly, don't you think you can allow us an extension of time on the payment of the above mentioned account? We will be glad to hear favorably from you at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASS'N.

BY *Paul H. Fleming*
Secretary.

September
1, 1933, The
Courier-Journal

2 Burned, 1 Seriously, In Blaze At Plant

**William Russ, 21, Lyndon,
Taken to Infirmary
After Mishap.**

Burned on the upper part of the body, William Russ, 21 years old, Lyndon, an employe of the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company of St. Matthews, was in a serious condition Thursday night at the John N. Norton Memorial Infirmary.

Russ, with George Robinson, 24, of 4722 South Second Street, production superintendent of the company, were working in the branch plant at Fifth and Avery Streets, when mastic they were mixing flared up, burning them and setting fire to the plant. Robinson suffered minor burns on the arms.

Two other employes, Andrew Simpson, 54, of 523 Marshall Street, and Howard Cage, 38, of 924 Marshall Street, Negroes, tore off Russ' burning clothing. The building, which is the property of the Chess & Wymond Company, was damaged approximately \$1,000 by the flames, which were quickly extinguished.

Robinson explained that he and Russ were mixing hot asphalt with

a solvent similar to gasoline and that the asphalt must have been too hot. He was able to jump back in time to escape serious burns, but Russ, who was standing over the mixer, was unable to escape.

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1933

September 6, 1933: Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer
held at Gas & Electric Shop, 8 p.m.,
September 6, 1933.

All present at meeting with exception of Messrs.
Elder and Butler.

Minutes of meeting held in August read and approved.

In absence of Treasurer, his report was read by the
Secretary and approved. All bills at hand approved for payment.

President Ehlig reported that in accordance with his
promise made in August meeting he had called on County Judge Fox
for donation to Fire Department, stating to the Judge that he thought
possibly the County could do as much or nearly so as had been done
by donations to St. Helens and Jeffersonton. Judge Fox explained to
Mr. Ehlig that the money given to the two towns mentioned was in the
way of prizes for Community service, etc., that possibly their Com-
munity Clubs had turned this money over to the Fire Departments, which
was the cause for the impression gained that the County had given
such amounts to the Fire Departments direct. Mr. Ehlig reported had
a very pleasant visit with the Judge, who seemed to be inclined to
make a substantial donation and told Mr. Ehlig to wait for a few
days and the Judge would call him on 'phone. In the meantime Mr.
Ehlig said he would endeavor to see Mr. Rothenberger to get him to
use his influence with the Judge.

The Secretary received a very nice letter from the Bi-
lateral Hose Co. extending time limit for payment, which was read
at the meeting.

Secy will see Ray Heskamp about securing list of names
of residents of St. Matthews in order to get out Post Card "assessment
- notices".

The Secretary was instructed to write letter to Mr. Fred
Burdoff, 18 Indian Hill Trail, asking for some donation in return for
putting out fire at his house occupied by Mrs. G. C. Rogers, Wednesday
August 24th. This has been done.

Messrs. Ehlig and Bierly will see Mrs. Alice Monohan in a
day of following up our letter of Aug. 9th asking for contribution.

Adjourned 9.30 p.m.

APPROVED:

W. E. Ehlig
President.

Charles Heskamp
Secretary.

1933

September 18, 1933, The Courier-Journal

FLAMES DAMAGE ANCHORAGE HOUSE

The residence occupied by J. Clifford Lewis, Evergreen Road, Anchorage, was partly destroyed by fire discovered at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon while the family was at church. The fire was brought under control by the fire departments of Anchorage and St. Matthews. Mr. Lewis estimated the damage at \$4,000, covered by insurance. Mr. Lewis attributed the fire to a defective flue from the kitchen. The J. V. Pilcher estate owns the residence.

September 25, 1933:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

September 25, 1933,

Mr. Fred Burdoff,
18 Indian Hill Trail,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Burdoff:

As you no doubt know, the officials of the Fire Association here in St. Matthews have had a long hard fight on their hands to keep the apparatus, by paying up installments on same. Money has been very scarce, and still is.

You will recall, or at least our records show, that the Department was called to put out a fire at your place (which I believe is occupied by Mrs. G. C. Rogers) on August 24, 1933. We are only too glad to make these runs and do all in our power to save property wherever possible, but as you know, these runs cost money, and in order that the protection of our Department may be continued for property holders in and around St. Matthews, we would like to ask if you will kindly forward us a check covering donation for the Department. If so please send same to Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer, 3921 Nanz Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Yours very truly,

Monte Mr. Butler

Secretary.

1933

October 4, 1933: Board meeting:

Regular meeting held at St. Matthews Gas & Electric Shop, 8.00 p.m., October 4, 1933.

All present with exception of Messrs. Butler and Rudy,

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

With regard to donation from the County - Judge Fox, when called on by President Ehlig, intimated that he could do nothing legally for the Fire Association. He added, as information, that Mr. C. B. Sawyet could include such a donation in his budget for the coming year, so Mr. Ehlig promised to see Mr. Sawyet, and in his talk remind him of our department putting out fires at Ky. Children's Home and at Ormsby Village.

Secretary read letter from the town of Anchorage, regarding some of their citizens needlessly calling the St. Matthews Fire Department, and apologizing for any unnecessary trouble we might have been caused, and also thanking us for our cooperation at all times.

After a short discussion it was decided, for Mr. Butler's convenience, and also that our meetings might be graced with his cheerful presence, and have the benefit of his good judgment and advice, that in the future our regular meetings would be held on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Although Messrs. Ehlig and Bierley were previously delegated to call on Mrs. Monohan about a donation, up to the meeting on October 4th they had not been able to see her; understand Mrs. Monohan in poor health, and thought best to wait a while.

The President was to tell Mrs. Pierce to discontinue her efforts for the time being towards getting donations for the Fire Department.

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Messrs. Ehlig, Bierley, and Fleming were to see the political workers in their respective precincts and endeavor to secure lists of names of St. Matthews residents, for mailing list for cards to be mailed out in February 1934, covering assessment, etc.

Adjournd 9.30 p.m.

APPROVED:
W. B. Ehlig
President.

James M. Fleming
Secretary

Check book for donation to H-2 meeting

October 12, 1933, The Courier-Journal

SALESMAN HURT IN CROSSING ACCIDENT

Thomas L. Morgan, 50 years old, Route 1, Anchorage, a salesman for the Economy Chevrolet Company, **St. Matthews**, was in a serious condition Wednesday night at St. Anthony's Hospital suffering from a fractured spine received at 8 o'clock in the morning in a collision with an inter-urban car at Beechwood Station, near the Eight-Mile House, on the Shelbyville Road.

Dr. Frank P. Strickler, Francis Building, who said an X-ray examination revealed the injury, predicted Mr. Morgan would recover.

Earl Cole, 50, of 733 East Jefferson Street, motorman on the car, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery. Morgan told county police he had driven on the tracks after waiting for a westbound car to pass and had not observed the eastbound car approaching.

1933

November 1, 1933:

STATEMENT			
November 1st, 1933			
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn St. Matthews, Ky. c/o Mr. Paul H. Fleming, Secretary			
IN ACCOUNT WITH			
BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY			
3504 Civic Opera Building CHICAGO, ILL.			
2/4/31			
	900ft. 2 1/2" Union Brand Fire Hose	\$ 990.	00
	8/13/31 paid on account \$330.00		
	11/5/32 " " " 100.00	\$430.	00
		\$560.	00
	Interest at 6% from 11/31/32 to date	33.	60
		\$593.	60

November 8, 1933: Board meeting:

Directors of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association held regular meeting at St. Matthews Gas & Electric Shop, 8 p.m., November 8, 1933.

All members present.

Meeting minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Following bills paid -

Gas bill for Aug. and Sept.	\$3.25
Geo. F. Seiple (repairs)	4.15
Insurance (on premium)	20.00
	\$27.40

Balance on hand ----- \$68.69.

Following bills were O.K'd for payment

Telephone	3.75
Continental Oil (Sept.)	2.80
Wooten (light glass)	1.25

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were present at the meeting. Mrs. Pierce reported that she had collected as follows:

John Tarrant	\$10.00 (lives Mocking Bird Valley)
Farm Mutual Ins. Co.	25.00
Mrs. A. T. Hert	25.00
Total	60.00

It was decided to pay Mrs. Pierce a commission of \$3.00 on the above collections, and motion was made by Fleming, seconded and passed, to strike from the October 4th meeting minutes that section regarding discontinuance of her services.

Nick reported cracked cylinder head on engine. Has taken up with Seagraves Co. question of renewal.

Mr. Ehlig saw Mr. Clemens of Actuarial Bureau but could not get definite answer to his question as to whether or not we could stay in 9th class position if swapped machines with Anchorage. Mr. Butler was to call on the Anchorage people next morning (Nov. 9th) asking them to submit their proposition, and it was decided that if their proposition was forwarded to us we would see Mr. Clemens and get his definite acceptance or declination.

Adjourned 9.30 p.m.

Approved: *W. B. Kelly*
President.

Paul H. Fleming
Secretary.

FIRE DESTROYS FARM BUILDINGS

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a two-story barn, a corn crib and a chicken house on the Westport Road near Rudy Lane shortly before 6 o'clock Wednesday night. Livestock and two automobiles were saved. Members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department were handicapped by lack of water.

The property was owned by Andrew Rasmussen, New Albany florist. Joseph Schaffer, a farm hand, discovered the blaze and spread the alarm.

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1933 Courtesy Ekstrom Library University of Louisville, October 11, 1933, Caulfield & Shook, CSO 129339, Looking West on Shelbyville Road with Plehn's Bakery at left, looking toward Louisville.

1933 Courtesy Ekstrom Library University of Louisville, October 11, 1933, Caulfield & Shook, CSO 129340, Looking Easton Shelbyville Road with Plehn's Bakery at right looking toward Middletown.



1933

A place in time, The story of Louisville's neighborhoods, 1989—Courtesy of *The Courier-Journal* & *Louisville Times Company*:

Plehn's Bakery sat along the rail line on Frankfort Avenue (now Shelbyville Road) in 1933. The same bakery is at the same site today.



December 10, 1933, The Courier-Journal

2 Homes Destroyed By Fire: Loss \$20,000

**Residence of Angereau
Gray, H. C. Wedekemper
Ruined By Flames.**

Two fires, occurring almost simultaneously Saturday, destroyed the homes of Angereau Gray, Anchorage, an officer of the Louisville Trust Company, and Howard C. Wedekemper, near Pewee Valley, causing damage of approximately \$10,000 at each place.

The Anchorage Fire Department was fighting the fire at the Wedekemper home when the other blaze was discovered. The **St. Matthews** Fire Department was called.

The fire at the Gray home was dis-

covered by Samuel Tyler, caretaker at an adjoining estate, who noticed smoke coming from the roof and sounded an alarm. Neighbors aided Mrs. Gray and her daughter, Mrs. Flora Gray Elliott, in carrying furniture from the home. A defective flue was blamed. McDonald Gray, a son, estimated the damage was between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

The fire at the Wedekemper home at Altawood Station was discovered by neighbors, who notified Mrs. Wedekemper. Furniture was carried from the first floor but household goods on the second floor were destroyed. C. H. Sanford, chief of the Anchorage Fire Department, had a line of hose laid from a nearby cistern, but the water supply gave out after the fire almost had been brought under control.

The loss at both places was covered by insurance.

1933

December 11, 15, 1933:

NOT IN ANY TRUST OR COMBINATION

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

ORIGINATORS OF CENTRIFUGAL FIRE PUMPING ENGINES

MOTOR PROPELLED FIRE APPARATUS

OFFICE AND FACTORY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Address all Communications to the Corporation
Dec. 11, 1933

President
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Association
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Our fiscal year ends December 31
and we are very anxious to have all past
due accounts paid in full before that date.

Will you please mail us a check
for \$94.74 to pay the account of your Fire
Association?

Very truly yours,
THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION,
A. J. Jones
Bookkeeping Department.

LP:L
Enc.

Rec'd \$94.74 Dec. 14 1933

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTARY FIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Matthews, Ky., Dec. 15, 1933

31-Lateral Fire Hose Corporation,
3504 Civic Opera Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen,

To have not been unkindful of the debt of this Association
to your company, but it has been absolutely impossible, heretofore,
to make any payment because of the existing depression and the in-
ability to obtain funds which, as you are probably aware, must be
voluntary since we have no arbitrary means of collecting them. How-
ever, in order to show our good faith, I have been authorized to
remit check for \$95.00 on account, which is enclosed herewith.

With appreciation of your past indulgences, I remain,

Yours truly,

enc.

Treasurer.

1933

December 13, 1933: Board meeting:

Members of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association met at St. Matthews Gas & Electric Shop at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 1933.

President Ehlig absent, and meeting was in charge of Vice President Bierlie.

It was decided to send the Seagrave Co. nothing at this time; however, the Treasurer read their letter of the 11th asking for check for \$94.74. It was decided however, to send a check ~~of~~ for \$75.00 to the Bi-Lateral Hose Co., which the Treasurer said he would do.

Motion was made and carried to send bill for \$25.00 to Mrs. Joe Kain for putting out grass fire near her home on Westport Road in November. Secretary will handle.

It was also decided to write Mr. Geo. Beuchel and send him bill for \$25.00 for services of Fire Department at his home on November 12th.

Motion made by Mr. Elder, seconded and passed that in the future no runs would be made by the Department outside limit of one mile. This on instructions from the Actuarial Bureau. This does not include subscribers, or those who agree in advance at the time call is made to pay \$25.00 for the services.

Mr. Rudy moved, and it was seconded and passed, that the minimum charge for services of the department would be \$25.00.

It was agreed to drop trying to secure pledge made by Elerbe Carter, account bankruptcy. (\$10.)

Adjourned 9.30 p.m.

Approved:

W. Ehlig
President.

James H. Hemming
Secretary

1933

December 13, 1933: Board meeting:

Board Of Directors

Joseph Beierle
J. J. Butler
William E. Ehlig, start July 1933
J. J. Elder
Paul H. Fleming, start July 1933
Ted H. Huffman, Sr.
Andrew W. Neichter
James H. Rudy
Louis H. Schweitzer, end July 1933

Officers

1933
Chief Andrew W. Neichter
Assistant Chief Irvin Bauer
Captain J. Duvall
Lieutenant Justin Clyde Wilken

Firefighters

T. A. Baker
John A. Beierle
Joseph Beierle, end
Paul H. Fleming
John Haeberlin
Richard C. Herdt
Ted H. Huffman Sr.
Carl A. Hulswede, Sr.
Rudolph L. Lineback
Henry A. Monohan
O. R. Sands
Louis H. Schweitzer
Fred William Wootton, Jr.
George John Wurster
Raymond A. "Bud" Young

In the 1920's and 30's many citizens helped the volunteers but were not on the "roster."

1934

In 1934 many of the Board members had to resign because they worked for the L & N Railroad which brought in a new policy stating no member of their organization could be an office holder in any outside organization. The Board approached 5 nearby churches, the Masons and the American Legion so each provide one of their members to serve on the Board.

Board meetings still held at J. J. Butler's even after he resigned from the Board.

1934

Numerous letters to anyone who called for fire service that was not in the St. Matthews area and the department charged for the service.

No. 551
Fire Department Assessment 1934
Present this card when making settlement.

In order to keep our insurance rate in the 9th class, to protect our homes, belongings, and families, it has been found necessary to place on each resident a small assessment to help pay for our FIRE equipment, at the same time placing a not too heavy burden on any one.

Your Assessment Is \$ 2.00,
for the year 1934.

Payment to be made before March 25, 1934, in cash at Ogden Drug Store, or mail check to J. J. Elder, Treasurer, St. Matthews, Ky.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
Wm. E. EHLIG, Pres.

No. 551
Fire Department Assessment 1934
This coupon for our records.
Please return with check.

Amt. \$ _____

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
(Information for Assessment Purposes)

Name of party occupying house: _____

Last Name First Name and Initial

Street Address: _____

Name of owner of house: _____

Last Name First Name and Initial

Street Address: _____

Amount paid in 1934: \$ _____

Name of Solicitor: _____

January 3, 4, 1934:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

January 3, 1934.

Mr. Geo. Buschel,
Brown's Lane,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

On Sunday morning, November 18, 1933, the St. Matthews Fire Department made a run to your home to put down a fire there.

As the run above mentioned is outside the limits laid down for our department by the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau, and as our rules require a minimum charge of \$25.00 for such services, I will be glad if you will promptly remit to us that amount, sending same to myself at 808 Wallace Ave., or to Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn., St. Matthews, Ky. and greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,
Secretary.

 **The Sutcliffe Co.**
WHOLESALE SPORTING GOODS
OFFICE AND SHOWROOMS 200 SOUTH ST.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

January 4, 1934.

Mr. Paul E. Fleming,
606 Wallace Avenue,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sirs:-

Replying to your favor of the 3rd.

I am enclosing my check for \$25.00. I appreciate the service tremendously. The boys did a very fine job.

Awaiting your further favors, I remain

Faithfully,
Geo. Buschel

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1. GUN, REMINGTON, .22 CALIBER, 5 SHOTS
2. MATCHES, LIGHTERS
3. PLATING, GUN, 100 YD.
4. CUTLERY
5. SHOOTING EQUIPMENT
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1934

January 9, 1934, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

January 9, 1934.

Mrs. Helen Cain,
1810 Bardstown Road,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Madam:

You will recall that about a month or 6 weeks ago, you called for the services of our Fire Department in putting out a fire near your property in Lyndon, Ky.

In talking with the party who received the call, I was advised that it was understood between you and him that there would be a charge of \$25.00 for such service.

Ordinarily, we depend upon donations mostly from residents of our community to keep the department going; however, due to the numerous calls we have had and are getting from parties outside the limits we are allowed by the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau, it is necessary that we make a minimum charge of \$25.00 for such service outside the limits.

We feel that you appreciate the service rendered on this occasion, and will be glad if you will kindly remit as promptly as possible, either to myself at 606 Wallace, St. Matthews, or to Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn., St. Matthews, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

January 10, 1934: Board meeting.

*Fire Assn. Meeting held at St Matthews
Gas & Electric Shop 8th Block January
10-1934.*

*Minutes of December, 1933 meeting
read and approved.*

*The only other business at hand
was report from President Ehlig to
the effect that he had talked over
the phone with Mrs. Blumens of the
Actuarial Bureau who told him
in short order that we should not
exchange engines with Leitchburg.
In fact his reply to Mrs. Ehlig's
direct question on the subject was
"No".*

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

*Paul H. Fleming
Secretary.*

Warning By Boy Saves 8 From Blaze

**Man, Wife and Six Children
Escape Before Fire
Sweeps Exits.**

Aroused by his 6-year-old son, Roy Largnon succeeded in getting his wife and six children out of their burning home at Marcia Station, a mile beyond Lyndon on the La Grange Road at 2:45 o'clock Sunday morning a moment before the front and rear exits were walled in by flames.

The family of eight, barefooted and in their night clothes, made their way to the home of Mrs. Rudy Thomilson a half-mile away, where they were given clothing and a report of the fire was made to the Anchorage and **St. Matthews Fire** Departments.

The Largnon home as well as the residence of John McConnell, where the fire started, were burned to the ground before the firemen arrived. Mr. McConnell and his wife were on a week-end visit in Indiana. Mr. Largnon estimated the damage on both houses at \$15,000.

Mr. Largnon and members of his family, except Roy Largnon, Jr., were

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WARNING BY BOY SAVES 8 FROM BLAZE

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sleeping in rooms on the side of the house opposite the McConnell home when the child was aroused by the light and heat from the burning buildings and called his parents.

The County Welfare organization was making arrangements Sunday afternoon to aid the family. Mrs. Mildred Morris, assistant County Welfare Director, was handling the case. The Largons were staying temporarily at the home of E. A. Marshall.

Loss estimated at approximately \$700 was caused at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by fire of undetermined origin at a two-story frame duplex residence at 308-310 Dakota Street. The property is owned by Louis Zettwoch.

The roof of a one-story frame garage at the rear of 462-464 North Twenty-sixth Street was damaged approximately \$75 by fire discovered at 4:20 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The blaze was believed by firemen to be due to defective wiring. The property is owned by Fred Locher.

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February 3 & March 6, 1934:

LOUISVILLE & INTERURBAN RAILROAD COMPANY
LOUISVILLE, KY.

F. H. MILLER
President
S. H. WYATT
Vice President & General Manager
L. O. FLETCHER
Secretary to Board, Louisville

February 3, 1934.

Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer,
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association,
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Voucher No. 1-57 for
\$25.00 which we are passing to you for the willingness
by your Association to be of service to our Company
when it responded to a call from Marois early Sunday
morning, January 28, 1934.

We appreciate your effort to be of service
to our Company.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
President & Gen. Mgr.

NICK E. FINZLE, Chairman
JAN. H. BATES, Vice-Chairman
J. E. MASON

WM. DIEMER
Wm. W. E. CALDWELL
WILLIAM S. KEMP, Treasurer

County Board of Education

JEFFERSON COUNTY
ORVILLE J. STIVERS, Superintendent and Secretary
LOUISVILLE, KY.

March 6, 1934.

Mr. Wm. E. Ehlig,
President St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.,
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication addressed
to the County School Board concerning the raising
of funds for your fire apparatus.

The County Board of Education will meet on Saturday,
March 17 at which time I shall gladly present your
request, and trust that the Board can see its way
clear to continue help in this worthwhile service.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Orville J. Stivers,
County Superintendent.

March 8, 1934.

Louisville Trust Company,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

On February 9th, our Fire Department made
a run to put out a fire on your property in what is known
as "Babytown", Chenoweth Lane, St. Matthews.

For such services we have a minimum charge
of \$25.00, and will appreciate it if you will remit such
amount to Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer of this Association,
St. Matthews, Ky., or to myself at 808 Wallace Ave., St.
Matthews, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

MRS. MARSHALL BULLITT
ROUTE 7
LOUISVILLE, KY.

My dear Mr. Ehlig:
I am enclosing
a check to help you
with the fire apparatus,
from Mr. Bullitt & myself.
Very truly
Lora Bullitt.

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March 3, 1934, The Courier-Journal

Courtesy <https://historiclouisville.weebly.com/east--some-suburbs.html#PhotoSwipe1536980957473>

TRUCK DRIVER FACES CHARGE IN FOG CRASH

Ashland Man, 22, Dies Of
Injuries Near **St.
Matthews**

SECOND FATALITY WITHIN 10 HOURS

Four Burn To Death As
Worcester Hotel Is
Destroyed

LOUISVILLE, Mar. 3.—(AP)—
Delbert Price, 22, Ashland, was
killed, and Turner W. Dalley, 51,
Ashland, was severely lacerated
when a truck loaded with oak
chips, driven by Dalley, ran off
the Shelbyville road near **St.
Matthews** in heavy fog early to-
day.

The truck plunged into a ditch
and crashed into a tree.

Dalley was ordered held on a
charge of involuntary manslaughter.

This marked the second auto-
mobile fatality due to heavy fog
here within ten hours.



1934 - Cannons Lane at Ingle Ave. near Frankfort Ave. University of Louisville Photographic Archives

1934

March 14, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes of meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer
Fire Association, held at St. Matthews
Gas & Electric Shop, 8 p.m., March
14, 1934.

All officers present.

Account of other urgent business on hand, namely,
that of working on assessment cards mailed out March 5th, formalities were dispensed with and meeting opened by President Ehlig.

Secretary instructed to send bill for \$5.00 to
Jos. Lang, Cannons Lane, in payment for pumping out well on his
property. This has been done.

Current bills amounting to \$31.02 approved and
Treasurer instructed to pay.

After motion by Mr. Rudy, which was passed in proper
manner, Treasurer was instructed to pay \$90.00 balance of last year's
note to the Seagrave Company, and explain to them briefly our efforts
to secure the needed money with which to meet our note for 1934.
This has been done.

It was decided in order to get workers for solicitation
campaign lined up, a 'Pep' meeting would be called for that purpose
at 7.30 p.m., April 9th (Monday) at Bethel Hall. All present were
urged by the President to get at least 6 men lined up to assist in
solicitation and have them present at this meeting.

In view of the 'pep' meeting mentioned, it was decided
that instead of holding our regular meeting on the second Wednesday
of April, it would be held on April 4th (the first Wednesday).

Secretary was instructed to make a tentative draft of
a round letter to be sent to each solicitor, to be presented for
approval at the April 4th meeting. This has been done. Also,
to make up sample of card to be filled out by solicitors during
the proposed canvass, to be used as a file index in the future.

Meeting adjourned 9.45 p.m.

Approved:

President.


Secretary.

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March 15, 1934:



ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

March 15, 1934

Dear Friend:

A careful analysis of accounts has revealed that a great many are carried at a loss because of the excessive use of checks without regard to the balance carried. The loss is small in each case but large in the aggregate.

This bank has found it necessary, in order to offset this loss, to place a service charge of 50¢ per month on all accounts that do not maintain an average balance of \$50.00. There will, also, be a charge of 25¢ to cover expense of handling an "insufficient fund" check. The above charges are absolutely necessary in order to meet the changed condition in economic affairs.

We trust that your account will maintain a minimum balance that will not be affected by either of the above charges.

Yours very truly,

G. N. Smith
Cashier.

GTD:JS

March 16, 1934

Dear Mrs. Bullitt,

On behalf of the President of our Association, Mr. Shlig, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 14th instant, enclosing check in the amount of \$25.00 in support of the fire apparatus.

Please be assured that this evidence of your generosity and good-will is very greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer

Mrs. Marshall Bullitt,
Route 7, Louisville, Ky.

March 15, 1934

The Teagrove Corporation,

Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your invoice No. 49667 in the amount of \$9.00.

I was not aware of this expense and shall send you our check promptly.

However, we desire, also, to pay the balance due on the 1933 installment covering our equipment which, according to our last statement from you, was around \$90.00. If you will kindly send us revised statement of the amount, including interest to the 20th instant, I shall promptly mail you the Association's check covering both amounts.

Yours truly,

Treasurer.

1934

March 16 & 21, 1934:

NOT IN ANY TRUST OR COMBINATION

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

ORIGINATORS OF CENTRIFUGAL FIRE PUMPING ENGINES

MOTOR PROPELLED FIRE APPARATUS

OFFICE AND FACTORY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Address all Communications to the Corporation

March 16, 1934

J. J. Elder, Treasurer
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n., Inc.
St. Matthews, Kentucky


Dear Sir:

We are pleased to learn from your letter of March 15th, that you will send a check covering invoice #49667 - \$9.00, and the balance due on the installment of April 1, 1933, plus the accrued interest.

You will understand from the statement enclosed, that the total amount due on the apparatus April 1st, 1934, is \$1186.88.

We shall appreciate a remittance in full.

Yours very truly,
THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

By 
A. C. Black
Secretary & Treasurer

ACB:NB

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ORIGINATORS OF CENTRIFUGAL FIRE PUMPING ENGINES

MOTOR PROPELLED FIRE APPARATUS

OFFICE AND FACTORY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Address all Communications to the Corporation

March 21, 1934


J. J. Elder, Treasurer
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass'n
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir -

We thank you for the check in the sum of \$99.88, which has been applied to the credit of your account.

Kindly advise if we may expect a settlement in full for the installment due April 1. We are in urgent need of funds, and your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,
THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION

B/L 
A. C. Black
Secretary & Treasurer

March 21, 1934.

Mr. Jos. Lang,
Cannon's Lane,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Mr. Lang:

During the early part of this month, our fire apparatus made a run to your property to pump out a well on said property.

Our minimum charge for such service is \$5.00 and will appreciate your remitting that amount to Mr. J. J. Elder, Treasurer, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, St. Matthews; or to myself, at 606 Wallace Ave., St. Matthews, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

1934

April 4, 1934, Wednesday: Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer
Fire Association, held at St. Matthews
Gas & Electric Shop, 8 p.m.,
Wednesday, April 4, 1934.

All officers present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Treasurers report read and accepted, showed a balance of \$438.98, after current bills had been read and approved for payment.

Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Hon. Ben F. Ewing, asking for donation for Fire Association, account protection accorded

Ormsby Village,
Greathouse School,
Worthington School,
Buckeye School, etc.

This has been done.

Meeting adjourned 9.30 p.m.

APPROVED:

President.

Paul H. Fleming
Secretary.

April 18, 1934:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

April 18, 1934.

Hon. Ben F. Ewing - Judge,
Hon. Isaac Hilliard,
Hon. Geo. C. Burton,
Hon. Wm. F. Clark

Attention: Fiscal Court.

Gentlemen:

As you no doubt know, we have a great deal of trouble each year in raising sufficient funds (which have to be obtained thru voluntary subscription) with which to pay off the annual note on our fire fighting equipment here in St. Matthews.

I am sure you also are aware of the fact that without the equipment we now have, and the willingness of the members of the Fire Department (who receive no compensation whatsoever) to man this apparatus 100% whenever necessary, no matter what might be the conditions, large sums of money and property would have already been lost, not only by the residents of our Community, but also by the County. To illustrate, we furnish protection for Ormsby Village (where several runs have been made) Greathouse School, Worthington School, Buckeye School, etc.

This is to earnestly solicit your financial aid in helping us this year. A substantial donation would be a God-send right now; the note payable was due April 1st and we are making a valiant effort to raise the funds, but are still

several hundred dollars short of the mark.

After this year there will be two other similar notes to meet before the apparatus is entirely paid for, and after the work and efforts that have been put forth by the Directors of the Association, and others, to say nothing of some money generously contributed by some, it would be heart-breaking if we should now lose the engine for defaulting in our payments.

If such a happening should occur, it would mean that all property holders in our Community would be charged an additional \$5.00 per thousand on fire insurance. For instance, on a \$5,000.00 policy and additional insurance premium of \$16.00 would be paid.

We hope you can see your way clear to help us out of this 'hole', and any amount you deem fit to contribute will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Paul H. Fleming,
Secy. St. Matthews Fire Assn.,
606 Wallace Ave.,
St. Matthews, KY.

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April 19, 1934, The Courier-Journal



The Courier-Journal.

*Largest Circulation
of Any Kentucky
Newspaper*

VOL. CLIX, NEW SERIES—NO. 21,850
LOUISVILLE, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, 1934
26 Pages Today THREE CENTS

HERT FARM FIRE LOSS IS \$20,000

80 PUREBRED CATTLE FREED FROM BLAZE

Several Head, Including State
Fair Show Stock, Believed
to Have Perished.

900 CHICKENS BURNED

Dairy Barn, Creamery and
Poultry House At Hurst-
bourne Destroyed.

Fire of undetermined origin, discovered at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, destroyed the \$20,000 dairy barn, creamery and chicken house at Hurstbourne, farm of Mrs. A. T. Hert on the Shelbyville Road, after Brown Pearl, dairy employee, had entered the barn and released a herd of eighty young purebred Jersey cattle.

Three or four of the herd were believed to have perished within the barn, which collapsed within an hour. Nine hundred chickens, including 600 baby chicks, were burned.

Employees theorized that the fire, which broke out in the barn loft, was caused either by spontaneous combustion in stored hay or by defective electric wiring.

The three units burned were joined in an L-shaped structure, about 80x150 feet. The creamery was concrete and the barn concrete and wood. Henry Stouss, nephew of Mrs. Hert, living on the farm, estimated the total property damage at \$18,000 to \$20,000. Mrs. Hert is now in Washington.

The fire was first seen by Mrs. James Siverling, wife of one of the herdsmen at the dairy, from their cottage several hundred yards away. Mrs. Siverling ran to the home of Carl Winkler, manager of the farm, to notify him.

Pearl glimpsed the fire a few minutes later. Entering the barn, already smoke filled and blazing at the roof, he herded the cattle out and into an adjoining field, where they milled silently, watching the blaze.

Several of the herd were destined for exhibit at the next State Fair. Mr. Winkler said he had been unable to make a check-up, but was certain one or two of the prize animals were among those destroyed. Since the cattle are young, he said, an accurate estimate of their value is impossible.

A crowd of about 400 spectators watched the blaze, while a fire engine from **St. Matthews** and Engine 21 of the Fifth Louisville Battalion, directed by Capt. John Hylan, prevented its spread to nearby cottages of dairy employees. Automobiles of curious passersby poured into the estate until guards were posted at the gates.

Numerous electric wires trailed about the grounds adjoining the barn when it collapsed, but the current was cut off promptly. Spectators were warned away from the vicinity of the creamery when a large ammonia tank connected with the cooling system threatened to explode. There were no accidents.

May 4, 1934, The Courier-Journal

LOSES LEG IN ACCIDENT.

Theodore Elwanger, 57 years old, **St. Matthews**, an employe at the county quarry on the Brownsboro Road, was in a serious condition Thursday night following an operation in which his left leg was amputated. His leg was caught in a rock crusher at the quarry.

Dr. J. C. Ray, 3820 Frankfort Avenue, who, with Dr. George H. Ray, attended Mr. Elwanger, said he had a chance to recover, barring complications.

Jacob Bishop, superintendent at the quarry, said Mr. Elwanger and three other workmen were repairing the hoist beside the crusher and that his overalls became entangled in the belting, drawing him into the machinery. While two of the workmen pulled him from the wheels, the third stopped the hoist.

1934

May 9, 1934: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST. MATTHEW'S FIRE
ASSOCIATION, WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 1934.

In the absence of President Ehlig, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Beierle and the following members were present:

Mr. Beierle
Mr. J. J. Butler
Mr. J. H. Rudy
Mr. J. J. Elder

The Treasurer stated that the balance of funds on hand amounted to \$851.63, and suggested that remittances on the Association's indebtedness be made as follows:

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company	\$125
Seagrave Corporation	550
Total	\$675

After some discussion, on motion duly seconded and passed, the Treasurer was authorized to make remittances in the above amounts to the respective companies.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

May 10 & 11, 1934:

May 10, 1934

The Seagrave Corporation,
Columbus, Ohio.
Gentlemen,

Pursuant to resolution passed by our directors last evening, I am enclosing herewith the Association's check in the amount of \$550 to apply on account covering the purchase of fire apparatus.

I shall be obliged if you will furnish me a statement showing the status of the account, including interest, say, to May 15, 1934.

Yours truly,

Treasurer

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ORIGINATORS OF CENTRIFUGAL FIRE PUMPING ENGINES

MOTOR PROPELLED FIRE APPARATUS

OFFICE AND FACTORY

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Address all Communications to the Corporation

May 11, 1934

J. J. Elder, Treasurer
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for the check in the sum of \$550.00 which has been applied as part payment of the installment due April 1, 1934.

As requested in your letter, we enclose a statement of the account as of May 15, 1934. We shall anticipate receiving a check for the balance within a short time.

Very truly yours,

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION,

A. C. Black
Secretary & Treasurer.

ACB:LF
Enc.

1934

June 13, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer
Fire Association, held in office of St. Mat-
thews Gas & Electric Shop - 8 p.m.,
June 13, 1934.

All officers present.

As minutes of May meeting could not be located,
the Treasurer, who acted as Secretary and Treasurer at that
meeting, gave, verbally, substance of minutes covering same.
He also reported balance in treasury \$191.50, not including
\$3.00 received later on in the evening; total \$194.50.

It was decided that a letter would be gotten out
and addressed to all on the list who have not up to this time
made donations. This has been done.

It was moved and seconded and passed to pay Seagrave
people \$5.00 for repairs on valve for engine.

It was decided that Mr. Tom Dobson would print cards
advertising next meeting at Legion Hall, also to print the letters
to be sent to those who have not made donations. This meeting
to be held July 11th, and no solicitation done at that time.

Adjourned 10 p.m.

APPROVED:

President.


Secretary.

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July 10, 1934:

W. H. CLOUD, President J. P. CREAL, Vice President J. L. WREGE, Secretary & Treasurer DIRECTORS: W. E. EHLD, A. J. YOUNG, W. H. CLOUD, R. L. EVERSOLE

J. P. CREAL, C. B. RILEY, J. L. WREGE, J. S. WALSTON

PROGRESS STOVES and RANGES

MANUFACTURERS OF

PROGRESS STOVES and RANGES

Plain and Stamped Tinware

Louisville, Ky.

July 10, 1934

PROGRESS REFRIGERATORS BEVERAGE COOLERS

GENERAL OFFICES 737 SOUTH 13TH STREET

STOVE FOUNDRY MAGAZINE ST 16TH TO 17TH

TO MEMBERS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FRIENDS:

Gentlemen:

Asthis is the close of my term as President of your organization will say that it has been a pleasure to work with the members of this department who have always been ready to do their duty when asked.

We, like other organizations, had to retrench. Considering conditions of finances, I know of no organization that has more cooperation from its members and friends than this one.

I am very sorry indeed that business calls me away tonight, because I should like to be here to say "Howdy." I certainly thank all for their services but due to the fact, which some of you know, that my new position with my Company calls me out of town a great deal, I therefore, tender my resignation as a member of this Association.

Permit me to say that it is with deepest regret that I must take this step but as you know, conditions altar all cases.

May I say, thanks once again to you members and friends and when I am at home, you can rest assured that I am always at your service.

Wishing your Association unlimited success for the next year and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

W. E. Ehld
Pres.

WEE:RK

1934

July 11, 1934: Annual Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer
Fire Association, held in the American Legion
Hall, St. Matthews, Ky - 8 p.m.

July 11, 1934.

This was to be a public meeting; however, besides the officers and directors of the Fire Association, there were only ~~12~~ 6 people present; total 13.

Mr. John Sullivan was present and told about the benefit base ball game to be played on the first Sunday in August, the proceeds to be turned over to the Fire Association. ~~The date of the game was later changed to the second Sunday, and~~ A meeting was arranged for the following Monday, July 16th, to conclude plans for selling and printing of tickets, etc., - 2 members representing, each, the Legion, Fire Association, and the St. Matthews merchants.

Messrs. Elder and Fleming, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, announced that this would have to be their last year to serve in these offices, in compliance with instructions gotten out by their employer to the effect that no employe hold public office, etc.

This was election night, but due to slimness of the crowd, it was decided that each of the 5 Churches, the Masonic Lodge, and The American Legion Post in St. Matthews would be asked to nominate one man as a director for the coming year, these men to be elected at our next meeting on August 15th. The Secretary was instructed to get out appropriate letter to the pastor of each church, the Master of the Masonic Lodge, and the Commander of the Legion Post. This has been done.

Letter of resignation of the President read, and on motion duly made and seconded it was decided to accept same at next meeting.

Tureaurer submitted his annual report, a copy of which was furnished each Director. Motion made and carried to accept the report as read, and to give the Treasurer a vote of thanks, which was done.

Bills amounting to \$4.50 approved, for payment.

Vice. President, who had charge of meeting, directed that copy of the Treasurer's report be posted in the show window of Buschemeyer-Ogden Drug Co. The Secretary took the copy to the drug store and this was done.

Adjourned 10 p.m.

President.

Paul H. Fleming
Secretary

1934

New STMFD Board Members:



Fred C. Boss: July 28, 1895 to June 19, 1988. Fred was born in Louisville in 1895. He worked for the Louisville Gas & Electric Company for almost 37 years. He joined the Board in 1934 and served as Treasurer the entire time he was on the Board. He retired from the Board in July 1975.

Below retiring from the STMFD Board.



Boss Elected President Of Masonic Relief

Fred C. Boss of Lyndon Saturday was elected president of the Masonic Board of Relief of Louisville and Jefferson County.

Mr. Boss, 59, has been secretary of the St. Matthews Lodge 906 since 1927.

He has been treasurer of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department since 1935, and is senior warden and treasurer of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lyndon. He is employed as a supervisor for the Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

He succeeds Robert T. Roulston.

The annual election was held at Masonic Temple in Louisville. Also elected were Thomas R. Perkins, of Boaz Lodge 850, vice president; Stanley W. Greaves, past master of Compass Lodge 223, secretary-treasurer for the 12th consecutive year.

Death takes veteran St. Matthews printer



Thomas L. Dobson: Was born April 2, 1894. He was in the printing business and ran the Dobson Printing Company which operated at 147 Thierman Lane. He was a First Sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War I. He served on the Board from 1934 until 1942. He died March 26, 1958. He was a charter member of Zachary Taylor Post 180 in 1925. He is buried at Zachary Taylor National cemetery, Section H Site 1444.

Thomas Lee Dobson, 63 of 147 Thierman, died at 4:15 p.m. March 26 in Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

Dobson owned and operated Dobson Printing Company at his home. He was a member of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, a charter member of Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion, a member of St. Matthews Lion Club, the St. Matthews Masonic Lodge, The Eagle, and Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mamie Hoffman Dobson; a brother, Herman Dobson, Detroit; a sister, Mrs. William Berry, and a stepbrother, Theodore Korte-peter, Indianapolis.

The funeral was held at Ratterman Brothers Funeral Home. Burial was in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.

1934

New STMFD Board Members:

A. J. Eline:



Original Incorporator and Trustee 1934 to 1936: Mr. Eline was born in Seneca Park in 1884. He was one of earliest business men in St. Matthews. He started the Overland Agency and was a Ford dealer. He worked as a mechanic in his own shop. He became a Buick dealer in 1928, then opened a Chevrolet dealership and ran that until he sold it 1955. He also owned the Eline Realty Company and developed many of the subdivisions in the area. He was one of the original signers of the Corporation. He also loaned and/or gave the department money in its early years. He died March 23, 1967.



THIS is the twenty-fifth year A. J. Eline of the Eline Chevrolet Company has been selling and servicing automobiles.

Here is his record:

The Eline Garage handled Ford cars for fourteen years. During the following five years, the Eline Motor Company sold Buick and Pontiac.

Then the name became the Eline Chevrolet Company as that dependable car got to be very popular. The sales of new and used cars has reached nearly the 2,000 mark in a single year.

The veteran automobile dealer stated:

"Our building, 3908 to 3914 Frankfort Avenue, contains 35,000 square feet of floor space. It is the largest business house in St. Matthews employing from 60 to 75 mechanics, salesmen and office people. A used car department is maintained at 710 E. Broadway in Louisville.

"We thank our many patrons, who appreciate the Chevrolet and the service rendered. The slogan of the company is:

"SALES, SERVICE, SATISFACTION SINCE 1913."



A. J. ELINE

R. M. Gray:



Was born in Spencer County Kentucky in 1892. He moved to St. Matthews in 1926. His working career started as a salesman for the Lee Tire and Rubber Company. Then moving to Gray and Stiglitz Tire store and finally to Rays Radio & Flower Shop which he ran until his death in 1939. He served on the Board from 1934 until his death.

New STMFD Board Members:



Dr. James Emil Winter: Born in Prospect, Ohio, in 1895, He had a private practice in St. Matthews and graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1923 and served on the faculty of the school from 1925 to 1948. He lived on Wiltshire Avenue and was married to Margaret. They had two sons James D. and William B. He gave his medical services to the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home of Louisville. He served on the Board from 1934 until 1946. He died June 30, 1970 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 75.

James Emil Winter, born March 16, 1895 in Prospect, Ohio 2nd of 6 sons of David Augustus and Ivy Mohr Winter Moved to Louisville in 1910, graduating from DuPont Manual HS in 1912.

Worked in lab at medical school 1913-1915; Attended college at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio for two years; Attended U of L 1917-1918; Served with base hospital unit in World War I, returning home spring 1919; U of L Medical School, 1919-23 playing football last 2 years, grad in 1923.

Married Margarat May Dugan. at St. Luke's Reformed Church, Jeffersonville, In April 21, 1923; Interned at Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia; Returned to Louisville in 1925 and entered private practice with brother Karl D. Winter; Three children: James (March 1925), William (May 1926), Margaret (November 1930); Built house at 125 Wiltshire Ave. in 1929 and lived there until 1962; Taught part-time at U of L School of Medicine, 1925-1948.

Active in American Legion, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department; Donated service to Masonic Widows and Orphans Home for 28 years; Member Bethel UCC Church and St. Matthews Masonic Lodge #906.

Hobbies - fishing and stamp collecting; Retired due to health in 1961, moved to Martinsville, IN, near son Bill and family; Wife Margaret died may 1962; Married Frances Dugan Thomas (sister of Margaret) in Dec. 1963; Moved to Dallas, TX in May 1965; Heart attack June 30, 1970 died at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Miscellaneous notes:

Gulf Refining Company

Incorporated

Petroleum and its Products

CHAS. C. PRINE
DISTRICT MANAGER
R. R. JOHNSTON
ASST. DISTRICT SALES MANAGER
M. J. MCCARTHY
ASST. DISTRICT SALES MANAGER
R. C. ARNOLD
ASST. DISTRICT SALES MANAGER

James E. Winter, Pres., 125 Wiltshire Ave., Bel. 23511
Roy Gray, Vice Pres., 710 E. Burg. Lou., Jr. 7274
Fred C. Boas, Treas., Lyndon, Ky., Bel. 1130 W
Thomas L. Nelson, Secy., Sherman Lane, St. M., Bel. 2479-12
Joe Zehnder, 3921 Frankfort Ave., Bel. 1443
Ed. Davis, A. J. Eline, 4010 Frankfort Ave., Bel. 2470
Joe Rudy, Brown Lane, Bel. 1152-J

New STMFD Board Members:

Joseph B. Zehnder: Was born in St. Matthews October 2, 1893. In 1923 he opened the Zehnder Brothers Creamery which he ran for 37 years. He was a member of the Board from 1934 until 1941 and then later from 1948 until his death April 17, 1963.

The Voice of St. Matthews, April 25, 1963 June 20, 1963

Joseph B. Zehnder, Sr., St. M businessman, dies

Joseph B. Zehnder, Sr., one of St. Matthews oldest established businessmen, died at 3:32 a. m. Wednesday, April 17, at Methodist Evangelical Hospital.

Mr. Zehnder, who resided at 201 Meridian Ave., was founder and for 37 years president of Zehnder Brothers Creamery -- a business which grew out of a milk route he started when 18 years old.

In 1923, he founded the dairy and was its president until December, 1960, when the company merged with other dairies.

Mr. Zehnder was an organizer of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and a member of its board. He was vice president and board member of the Swiss American Home, 719 Lynn.

He was also a member of the Greutli Society for 50 years, and the St. Joseph's Orphans Society.

Mr. Zehnder was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society. He sang with the Social Male Chords.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Jane Wright Schlatter; four sons, Joseph B.



Zehnder, Jr., Bardstown; Walter T. Zehnder, West Patterson, N. J.; Claude F. Zehnder, Corona, Calif., and Melchior Zehnder, 152 Breckinridge Ln.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Rita Wilson, Denver, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Warren McCann, Raleigh, N. C.; three brothers, Theodore, Alfred L. and Norbert M. Zehnder, and 18 grandchildren.

The funeral was at 9 a.m. last Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes church and burial was in St. Michael Cemetery.

In Memoriam

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association has issued a resolution in memory of Joseph B. Zehnder who died on April 17. The resolution states:

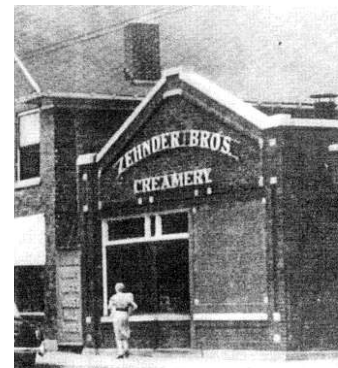
"Whereas, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call home our Friend and Brother, Joseph B. Zehnder, and"

"Whereas, this Association and the Citizens of the St. Matthews Community has lost a devoted member dedicated to the Safety and Welfare of all people within the confines of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."

"Be It Resolved, That we express herein our sincere sympathy to the Family and the Citizens of St. Matthews for this great loss, and be it further,"

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the local press, and a copy be spread on the records of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association."

It was Signed by the Board of Directors, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.



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July 11, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer
Fire Association, held in the American Legion
Hall, St. Matthews, Ky - 8 p.m.

July 11, 1934.

This was to be a public meeting; however, besides the officers and directors of the Fire Association, there were only ~~12~~ 6 people present; total 13.

Mr. John Sullivan was present and told about the benefit base ball game to be played on the first Sunday in August, the proceeds to be turned over to the Fire Association. ~~The date of the game was later changed to the Second Sunday, or~~ A meeting was arranged for the following Monday, July 16th, to conclude plans for selling and printing of tickets, etc. - 2 members representing, each, the Legion, Fire Association, and the St. Matthews merchants.

Messrs. Elder and Fleming, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, announced that this would have to be their last year to serve in these offices, in compliance with instructions gotten out by their employer to the effect that no employe hold public office, etc.

This was election night, but due to slimness of the crowd, it was decided that each of the 5 Churches, the Masonic Lodge, and The American Legion Post in St. Matthews would be asked to nominate one man as a director for the coming year, these men to be elected at our next meeting on August 15th. The Secretary was instructed to get out appropriate letter to the pastor of each church, the Master of the Masonic Lodge, and the Commander of the Legion Post. This has been done.

Letter of resignation of the President read, and on motion duly made and seconded it was decided to accept same at next meeting.

Tureaurer submitted his annual report, a copy of which was furnished each Director. Motion made and carried to accept the report as read, and to give the Treasurer a vote of thanks, which was done.

Bills amounting to \$4.50 approved, for payment.

Vice. President, who had charge of meeting, directed that copy of the Treasurer's report be posted in the show window of Buschemeyer-Ogden Drug Co. The Secretary took the copy to the drug store and this was done.

Adjourned 10 p.m.

President.

Paul H. Fleming
Secretary

Statement Of Jeff'town Volunteer Fire Dept.

This is to advise the citizens of Jeffersontown and community of some of the things the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department had done for said town and community during the past several years. No doubt the public would like to know what the Department has done and is doing to protect lives and property.

On June 10, 1926, the said Fire Department had twenty volunteer men for the protection of your life and property, without any insurance for the protection of the firemen. After realizing this it behooved the company to get some protection for its men. By unanimous vote of the firemen two insurance agents were asked to quote rates on sixteen and twenty men, respectively, and report at the next monthly meeting, which they did. The rate on sixteen men would cost \$250.00 per annum, and on twenty men \$750.00 per annum.

The fire department being made up of volunteers the men realized they could not pay this excessive premium. So the vote was taken and passed unanimously by the department members that each and every fireman pay to the department treasurer the sum of 25 cents per month in order to create a fund to take the place of the insurance, in the event of an accident.

This fund grew so slowly that the firemen decided to give some play parties, dances and shows for the benefit of this fund. These affairs proved a financial success and the proceeds were deposited in a bank on interest.

A statement of some of the things the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department has done for Jeffersontown since June 10, 1926 up to July 2, 1934, follows:

This statement is incomplete but will give you an idea of some of the things we have accomplished.

Dues paid by firemen at 25c

Dues paid by firemen at 25c per month	\$ 04.05
Interest on deposit in bank ..	20.80
Paid out for flowers and donations	20.50
Paid out for gasoline for fire engine	20.87
Donations received by Fire Department	230.85
Earned with fire engine of which the expense was partly paid by the firemen	500.00
Fire Dept. paid to Town Board for old hose sold	11.40
The Fire Dept. bought and paid for out of its own funds, as follows:	
1 35-ft. extension ladder	\$135.00
1 bell for engine	40.00
10 pairs rubber coats and 1 pair rubber boots	110.82
10 firemen hats	128.42
1 nozzle and reducing hose with connections	75.00
Other expenses of fire engine paid by firemen	243.32
Total paid out for Town of Jeffersontown	\$741.34
Returns on plays, supper and play parties given by the firemen	\$981.18
Expense of above	443.38
Total	\$527.80

The firemen have always been loyal to the Town Board and the citizens of the community and desire to continue to do so, but at the present time the firemen are badly in need of about 450 feet, or more, of hose and regulation was made to the Town Board for said hose and so far same has not been granted. Seemingly the present Town Board is not cooperating with the firemen in their efforts to save the property of this town and community like the former Boards have done.

Some of the people of this community are of the opinion that the firemen are being paid for their services, but this is a false impression, as it is a volunteer service only.

The firemen invite you to any of their meetings on the first and third Tuesday night of every month to meet with them, just following the blowing of the siren, and we trust you will endeavor to be present at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. BROOKS, Chief

R. R. BRUCE, Asst. Chief

J. T. SWEENEY, Captain

C. W. MILLER, Sec. & Treas.

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July 27, 1934, The Courier-Journal

JULY 27, 1934.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME NEAR ST. MATTHEWS

Andrew **Neichter**, chief, and Thomas Baker, a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, suffered slight burns Thursday afternoon in fighting a fire which destroyed the home of James L. Gurlitz, a postoffice clerk, on the Westport Road, a mile and a half from St. Matthews.

The loss was estimated at \$5,700, some of the furnishings being carried out by neighbors. The fire was prac-

tically under control when water, being pumped from two nearby cisterns, gave out, according to Mr. **Neichter**.

The fire was reported by Mrs. John Ruhl, a neighbor. No one was home at the Gurlitz residence when the blaze was discovered.

Shop At The "Redfern" and

Store
Open

FUNERAL TODAY FOR MRS. ALICE O. MONOHAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice O'Farrell Monohan, 73 years old, widow of E. S. Monohan, Sr., former Louisville banker, who died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning at her

home at **St. Matthews**, will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the Cathedral of the Assumption, of which she was a life-long member. Burial will be in St. Louis Cemetery.

Mrs. Monohan had been in ill health since the death four years ago of her husband, a director in the First National Bank. Her son, John M. Monohan, who was president of the same bank, died two years ago.

She is survived by a son, E. S. Monohan, Jr., also a director in the bank and vice president of the St. Matthews Bank & Trust Company; two brothers, Sam O'Farrell and Andrew O'Farrell, both of Amarillo, Texas, and ten grandchildren.

2 In Motor Injured By Interurban Car

Automobile Hit While It Is
Being Backed Out of
Driveway.

Miss Aline Hartmann, 19 years old, 3933 Massie Avenue, and her companion, Howard Underwood, 24, of 2804 West Walnut Street, were injured at 9:37 o'clock Saturday night when the back of their automobile was struck by a westbound La Grange interurban car a mile east of **St. Matthews**.

Both were admitted to St. Anthony's Hospital, where physicians diagnosed Miss Hartmann's injuries as a broken left leg, a cut above the left eye, and a severe chest injury. Underwood suffered shock, a chest injury and a knee injury.

The interurban car was operated by W. E. Martin, 55, of 1940 Duker Avenue.

County police reported that the automobile was being backed out of a private driveway by Underwood when the collision occurred.

August 5, 1934, The Courier-Journal

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August 22, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthew Volunteer
Fire Association, held in the office of J. J. Butler
Plumbing & Heating Co.

Aug. 22, 1934

The following candidates appointed by various Churches and organizations reported at this meeting:

W. James E. Winter	- American Legion
A. J. Eline (Rep. by E. W. Davis)	- Presbyterian Church
Thos. L. Hobson	- Bethel Church
Fred Boss	- Masonic Lodge
Geo. Rudy	- Christian Church
Joe Zehnder	- Holy Trinity Church
Roy Gray	- Baptist Church

Meeting opened at 8:15 P.M. All directors present except A. Neichter & J. Beierle.

President greeted candidates and thanked retiring officers and men for their support during the past year.

Secretary read letter from County Judge Bent. Ewing saying our bill for \$100.00 for sten to Ormsby Valley recently had been referred to Commissioners of Co. Benton to be brought up at the next Fiscal Court Meeting.

Secretary was instructed by Mr. Eline to write letter of appreciation to Doc Eiden, Chief Neichter and other members of Dept. for services during past year.

Motion made and seconded that Representative selected by community be made new Directorate of Assn. Motion carried. Moved by Mr. Elden and seconded that secretary cast one vote in favor of above. Secretary did so.

New Directorate proceeded with election of officers with the following result:-

1934

August 22, 1934: Board meeting:

Mr. Jas. E. Winter, President
Mr. Roy Gray, Vice-President
Mr. Fred C. Rose, Treasurer
Mr. Thomas L. Nelson, Secretary

Mr. Joe Zehnder } Directors
Mr. A. J. Elmer }
Mr. Jas. Rudy }

Motion made and seconded that retiring
Treasurer pay bills on hand. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that due to in-
convenience of to some directors, that meeting night
be changed to first Friday of each month.
Motion carried.

Routine discussions, followed by adjournment
at 9⁴⁰ P.M. To meet again Sept. 7, 1934.

Approved
James E. Winter
Pres.

Thomas L. Nelson
Secy.

Courtesy, The Jeffersonian, July 28, 1934:



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September 7, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes, of Meeting of St. Matthew Volunteer Fire Association, held in office of Butler Plumbing & Heating Co.

Sept. 7, 1934

Meeting called to order by the president at 8:15 P.M.
Six officers and directors present - One absent
Retiring Treasurer, turned over records to new treasurer and reported a bank balance of \$192.56.

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Eldon be allowed \$3.00 which he had paid his secretary for assistance on the books and records of the association. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Continental Oil Co. bill be paid. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we send Mrs. (Loone) Porey bill for \$50.00 for filling swimming pool.
Motion carried. (Bill was sent to Mr. H. Boone Porey)

Secretary instructed ^{by president} to write letter to Mr. J. C. Riegar, 810 Baker Ave., Lou. Ky., asking for contribution. (Whole)

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Jas. Rudy be authorized to contact Mrs. Pease and/or Mrs. White, with a proposition to collect delinquent assessments on a commission basis. Commission not to exceed 20%
Motion carried.

No further business, meeting was adjourned to meet again October 5, 1934.

Approved

J. E. Winter
Pres.

Thomas L. Hobson
Secretary

1934

October 5, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes of regular meeting of St. Math. Vol. Fire
Assn. held in the office of Butler Plumbing and
Heating Co.

October 5, 1934

Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by the President.
Five officers and directors present. Two absent.
Motion made and seconded that all bills at hand
be paid and the sum of \$100.00 be sent the
Leagraves Co., on account. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Mrs. Pierce be
appointed to collect delinquent assessments on a
25% basis. Carried.

Secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks
to Mrs. H. Some Ford and Mr. J. L. Hupley for their
remittance of \$50 and 10 respectively.

Routine discussions followed by adjournment at
9:30 P.M. to meet again November 2, 1934.

Approved
James E. Lutz
President

Thomas L. Wilson
Secretary

November 2, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes of regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire
Association, held in the office of the Butler Plumbing and
Heating Company, November 2, 1934.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Four officers and directors present.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$187.63 in treasury.

Secretary instructed to send bill of \$25.00 to Ormsby Village.

Secretary instructed to write letter to State Tax Commission
regarding payment of sales tax on purchases.

Motion made and seconded that Continental Oil Co. bill be paid
when received.

Motion made and seconded that treasurer make remittance to Reisert
Insurance Agency when and if Ormsby Village check is received, so
as not to allow bank balance to fall below \$100.00.

Routine discussion followed by adjournment, to meet again December
7, 1934.

APPROVED

James E. Lutz
President

Thomas L. Wilson
Secretary

1934

December 7, 1934: Board meeting:

Minutes of regular monthly meeting of the
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association held in
the office of Butler Plumbing and Heating Co.

December 7, 1934

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
Five officers and directors present.

Letter received from State Tax Commission
stating that we must pay the 3% sales tax
on our purchases.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$105.49.

Mrs. Pierce reported that she had collected
\$8.00 on delinquent assessments and expected to col-
lect more very soon.

Various ways to raise funds were discussed but
nothing definite was decided upon.

Being no other business, meeting was adjourned
to meet again Jan. 4, 1935.

Approved:

James C. Lewis
President

Thomas L. Wilson
Secretary

Courtesy The Jeffersonian, December 2
7, 1934:

**Louisville Ford Dealers Operate
New Station At St. Matthews**



TURNER A. SUMMERS **LOUIS J. HERRMANN**

Messrs. Summers and Herrmann, heads of the Louisville Ford organization which bears their names, have just established the Summers-Herrmann, Inc. St. Matthews Station, and will display the new 1935 Ford models Sunday.

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Courtesy *The Voice of St. Matthews*, September 30, 1956: This is a picture of what used to be the American Legion "Hall" where many STMFD meetings, dances, etc. were held to help the Department

TURN
IN at
The Turntable

WILLIS
FRANKFORT
BACON'S
A & P, BACON'S
PARKING AREA
SER. STA.
APPL. STORE
HEALTH
CENTER
TURN IN AT THE TURNTABLE
ST. MATTHEWS AVE.
BACON'S
FIRE HOUSE
LIBRARY
KNIT SHOP
PARKING SPACE
PLENTY OF IT
TURNTABLE
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IN THE ST. MATTHEWS AREA

1934

Board Of Directors

Joseph Beierle, end
Fred C. Boss, start Aug. 1934
J. J. Butler, end Aug. 1934
Thomas L. Dobson, start Aug. 1934
William E. Ehlig, end Aug. 1934
J. J. Elder, end Aug. 1934
A. J. Eline, start Aug. 1934
Paul H. Fleming, end Aug. 1934
R. M. Gray, start Aug. 1934
Andrew W. Neichter, end
James H. Rudy
Dr. James Emil Winter, start Aug. 1934
Joseph B. "Joe" Zehnder, start Aug. 1934

Officers

1934 Chief Andrew W. Neichter
Assistant Chief Irvin Bauer
Captain T. A. Baker
Captain J. Duvall
Lieutenant Justin Clyde Wilken
Lieutenant Raymond A. "Bud" Young

Firefighters

John A. Beierle
Paul H. Fleming
John Haeberlin
Richard C. Herdt
Ted H. Huffman Sr.
Carl A. Hulswede, Sr.
Rudolph L. Lineback
Henry A. Monohan
O. R. Sands
Louis H. Schweitzer
Fred William Wootton, Jr.
George John Wurster

In the 1920's and 30's many citizens helped the volunteers but were not on the "roster."