

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1940 – 1946

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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1940: Middletown Volunteer Fire Department started.

The Middletown Volunteer Fire Department has served the community of Middletown since 1940. There have been four chiefs in the 34 year history of the department: Gus Hancock, Raymond "Toots" Herriek, Henry Riddle, and Bob Martin. Beginning as a ninth class department, Middletown attained a sixth class rating in May of 1953.

The first firehouse was a converted feed store, and in 1944 the first firehouse was built on property donated by the Middletown Civic Club adjacent to the first alarm office, (replaced in 1954 by the present office). In 1949 the department moved into the fire-pole quarters which had been vacated by the Jefferson County Fire Department. The department purchased this building from Jefferson County Fiscal Court in 1953, and have modified it to suit our needs. This is the present firehouse. The second house is now under construction and property for the 3rd house has been purchased.

The first piece of equipment was a 1941 Ford 500-gpm pumper. A number of Middletown citizens signed hundred dollar notes to guarantee payment. Through carnivals and subscriptions to residents the equipment was paid for. In 1950, a second piece, a 1950 500-gallon Ford pumper was added, and during the following year the men of the department built a third pumper, consisting of a surplus civil defence pump, and a 500-gallon water tank on a Diamond T. Chassis. In 1952 the original pumper was sold and a new 1952 pumper was purchased. The following year the home-made rig was sold. In 1953 the department drew up plans for a 1000-gallon semi-quad and supervised the building of it during the following year at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Additional equipment includes a 10Kw mobile power unit and a Jeef field-fire unit. A Pirsch pumper & are on order to be delivered in September.

In 1959, the Middletown area became a fire district, enabling us to collect revenue through county taxes. At present the department has 45 firemen.

November 14, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:

Middletown Would Buy Fire Department

Civic Club actively rounding up ways and means to acquire needed protection.

Middletown, through the instrumentality of its Civic Club is actively at work on a Fire Department project, a much needed improvement and one which, since the securing of city water, is now within the reach of possibility.

At a meeting of the Civic Club, Tuesday night, this project came in for practically an evening's discussion; some figures having been presented on a possible equipment; and other details which have to be threshed out preliminary to the actual purchase.

The official board of the club are to have a called meeting Friday evening, the 22nd, when it is hoped final action can be taken. Prices under consideration cover the cost of a pumper and all necessary equipment.

A finance committee will be appointed, Friday evening, whose duty it will be to round up the money as already pledged by Middletown citizens and to take care of the down payment.

After the business discussion Tuesday evening, a social hour was enjoyed with games and other entertainment.

January 9, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*.

Middletown Places Order For New Fire Equipment

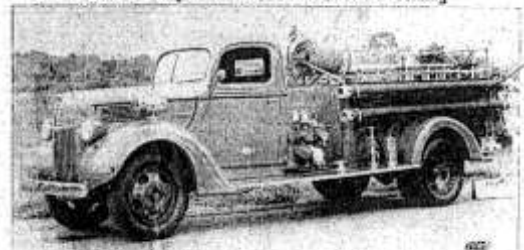
Members of the Middletown Civic Club placed Wednesday of this week an order for fire fighting apparatus for the town. This project under consideration for some time was finally decided on and officially voted for, at the Tuesday night meeting of the club and the order accordingly placed Wednesday.

Ordered is a pumper and all necessary equipment to come from the Boyer Company, of Logansport, Indiana, which should be at Middletown, ready for service, in about sixty days.

Speaking of the situation, this morning, T. D. Self of the Civic Club, stated that no organization of fire fighters had yet been effected, though a number of volunteers had offered their services.

JEFFERSONTOWN, KY., THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1941

Middletown's Pumper in Use; Jeffersonstown's Coming



The above truck is being used by Middletown volunteer firemen to fight fires. A similar unit has been ordered by Jeffersonstown to acquire present equipment.

April 11, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*

1940: Middletown Volunteer Fire Department started. From 50th Anniversary, Middletown Fire Department, 1940 to 1990.

Middletown Fire Department

The following information was taken from the minutes of the Middletown Civic Club as well as other sources concerning the growth and origin of the Middletown Fire Department. While some information may not be included in this section, it will be located in other areas of this book.

In April of 1940 the members of the Middletown Civic Club decided to act upon getting fire equipment for the Middletown area when they learned that their insurance rates would be lowered if the town had fire protection. The first engine cost \$3270.00 and a down payment of \$1000.00 dollars had to be made with the balance to be paid in two to three years. This truck was a 1941 Ford 500 GPM pumper. A number of citizens signed \$100.00 notes to guarantee payment. In August of 1944 there was a picnic and the profits were used to pay on the engine and to buy caps and pants for the firemen. Through community canvassing, a carnival, and subscriptions, the unit was paid for.

Middletown was given a class nine rating.

The original firehouse was the garage area of the car dealership at the corner of Madison and Shelbyville Road, and the first firehouse was built on property donated by the Civic Club adjacent to the first alarm office at 115 Madison Ave. The first alarm office was replaced in 1954 by the cur-

rent alarm office/residence now used by the FD as a storage and office building. The Fehr Brewing Co., as well as the Fall City and Oertel Brewing Companies, were substantial donors in the building fund in 1944. A Ford car was raffled off to help pay off the debt.

In 1948 the department moved into the fire-police quarters on U.S. 60 which had been vacated by the Jefferson County Fire Dept. This structure was built in 1946, and was modified to meet our needs. Many parts of the building can still be seen inside the current station which has seen several additions and renovations.

In 1950, the second piece of equipment was purchased, a 1950 500 gallon-per-minute Ford pumper, and during the following year the men built a third pumper, a 500 gallon water tank on a Diamond T chassis. In 1952 the original pumper was sold and a new 1952 Ford pumper was purchased. The following year the homemade unit was sold.

In December of 1964 a third pumper was added. The new truck was a 1000 GPM pumper that carried 500 gallons of water and cost \$40,000.00

Dues for the MVFD were as follows: Businesses — \$10.00, residences — \$7.50, and vacant lots — \$2.00 each. Any resident who did not participate would be charged \$100.00 per hour for each truck that responded to the

call.

Effective May 27, 1965, the area served by the MVFD became a 6th class fire area, if your property was within 1000' of a fire hydrant. In 1969 we became a tax district enabling us to collect revenue through county taxes. In 1986 we received a class 2 rating.

There are many, many people who deserve credit for keeping the Fire Department going in the early years when its only and greatest assets were sheer will power and courage. One outstanding volunteer was Louis Langford, the longest serving volunteer. Louis served actively for thirty-seven and one half years. Today the Middletown Fire Protection District has 13 career firefighters and 35 volunteer firefighters who still risk their lives, still make great contributions and seek no recognition. The trustees also deserve recognition because they also serve without pay.

There are many other firefighters and others who have served with the Middletown Fire Department that I do not know, and I apologize for any omission of their names. You know who you are and what you did for our community. Without them, more buildings would have been lost to fire and more lives would have been lost.

We honor the spirit of selflessness which the firefighters of the Middletown Fire Department, both past and present exemplify.

1940

1940: Oldham County Emergency Medical Service started:

The History Of Oldham County EMS

Like most EMS services, Oldham County EMS can draw its roots to the funeral homes and local constabulary. When a person was sick or injured, they were usually met with a hearse or a police car.

They were then whisked away to the closest hospital with no treatment en route. Then, in 1940 Milton Carl and Clayton Stoess purchased a Henney Packard. Since there wasn't a dispatch center, folks would call Milton Carl and his wife at home in Crestwood. They would then drop everything else and respond. The beginning of a time-honored tradition of selfless service.



Over the years, the state began training individuals as emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The role of these people was to provide basic emergency care to the sick and injured on the scene and en route to the hospital.

The majority of these EMTs were members of local fire departments so it only made sense that these agencies would begin putting ambulances into their station. South

Oldham Fire Department, Lagrange Fire Department, North Oldham Fire Department and Ballardsville Fire Department all began providing these services.



Realizing that they could do more, the EMTs expressed their desire to become paramedics. In 1985, the Oldham County Fiscal Court approved funding for ten of these EMTs to attend a paramedic course and in 1987, the first paramedics for Oldham County graduated.

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As the population of the county grew, it became obvious that 24 hour coverage was necessary. In order to facilitate this, a referendum was placed on the November 1991 ballot to for the Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District. The referendum passed 2 to 1 and on April 1, 1992, Oldham County began full time paramedic coverage, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Shortly thereafter, they merged with the volunteer ambulance services.



As the number of volunteer EMTs decreased during the day, and the run volume increased, the need for a paid staff was recognized. In January 1996, the agency began operating a full time staff from 6AM to 6PM Monday through Saturday. Other times were covered by volunteers. In 1998, a full-time night crew was added, making Oldham County EMS operational 24 hours a day.

In 2000, construction was completed on the EMS headquarter located off of West Highway 146 in Buckner, Kentucky. This marked the first time that EMS vehicles, EMS crews, command staff and office personnel would be under one roof.



Today, there are five ambulances available the majority of the time, with at least three paramedics on duty at any time.

1940

January 11 & 14, 1940, The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews to Have Weekly Tabloid Paper

Publication within a month of the weekly tabloid, The Commuter, for St. Matthews residents, was presaged Wednesday when the Secretary of State approved the \$3,000 incorporation of the Tribune Publishing Company of St. Matthews.

The paper, according to Peyton Hoge, the editor and one of the incorporators, will contain features and a summary of each week's local news plus various syndicated services. The other incorporators are Edward R. Scales, W. Emerson Barr, M. Lee Smith and Kimble Ouerbacker.

Other articles approved Wednesday were:

Southern Advertisers, Lexington, \$15,000, Benjamin R. Buffett, Walter G. Boyd of Lexington and Edwin H. Meuhlsier of Millersburg.

Omaha Packing Company, Louisville, decreasing capital stock from \$750,000 to \$7,500. J. E. Glenn, L. W. Bermond, J. G. Stewart and J. H. Heiss.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Farmer Looks for Salvage



—(C.-J. Photo.

L. F. Fightmaster, Anchorage farmer, wanted to salvage what was left of his truck after a C. & O. freight train rammed it Saturday at Chenoweth Ln. crossing in St. Matthews, and decided on the tires. Fightmaster leaped to safety on finding his truck caught between automatic crossing gates. Hurlled aside, the truck broke one of the gates.

Added booster brakes and 8 ply tires to Betsy.

St. Matthews Lions Club started.

St. Matthews Commuter Started edited by Payton Hoge. (Newspaper)

January 12, 1940: *St. Matthews Sun*: Give The Boys A Chance. The fire on the Burt Arterburn place Sunday was an example of how thoughtless the motorists are who gaily race to the scene of a fire along with the Fire Truck.

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A fire beyond the protection of fire hydrants is most distressing, to say the least, and time is an important factor in fighting any fire anywhere; but most assuredly is this true in the case of a Volunteer Fire Department fighting the fires out in the country. Frequently, hose lines must be laid back out the entrance to a water supply, and a Volunteer fire crew does not have any time to be milling through the throng in search of an inconsiderate motorist and request him to move his car out of the way and neither does the crew's number warrant leaving a member at a gate to keep the spectators from driving in behind the truck since it is uncertain just how many members have been able to answer the alarm.

Put yourself in the shoes of the property owner who has been unfortunate enough to see fire bring destruction to his door. He pleads and deserves all the help he can muster to fight the flames. You would want all the help you could get, to fight a fire that was destroying your property—and you would be right in expecting such service.

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There is a law prohibiting the motorist from following fire trucks, police cruisers and ambulances in such a fashion, but it has not been enforced to any great extent, but out of a sense of fair play DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE ROADWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS LEADING UP TO THE SCENE OF A FIRE—GIVE THE FIRE FIGHTERS A CHANCE AND REMEMBER THAT FIRE PLAYS NO FAVORITES AND YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY MIGHT BE AT STAKE.

1940

February 14, 1940: Special Board meeting February 20, 1940:

Minutes of Regular Meeting held Feb. 14, 1940

Six directors and two members of Fire Co. present

Meeting opened by the President at 8:15 P. M.

Mr. Hardin E. Herr, read the rewritten by laws of the Assn.,

Motion made and seconded that by-laws be accepted. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the following bills be paid:

Seagraves Corp:	\$ 6.00
Dobson Printing Co.	5.55
St. Matt. Hdwe Co.	1.50
Mr. Monohan	.70 for Goggles
Aetna Oil Co.	1.82
Indian Refining Co.	3662
Stenographer	1.50 for writing by-laws
Postage	4.00
Firemens Ball Tickets	-9.50
	\$ 34.19 Total

Motion Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we install Booster Brakes on Pumper, as a measure of safety. Cost to be approximately \$50.00.

Motin Carried

Motion made and seconded that secretary be authorized to purchase used Typewriter for the Assn.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned to meet again March 13, 1940.

Thomas L. Dobson
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Secretary

Feb. 20, 1940

President Winter, Directors Ogden, Zehnder, Smithson and Dobson, met for the purpose of passing a motion to make partial payment on note and renewing same with St. Matthews Bank.

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February 29, 1940,
The Jeffersonian:



1933 Courtesy Ekstrom Library University of Louisville, October 11, 1933, Caulfield & Shook, CSO 129339, Looking West on Shelbyville Road across from Plehn's Bakery.

Aetna Oil Company where STMFD did some business.



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March 7, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:

Emporium For Easter Shopper



This picture is convincing evidence that the St. Matthews Department Store, owned and operated by Max Oppenheimer at 3814 Frankfort Avenue in Greater St. Matthews, is headquarters for the Easter rabbit. At this store the Easter shopper will find a varied assortment of bunnies, candies and novelties to choose from and courteous, friendly sales people to assist in making selections.

Standing in the foreground of the picture is Mrs. Frieda (Kamer) Baum, latest addition to the store's sales force. Mrs. Baum comes to the St. Matthews Department Store from a local 5 and 16 where she held a similar position for the past three years. She has many friends in the community whom she will be pleased to serve in her new situation.

March 10, 1940: Jeffersontown School caught fire. The fire started around 4:30 a.m. and did \$15,000 damage. The flames were through the roof when Jeffersontown firefighters arrived. The prompt arrival of the St. Mathews Volunteer Fire Department and work of the firemen is credited with having extinguished the fire and prevented more damage being done.



March 11, 1940, *The Courier-Journal*:

\$15,000 Fire Cripples Jeffersontown School

**Louisville and St. Matthews Firemen Give Aid;
600 Children Face Holiday Today**

Approximately 600 school children of Jeffersontown and vicinity were faced Sunday with the prospect of an enforced holiday Monday as the result of a \$15,000 fire in the building which houses both grade and high schools.

The Jeffersontown Fire Department, the first to reach the scene, was called at 4:30 a.m. Flames were bursting through the roof, Lieut. L. T. Tyler said. The local unit was reinforced a few minutes later by the St. Matthews and Louisville Fire Departments and due to their combined efforts, most of the building was saved.

Cafeteria Destroyed.

The part of the building damaged most houses grades one, four and seven. The cafeteria in the basement of the grade school side of the building was destroyed. The boiler room, where the fire apparently started, was destroyed.

S. G. Boyd, principal, said workmen were busy Sunday preparing the high school section for occupancy by Tuesday. He could not say when the grade school section would be repaired.

School Will Continue.

But school will continue, just the same. All students were requested to report at 8 a.m. Tuesday. The grade pupils will be taught in the Sunday-school rooms of the Baptist and Lutheran Churches, Mr. Boyd announced.

George R. Adams, business director for the County Board of Education, said the entire loss was covered by insurance. He said school books, which are owned by the State, were saved, except for

water damage. Records in the offices also were saved.

The main damage, in addition to the boiler room and cafeteria, was to the roof, woodwork and desks.



Glass was scattered as firemen fought flames at the Jeffersontown High School. George Obel aids in cleaning up debris. —(C.-J. Photo.

(Additional pictures on Picture Page.)

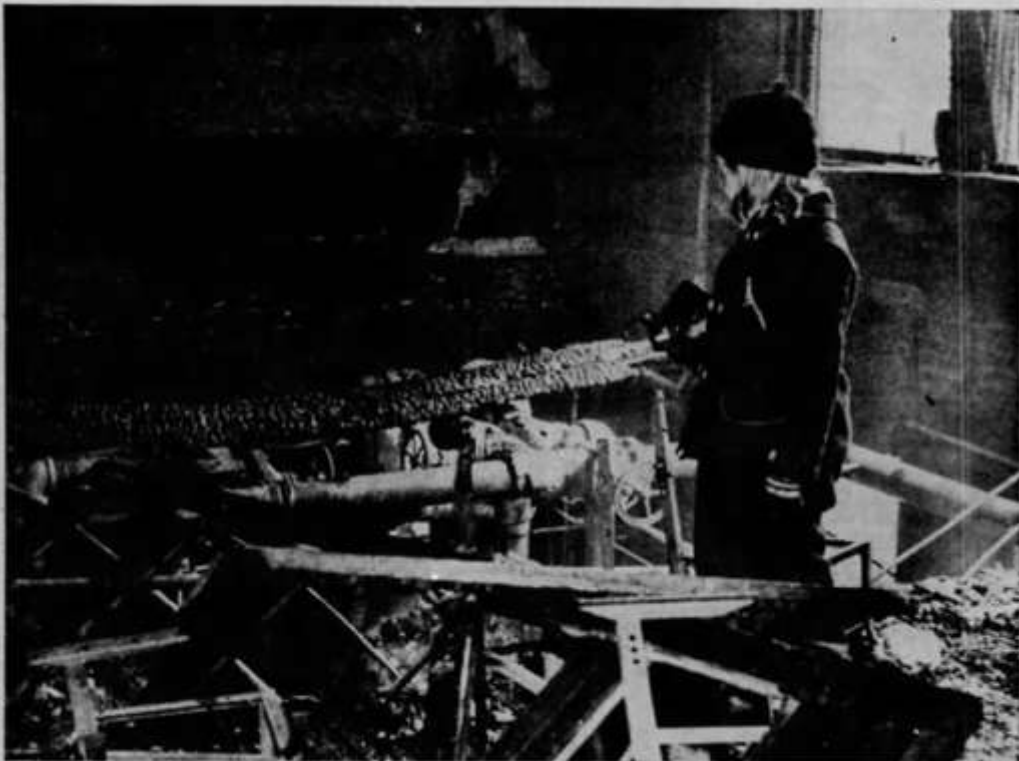
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March 11, 1940, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fire Gives 600 Jeffersontown Pupils Extra Holiday



THE BOILER ROOM OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, presented this appearance Sunday after an early morning fire. Fritz Zehner, Jeffersontown, was one of the crew sent into the building to get it in shape for classes Tuesday. Meantime, pupils enjoyed a holiday.



WHERE HER DESK WAS BEFORE THE FIRE, Marilyn Rae Jones, 6-year-old first grade pupil and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Jones, Jeffersontown, salvages her slightly burned purse containing two pennies. Approximately 600 pupils were given a holiday Monday because of the fire.

—C.J. Photos by Dick Wade.



Courtesy <http://www.jtownalumni.org/index.php3?pageid=AboutUs.htm> The original Jefferson High School; which opened in 1925, was located at what are now College Drive and Galene Drive. The 1st graduating class was in 1929, graduated eleven students. The original school colors of Green & White, proudly adorning their mascot named "The Gentlemen". The high school was an extension of the original Jeffersontown Elementary school in J-town at Dell Road and College Drive, which opened in 1914. The school was seriously damaged by a fire in 1940. The school subsequently conducted some classes in church Sunday School classrooms in the area.

School Functions Despite Handicap

Jeffersontown plant suffered severe loss by fire early Sunday, but classes being held nevertheless.

Jeffersontown School is functioning this week—or has been since Monday—under rather adverse and difficult circumstances due to the fire which practically ruined one unit of the plant early Sunday morning. This difficulty is true particularly of the grade pupils who, until repairs can be completed, are being housed in the Sunday School rooms at the Baptist and Lutheran Churches.

Superintendent O. J. Stivers stated yesterday, repairs are going forward as rapidly as possible, but will take several weeks to complete, since they will entail practically all woodwork, an entire new roof and possibly some of the walls to make the building again safe for occupancy.

The fire which wrought such havoc was first noticed about 4 a.m. Sunday by Mrs. J. H. Anderson, who lives with her son nearby and who was attending the needs of an invalid grandson when she noticed the unusual light. She promptly roused her son who turned in the alarm and soon not only the Jeffersontown fire fighting force, but also the St. Matthews and a unit from Louisville were on the scene and by heroic efforts held the loss from covering the entire plant.

As it was, the grade rooms, with principal's office and class rooms above as well as cafeteria and boiler rooms below suffered severely (though the cafeteria was not as badly hurt as at first feared); the auditorium and later additions to the building escaping. The loss has been roughly estimated at near \$15,000 but is said to be fully covered by insurance.

It so happens that the part of the building burned was the original

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SCHOOL CONTINUES DESPITE HANDICAP

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inal nucleus about—and above—which the rather rambling, but withal convenient and commodious plant has been developed.

The four burned lower rooms and basement date from back in 1911 when a bunch of local men, styled the Jefferson Heights Land Co., with a vision, proposed to the County Board of Education, through one Prof. Seirely, then a resident of the town, to donate five acres of land to the Board for school purposes, provided that within five years a building to cost not less than \$10,000 be erected thereon.

This idea materialized in 1911 when on May 23 a contract was let to the George R. Adams Co. to erect a building, designed by Brinton H. Davis, to consist of four rooms, basement, heating plant, etc. the contractor's price being \$15,475.16.

This original building has been added to three times since that date, an upper story being the first addition; soon followed the erection of the large auditorium at the rear and this was followed three years ago by the addition of yet other class rooms flanking the auditorium. And these altogether, house the present near 600 pupils enrolled.

Soon after the erection of the building, a need for a high school at this place was felt and in the fall of 1916, with Guy F. Mills as principal, a high school department, with J. W. D. Renegar as teacher, was inaugurated, classes being conducted in the basement. Mr. Renegar being forced to give up the work the following November on account of ill health, the High School suffered many difficulties and was finally discontinued for a time; but staged a comeback, finally gaining a firm foothold and today under the leadership of Principal S. G. Boyd it has developed—under his management for the last decade—into a grade A, four-year course high school, second to none in the County.

State District Deputy Fire Marshal George Schneider and A. C. Gandy stated today that an investigation into the cause of Sunday's fire had been made and a piece of cable taken from the debris and now in the hands of George R. Adams, business director of the Board of Education, would point to a conclusion defective wiring was responsible.

Mr. Adams said that it was his opinion even on preliminary investigation, that the fire started above the basement floor.

March 14, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:



George R. Adams (left), business director of the Jefferson County Board of Education, and County Superintendent O. J. Stivers look down into smoldering debris at Jeffersontown School.

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March 18, 1940,

MANUFACTURER'S OR IMPORTER'S CERTIFICATE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE <small>Ohio Gen'l Code, Sec. 6290-13</small>		No. 35
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THE CCL. E. S. MFG. CO. 6577-A

March 28, 1940: *The Jeffersonian*: Former Board Member.

March 22, 1940: *St. Matthews Sun*: Flames from a grass fire Wednesday afternoon threatened several homes and garages in the vicinity of Browns Lane and Shelbyville Road. The prompt arrival of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and work of the firemen is credited with having extinguished the fire and prevented any damage being done.

Bank Cashier Retires From Active Service

**T. H. Cooper succeeds
G. T. Dick, at St. Mat-
thews Bank 34 years.**

Terminating an active career in banking in the St. Matthews community, G. T. Dick, cashier of the St. Matthews Bank since its inception in May 1906, will retire from the position of active cashier April 1.

Although relinquishing his official duties to T. H. Cooper, the newly appointed cashier, Mr. Dick will retain an office in the St. Matthews Bank Building. Mr. Dick has seen his bank grow during the past 34 years from an institution which on its first day of business had \$1,000 in deposits, until at present its aggregate sum of deposits amounts to a million two hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Cooper has been the Bank's assistant cashier for the past fifteen years. A native of Lebanon, Ky., he began his banking career with the Citizens National Bank of that city. He was also in the banking business for three years in Kansas City.

Mr. Cooper, whose home is on Wallace Avenue, St. Matthews, is a World War veteran and as a member of the Zachary Taylor Post of the American Legion he has served as its treasurer for the past ten years.

April 2, 1940, The Courier-Journal

Jeffersontown Board Reduces Assessment to That of State

Jeffersontown's Board of Trustees Monday night passed an ordinance reducing the city's tax assessment to that of the State.

Under the new rule, those who have not paid the tax will have it computed for them at the lower figure, and those who have paid will receive a rebate in an amount which will, in the words of Board Member M. C. Hite, "be justice to them."

Mr. Hite proposed the reduction in a speech in which he declared that, while last year his city assessment was several hundred dollars higher than his State assessment, he raised such a row over it that this year's is a few hundred dollars below the State figure.

Three citizens showed tax bills which seemed to indicate that the

town's assessor had rated property a third higher than the State had.

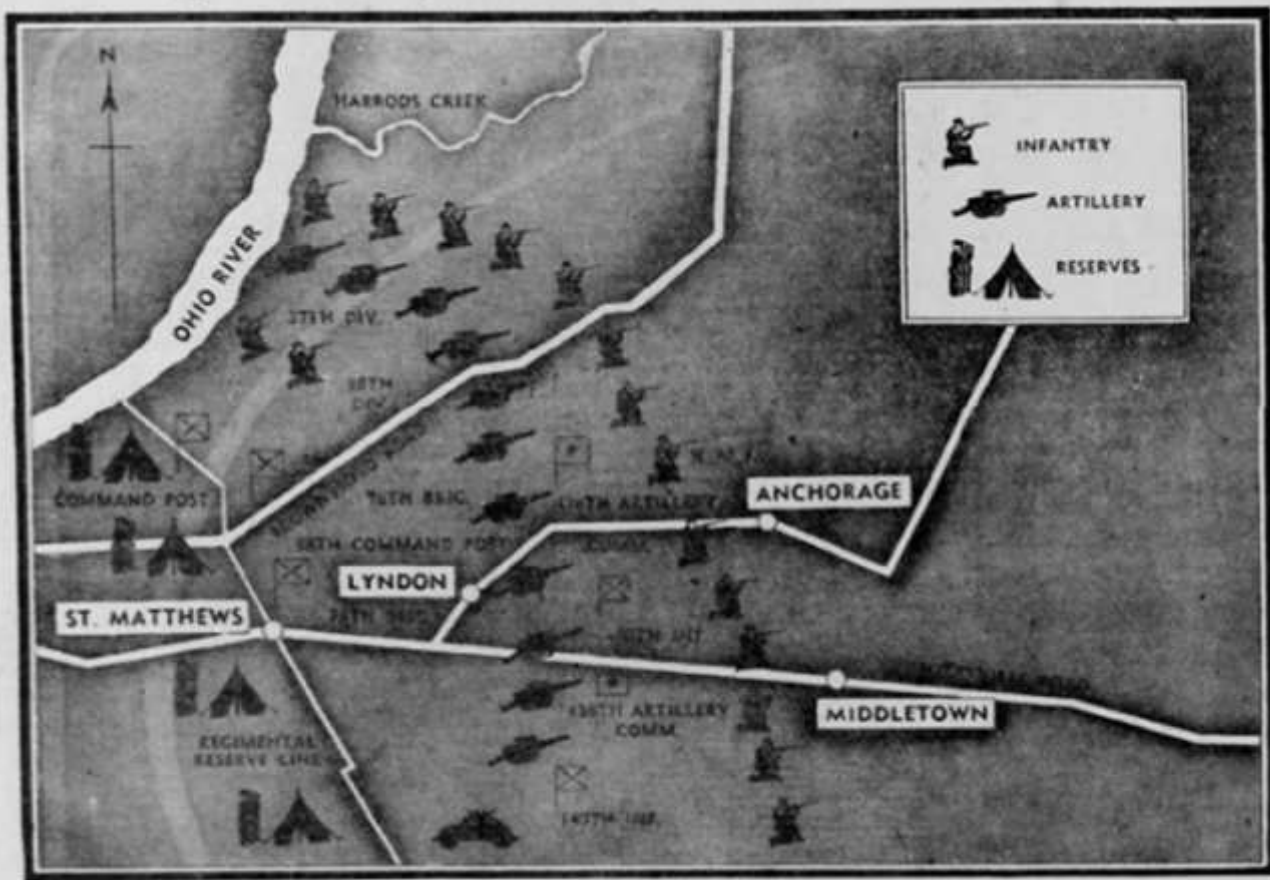
Other business transacted included reading of resolutions of gratitude to Safety Director Sam H. McMeekin and Louisville firemen, and to the **St. Matthews** Fire Department, for help in fighting a recent fire at the Jeffersontown High School.

Board members and a representative of the State Highway Department held a lengthy discussion of new construction planned for the Taylorsville Rd., between Jeffersontown and Louisville. The board signed a contract to pay for the moving of a water main "when possible." The State, meantime, will bear the expense.

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April 7, 1940, The Courier-Journal

Mangum Line Would Defend Louisville Against Invaders



Like a huge arc, the six-mile long Mangum Line extends from the Ohio River toward Central Kentucky.

NO ENEMY armies are driving down from the East to storm Fort Knox and Louisville, and no big guns are being pulled into place around **St. Matthews** to bombard the city—that is, unless Orson Welles and his Martians have something up their sleeves. But just the same the world is at war again; nations are locking to their defenses; and the military men to whom America looks for protection are mapping the strategy they will follow—just in case.

This is why the "Mangum Line," for the defense of Louisville and Fort Knox, has been brought into the spotlight recently.

It's Remote Guessing

Of course it is unlikely Louisville would be attacked even if

If foe ever penetrated this far inland, here is how Fort Knox would protect city and U. S. gold

By TOM COLLINS

America were invaded. In fact, it is probable that this country would sue for peace before an invading army penetrated this far inland. But one never knows, not even military men. Therefore they have begun to map their strategy, and have laid out the "Mangum Line."

Worked out by Maj. R. G. Mangum, of the Louisville Military District office of the United States Army, the line is devised to defend the city from an enemy that is sweeping down from the

northeast or the east, the logical direction from which an invader would attack. Like a huge arc it extends, as the map shows, from the Ohio River toward the central part of the State. As devised at present, its length is only six miles, but in actual war it would extend, at least theoretically, deep into the center of Kentucky.

The public has read so much in recent months about the Maginot, Siegfried and Mannerheim lines of Europe, it has come to look upon all military lines as long rows of

forts, barricades and emplacements for guns. In time of war this is what they are; and if Louisville found a war in its front yard this is probably what the Mangum line would be. However, as it stands now it is more theory than thunder.

In fact this plan has no relation to any national plans other than its value for training local military personnel on suitable ground within easy reach of their homes. Major Mangum had no idea when he drew up the problem that he would get into the same class as Field Marshal Mannerheim, Former Sergeant Maginot and the late Warrior Siegfried.

As Major Mangum explained it, the line has been carefully placed to take advantage of the hills and streams lying east of the city, has been worked out along lines of sound military strategy, and will

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be used to train soldiers for whatever task might lie before them—but with all this it is little more than a line upon a map.

In describing how the line would be used, Major Mangum pointed to the front line on his map and followed its curve to the southeast. The defending troops would make their big stand here, he said, and would attempt to force the invaders to move on down the curve as they sought to break through. The farther they moved attempting to flank the line, the farther they would get from their base and the more vulnerable they would become.

Call Out the Tanks

Eventually, at some point along the line, the defending commander would see his chance to counter-attack, and from somewhere in the vicinity of **St. Matthews**, the powerful tanks of the 7th Cavalry Brigade—until now kept out of the battle—would rumble into action.

The secondary line shown on the map and the buffer line shown before it would try the same technique if the front line failed to hold. The Major pointed out that this secondary line had been placed originally much closer to **St. Matthews** but had been moved farther out when it was shown that big guns of the invaders, from that point, could play havoc with Louisville.

It would be when—and if—the first trenches of the Mangum Line broke, and the invaders were pounding at the second, that Louisville would be informed it was time to get nervous. Because by this time the artillery would be falling back into the city proper, the invaders' guns would be battering **St. Matthews** to prevent the moving up of reinforcements, and the commanding officers would be deciding whether to defend Louisville street by street or fall back to new lines nearer Fort Knox.

Naturally Major Mangum and Col. N. B. Briscoe, who is commander of the Kentucky Military Area, wouldn't expect anything like this to happen. They believe the outer Mangum Line, properly fortified, would stop the invaders; and that the 7th Cavalry Brigade would rout them.

Fort Knox Buffer

Colonel Briscoe pointed out that Louisville would be the Fort and Knox buffer and that the defense of Fort Knox probably would be decided in the Battle of Louisville. The railroads in the city would

be of vital importance to both sides, and the army which held the terminal and could bring in supplies and reinforcements would likely have and keep the upper hand.

give the enemy commander the Fort Knox gold in toto if he'd call off his soldiers, make peace, and go home.

With the industrial East in enemy hands, he said, America



Armored cars would rumble into action as foe neared.

The whole defense plan, the Colonel said, is based on the assumption that the land beyond the Ohio River would still be in American hands and that the defending army at Louisville would not face invaders coming from two directions. If, by any chance, the invaders captured Cincinnati before moving on Louisville, then advanced down the other side of the river, intending to cross here, the Colonel thinks the city would have few worries. The Ohio is as wide as the Rhine or the Marne, and would be as hard, if not harder to cross.

Colonel Briscoe is of the opinion that the gold vaults at Fort Knox would not necessarily be a major objective of any invading army—though he concedes that if the enemy came in striking distance it would not miss the opportunity to pick up a few million in bullion. The enemy would be concerned primarily with a quick and decisive military victory, and the control of the Louisville railroads and industries might contribute more to this than the gold.

Gold for Peace

He did not discount, however, the psychological angle of an attack on Fort Knox, pointing out that the enemy might believe it would crush the morale of the American people if they saw the fabulous treasure captured.

Laughing, Colonel Briscoe said that if an invading army ever reached Louisville—considering that it had seized the Eastern industrial area and the Atlantic seaboard in the process—America probably would be very happy to

zation. In the last six months the garrison there has been doubled and now totals approximately 6,000 men—second in size only to Fort Sam Houston in Texas. The expansion, however, is purely for training purposes. Among new units already brought to the Fort, or to be brought, are a medical battalion, a battalion of engineers, and two regiments of artillery.

A Training Center

The Fort is divided into two general groups. One contains the 7th Cavalry Brigade, a regiment of artillery, the 12th Observation Squadron which works in conjunction with the tanks, and a regiment of infantry which has just arrived. The other group is composed of the Medical and Engineering units and the artillery of the 5th Infantry Division.

Colonel Briscoe said that the Fort, while not of unusual strategic value in the Nation's war defense, was strategically located for the training of soldiers. From the Fort men could be rushed to every part of the eastern section of the Nation with little delay.

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METAL CHAIRS

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April 5, 1940: *St. Matthews Commuter*: Letter to Editor, Chief R. M. Young. During the recent fire at the Jeffersontown High School, the local fire department called for assistance, you and the members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department rendered invaluable aid in preventing complete destruction in the school building, and because of this prompt service the Board of Directors of the town of Jeffersontown, at a meeting a few nights ago, unanimously approved the following resolution: Where as without the prompt action of Chief Young and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department in answering our emergency call for additional fire equipment, damage to the school building might have been so extensive as to cause a complete suspension of a long period of time. Resolved that the Board of Trustees do hereby express their sincere thanks to Chief Young and the members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire department for rendering this most valuable service. The board of Trustees Jeffersontown Kentucky, by S. Durrer, Clerk.

April 10, 1940: Board meeting:

May 8, 1940, Board Meeting,

Minutes of Meeting April, 10, 1940

Six directors present, Zehnder, Winter, Schweitzer, Boss, Ogden and Davis. Firemen John Monahan and Bernard Handel.

Treasurer reported balance of \$150.79.

Following bills presented-

St. Matthews Hardware	2.77
Standard Oil	7.86
Sou Bell Tel & Tel	3.85
Sou Bell Tel & Tel	4.13
Buschemeyer-Ogden	.55
Iou Gas & Elec	12.26
Chief Bud Young	
(Investigation expense)	3.00

Total \$34.42

Motion by Boss - seconded by Zehnder that bills be paid.

Carried.

Motion by Zehnder - seconded by Ogden that Chief Young visit last fires at Middletown, Lyndon, and Lakeland for the purpose of collecting funds in payment for these fire runs. He to receive the usual 15% commission if collected.

Carried

No further business meeting was Adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

Thos. L. Doherty
Secretary

May 8, 1940 (Meeting Date)

No meeting account lack of Quorum

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April 25, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:



June 12, 1940: Board meeting:

Regular Meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.

June 12, 1940

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. by the President

Officers and Directors present Winter, Davis, Dobson, Boss, Chief Bud Young, John Momohan, H. Monahan.

Motion made and seconded that the following bills be paid

Standard Oil Co.	1.00
Geo. Dehler	4.44
Young	3.75
Busch-Ogden	.65
Telephone Co.	5.65
Gas and Elec.	4.60
Total	\$ 20.09

Motion made and seconded to pay St. Matthews Bank balance on note. Carried

Motion made and seconded that we receive bids on 2-6.50-20 Sply truck tires for fire engine. Treasurer authorized to purchase same at best price. Carried.

Secretary instructed to ask cooperation of St. Matthews Sun, Jeffersonian and Highlander in publicising our annual meeting to be held July 10, 1940.

No further business meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

May 23, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:June 20, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:

St. Matthews Buys Site For Armory

Options held on adjoining tract to be purchased for recreation activities.

After much talk coupled with considerable action on the part of residents of St. Matthews, the first move has been effected toward the realization of a long-cherished dream.

This "dream" is the securing for this fast developing suburb a recreation center and Armory building combined and the "first move" was the purchasing last Friday of a site for the building from Miss Ethel M. Elme of 4010 Frankfort Ave. for \$1,500.

The statement that this is the "first move" is not exactly the truth since the interested civic organizations of the town have been moving for some months past raising the town's part of the cash required for the project, covering the amount in a two-night whirlwind campaign whereby subscriptions were secured and supplemented by voluntary cash gifts, aggregating the amount required.

The land purchased Friday for the Armory's site is on the north side of Frankfort Ave. near Holy Trinity Church and options are held on an adjoining tract of equal size which will be bought as soon as subscriptions are all in and which will be used for a playground and general community center activities.

Building operations are expected to begin within the next five or six weeks, according to Capt. Jasper Cummings of the 149th Infantry, Kentucky National Guard, the structure of poured concrete to be 75 feet wide by 145 deep and on a two-story plan.

This armory is planned to have a drill floor 75x90 feet with adequate garage space for National Guard vehicles and artillery, a clubroom capable of accommodating civic meetings, and the usual complement of offices and supply rooms, Captain Cummings said.

2-Way Radios For Co. Police Cars

Innovation to be in operation by August 1, Chief Cassell promises.

Announcement was made Monday by County Police Chief Frank Cassell that Jefferson will be patrolled by police cars equipped with two-way radios in the not distant future.

This innovation is planned to be in operation by August 1, Mr. Cassell said, and further, that the Fiscal Court has awarded the contract for the equipment to the R.C.A. Manufacturing Company of Camden, N. J.

It is said the Court approved the purchase of twelve two-way sets and equipment for installation of a broadcasting station to be located on the top of the Water Company's tower in Crescent Hill, the R.C.A. Company's bid being \$6,821.70. This was not quite the lowest bid, but was accepted, so the Court said, because the bidder had given "satisfactory service over extended length of time."

It was first proposed that the county use the city's broadcasting station, this idea being later rejected as both city and county authorities, in conference, agreed it would be better for the county to take bids.

No additional help will be required to operate the plant, Chief Cassell pointed out, since the desk sergeants by using remote control can serve as announcers from their desks at the Court House.

Six of the two-way sets, which cost about \$369 each, will be installed in cruising cars; two in accident cars; one in a detective's car and one each in cars of Chief Cassell, Assistant Chief Lee Clark and County Judge Mark Beauchamp.

The broadcasting station and equipment for its installation will cost \$2,363.50, Chief Cassell said.

Fire Threatens Monohan Home Wed. Afternoon

Two members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and one Louisville fireman were overcome by heat and smoke while fighting a blaze at the home of Edward S. Monohan, Jr., on Brown's Lane about 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The fire which did an estimated damage of \$5,000 is said to have been caused by a blow torch being used by William Gardner, a painter, in burning off old paint near the roof, the fire igniting the weatherboard and spreading into the attic.

James Monohan, son of the owner and only member of the family at home at the time, summoned aid—the St. Matthews Fire Department and a pumper and the Salvage Corps from Louisville, all responding. Two large cisterns furnished the water and the flames were held confined to the attic, though as a precautionary measure all the furniture of the ten-room house was removed.

During the conflagration, Captain "Bud" Young and Emil Lausman of the St. Matthews Volunteers and Lieut. Andrew Harrington of the Louisville Department were overcome, but quickly revived.

Mr. Monohan, owner of the home, is vice president of the St. Matthews Bank.

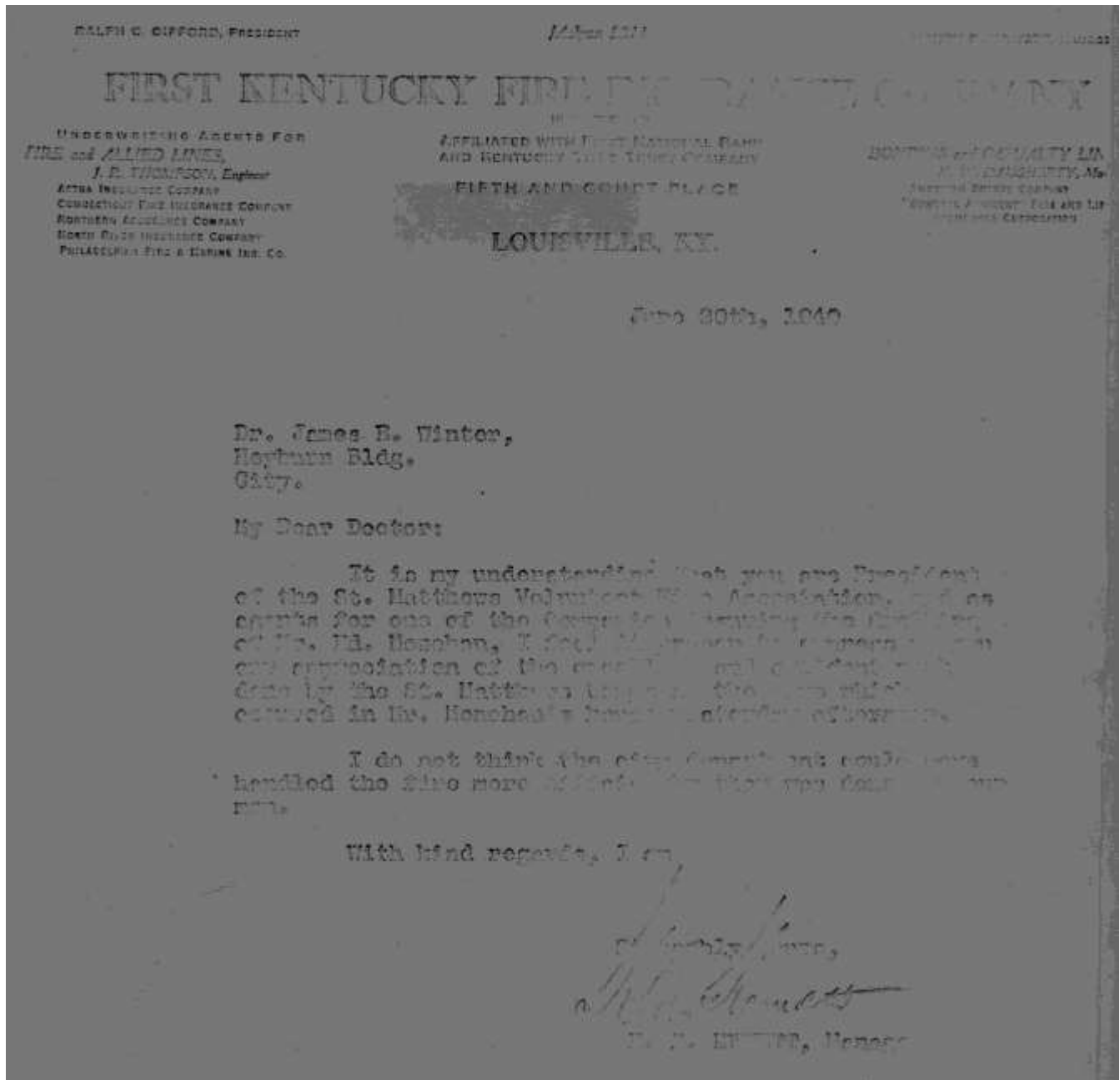
June 27, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:

Dietrich—Kamer

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dietrich announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louvinia Dietrich, to Mr. Martin Kamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kamer, Elwood Ave., St. Matthews. The wedding will take place September 2 at Holy Trinity Church.

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June 20, 1940: Almost unreadable letter:



It is my understanding that you are president of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, and as agents for one of the Companies insuring the dwelling of Mr. Ed Monohan, I feel it _____ our appreciation of the _____ done by the St. Matthews _____ the _____ caused in Mr. Monohan's house yesterday afternoon.

I do not think the other department could have handled the fire more efficiently than was done by your men.

July 9, 1940: *St. Matthews Sun*: Local Volunteer Fire Association Plans Addition To Its Equipment. Rapid Increase In Number Of Homes Here Demands Greater Efficiency. The annual meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Association was held at Bethel Church on July 10 and proved to be one of much interest in several ways.

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Routine business of the evening included the election of trustees which resulted in a re-election of all former incumbents and the addition of Paul Fleming to the personnel.

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Mr. Young further points out that fire insurance rates for St. Matthews are about half what would otherwise be charged, just because of the protection rendered by the association, and in view of this fact he reminds citizens who have not yet made their annual contribution, that it is not yet too late, and that same may be sent to Jesse Ogden, Assistant Treasurer, 3900 Frankfort Avenue. However in any event, a house to house canvass in the interest of the organization is planned to be started next week.

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Turn to page 2 for a picture of the St. Matthews fire fighting equipment and some of its "Volunteers."

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July 10, 1940: Annual Board meeting:

Minutes of Annual Meeting held July 10, 1940 at
Bethel Evangelical Church

Meeting called to order by the President at 8:15 P. M.

Seven officers and Directors present- Total attendance 16.

President gave a brief summary of activities for the past year and announced that the Association was out of debt except for current bills and there was sufficient cash on hand to pay them.

Treasurer read annual report and reported cash in bank as \$215. 39. Accepted as read.

Motion made and seconded to pay the following bills:

Standard Oil Co.	42.98	
St. Matt. Hdwe	3.25	
Busch- Ogden	1.10	
Rich Herdt	1.22	For time lost from work
Reisert Ins. Agency	115.00	
Total	\$153.55	

Carried.

Motion by Schweitzer-Boss that we have 2000 Stickers printed showing new phone numbers. Given to Dobson Printing Co.
Carried.

Further improvements to equipment and fire house were discussed at length but no definite plans were made at this time.

Election of directors was held and resulted in the re-election of the present board and Mr. Paul Fleming added thereto.

No further business- meeting was adjourned at 10 P. M.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

July 11, 1940: *The Jeffersonian*:

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St. Matthews Section To Get More Road Work

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Included in a State order for an additional \$544,749 for road work in the Commonwealth in 1940, embracing 12 contracts, and awarded last Thursday by the State Highway Department is one order for Jefferson County, in the St. Matthews section.

This will take care of the concrete surfacing of 1.05 miles of the Westport Road from Cheno-weth Lane to Hubbard's Lane and on St. Matthews Avenue from Westport Road to Shelbyville Road.

The contract for this work went to the George M. Eady Co.

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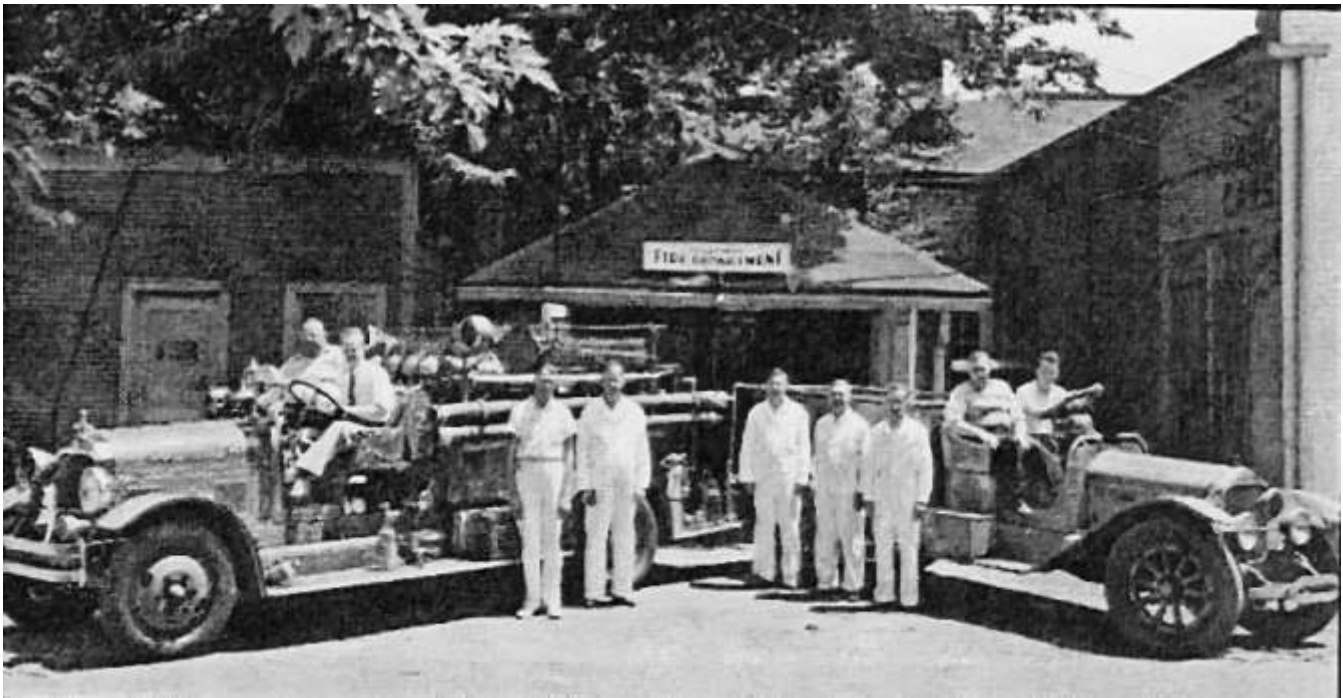
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From left to right: John Feierbend, Captain John M. Monohan, Jr., Chief Raymond Young, Assistant Chief Henry Monohan, William Leitsch, Richard Herdt Sr., Lieutenant Marty Kamer, George Wurster, and Bernard Handel. Fire house at 109 Breckinridge Lane. Betsy on the left, White Salvage Wagon on the right.

COMMUNITY ASSET

July 19, 1940: *St. Matthews Sun*:



St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Begins Annual Contribution Canvass. Monday, July 22

Those in the picture reading from left to right are: "Fats" Feierbend, Capt. John Monohan, Chief R. M. Young, Asst. Chief Henry Monohan, Bill Leitsch, Rich Herdt, Lieut. Marty Kamer, George Vurester, Bernie Handle.

Absent when picture was taken—Rudy Lineback, John Beferle, Fred Wooten and Irvin Bauer.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association held its annual meeting July 10th at Bethel Church. The treasurer reported for the first time the Association was free from debt and all bills were paid.

At the election of trustees, the former trustees were reelected with the addition of Mr. Paul Fleming. Plans were discussed for increasing the equipment to take care of the very large increase in number of buildings in St. Matthews during the past few years.

The Fire Association is entirely a voluntary organization and its only support are the contributions received from the people of St. Matthews and vicinity. The fire insurance rates in St. Matthews because of its work, are about half of the rate which would otherwise be charged. If you have not paid your annual contribution, it is not too late to send it to Mr. Jess Ogden, assistant treasurer, 3704 Frankfort Avenue.

House to house canvass by the Fire Association will begin Monday, July 22nd.

Equipment and Crew of St. Matthews Fire Association

1940

July, 1940: New Board Member: Paul H. Fleming



Firefighter 1930 to 1935, Trustee 1933 to 1934, and again in 1940—June 5, 1898 to January 27, 1951.

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 he 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 to 1934. He died January 27, 1951.

Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:



Original church building at 118 Bauer Avenue. The one-room church was built in 1914; Sunday School addition in back was built in 1939. Photo made in 1940.

BY-LAWS OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

Directors and/or Sub. 1. The annual meeting of the incorporators of this corporation shall be held as provided in the Charter on the second Wednesday of July, 1940, and the second Wednesday of July each year thereafter, provided, however, if the said second Wednesday in July is a legal holiday, the meeting of the incorporators shall not be held thereon, but shall be held on that day next preceding which is not a holiday.

2. At the annual meeting of the incorporators there shall be elected eight directors, provided however that at any time the incorporators desire to do so a ninth director can be elected. Until the annual meeting for the election of directors the following named incorporators have been elected as directors:

Thomas Dobson, Dr. J. E. Winter, Joseph B. Zehnder, William Smithson, Edwin W. Davis, Louis H. Schweitzer, W. Jesse Ogden and Fred C. Boss.

3. At the annual meeting of the incorporators for the election of directors, all incorporators and all voluntary subscribers, who have subscribed for the fund at any time within the year prior to the election of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote.

4. Voting shall be by ballot and shall be done either in person or by proxy.

5. Until the election of officers of the corporation as provided by the Charter of the corporation there shall be a President, Vice-president, secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors after the election of the directors after the Second Wednesday July, 1940. The foregoing officers shall hold their offices for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Until the meeting of the Board of Directors in August, 1940, the following shall serve as officers of the Corporation. Dr. J. W. Winter, President, Joseph B. Zehnder, Vice-president, Tomas Dobson, Secretary, Fred Boss, Treasurer.

6. The Directors may elect an assistant treasurer, a fire chief and an assistant fire chief until the meeting of the Board of Directors in August, 1940, W. Jesse Ogden shall serve as assistant Treasurer of the corporation, Raymond Young as chief of the fire department and Henry Monohan as assistant chief of the fire department.

7. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the second Wednesday in each month provided that if that is not a legal holiday and if the said second Wednesday in a legal holiday the board will meet the next day thereafter not a legal holiday.

8. A majority of the Board of Directors or the President can call a meeting of the Board of Directors at any time.

9. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall act as temporary Chairman and shall call to order all meetings of the incorporators.

10. The Vice-president shall perform in the absence or incapacity of the president, the duties of that officer.

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12. If the Directors deem it advisable the Treasurer and the Assistant-Treasurer may be required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties. The premium for such bond or bonds shall be paid from the funds of the corporation.

13. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the board of directors and also the minutes of the meetings of the incorporators; he shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the association; he shall also keep a record book containing the names and addresses of all persons who are incorporators of the company and who have subscribed to the fund for the benefit of the association. He shall also keep a list of the voluntary fireman.

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Wm. Smithson
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BY-LAWS OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION*Directors and/or Sub.*

1. The annual meeting of the incorporators of this corporation shall be held as provided in the Charter on the second Wednesday of July, 1940, and the second Wednesday of July each year thereafter, provided, however, if the said second Wednesday in July is a legal holiday, the meeting of the incorporators shall not be held thereon, but shall be held on that day next preceding which is not a holiday.

2. At the annual meeting of the incorporators there shall be elected eight directors, provided however that at any time the incorporators desire to do so a ninth director can be elected. Until the annual meeting for the election of directors the following named incorporators have been elected as directors:

Thomas Dobson, Dr. J.E. Winter, Joseph B. Zehnder, William Smithson, Edwin W. Davis, Louis H. Schweitzer, W. Jesse Ogden and Fred C. Boss.

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4. Voting shall be by ballot and shall be done either in person or by proxy.

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BY-LAWS OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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Joseph B. Zehnder,	Vice-president.
Thomas Dobson,	Secretary,
Fred Boss,	Treasurer.

6. The Directors may elect an assistant treasurer, a fire chief and an assistant fire chief; until the meeting of the Board of Directors in August, 1940, W. Jesse Ogden shall serve as assistant Treasurer of the corporation, Raymond Young as chief of the fire department and Henry Monohan as assistant chief of the fire department.

7. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the Second Wednesday in each month provided that if that is not a legal holiday and if the said second Wednesday is a legal holiday the board will meet the next day thereafter not a legal holiday.

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Courtesy, <http://140.194.76.129/publications/eng-pamphlets/ep870-1-42/c-2-4.pdf>

Bowman Field

Bowman Field at Louisville. Originally used as a commercial airfield on the outskirts of Louisville, the Army Air Force took over Bowman Field in August 1940. The Louisville District constructed additional runways along with over 100 buildings allowing the field to serve as a supply depot, air crew and combat glider training base, and near the end of the war, as a convalescent hospital for wounded flyers.

NOTE: Somewhere around this time Air Corps provided Bowman Field with a "Crash Truck," which participated many time with STMFD in parades as well as some fires.

Courtesy, <http://www.flylouisville.com/Bowman-Field/History.aspx>

During World War II Bowman Field was the busiest airport in the country, following an investment of \$1 million for construction of barracks and other facilities-including nine mess halls. At that time, thousands of members of the military called Bowman Field and Louisville their temporary home while undergoing combat readiness training.

The already cramped airfield added more troops in 1943, when Glider Pilot Combat Training opened. The gliders, which carried 15 troops each into combat, were a familiar sight in the Louisville skies during the last two years of the war.

The facility became known as "Air Base City" when a bomber squadron moved in, and more than 1600 recruits underwent basic training in a three-month period. During the war years, a large variety of Air Force and Navy aircraft could be seen passing through Bowman Field.

Bowman Field also was home to the Army Air Force School of flight surgeons, medical technicians and flight nurses. Those attending the school learned how to treat and evacuate the wounded by air, and, just as important, acquired the necessary skills to help ensure survival in combat zones. Graduates of the school were responsible for evacuating and treating a half-million sick and wounded from war zones around the world by the end of 1944.

Courtesy, <http://kynghistory.ky.gov/NR/rdon-lyres/0488F205-1CE7-4625-9877>



1940

August 14, 1940: Board meeting:

Regular Meeting August 14, 1940

Meeting called to order by the President.

Officers and Directors present Dr. Winter- Davis- Ogden- Fleming- Chief Bud Young- Henry Monahan- John Monahan.

Motion by Ogden- Fleming that bills amounting to \$51.00 be paid. Carried.

Balance on hand reported to be 174.07 less bills voted to be paid 123.00 and 25.00 to be drawn as provided in following motion.

Motion by Ogden- Fleming that we send Chief Bud Young and asst. Chief Henry Monahan Firemens Meetings at Bowling Green and allow them \$25.00 expense money. Carried.

Meeting adjourned, to meet again Sept. 11, 1940.

Ed Davis, Acting Sec.

Thomas L. Dobson

Secretary



St. Matthews -
here is NEWS!

A new BOY'S DEPARTMENT in a
MAN'S STORE with Ellen Showers
in charge. Watch for opening date!

SUPERIOR
Boys' Shop Men's Shop
ELME BUILDING
9000 Frankfort Avenue St. Matthews

Dietrich-Kamer
The wedding of Miss Louvinla Dietrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dietrich, Prospect, and Mr. Martin A. Kamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kamer, was solemnized at 9 a.m. Monday in Holy Trinity Church, the Rev. John Knue, celebrant.

Miss Julia Dietrich was the maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Misses Mary Kamer and Stella Dietrich. Miss Betty Ann Kitzero was flower girl and Miss Martha Ann Schoenbachler was ringbearer.

Mr. Joseph Rush was the best man and the ushers were Messrs. Xaxier Kamer and Donald Mackay.

The bride wore a white taffeta wedding gown made with a close-fitting bodice and full skirt with a long train. Her long tulle veil was trimmed with lace. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli.

The maid of honor wore blue net over taffeta trimmed in lace. One bridesmaid wore aqua net and the other wore yellow net.

They wore hats of flesh color maline caught with ribbon to match the gowns. They carried bouquets of gladioli.

The flower girl wore pink net and carried a French bouquet. The ringbearer wore orchid net and carried the ring in a calla lily.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bridegroom's parents on Elmwood Ave. and a reception was held later at the home of the bride's parents in Prospect.

After a wedding trip to Indianapolis, the bride and groom will make their home at 3810 Elmwood Ave.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Will Kitzero, Indianapolis, and Mr. Louis Fried, Cincinnati.

September 5, 1940: *The Jeffersonian*:

September 6, 1968,
The Voice-Jeffersonian:

GEORGIAN MANSION COMPLETED IN 1815

Veils of mystery shroud old house in heart of Middletown

By Joseph Oglesby
Editor

Wind still rattles the shutters and whistles down the twin chimneys.

But there's no one inside the old house to hear those half-human sounds.

Abandoned, the Captain Benjamin Head house on Main Street in Middletown passes its days quietly basking in traditions, legends and history stretching back to the early 19th century.

Captain Benjamin Head, who served in the Continental Army, began building the house in 1812.

Made for the two-foot thick walls of the building was cut by hand from the rock-ribbed hills of Middletown. Lumber for the floors, the window frames, the rafters and some of the outbuildings came from forests nearby.

The house was finished in 1815.

Captain Head built the place well and arranged its rooms for comfort and convenience.

Included in the original house were a parlor, a sitting room, a study, three bedrooms, and a children's room. The servants' quarters, the chicken house, the barn, and the kitchen were separate buildings east of the main house.

Eye for perfection

Captain Head apparently had an eye for detail and perfection. Each room had its own stone fireplace, all the windows were shuttered, all main doors were of "Book and Bible" design, and a delicate crystal chandelier graced the main hallway.

A rainbow-shaped glass panel topped the double door at the entrance. There

were many pantries, built in convenient niches. The house also had a breezy side porch and a large stairway leading to the top floor of the Georgian mansion.

For some reason yet to be determined he left a large room on the ground floor, at the rear, windowless. The only openings in that room were three doorways.

The house is essentially the same now as when it was built, although weather, dust, and vandals have left their calling cards.

Shedding his military career, the captain opened a general store next to his home. The store -- which no longer exists -- was a long and narrow stone building.

Captain Head rode on horseback to Philadelphia and Baltimore to buy stock for the store. Later he married Nora Freeman, and the couple had three children, including Amelia, the mother of Robert Chester Tway, the original owner of Plainview Farms.

But Captain Head kept neither the house

nor the store. In 1821 the home property passed to John Hamblough -- a direct descendant of the Royal Governor of Virginia and a member of "the lost hunting crowd."

Tradition questioned

According to tradition, John Hamblough won the house in a poker game. This tradition is disputed by attorney Thomas C. Fisher, a descendant of John Hamblough. According to Fisher, it is more likely that Captain Head had to sell the house.

John Hamblough was an extremely religious man, records show, and it seems contrary to the known facts that he would have played poker with a house at stake.

At any rate the house became the property of William Chambers in the middle period of the 19th century.

Chambers abandoned the house during the Civil War to live in St. Louis, where he had extensive holdings.

Nobody lived in the old stone mansion until about 1877. That year Dr. Silas Otis Witherbee, a native of New York, bought the house, brought his bride there and raised a family.

From the time the Chambers' family left the house until Dr. Witherbee bought it for \$800 for back taxes, a legend grew about the house.

That legend hasn't completely died yet.

Townpeople believed the house contained buried treasure that had been secreted somewhere by servants until the Chambers' family returned. (It was not uncommon in the Civil War period for families to bury treasure to keep it safe from bands of raiders.)

The house, thus, became a target for treasure hunters. Even in recent months the place has been broken into several times.

Rumor buried

Fisher, who owns the building, said he has thoroughly explored records and found the "hidden treasure" story to be "pure rumor" without a word of truth to it.

Dr. Witherbee, who was Fisher's step-grandfather, was a friend, counselor and physician to hundreds of people during his long practice.

According to an article that appeared in The Jeffersonian, "Dr. Silas (Witherbee) was a great exponent of public service in any and every line."

He was a member of the Board of Commissioners of the County Farm, an official of the Middletown Methodist Church, a charter member of the Middletown Masonic Lodge, and one of the organizers of the Bank of Middletown. He served as the bank's first president.

Being restored

Dr. Witherbee was "a true country doctor" who made his rounds whatever the weather, according to the article.

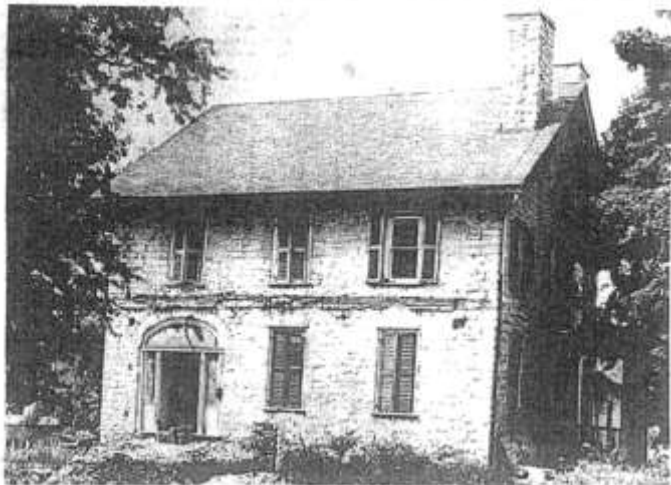
The Witherbees (his wife was the former Marion Beynuth) had three children: Lucy, Elza, and Charles Fisher. Dr. Witherbee died in 1938 at age 92 and the house passed to Lucy.

She lived there until 1944, when her health required that she be moved to a nursing home, where she died the next year.

For several months Thomas Fisher's daughter, "Frankie," her husband and their three children occupied the house.

Since April of 1955, the house has been abandoned. But it is in the process of being restored.

Fisher, who said the place is worth about \$75,000, may turn the house into a museum and shrine after completion of the restoration.



THE CAPTAIN BENJAMIN HEAD HOUSE IN MIDDLETOWN



DR. SILAS WITHERBEE

live vice president of Associated Industries of Kentucky.

The announcement was made after a vote of the membership attending the society's annual convention just ended in Atlanta. As president, Watkins will have a role in directing the affairs of an organization made up of 2,700 of the top professional and business association managers across the nation and in Canada. He organizations collectively represent some 10 million members.

He said the new position will involve some additional travel but not an up-

Courtesy, <http://cityofmiddletownky.org/wetherby-house/>

Built in 1796, The Wetherby House/Davis Tavern is located at 11803 Old Shelbyville Road (Main Street). It is a two-story structure with solid brick, two-foot-thick walls and 23 rooms. Stuccoed in 1922T it was the homestead on a one-hundred acre tract that was originally owned by Esquire William White.

Purchased by Susan Davis in 1841, it operated as Davis Tavern until the 1870's. The tavern and hotel was a stage coach stop on the trail that opened the "West" and had a 50-stall horse barn southeast of the tavern. Portions of the barn floor can be found today where the barn once stood. Guests included Henry Clay, Breckenridge and France's LaFayette who was said to have visited the tavern during his American tour of 1824. The July 23, 1822, Louisville Herald Newspaper commented on the high quality cheese that was served at the tavern. The Wetherby House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1860, Dr. Luther Paris Wetherby stopped at the inn for a night's rest. He liked Middletown, met Hattie Brown, the innkeeper's daughter whose family owned the tavern, courted her and they ultimately married. Luther and Hattie continued to live at the Inn where all five of their children were born. Thus, the Davis tavern became known as the Wetherby House. Dr. Wetherby was born in Moira, New York in 1838, graduated from Vermont's Castleton Medical College in 1857 and from Louisville School of medicine in 1858. He served as a surgeon for the Union Army during the Civil War. After his discharge in July of 1862, he returned to Middletown where he continued his medical practice.

When Dr. Wetherby died, his son Luther Paris (Lupe) Wetherby (1867-1956), who lived across the street, became the owner of the Wetherby House. The Wetherby family retained ownership of the building and about three acres of surrounding land until the City of Middletown purchased the house in 2000. The other acreage had been sold for development. As Lupe Wetherby's farm and shipping point for Middletown's strawberry growers, 6,500 crates of berries were shipped from the Wetherby House front yard in 1938.

Historic Wetherby house has since been renovated and is now Middletown's City Hall.

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September 9, 1940, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fire Damages House Famed As Landmark

A 150-year-old landmark, the old Davis house on old U. S. 60 at Middletown, was damaged Sunday afternoon by fire originating from a flaring kerosene cook stove. Loss was set at \$5,000 by the owner, Luther P. Wetherby, 73, who purchased the home 50 years ago.

A **St. Matthews volunteer** fireman, Richard Hertz, Jr., 23, suffered a burned hand in the 2½-hour battle against the blaze. It started at 12:56 p.m. when Miss Ruth Downey started to light the stove in her second-story apartment.

Now divided into seven apartments, the structure also is known as the old Wetherby residence. Its two stories are of brick and stone, protected by the original tin roof. Lafayette stopped there on his Kentucky tour.

1940

September 11, 1940: Board meeting:

Regular Meeting Sept. 11, 1940

Meeting called to order by Vice President Zehnder at 8:15 P.M.

Six officers and Directors present. Chief Young, Asst Chief H. Monohan, and John Monohan also present.

Treasurer reported balance of \$167.07

Motion by Boss-Dobson to pay the following bills;

Firemens Conv. Exp.	25.00 ✓	St. Matthews Hdwe. Co.	3.15 ✓
Weinberg	3.00 ✓	Jack Finn	2.60 ✓
Gas & Elec. Co.	2.27 ✓	Richard Herdt	1.22 ✓
Dobson Ptg. Co.	3.00 ✓	Telephone	5.79 ✓
Standard Oil	2.94 ✓	Royal Photo	5.50 ✓
Buschemeyer-Ogden	1.85 ✓	Phil Hunt	4.65 ✓
	<u>38.06</u>		<u>22.91</u>
Total Amount		52.11	

Asst. Treasurer reported deposits from Sept. 1, to date amounted to \$146.00. This amount added to treasurer's report less bills to be paid leaves balance of \$260.96.

Motion by Boss-Ogden that the \$100.00, received from the Wetherby fire at Middletown, be divided 50-50 with the firemen as it was contributed, to take care of the Assn. and the firemen as well. Motion carried.

Motion by Boss-Davis that a credit of \$7.50 be posted to the account of John Monohan, 3909 Elmwood. This amount being commission on fire run contribution collected by him. Motion carried. ✓

Motion by Ogden-Boss that we serve Harrod's Creek at a minimum charge of \$200.00 covering not more than 20 residences or business places, and an additional \$10.00 for each residence or business place over that number. Motion carried.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned to meet again October 9, 1940.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

September 12, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*: Fire Damages Co. Landmark—Wetherby apartment house at Middletown scene of heroic flame fighting Sunday—The apartment house of L. P. Wetherby of Middletown was destroyed by fire Sunday. The St. Matthews Fire Department answered the call and made record time in reaching the scene. Middletown certainly turned out as volunteer workers for men and women alike did what they could to save the property endangered and to assist the fire department who worked valiantly. It was reported that one of the firemen was overcome by smoke.

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September 13, 1940, *The Courier-Journal*:

Jail Trusty Leaving Fair Is Arrested

Police Call Firebug Reckless Driver

A Jefferson County jail trusty serving a two-year sentence for arson went to the Kentucky State Fair Thursday night and had a box of candy and a green Hawaiian lei to prove it when he was arrested at 12:45 a.m. Friday on charges of reckless driving and lacking an operator's license.

The trusty, Ernest Neichter, 19, of 2516 Frankfort, was arrested at 1st and Broadway by Sergt. William Wallace who said he clocked Neichter at 45 miles an hour and saw him cut through lanes of traffic.

Neichter was held three months in jail in 1938 before he was judged sane after he confessed starting a \$150,000 fire at Holy Trinity Church in St. Matthews.

Jailer Martin Connors, asked if it were the practice to let trustees drive cars, told a reporter:

"You know better than to ask a question like that."

A jail attendant said Neichter was taking a car home for a "Mr. Beasey." License plates indicate the car is owned by Ed Beasey, 729 S. 24th.

When arrested, Neichter was wearing the lei and had the candy which he said he obtained at the Fair.

September 14, 1940, *The Courier-Journal*:

Visit to Fair Costs Trusty Privileges

Traffic Charges Are Filed Away In Police Court

Re-routing a trip for repaired eye glasses through the State Fair Thursday won Ernest Neichter, 19, a jail trusty, a box of candy but cost him his "outside privileges" Friday.

The youth, who is serving a two-year sentence on arson charges resulting from the \$150,000 fire at Holy Trinity Church, St. Matthews, in September, 1937, was arrested Thursday night when he was returning from the Fair in a borrowed car.

Charges of reckless driving and operating without a driver's license, which were placed against him when he was arrested, were filed away in Police Court.

Connors Gives Permission.

Jailer Martin Connors said he gave permission for Neichter to leave the jail Thursday afternoon to get his glasses, which were being repaired after the prisoner had broken them while working in the jail. The jailer said he gave Neichter \$3.50 to pay for the repairs. Neichter didn't get his glasses and the jailer said there would be no more permission to leave the jail.

Police notified the jailer after they arrested Neichter in a car licensed to Ed Beasley, 729 S. 24th, who operates a fair concession.

At one time Neichter was under treatment at the Mental Hygiene Clinic, Brook and Chestnut.

Gasoline Theft Plot Starts Fire

3 Cars Destroyed At St. Matthews

Gasoline thieves were blamed Thursday night for a fire which destroyed three automobiles parked in the school yard of Holy Trinity Church, St. Matthews, while their owners attended a bingo game in the church gymnasium.

The fire was discovered at 9:40 p.m. The St. Matthews volunteer fire department and one Louisville fire company responded to the alarm. A gallon can found under the gasoline tank of one of the cars, considered together with a witness' report of having seen several youths in the yard, led Maj. Ira Lee Clark, night chief of County Police, to theorize that the youths had been siphoning gasoline while smoking cigarettes which ignited fumes.

Flames Attract 1,000.

The flames attracted nearly 1,000 persons, including the 775 bingo players. The cars were owned by J. J. Pfiester, 3953 Gilman Ave.; his brother, Henry J. Pfiester, 644 Barbee Way, South, and Carl Daddens, 329 Sherrin.

The garage behind the home of J. C. Hanna, 1705 Edenside Ave., and two cars in it were destroyed by flames resulting from a short circuit in the wiring of one of the cars. The fire was discovered at 4:48 p.m. and before it was extinguished, neighboring garages, owned by W. P. Lee, 1703 Edenside, and E. R. Dickerson, 1707 Edenside, were damaged.

September 20, 1940, *The Courier-Journal*:

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September 23, 1940, The Courier-Journal



Courtesy <https://historiclouisville.weebly.com/east--some-suburbs.html#PhotoSwipe1536980957473>



1940 - St Matthews Ave looking south toward Westport Rd.

1940

September 20, 1940: *St. Matthews Sun*: Three Cars Destroyed By Fire At Holy Trinity. Three automobiles parked in the Holy Trinity School yard were destroyed by fire last night about 10 o'clock, while the owners were attending a bingo game. The local fire department and one division from Louisville responded to the alarm and confined the flames to the three cars which belonged tot J. J. Pfister, 3953 Gilman Avenue, his brother, Henry J. Pfister, 644 Barbee Way South, and Carl Deddens, 329 Sherrin Avenue. A gallon can found under one of the cars let to the suspicion someone was trying to si-phon gas from the tank, while smoking a cigarette. This theory is further substantiated by a witness who reported having seen several youths loitering about the premises.

October 17, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:

SATURDAY :: OCTOBER 19 :: SATURDAY

FORMAL OPENING RAYES DEPARTMENT STORE
3926 FRANKFORT AVE. ST. MATTHEWS



SHIRTS or TRUNKS
50¢

Bodyguards

OPENING WEEK SPECIALS!

Men's Silk Anklets 10¢	Men's Shirts or Shorts 23¢
Men's Mole Skin Work Pants \$1.10	Men's Neckties or Bow Ties 43¢
Men's Felt Hats \$1.00	Turkish Towels 9¢
Men's Dress Shirts 94¢	Children's Print Dresses 47¢

OPENING WEEK SPECIALS!

Quadrige Prints 15¢	Men's Socks 10¢
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SHOES

DRESS OXFORDS
\$1.98

LADIES
Spall, Deluda
Novelty Arch Type

October 31, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:

Westport Road Now Opened To Traffic

Residents of the Westport Road as well as of the community at large, are delighted that this road is completed and open to the public, after being closed several months.

This new widened concrete road is an asset to the neighborhood as well as the entire county. The L. & N. R. R. has lowered the loading switch to conform with the road, making it easier to load and unload local freight. At present the many cars of lumber used for the construction of buildings at Bowman Field are being unloaded at St. Matthews.

November 14, 1940, *The Jeffersonian*:

November 15, 1940: *St. Matthews Sun*: New Fire Plug. A fire plug has recently been installed at the corner of Richland and Produce Avenues to cover a radius of 1,000 feet from that point.

Middletown Would Buy Fire Department

Civic Club actively rounding up ways and means to acquire needed protection.

Middletown, through the instrumentality of its Civic Club is actively at work on a Fire Department project, a much needed improvement and one which, since the securing of city water, is now within the reach of possibility.

At a meeting of the Civic Club Tuesday night, this project came in for practically an evening's discussion; some figures having been presented on a possible equipment; and other details which have to be threshed out preliminary to the actual purchase.

The official board of the club are to have a called meeting Friday evening, the 22nd, when it is hoped final action can be taken. Prices under consideration cover the cost of a pumper and all necessary equipment.

A finance committee will be appointed, Friday evening, whose duty it will be to round up the money as already pledged by Middletown citizens and to take care of the down payment.

After the business discussion Tuesday evening, a social hour was enjoyed with games and other entertainment.

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St. Matthews Fire Dept. Adds New Equipment

New equipment just recently acquired by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department includes hose, nozzles and other necessary appliances and cost the neat sum of \$1,500.

With this recent purchase, they now have for their use 2,200 feet of 2½" hose and 500 feet of 1½". Incidentally, "Bud" Young, captain, requests all the Volunteers to meet him Sunday at 9:30 at the fire house and also extends an invitation to any men who would like to become members of the squad to be present.

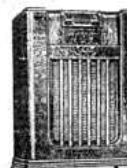
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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1940

November 21, 1940, The Jeffersonian:

Cannon's Lane To Be Moved Quarter Mile East

The City Planning and Zoning Commission, Friday, approved the moving of Cannon's Lane from its present location to a strip about a quarter of a mile east.

This move was necessitated by the enlargement of Bowman Field to take care of the additional barracks and other requirements to house and employ the bombardment group to be stationed there incident to the active war preparations.

The width of the road, however, was not definitely agreed on since the present thoroughfare is eighty feet in width looking toward a possible city street plan

When moved the proposed quarter mile, the road will become entirely county property and the commissioners decided they had no right to order the County to maintain a road of this width.

Cannon's Lane is one among the most used thoroughfares in the County, connecting as it does Taylorville Road with the St. Matthews section, all populous territory. The change in its location will therefore be of concern to large numbers of the traveling public and will entail many matters for adjustment before the actual change is made.

Fire Assn Meeting December 11, 1940

Meeting called to order by the President at 8:15 P. M.

Directors Winter, Zehnder, Ogden, Davis, Schweitzer, Smithson and Dobson present. Absent Bose, Fleming.

Motion by Zehnder-Schweitzer the following bills be paid:

St. Matthews Hardware	1.40	
Fulton-Conway Co.	5.01	
Eureka Fire Hose Co.	31.91	
Dobson Ftg. Co.	4.50	
Kaelin Service	6.72	
Standard Oil Co.	3.05	
White Motor Co.	6.69	
	\$59.28	Carried

Treasurers Report showed balance of \$433.58 as of Dec. 1st, deposits to date 12.40 making present balance of 445.98.

Pump Committee reported that they had ordered pump for the Auxiliary truck. Price to be between 400. and 500 dollars.

Bids were opened on Fire Hose and after sales talks and discussions orders were given as follows;

Bi-lateral Fire Hose Co. 500 ft 2½in Imperial, W&G treated hose, \$1.02 per ft.
300 ft 1½in Imperial, W&G treated hose, .75 per ft.

Eureka Fire Hose Co., Nozzles, fittings etc, amounting to approximately \$50.00.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned to meet again, January 8, 1941.

December 11, 1940:
Board meeting

Thomas L. Dobson
Secy.

1940

About 1940—Raymond “Bud” Young, 1st. back row left.



Henry A. Monohan, middle back row.

Late 1930s or early 1940s:

This pin was designed and given to members of the department during this time span.



1940

Dear Sir:

A conservative estimate places the savings in insurance rates in St. Matthews due to the equipment and work of the St. Matthews Fire Association at more than \$20,000 annually. This saving in which all benefit, either directly or indirectly, can only be maintained by keeping the efficiency of the Fire Fighting apparatus at its greatest peak.

Due to the rapid increase in building and population in St. Matthews, we are in need of additional equipment as follows:

1 - 500 gal. pump to be mounted on a truck, which we already have, at a cost of \$500.

500 ft. of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hose at a cost of \$550.

Remodeling of garage to accommodate additional truck to cost between \$500 and \$1000.

Before we can do this, however, we want to retire the present indebtedness of the Association which will require \$1050. We will also need between \$500 and \$700 for our annual operating expenses. This means we need a minimum of about \$1700 this year and with twice that amount we can double this effectiveness of the fire fighting equipment.

All voluntary contributors are members of this Association and have a vote in the election of officers held the second Wednesday of June.

We are expecting you to make your annual contribution of \$ _____ this year and if you would like to contribute a little more for the additional equipment, we will set it aside in a fund to be used only for its purchase.

Mail or bring your contribution to Mr. Jesse Ogden at Buschemeyer-Ogden Drug Store, Frankfort Avenue and Breckinridge Lane.

Thomas Dobson, Secty.
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

Received of: _____ \$ _____ as 1940

contribution to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

Assistant Treasurer.

1940

Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Misner house and barn, now site of the Shelbyville Plaza. View from Shelbyville Road just east of creek that borders the shopping center. Photograph by Warren Kellar Frederick about 1940. University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



Eline Motor Company, Shelbyville Road between Breckenridge and Meridian - 1940. University of Louisville Photographic Archives

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THE HEART OF ST. MATTHEWS, ABOUT 1940. PALMER ASBESTOS & RUBBER COMPANY ALONG NORTH SIDE OF WESTPORT ROAD, WEST OF ST. MATTHEWS AVENUE, IS AT UPPER RIGHT. BEARGRASS-ST. MATTHEWS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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1940

Courtesy, <https://historiclouisville.weebly.com/east--some-suburbs.html#PhotoSwipe1536980957473>



ca. 1940 - Meisner house and barn, now Shelbyville Rd. Plaza. View from Shelbyville Rd.



Late 1940s - St. Matthews looking north at Frankfort Ave - Lexington Rd. Wallace Center construction at bottom.

1940

Board Of Directors

**Fred C. Boss
Edwin W. Davis
Thomas L. Dobson
Paul H. Fleming, start July 1940. Short
time
W. Jesse Ogden
Louis H. Schweitzer
William Smithson
Dr. James Emil Winter
Joseph B. "Joe" Zehnder**

Officers

**1940 Chief Raymond A. "Bud" Young
Assist. Chief Henry A. Monohan
Captain John M. Monohan, Jr.
Lieutenant Marty A. Kamer**

Firefighters

T. A. Baker	R. C. Pennington
John A. Beierle	Jim Edward Sauer
Jim Brangers	James "JP" Terry
John Feierbend	Fred William Wootton, Jr.
John Haeberlin	George John Wurster
Charles H. Hahn	
Bernard F. Handel	
Richard C. Herdt	
W. Rich Herdt	
Ted H. Huffman Jr.	
Ted H. Huffman Sr.	
William F. Leitsch	
Rudolph L. Lineback	
George W. Nichaus	

1941

Mr. Lee Barbour becomes a commissioned agent.

All Board meetings took place at Ogden Pharmacy.

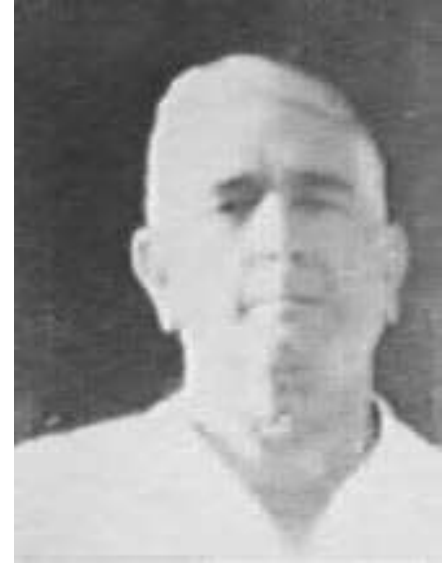
St. Matthews Rotary Club and the Eagles Club were started.

Bought new apparatus.

Built new firehouse.

Richard C. Herdt became Assistant Chief:

Richard C. Herdt—Firefighter 1919 to 1941, Assistant Chief 1941 to 1962, Lifetime Assistant Chief 1972, September 1, 1888 to April 15, 1972—Born in Louisville in 1888 he moved to St. Matthews in 1917. He married in 1916, and they had one son, and one daughter. Mr. Herdt worked most of his life for Koster Swope Buick. He joined the department in 1919, became Assistant Chief in 1941, serving actively until 1962 when he was given the Assistant Chief position for life. He died in April 15, 1972. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Church. He married Edna M. Ambron in 1915.



Henry A. Monohan became Chief August & part of September 1941:

Henry Apperious Monohan—Firefighter 1931 to 1941, Assistant Chief 1940 to 1941, Chief 1941, Director 1956 to 1971—August 21, 1914 to July 20, 1971

1914, August 21, Born on Wildwood Farm in St. Matthews, Kentucky. Youngest of 4 children. Attended Holy Trinity grade school and St. Xavier High School.

Loved farming, and ran Wildwood Farm for many years.

1931, joined the STMFD as a firefighter and served until 1941.

1939, March 9, he became assistant chief of STMFD.

1940 to 1941, became Assistant Chief of STMFD.

1941, July 9, became Chief of the STMFD for a short period of time.

1941, August 5, Newspaper article: WANTED MEN! Henry Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has called a special meeting of the body for Tuesday night August 26, at 7:30 at the fire house. At this meeting Chief Monohan would be glad to interview men over 21 years of age who would like to become members of the crew of firefighters. Men are needed now Mr. Monohan states, and here is a real opportunity for young men to render a worthwhile service to their community.

1952, December, bought (with his brother, John) a 355 acre farm with 90 cattle.

1956, became a member of the STMFD Board of Directors, and served until his death in 1971.

1960's, was a partner in the McDaniel Tractor Company, eventually bought the whole company.

During this time he was also involved with other farm implement businesses.

1967, May 27, Married late in life to Marie Therese Lyons, who died June 19, 1971. They had no children.

Lived at 521 Zorn avenue, Louisville, KY.

1971, July 20, Died at age 56 of a heart attack.

1941

Henry A. Monohan became Chief



John M. Monohan, Jr. became Chief and a Board Member:



1941

John M. Monohan, Jr. became Chief and a Board Member:

John M. Monohan, Jr.—Firefighter April 1937 to 1940, Captain 1940 to 1941, Chief 1941 to 1977, Director 1941 to 1982—November 26, 1911 to July 12, 1999

1911, November 26, Born on Wildwood Farm in St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Lifelong member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Attended Holy Trinity Catholic school, Graduated from St. Xavier High School, Attended University of Louisville Speed School.

Followed his fathers footsteps for a short period of time working for the First National Bank of Louisville.

1936, May 27, Married Katherine Marcilliat, who was born September 20, 1913, and they lived at 3909 Elmwood Avenue.

1937, March, Joined STMFD as a firefighter.

1937, June 3, John M. (Jack) Monohan, III born to John and Katherine.

1938, John and Katherine moved to 3909 Elmwood Avenue, in St. Matthews.

1940, Mary M. Monohan a daughter was born to John and Katherine.

1940/1941, served as Captain on the STMFD.

1941, December 29, Stephen O. Monohan born to John and Katherine.

1941, February 12, Became member of the Board of Directors serving until 1982.

1941, July 18, became President of the Board of Directors.

1941, September, he became Chief of STMFD, and served in that position until 1977.

1942, he worked for the Reynolds Metal Company and eventually became Plant Superintendent of Louisville Plant 15.

1943, September 18, Douglas Lewis Monohan born to John and Katherine.

1952, December, bought a 355 acre farm with 90 cattle with his brother, Henry.

1953, he became President of Firefighters Inc. a county wide association of fire departments.

1970, April 12, 50th Anniversary and the dedication of their new headquarters at 4114 Lyndon Way, of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire department. A new \$250,000 facility.

1972, Lieutenant Al Ring designed and Chief John Monohan participated in a major recruiting program using the slogan “Chief Monohan Wants You.” The *Voice-Jeffersonian* and WSTM-FM helped in the recruiting campaign.

1972, December 11, his son, Stephen O. Monohan died tragically.

1975, April 10, John achieved the “Magic 70” award (which is a combination of his age and service at that time). After retiring from Reynolds he went to work at Raque Food systems, a specialty manufacturing company.

After retiring from Reynolds in his late 70’s he went with Raque Food Systems—a Manufacturing Company.

1976, October 19, Chief Monohan announces to firefighters that he will be retiring in July 1977.

1977, July 13, Retired as Chief of the STMFD, while still serving on the Board of Directors, he was made an Honorary member of the board.

1982, June 10, told the Board of Directors that he would not be available for re-election in July for the Board of Trustees.

1991, February 10, his wife Katherine M. Monohan died.

1999, July 12, John M. Monohan, Jr. died at age 87 at Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home and is buried at Calvary Cemetery.

Nick Names: Nine Wrinkles, Pump Handle, Old Man, Ironsides

His feeling of accomplishment during his service: “Steady growth. That’s been the biggest accomplishment of this department. We’ve tried to grow faster than the community so we can provide adequate fire protection at all times.”

1941

William E. Ehlig, Sr., became a Board Member:



William E. Ehlig, Sr.—Trustee 1933 to 1934—August 16, 1894 to April 2, 1949—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.



James E. Powers became a Board Member:



James E. Powers—Director 1941 to 1942—May 26, 1895 to July 14, 1971—Born in Crestwood, Oldham County May 26, 1895. He was a bookkeeper for American Tobacco company and the he was in the oil business for 30 years with the Continental Oil Company. He served on the Board of Directors of STMFD from 1941 to 1942. He died in July 14, 1971.

THE HISTORY OF OKOLONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1941, at a meeting of the "Preston Highway Improvement Club," Mr. E. P. White Jr., suggested that an O.C.D. pumping unit be purchased for the Okolona area to start a fire department. The pumping unit was mounted on a trailer and pulled with a hitch fastened to cars and trucks.

This first piece of firefighting equipment was originally housed in Mr. Claude Priest's garage. It was later moved to Mr. Roy Motherhead's garage and again moved to Mr. Joe Snyder's garage. In 1951 the group purchased a building at 8005 Preston Highway and converted it into a firehouse, which was used until 1960. At this time, a new firehouse was built at 8111 Blue Lick Road. This building was used until December 28, 1980, at which time we moved into this new 23,380 square feet building at 8501 Preston Highway.

In 1947, the Department purchased a new Ford truck and installed a front-mounted 500 gallon-per-minute fire pump and 500-gallon water tank on the chassis. At this time, the truck is still operational, but is no longer used for fire-fighting purposes.

In 1949, the Department separated from the Preston Highway Improvement Club and became an independent department called the "Okolona Volunteer Fire Department." On August 11th of the same year, after much hard work and dedication, the Okolona area received a fire insurance rate reduction from 10th class to 7th class.

In 1952 the Department started plans for another new truck, and on June 10, 1953, a new 500 G.P.M. midship-pump truck was delivered at a cost of \$11,389.00.

In 1958, the "Okolona Fire Department" became a fire district and the same year a new Willys jeep was purchased with the help of the United States Forest Service. This jeep is used to fight woods and field fires, and is still in service today. In 1963, the Department purchased a new 750 G.P.M. midship-mounted pumper with a 750-gallon water tank mounted under the hose bed.

On January 25, 1966, after many hours of hard work and community service by the firemen, the Okolona area was changed from a 7th class fire insurance rate to 6th class, as it is today. The general public has little idea of how many unpaid hours and personal sacrifices are necessary to maintain this rating. These efforts are in addition to the countless hours spent by the firemen on training and actual fire runs, which, in 1979, totalled 677 alarms. The Department is constantly striving to improve this insurance rating, and the future addition of paid firefighters combined with an ever-improving Fire Prevention Bureau promises to make rate reductions a reality.

By 1967, the Department's Fire Prevention Bureau had been organized and a new Ford Ranchwagon was purchased for use on inspections and official business. The same year, the Department bought another new truck which was our first 1,000 gallon-per-minute pumper. This

unit was also a midship-mounted pumper and carries 500 gallons of water. The unit is still in service today.

In 1968, with 322 fire alarms and a growing Okolona community, the need for a second fire station became apparent. Plans were drawn up, and a new firehouse was opened at 10502 Preston Highway in November of 1969 at a cost of about \$73,500.00. The new firehouse was designated as Okolona Station No. 2.

At the same time Station No. 2 was being planned, another new truck was in the planning stages. It was delivered in October, 1969, at a cost of \$37,244.00. This unit was a 1000 G.P.M. midship pumper with a 500 gallon water tank mounted under a 1250-foot hose bed.

In 1970, due to increased growth in the Okolona area, the Kentucky Insurance Bureau (which sets fire insurance rates for fire districts) suggested that we buy an aerial ladder or elevated platform. The decision was made to purchase a Snorkel with an 85-foot boom, which for several years was the largest elevating platform in the state of Kentucky. This apparatus was also ordered with a 1000 G.P.M. midship pump and was delivered on February 28, 1972, at a cost of \$102,677.00.

In 1974, Okolona added a four-story training tower next to Station No. 2 at a cost of approximately \$80,000.00.

In 1976, another new jeep was purchased at a cost of \$11,500.00. This unit carries 100 gallons of water, 50 feet of booster hose and will pump 100 gallons per minute. During the same year, a new 1,250 G.P.M. Ward LaFrance pumper was ordered for Station No. 2 at a cost of \$83,644.00.

In 1977, it was necessary to replace our old station wagon with a new one and a new 3/4-ton pickup truck to be used as a utility vehicle was purchased.

In 1978, the old 1963 750 G.P.M. truck was worn out and it was traded in on two new trucks. The first one was a 1,250 G.P.M. American LaFrance pumper at a cost of \$61,047.00. The second was a GMC "midi pumper" with a 250 G.P.M. pump. This truck was placed into service as our primary rescue vehicle, carrying the "Jaws of Life" rescue tool along with other assorted rescue equipment. Cost of the rescue/pumper was \$27,884.00.

In April, 1980, the Department purchased three 1979 Ford LTD automobiles from Hertz Rent-A-Car for \$3,999.00 each, to be used as command cars for the Chief and two Assistant Chiefs.

Today, the Okolona Fire Protection District is composed of 65 excellent firefighters, 10 of which are the officers of the Department: 1 Chief; 2 Assistant Chiefs; 3 Captains, and 4 Lieutenants.

All of the firefighters are governed by a Board of Trustees, which is composed of 2 firemen elected by the body of firemen, three citizens appointed by the County Judge, and two Okolona property owners elected by the citizens of Okolona.

1941

Courtesy Kyle Brown, Okolona Fire District:

Okolona Fire Department Started

Correction to the history by Kyle Brown: The first truck was a 1946 Ford bought as a cab and chassis only, they had put the old pump and tank from the OCD unit on a Ford Model B truck in 1944 (model B Fords were made about 1932 I think), anyway, they took the old pump/tank off the model B Ford and put them on the new 46 Ford chassis. I guess they didn't like that set up much, because in 1947 they took it off and took the truck to Dayton KY for the install of a new American/Barton front mount PTO pump. Once the truck was back from Dayton they made a new water tank for the truck and built a new body around the new tank. Okolona did not have a fire truck available during this time, announcements were sent out and help would be sent from neighboring dept.

I don't know what they did with the old pump unit? It was originally on a trailer and had a Dodge motor to drive the pump and was pulled by volunteers personal vehicles. Even when it was put on the Model B Ford, it still had the Dodge motor atop the old truck with the pump, they say the model B Ford was an old gasoline truck converted into the first fire truck.

The 1946 Ford (we still have) is not the first fire truck, but it is actually the second counting the Model B Ford? I refer to it as the first truck to keep it simpler. I can remember the stories I heard back in the 70's that the 46 Ford truck was an old ice cream truck converted... Motherhead's Ice Cream owner Roy Motherhead was real involved with the volunteer dept, legend probably came from this association... the current fire marshal from OFD actually printed this ice cream story on baseball type cards with the picture of the 1946 Ford truck... but truth is backed up by a log book in the station 1 trophy case, tells about the model B Ford and new pump and all.



1946 Ford Engine



First station built in 1950



First station built in 1950, photo 1958



Second station in 1963 built in 1960



Station 2, 1982, built in 1969



Station 1, December 1980 move in day



1941

Solicitation letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

Dear Sir:

Because of the rapid growth of St. Matthews it is necessary to increase the equipment by the purchase of more hose, an additional pump for our 2nd truck or another pumper and also the construction of larger quarters for our equipment. This will entail several thousand dollars and we hope it will give us an opportunity of obtaining a further decrease in our fire insurance rates.

We expect to do this without asking for any contributions except the usual annual contribution to the Fire Association.

Will you do your part? We are asking you to make a contribution of \$3 for the year 1941. Mail your check or bring it to Mr. Jesse Ogden, assistant treasurer, Buschemeyer-Ogden Pharmacy, 3900 Frankfort Avenue.

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION,

Thos. L. Dolson, Secretary.

Sorry to be so late - just found this in back
check book - B A Meyers - 511 Sola Rd -

Address mail to 1217 Logan St please.

January 3, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*:
What was happening in St. Matthews at the time!!!!

Thank You! Thank You!
Thank You!

I wish to thank you, St. Matthews Sun, for the splendid cooperation you gave me in promoting my first Charity Show in St. Matthews.

As you probably know, the Charity Show which was held here at the Vogue Theatre December 23 was a huge success.

Your publicity of this event went a long way in making this show the success that it was.

I also wish to thank the American Legion, the churches of St. Matthews, Rev. Charles W. Owens, and all the civic clubs which supported the show, also want especially to thank the people of St. Matthews for their kindness in sending over 200 cans of food, plus many packages and boxes.

The food obtained by this means enabled many people to eat a good Christmas dinner, who otherwise would not have fared so well.

We of the Vogue Theatre are thankful we were able to be a part of this, and want it known that the Vogue belongs to St. Matthews and is always ready and willing to offer its facilities for any community service which will benefit St. Matthews or its residents.

—FORD TRACEY.

January 3, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*: Fire Sweeps Barns At Plainview Dairy, Blaze early Thursday causes damage estimated at over \$50,000. Fire departments from St. Matthews, Jeffersontown and also Louisville were called to fight a blaze yesterday morning which swept through three units of a large dairy barn of Robert C. Tway, Sr., at Plainview Dairy Farms on Hurstbourne Lane near Shelbyville Road.

The blaze was discovered at about 1:30 a.m. today, Thursday, shortly after the employees had started the morning's milking. The cause of the fire thus far is undetermined but conjecture is it may have been caused by spontaneous combustion in the baled hay in the loft.

James Henson, an employee who lives on the place, was the first to discover the fire and he was largely responsible for clearing the barns of the more than 425 cows housed within at the time, one of them said to have been valued at \$3,000 and the entire herd at about \$66,000.00.

Destroyed, however, were about 175 tons of hay, 50 tons of straw and several tons of other feeds together with the milking machinery and other items entailing a loss estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000 by the manager, Frank Poulouin.

The fire fighting was hampered by the fact the only water available was that from a milk cooling reservoir.

The barns were 274 feet long by forty feet wide, with white tiled walls and frame and asphalt roofs.

Plainview is one of the largest and most up-to-date dairies in the country and was something of a show place for interested visitors.

Courtesy, <http://www.plainviewassoc.com/tway-house.html>



The Tway house was built as the homestead in 1923 for Robert C. Tway on Plainview Farm, it was a large dairy farm with as many as 975 acres surrounding the home. Today it links Plainview with its heritage. When the Tway heirs sold the

property, the farm consisted of 630 acres that we know today as Plainview. The Tway house is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a significant example of twentieth century Georgian Revival architecture.

The house is a two-and-one-half story brick Georgian Revival structure with a symmetrical five-bay facade and roof dormers. Two-story wings at each side of the main block are set back from the front facade. There is a large, columned portico across the front of the main block.

The paneled front door has sidelights, pilasters and a bracketed balustrade above. A round arched window with a fanlight is on the second story above the entrance. First story windows are floor-length. Flanked by shutters, they open onto the porch. Similar windows on one wing have fan lighted arches. The roof is pierced by four interior chimneys. The interior woodwork and paneling are finely detailed in the Georgian Revival style.

The farm is now the Plainview subdivision off Hurstbourne Parkway in eastern Jefferson County. The Tway house became the Plainview Country Club for subdivision residents at the time of the development. It is now owned and maintained by the city of Jeffersontown.

Fire Sweeps Barns At Plainview Dairy

Disastrous blaze early today causes damage estimated at over \$50,000.

Fire departments from Jeffersontown, St. Matthews and also Louisville were called to fight a blaze early this morning which swept through three units of a large dairy barn of Robert C. Tway, Sr., at Plainview Dairy Farms on Hurstbourne Lane near Shelbyville Road.

The blaze was discovered at about 1:30 a.m. today, Thursday, shortly after the employees had started the morning's milking. The cause of the fire thus far is undetermined but conjecture is it may have been caused by spontaneous combustion in the baled hay in the loft.

James Henson, an employee who lives on the place, was the first to discover the fire and he was largely responsible for clearing the barns of the more than 425 cows housed within at the time, one of them said to have been valued at \$3,000 and the entire herd at about \$66,000.

Destroyed, however, were about 175 tons of hay, 50 tons of straw and several tons of other feeds together with the milking machinery and other items entailing a loss estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000 by the manager Frank Poulouin.

The fire fighting was hampered by the fact the only water available was that from a milk cooling reservoir.

The barns were 274 feet long by forty wide, with white tiled walls and frame and asphalt roofs.

Plainview is one of the largest and most up-to-date dairies in the county and was something of a show place for interested visitors.

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Minutes of January Meeting, held January 15, 1941

January 9, 1941,
The Jeffersonian.

Middletown Places Order For New Fire Equipment

Members of the Middletown Civic Club placed Wednesday of this week an order for fire fighting apparatus for the town. This project under consideration for some time was finally decided on and officially voted for, at the Tuesday night meeting of the club and the order accordingly placed Wednesday.

Ordered is a pumper and all necessary equipment to come from the Boyer Company, of Logansport, Indiana, which should be at Middletown, ready for service, in about sixty days. Speaking of the situation, this morning, T. D. Self of the Civic Club, stated that no organization of fire fighters had yet been effected, though a number of volunteers had offered their services.

Those present were officers Winter, Ogden, Boss, Schweitzer, and Dobson.

Treasurer reported balance of 447.13

On motion Fred C. Boss, I. Schweitzer, the following bills were voted to be paid

Standard Oil	13.52	Fulton-Conway	2.65
Dobson Ptg. Co.	3.50	Memb. Dues	9.00
Buschemeyer-Og.	.60	Gas & Elec.	13.68
Lost time	10.45	Telephone	5.85
		Phil Hunt, Comm.	7.50

Balance after bill paid 399.71

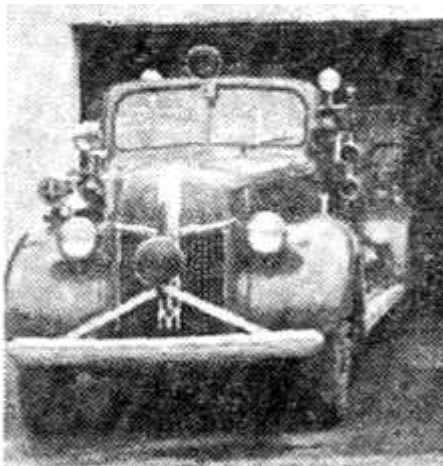
On motion I. Schweitzer, Fred C. Boss, it was voted due to the fact that our mailing list was so large, that the secretary be instructed to mail the 1941, contribution requests, and a nominal sum be allowed as compensation.

Wish to report herein that all the above notices above mentioned have been mailed and so far results are very gratifying.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned to meet again February 12, 1941.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

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January 26, 1941, *The Courier-Journal*: Edited-I think some missing.

St. Matthews Gives Guardsmen A Rootin', Tootin' Send-Off



C.-J. Photo.

DOG-GONE! ALSO MRS. N. E. GOSS' two sons, Edward, 20, getting a whopping farewell kiss, and Frank, 18, waiting his turn (and getting a preliminary one himself). The Goss family, 2737 S. Preston, went out to say goodbye at **St. Matthews** to the two boys, who are members of the 149th Infantry, and to the fox terrier mascot of the outfit, which the brothers are taking along to Camp Shelby, Miss.

109 Depart For Camp Shelby

By RICHARD RENNEISEN.

Weather-numbed, a crowd in which tears and gay farewells mingled bade farewell at the railroad station in the dusk Saturday afternoon to the 109 men of Headquarters Company and Anti-Tank Company, 149th Infantry, after a public turnout that halted everything in suburban **St. Matthews**.

First complete Jefferson County units to begin their year's training, the two National Guard companies were honored by a celebration that brought a long parade winding through town, headed by

flashing lights and wailing police sirens.

As the soldiers got aboard the L. & N. train which will take them to Camp Shelby, Miss., a chorus of well-wishing rang out. Most of the members of the two companies are residents of the **St. Matthews** area, and as roll call was sung out, many of the names long familiar in the neighborhood brought smiles and good-natured joshing from the crowd.

Bands Turn Out.

The boys carried full equipment, including "tin hats." They looked very business-like, indeed, and said goodbye with smiles which, despite their buoyancy, seemed to be saying, "Maybe this will take longer than a year, but we'll do the needful!"

The **St. Matthews** Fire Depart-

St. Matthews Bids Guards Noisy Farewell

Bands Play As 109
Leave for Camp Shelby

(Continued from First Page.)

speaker on a sound truck played World War airs, including "You're In the Army Now," and everybody seemed in exuberant spirits.

Everybody was interested in the mascot of the 149th—a fox terrier, scrubbed to gleaming whiteness, on a leash and in harness. The dog belongs to 20-year-old Edward Goss, 2737 S. Preston, whose brother, Frank Goss, 18, is in the same outfit.

"You gonna take the dog along?" somebody called.

"Sure!" declared Ed, clutching the pooch under his arm despite the heavy load of equipment he was carrying.

The Goss boys' father, N. E. Goss, who, with Mrs. Goss, was hugging and kissing the youngsters a fond farewell, said the dog reminded him of World War days.

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February 2, 1941, *The Courier-Journal*:

Funds Are Sought To Buy Fire Truck At St. Matthews

A drive for funds with which to purchase a new truck and enlarge its fire station has been started by the **St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association**, an official of the association said Saturday.

If the drive is successful, the spokesman said, fire insurance rates in the area will be reduced. The lower rates will apply to buildings within a radius of one and one-half miles from the fire station on Breckinridge Lane, near Frankfort Avenue.

The association recently purchased 850 feet of hose for the truck which will be financed over a period of two or three years. The association has fifteen trained firemen.

February 12, 1941: Board meeting:

Minutes February Meeting, Feb. 12, 1941

The following officers and directors were present:
Winter, Boss, Schweitzer, Smithson, Dobson, Ogden
Firemen; Young, J. Monahan, H. Monahan.

On motion Schweitzer, Smithson following bills were voted to be paid;

Louisville Gas & Electric	14.43	FultonConway	11.90
Eureka Fire Hose Co.	62.14	Eureka F.H.Co.	9.74
Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.	499.80	L. B. Morris	6.65
Telephone	44.86	Postage	5.00
Masonic Home	3.50	Dobson Ptg. Co.	22.90
St. Matt. Hdwe.	2.10	Phil Hunt	1.50
Total bills \$644.52			

So much of original bill of Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company pertaining to 1½" hose was deferred on account of unsatisfactory couplings.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Jos. E. Zehnder as a Director of the Assn.

Mr. John Monahan, Jr., appointed to board to serve as Director until annual election.

Mr. Lawrence Fitch, of Seagraves Corporation attended meeting and after lengthy discussion pro and con, motion Schweitzer, Smithson that we purchase Ford-Mercury-Seagraves equipped Pumper at a cost of \$3125.00, same to be paid for as follows; ½ on delivery in about 60 days, and balance in one year. Motion carried.

On motion Boss, Ogden it was voted to authorize Mr. Phil Hunt to start working on delinquents on or before May 1st.

Building problem discussed without any action taken.

Meeting adjourned to meet again March 12, 1941

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

** Treasure reported balance of 453.91
Deposits since 1st of month 680.00
Bal at meeting 1133.91

1941

February 21, 1941: *Jeffersonian*: Fire Destroys Home Near Anchorage. Fire believed to have been caused by defective electrical wiring completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cunningham, on Dorsey Lane midway between Middletown and Anchorage, at 9 o'clock Tuesday night. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association made the run, but was unable to cope with the blaze because it had gained too much headway.

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March 12, 1941: Board meeting:

Minutes of March Meeting

March 12, 1941

Officers and Directors present; Winter, Schweitzer, Smithson, J. Monahan, Ogden, Dobson

Meeting called to order by the President.

In absence of Treasurer, asst treasurer reported approximate balance of \$1300.00

On motion by Schweitzer the following bills were voted to be paid; Smithson

Bi-Lateral fire Hose Co.	270.50
Mr. Hardin Herr	26.00
Standard Oil Co.	38.53
Neil LaVielle Co.	7.00
Superior Auto Grinding	2.00
Eureka Fire Hose Co.	20.00
Ogden (for express paid)	2.57

Total \$366.60

On motion by Smithson, Schweitzer, fire chief Young authorized to spend necessary funds to provide sleeping quarters for night man at fire house.

On motion by Schweitzer, Ogden, it was voted to allow Chief Young the sum of \$2.00 per month for gasoline.

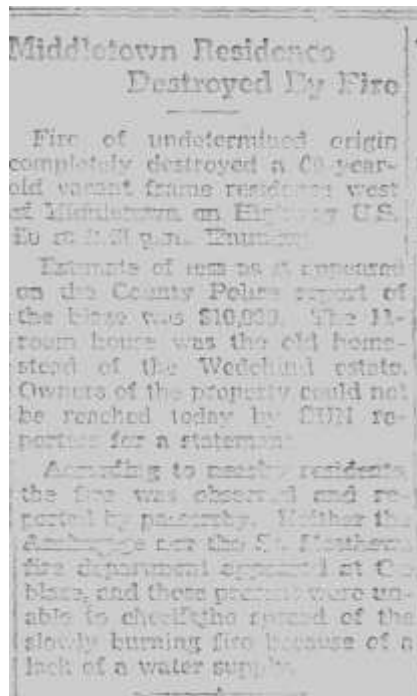
There being no further business was adjourned to meet again April 9th.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

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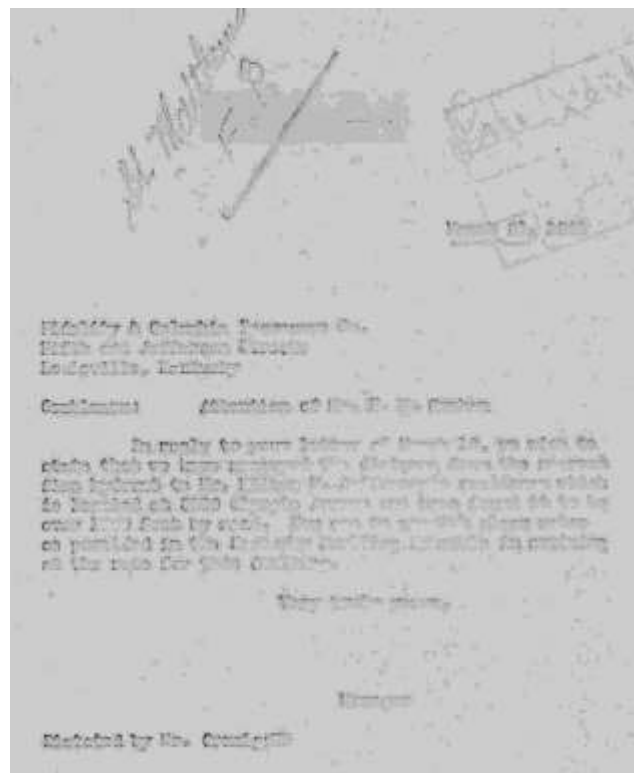
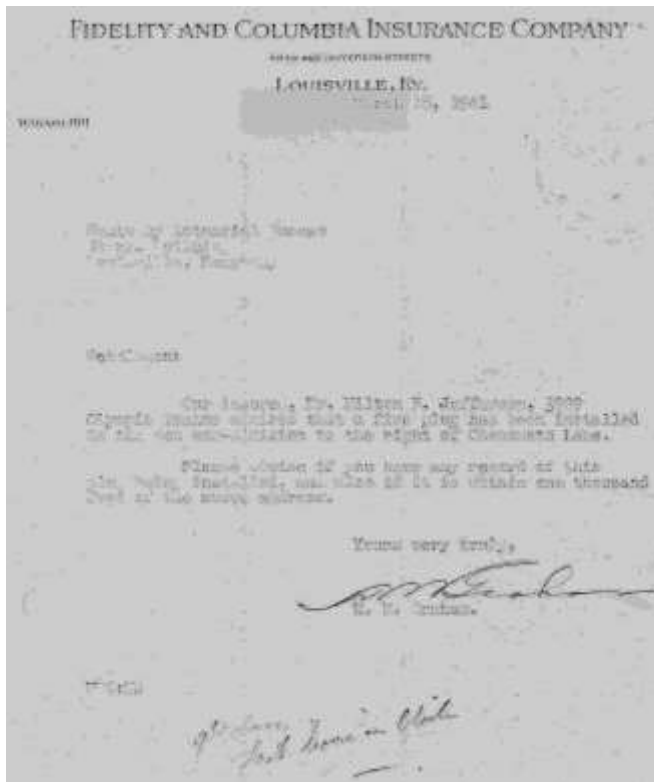
March 7, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*:

Neither St. Matthews or Anchorage Fire Department made the run.



March 14, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*: The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire department responded to a call at 1 p.m. Tuesday March 11, at Pewee Valley where the two story frame residence of P. M. Russell was completely destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. Damage was estimated by firemen to be about \$7,000.00 partly covered by insurance.

March 18 & 21, 1941, letters involving fire plugs:



1941

April 9, 1941: Board meeting:

Minutes of April Meeting

April April 9, 1941

Officers and Directors present Winter, Boss, Smithson, *Ogden*, J. Monahan, Schweitzer and Dobson.

Meeting opened by President.

Treasurer reported bank balance of approximately \$1340.00

On motion by Ogden-Smithson the following bills were voted to be paid;

Atlas Auto Parts	1.23	
Standard Oil Co.	2.74	
Gas & Electric Co.	12.29	
Ochsner's Garage	10.00	
Busch-Ogden	.75	Total 27.01

Discussed alteration to or reconstruction of fire house for ~~for~~ additional equipment. Mr. Ogden consented to allow the association to wreck the frame building between the present fire house and his store and erect a new building suitable for the new and old equipment, he to take the present building for his own use, after completion of the new building. This offer was made with the understanding that should the association disband, or he sell the property, or the territory become annexed to the city of Louisville, the building is to remain a part of the property or at his option we to have privilege of moving it. This agreement was accepted by the board.

Building Committee consisting of John Monahan, Fred Boss, Louis Schweitzer appointed to get bids on the construction of a new building and call a special meeting after several bids were received and proceed to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

Secretary instructed to write letter of authority for Mr. Lee Barbour, he to solicit funds for the association on the same plan as Mr. Phil Hunt.

No further business meeting was adjourned to meet again on call or May 14.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

1941

April 25, 1941: Special Board meeting:

Special Meeting April 25, 1941

Meeting attended by John Monahan, Louis Schweitzer, Fred Ross, Mr. Smithson, W.J. Ogden, Thomas L. Dobson.

Meeting called to order by Chairman of Building Committee John Monahan.

Bids were opened (for construction of fire house) and read and after discussion Chairman called for motions ~~as~~ the pleasure of the board.

On motion Schweitzer-*Dobson* it was unanimously voted to award the contract to the lowest bidder, namely Mr. John Trautwein, of 3947 Grandview Avenue, St. Matthews. *\$978.00*

On motion Ogden-Dobson a vote of confidence and thanks was voted the building committee for their good work.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Trautwein of the acceptance of his bid of \$978.00 for the construction of the building. Also instructed to write letters to other bidders thanking them for their co-operation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M. -

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

April 26, & 28, 1941: Letters:

April 26, 1941

Mr. John Trautwein
3947 Grandview Avenue
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Mr. Trautwein;

This is to officially inform you that your bid of \$978.00 for the construction of building to house fire apparatus of this Association, according to plans and specifications upon which you figured, was accepted.

This contract was awarded you at a duly called special meeting at which six (6) directors were present.

You will proceed with the least possible delay, remove building now on premises and erect new building.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter,

We are

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTARY FIRE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Secretary

Letter similar to this mailed to
Henry Schurey, Westport Road, St. Matt.
Marshall Planing Mill
J. G. Eversman, 1820 Alfred Pl., Lou. Ky.

April 28, 1941

Robert J. Hinman Co.
112 Breckinridge Lane
St. Matthews, Ky.

Gentlemen;

This is to inform you that the contract for the construction of building for this Association has been awarded to Mr. John Trautwein, of St. Matthews.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter and beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTARY FIRE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Secretary

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(Bidder)

1941

May 14, 1941: Board meeting:

Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 14, 1941

Meeting opened by President Winter

Legal quorum present

Bills amounting to \$91.57 authorized to be paid.

Motion made and seconded to pay Mr. John Trautwein for building fire house upon completion and acceptance of same. Carried

Motion made and seconded authorizing Mr. Bud Young to receive new pumper from Seagraves Corporation, he to present check to them in the amount of \$3125 less 20/o. Carried

*** Motion made by John Monahan, seconded by Mr. W. J. Ogden, that the secretary be authorized to borrow from The St. Matthews Bank, the sum of THREE THOUSAND (\$3000) DOLLARS, with which to meet our current obligations. He to execute mortgage in their favor, for like amount against fire apparatus owned by the association. Motion carried without dissention.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned to meet again June 11, 1941.

Thomas L. Nelson
Secretary

*** Copy of this motion was delivered to St. Matthews Bank at time loan was applied for and mortgage executed by secretary.

May 15, 1941: Letter:

May 15, 1941

Seagraves Corporation
Columbus, Ohio

Gentlemen;

You are hereby authorized to deliver to Mr. E. M. Young, the Ford-Mercury-Seagraves Pumper which we ordered from you thru your representative Mr. Lawrence Pitch, during the month of March.

In as much as we were quoted, delivered and instructed in St. Matthews, we expect this delivery to be made at your risk.

Mr. Young, has check in full payment for the above mentioned Pumper.

May we thank you for your cooperation in this matter and remain

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSN.

Secretary

May 9, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*: The Jeffersonian, May 15, 1941.

First Safety Field Day Meet Premises To Be Colorful Affair

Program for event to take place on Legion Field is outlined by Darnell.

Plans are nearing completion for the first Safety Field Day ever presented to the public of St. Matthews, sponsored by Zachary Taylor Post No. 100, American Legion, at Legion Field, May 17.

The program is arranged in two parts, the morning session of the School Patrols at Legion Hall, and the afternoon program which will consist of a parade, and safety demonstrations at Legion Field.

The morning session of the consolidated School Patrols, which are sponsored by Zachary Taylor Post, will be closed to the general public.

Col. Carl Helmswede will preside at the morning session. Paul W. L. Curry, of Middletown, will make an address on the subject "Safety in Vacation Time as Well as School Time." Col. Dick Curran, chief of Jefferson County Police, will address the Patrols, thanking them for their splendid co-operation during the past school year.

Mr. Helmswede will then thank the Jefferson County Police for their excellent co-operation during the past year.

The Junior High School officers of the American Legion will give a program to the American Legion and its guests.

The morning session will close at 11:30 a.m., and the Patrol Boys will be dinner guests of the Ladies Auxiliary Unit No. 100 of Zachary Taylor Post, American Legion.

Mrs. Fannie Bauer is chairman of the luncheon committee and as no refreshments will be provided during the hour, they will be expected to have plenty of time to eat as the plentiful supply of refreshments on hand.

At 1:30 p.m. the largest parade ever to parade through St. Matthews will form on Ellice Avenue moving east on Lexington Road promptly to Legion Field.

The parade will have a number of bands, drum and bugle corps, School Patrol boys and girls, Louisville Police and Fire Department emergency squad cars, Jefferson County Emergency Police squad cars, St. Matthews Fire Department and the new crash truck just placed in service at Bowman Field will also be in the parade, also members of the different civic bodies of St. Matthews.

At Legion Field, a very exciting as well as instructive program has been arranged, which will consist of safety demonstrations by various units. Burning of a miniature school house in which the fire department and emergency squads will display some breath taking scenes. A huge gasoline fire put out by asbestos clad firemen from the Bowman Field Army Service "crash truck." Drum and bugle corps, Seneca Park Division of Boy Scouts, awarding of the trophies to the winners in the different

Safety Field Day At St. Matthews Sat.

Parade To Start At 2 O'clock

Military units, school patrols, county police, and others to perform on Legion Field.

Plans have been completed for an entertaining "Safety Field Day" program to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Legion Field in St. Matthews. The affair is being sponsored by Zachary Taylor Post No. 100 of the American Legion. The public is invited, Hollie Darnell, Legion official, said today.

A giant parade will move promptly at 2 p.m. through the Lexington Road St. Matthews business section and continue to Legion Field. Motorized units in the parade will form on Ellice Avenue north of Lexington Road, and all school patrol units and civic organizations taking part in the spectacle will form on Ellice Avenue south of Lexington Road, facing the latter thoroughfare. Charlie Strickland will be the parade marshal.

Heading the parade will be Col. Frank Curran, chief of the Jefferson County Police Department. Following Col. Curran will be units of the County Police Department, State Police headed by Capt. A. J. Bartholomew, an emergency truck of the Louisville Police Department, and the crash truck from the Bowman Field Air Corps, under Command of Chief W. T. Simons, USA, the St. Matthews Fire department of which Bud Young is Chief.

The parade will be followed by the Mill Creek School Drum and Bugle Corps, followed by the school patrols of Princeton and Pine Run Roads; two school patrols sponsored by St. Matthews Post of American Legion; the Drum and Bugle Corps of Great House Senior Corps; Oranhouse School Patrol; other visiting school patrols, the Junior Group of Ladies Auxiliary Unit No. 100, Zachary Taylor Post; St. Matthews Civic Club; St. Matthews Business Men's Club; Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; Lyndon Consolidated School Drum and Bugle Corps; Lyndon School Patrol; Middletown School Patrol; Dorsey Colored School Patrol; Holy Trinity Band and School Patrol; Zachary Taylor Post; and Greenhouse Junior Band.

At Legion Field the police, and fire departments of St. Matthews, Louisville and Bowman Field, in conjunction with the school patrols, will put on an interesting performance. Admission will be free.

May 16, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*: Stage Is Set For Safety Field Day Meet Saturday. Parade starts at 2 p.m., school patrols, county police, and others to perform on Legion Field. Plans have been finished for an entertaining "Safety Field Day" program to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Legion Field in St. Matthews. The affair is being sponsored by Zachary Taylor Post No. 180 of the American Legion. The public is invited, Rollie Darnell, Legion official said today.

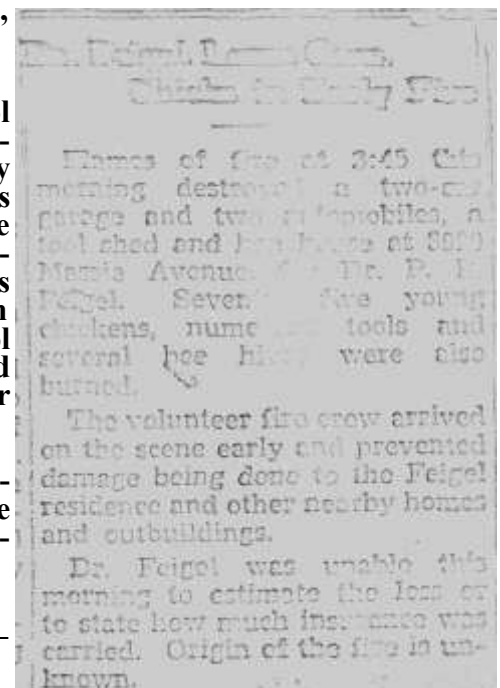
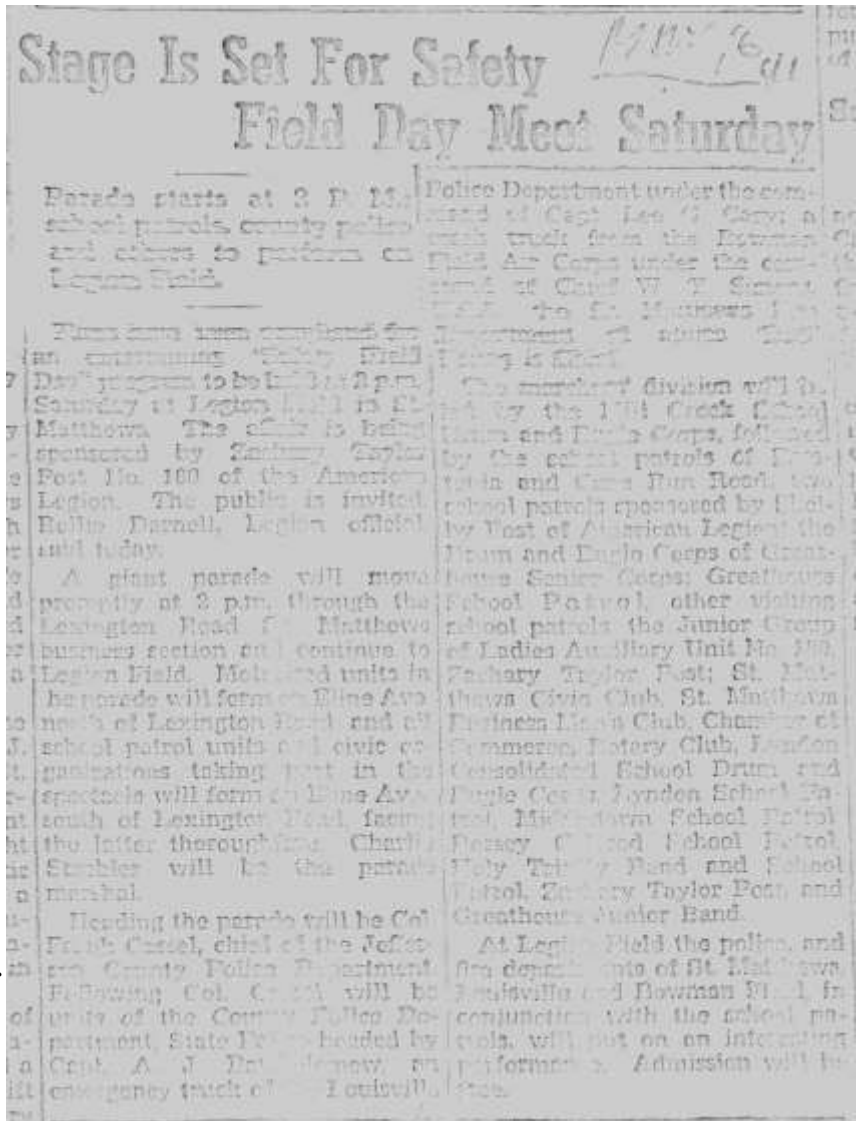
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The marchers division will be led by the Mill Creek School Drum and Bugle Corps, followed by the school patrols of Prestonia and Cane Run Road; two school patrols sponsored by Shelby Post of American Legion; the Drum and Bugle Corps of Greathouse School Patrol, other visiting school patrols, the Junior Group of Ladies Auxiliary Unit No 180, Zachary Taylor Post; St. Matthews Civic Club, St. Matthews Business Men's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lyndon Consolidated School Drum and Bugle Corps, Lyndon School Patrol, Middletown School Patrol, Holy Trinity Band and School Patrol, Zachary Taylor Post, and Greathouse Junior Band.

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May 16, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*: Dr. Feigel _____, Chicks In Early Fire.



May 2, 1941: *The Jeffersonian*:

Large Crowd Sees Safely Demonstration

Event sponsored by the
Zachary Taylor Post of
American Legion at St.
Matthews.

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Middletown School won first place in a safety contest for the school year, with Holy Trinity, second; Lyndon, third; Dorsey Colored School, fourth, and Greathouse, fifth.

Middletown also won first for the best drilled school patrol. Mill Creek School was judged the best drilled drum and bugle corps, with Lyndon and Greathouse following in the order named.

Trophies were awarded by St. Matthews merchants, the St. Matthews Lions Club, Jefferson County police, and the sponsoring American Legion post.

May 18, 1941, *The Courier-Journal*

Hundreds Watch Demonstration On Safety At **St. Matthews** Field



SCHOOL CHILDREN SALUTE AS THE AMERICAN FLAG IS RAISED

Field Day Held By Legion Post

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In a safety contest for the school year the Middletown School won first place; Holy

Middletown Wins Two First Places

Trinity, second; Lyndon, third; Dorsey, a Negro school, fourth; and Greathouse, fifth.

Middletown won a cup for the best drilled school patrol. The best drilled drum corps went to Mill Creek School, Lyndon was second and Greathouse third.

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May 18, 1941, *The Courier-Journal*



AIR CORPS CRASH TRUCK CREW EXTINGUISHES GASOLINE FIRE

C.-J. Photos.



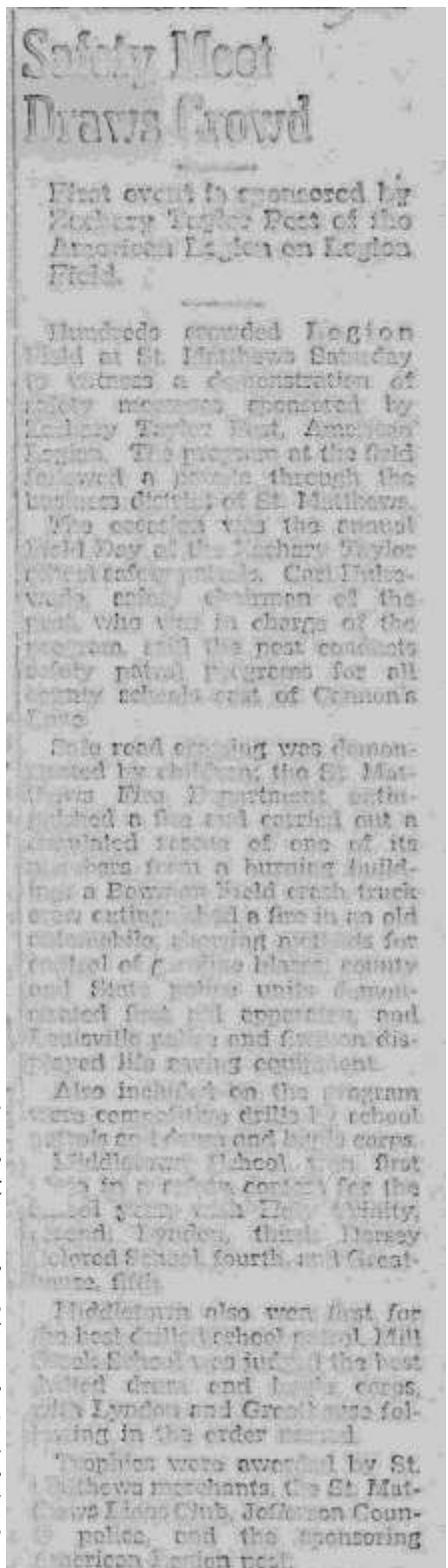
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Trophies were awarded by St. Matthews merchants, the St. Matthews Lions Club, Jefferson County Police, and the sponsoring American Legion post.



1941

May 23, 1941:

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\$ 3,000.00

Louisville, Kentucky, May 23, 1941 19

On or before one year after date we promise to pay to

The St. Matthews Bank

Three Thousand and No/100 DOLLARS.

with interest from date until paid, at the rate of six per cent per annum, value received, payable annually negotiable and payable at the The St. Matthews Bank this being the only note mentioned in a mortgage of this date from St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association to The St. Matthews Bank to secure the payment of which a lien is retained on the property therein conveyed.

May 23, 1942

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

By [Signature] President.

By [Signature] Secretary.

No. 87039

Mortgage—Amount: \$3,000.00—Seagrave Pumper Motor 116884 - Serial #65455 Seagrave Pumper Motor 99T37415 Pump #C-3350, Serial CA-397

June 11, 1941: Board meeting:

Minutes of regular Meeting held June 11, 1941

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Standard Oil Co.	4.08	Marshall Pl. Mill	.60
Stock Yards Wr. Co.	30.00	Buschemeyer-Ogden	.35
Dobson Ptg. Co.	2.00	Gas & Electric	2.17
R. C. Whayne	4.10	Telephone Co.	5.50
Seagraves Corp.	52.50		

Total bills \$186.04

Treasurer reported balance of app 613.09 after authorized bills were paid.

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Secretary authorized to furnish posters for annual meeting to be held July 9, 1941 at Bethel Church Gym.

No further business, meeting was adjourned to meet again July 9.

Secretary

Name: St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

Address:

MORTGAGE

Amount \$ 3,000.00

Date: May 23, 1941

Rate: 6%

Interest payable: annually

Term: 1 year

DESCRIPTION

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May 29, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:

New Laundry Plant Opens At St. Matthews

Llewellyn firm has its new \$40,000 plant in operation.

Llewellyn Laundry is another St. Matthews institution now open for business. The plant at 128 Breckinridge Lane is a model for sightly appearance and is equipped with the most modern laundering machinery.

In announcing the laundry as now in operation and officially open for business, E. A. Mall, secretary and treasurer, said today that, "While it is a drive-in plant, delivery service will be available also." The drive-in service is a convenience to the laundry's patrons who desire to drive in and deposit their bundles without leaving their cars. The company promises courteous attendants to receive bundles and deliver to car.

When operating at its full capacity, the plant will employ from 20 to 30 people, according to J. S. Patterson, president, who said that it is intended to employ as many local people as possible.

The new plant represents an investment of approximately \$40,000, the officials said.

For the . . .

CONVENIENCE

of residents of

ST. MATTHEWS, CRESCENT HILL, ANCHORAGE, LYNDON,
JEFFERSONTOWN, MIDDLETOWN, EASTWOOD, AND
SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES



We announce the opening of the most modern Laundry
Plant in Kentucky, at 128 Breckinridge Lane,
St. Matthews.

SAVE 15% ON YOUR LAUNDRY AND
DRY CLEANING BY USING OUR
DRIVE-IN SERVICE!

LLEWELLYN'S

ST. MATTHEWS LAUNDRY

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

1941

June 5, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:

Fiscal Court To Put Up St. Matthews Traffic Light

Installation of a traffic signal on U. S. 60 at St. Matthews by the Jefferson County Fiscal Court was approved by the State Court of Appeals May 30.

The opinion declared such signals were necessary adjuncts to highways and that the statutes authorized counties to spend money for such purposes.

County Attorney Lawrence S. Grauman had challenged the Fiscal Court's right to spend \$400 for the purpose.

St. Matthews Legion In Housewarming Picnic Sat.

Zachary Taylor Post American Legion is to have a "housewarming picnic" Saturday afternoon and night at their newly purchased headquarters in St. Matthews.

The Post has just recently purchased the building formerly owned by the St. Matthews Produce Exchange, at Westport Road and St. Matthews Avenue. They have remodeled and redecorated the building and are celebrating its acquisition.

The picnic is announced to start at noon. Dinner of barbecue, bratwurst or fish will be served. The posters announce prizes to be given away.

BARBECUE! FISH! BRATWURST!

At Zachary Taylor Post

HOUSEWARMING PICNIC

IN THEIR NEW HOME

Westport Road and St. Matthews Avenue

Saturday, June 7 Noon 'til Midnight

BE SURE TO ATTEND!

ALBERT OCHSNER

Announces His Appointment
As New Distributor For

Aetna Oil Products

IN THIS VICINITY

Tank Truck Will Deliver

Gasoline — Fuel Oil — Kerosene

Taylor 3205

Beachwood Junction

Shelbyville Road

June 13, 1941:

June 13, 1941

Mr. R. M. Young, Chief
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir;

Your attention is called to a ruling of the Association wherein all applicants for membership in the fire company must be approved and accepted by the Board of Directors before they can be members of the company. Names of those desiring to become members must be submitted to the board by you or your assistant Chief, at a regular meeting.

The following men have been approved and accepted;

R. M. Young
Henry A. Monohan
Martin Kamer
John Beierle
John M. Mohohan, Jr.
Richard Herdt

Rudolph Lineback
William F. Leitsch
Wilmer R. Herdt
George Wurster
Fred Wootton
T. H. Huffman, Sr.
Roy C. Pennington

Your compliance and cooperation in the above is earnestly requested.

By order of the Board of Directors

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSN.

1941

Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, A & P Supermarket is at right, The Vogue Theater at left, June 1941, Louisville Since The Twenties, 132.



July 4, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*: Fire Chief Bud Young has called a meeting of the volunteer firemen of the St. Matthews Fire Association for Sunday morning at the firehouse.

July 24, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:



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June 29, 1941, The Courier-Journal



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Photographic Archives, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville

1941 - Frankfort Ave east of Cannons lane west of Bauer. University of Louisville Photographic Archives

1941

July 2, 1941: ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

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

July 2, 1941

Dr. James Winters, Pres.
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
Heyburn Building
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

St. Matthews Fire Department - Fire Hose

This is to confirm the conversation that we had with you today over the telephone regarding the personnel of the fire department and the amount of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose that should be maintained.

In view of the fact that both pumpers are to respond to all calls, in order to properly man both pieces as per our letter of January 27, 1941, the membership of the fire department should consist of the chief and at least 20 men, allowing for absences due to illness, etc.

In answer to your inquiry regarding the total amount of hose to be maintained, we wish to say that both pumpers should carry at least 1200 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose, in addition to the $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose, and there should be at least 500 feet of hose held in reserve to replace the hose used at fires while it is being washed and dried.

An efficient and reliable means for calling the fire department is to be maintained at all times and the entire membership should hold regular monthly drills with the apparatus.

Dr. James Winters, Pres.

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July 2, 1941

Just as soon as you inform us that all of the improvements have been completed, we shall plan to make an inspection and if satisfactory, extend the credit mentioned in our letter of January 27, 1941. If, in the meantime, we can be of any assistance to you in connection with this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Yours very truly,



Manager

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:BW

1941

July 9, 1941: Special Board meeting & Regular Board Meeting:

July 9, 1941

Minutes of Special Meeting (preceding regular meeting)
held at Bethel Church Gymnasium.

Directors Boss, Dobson, Schweitzer, Monahan and Smithson
present.

Total attendance 16

Treasurer's

Secretary's annual report read and accepted.

While waiting for attendance to enlarge some regular
business was taken care of.

Upon motion of Schweitzer - Dobson, the following bills
were authorized to be paid

Marshall Planing Mill	2.60	Telephone Co	4.86
Standard Oil Co.	8.41	Gas & Elec	2.27
McClain Electric Co	66.75	Seagraves	10.00
Reisert Insurance	145.00	Vogue Theatre	4.07
Buschemeyer-Ogden	1.38	Dobson Ptg. Co	4.50
Pohl Iron and Wire Works	27.45		
Total	277.29		

Nominations for directors were accepted at this time and
election followed. After many nominations and withdrawals
Secretary was instructed on motion of Fred Wootton- T. H.
Huffman to cast one vote to elect the following eight
directors; W. J. Ogden, L. Ellis Powers, Louis Schweitzer,
Fred C. Boss, John M. Monahan Jr., Wm. Ehlig, Thomas L.
Dobson, William Smithson. This was done and a recess was
declared, to adjourn to our regular meeting place at
the Buschemeyer Ogden Pharmacy.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

Minutes of regular meeting held July 9, 1941

Meeting called to order by the President.

Directors J. Monahan, Ellis Powers, Dobson, Ogden, Boss,
Schweitzer, and Winter present.

Henry Monahan appointed Chief to relieve Mr. Bud Young, Sec
instructed to write Chief Young to that effect.

Election of officers resulted as follows; John Monahan Jr., Pres.
Louis Schweitzer Vice President, Thomas L. Dobson, Secretary,
Fred C. Boss, Treasurer, W.J. Ogden Asst. Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Boss and Mr. Powers, W.J. Ogden and Thomas L. Dobs
were reappointed Process agents in compliance with state laws
governing corporations.

Motion by Ogden- Schweitzer that we pay laFrance Corp. bill of
\$21.00, for two (2) fire extinguishers sold to householder for
\$24.50. Carried

Motion by Winter-Powers that we send three (3) men to Firemens
convention to be held in Lexington, Ky., at a cost not to exceed
\$50.00. Carried.

Dr. James F. Winter, past president was reappointed as director.

Thomas L. Dobson
Secretary

1941

July 9, 1941: Meeting:

Articles Of Incorporation Change

A meeting of the directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Wednesday July 9, 1941, at nine o'clock P. M. Vice President John H. Monahan Jr. in the chair.

Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer presented the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Articles of Incorporation of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII.

The highest amount of indebtedness which the said corporation may at any time incur shall not exceed five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

That the following resolution be adopted: The motion was

duly seconded by Mr. Fred C. Olsen and a vote thereon was held viva voce and the following votes were cast in favor of the adoption of said resolution:

Louis H. Schweitzer
Thomas Olsen
W. Jesse Olsen
John H. Monahan Jr.
Fred C. Olsen
William Smithson

And the following votes were cast against its adoption

None

Two thirds (2/3) of the directors of the said corporation having voted in favor of the adoption of said resolution the same was duly declared adopted. Thereupon Mr. Louis Schweitzer moved that the directors execute the amended articles of the above named corporation according to the statute made and provided for such cases, and Mr. W. Jesse Olsen seconded the motion and upon a viva voce vote being taken the last named resolution was adopted.

John H. Monahan Jr. Vice President
Thomas L. Robinson, Secretary

AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

We the undersigned being the duly elected directors of the Saint Matthews Volunteer Fire Association present to be recorded amend the articles of the corporation as follows:

ARTICLE VIII.

The highest amount of indebtedness said corporation (St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association) may at any time incur shall not exceed five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned have hereunto set our hands and seals, at St. Matthews, Ky., July 9, 1941.

John H. Monahan Jr.
Thomas L. Robinson
W. Jesse Olsen
Louis H. Schweitzer

CORPORATE SECRETARY

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, Martin H. Herr, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this day the foregoing articles of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association were produced to me in duplicate, and that I have recorded them, this, and the foregoing certificate in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of July 1941.

My Commission expires as Notary Public on December 5, 1941.

MARTIN H. HERR

Martin H. Herr, Notary Public
Jefferson County, Ky.

I, E. P. ELLIOTT, Clerk of the Court-Clerk of Jefferson County, in the State of Kentucky, do certify that on this day the foregoing amended Articles of Incorporation were produced to my office, and that I have recorded them, this, and the foregoing certificate in my office.

Witness my hand this 10th day of July 1941.

E. P. ELLIOTT CLERK

\$4,00

July 10, 1941, The Courier-Journal

2 Cars Collide, Injuring Man And 2 Girls

Crash Occurs In St. Matthews

Three persons were injured at 6 p.m. Wednesday when two automobiles collided at Breckinridge Lane and Willis Avenue, St. Matthews, and both automobiles were damaged considerably.

Those injured were:

Martha Mustard, 15, Boston, fractured pelvis and contusions, in St. Anthony's Hospital.

Ann Gerrish, 15, also of Boston, contusions, in St. Anthony's Hospital.

George Abbott, 25, of 211 Breckinridge Lane, chest injuries.

The two girls were riding in the automobile driven east on Willis by J. H. Harrison, Jr., 16, of 2230 Village Drive. County police said witnesses told them Harrison's car failed to stop for Breckinridge Lane, an arterial highway, and collided with Abbott's car which was traveling south on Breckinridge. Harrison was uninjured.

The Boston girls were visiting Mrs. Sonia Uri, Brown's Lane, St. Matthews.

1941

July 15, 1941:

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Department of State



Office of **Secretary of State**

GEORGE GLENN HATCHER, SECRETARY

CORPORATION DEPARTMENT

The ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

a Corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; having this day filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Kentucky, a certified copy of the amended Articles of Incorporation, AMENDING ARTICLES CONCERNING INDEBTEDNESS

OF CORPORATION, WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED \$4,000.00.

this certificate is issued as evidence of the fact that the said corporation has amended its charter as above set out in the manner prescribed by law.



SECRETARY OF STATE

Witness, my official signature, this 15th day

of July, 1941
George Glenn Hatcher
Secretary of State.

By _____
Corporation Clerk.

Form—Sec-O-S-Amari—1

1941

July 15, 1941: Letter:



July 15, 1941

Mr. John Monahan, Captain,
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.,
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Captain:

You recently placed with our Mr. O.L. Gore, an order for fire hose for which we would like to express our sincere appreciation. It is a pleasure to take care of your needs and we want to make welcome this opportunity to serve you.

The terms on the contract were written as "2 1/2 10th Prox. Net 60 days with 10 months additional at 6% interest". As you have arranged to pay one-half of the account within 60 days and the balance with 10 months additional and in order to make the necessary change in our records Mr. Gore recently visited you and obtained your permission to correct the terms on the contract to read as follows: "One-half payable in 60 days, balance additional 10 months at 6% interest".

We have accordingly corrected our copy of the contract as stated above and this will conform with the change Mr. Gore informs us you have made on your copy of the contract.

Thanking you again for your valued patronage and trusting we may have the pleasure of further serving you when you may be in need of additional supplies and equipment and with our best wishes, we remain

Very truly yours,

E. A. Blair
Credit Manager.

RAB:JC

July 17, 1941

Mr. R. M. Young
3807 Warner Avenue
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Mr. Young;

You are hereby notified that you have been relieved from your position as Chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Effective this date this position will be filled by Mr. Henry Monohan.

We thank you for your services and cooperation in the past and ask your further cooperation as necessary in turning the office over to your duly appointed successor Mr. Monohan,

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., Inc.

For the President

Secretary

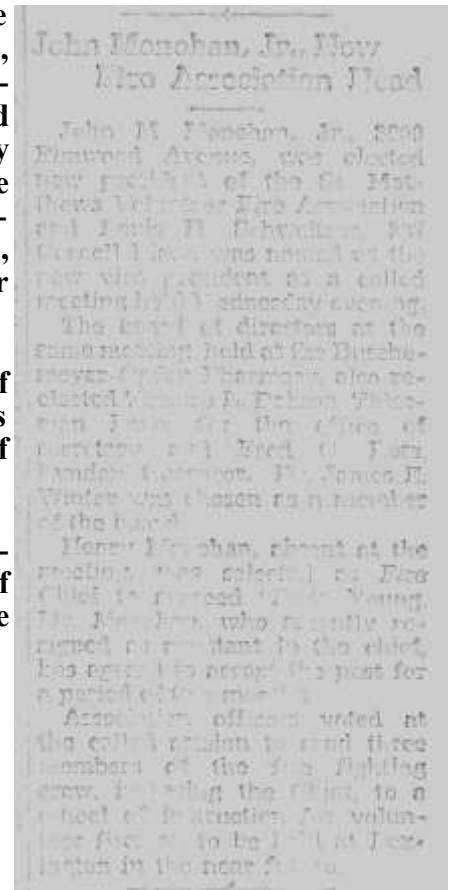
July 17, 1941: Chief Bud Young resigned from the position of Chief, and H. A. Monohan served as chief for a couple of months while the board decided on a permanent Chief.

July 17, 1941: Letter:

July 18, 1941: *St. Matthews Sun*: John Monohan, Jr., New Fire Association Head. John M. Monohan, Jr. 3909 Elmwood Avenue, was elected new president of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association and Louis H. Schweitzer, 237 Cornell Place, was named as the new vice president at a called meeting held Wednesday evening. The board of directors at the same meeting held at the Buschemeyer-Ogden Pharmacy, also re-elected Thomas L. Dobson, Thierman Lane for the office of secretary and Fred C. Boss, Lyndon, Treasurer. Dr. James E. Winter was chosen as a member of the board.

Henry Monohan, absent at the meeting, was selected as Fire Chief to succeed "Bud" Young. Mr. Monohan who recently resigned as assistant to the chief has agreed to accept the post for a period of two months.

Association officers voted at the called session to send three members of the fire fighting crew, including the Chief, to a school of instruction for volunteer firemen to be held at Lexington in the near future. (Am not confident in this date, may be September.)



August 15, 1941: **WANTED MEN!** Henry Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has called a special meeting of the body for Tuesday night August 26, at 7:30 at the fire house. At this meeting Chief Monohan would be glad to interview men over 21 years of age who would like to become members of the crew of firefighters. Men are needed now Mr. Monohan states, and here is a real opportunity for young men to render a worthwhile service to their community.

August 28, 1941, *The Jeffer-*

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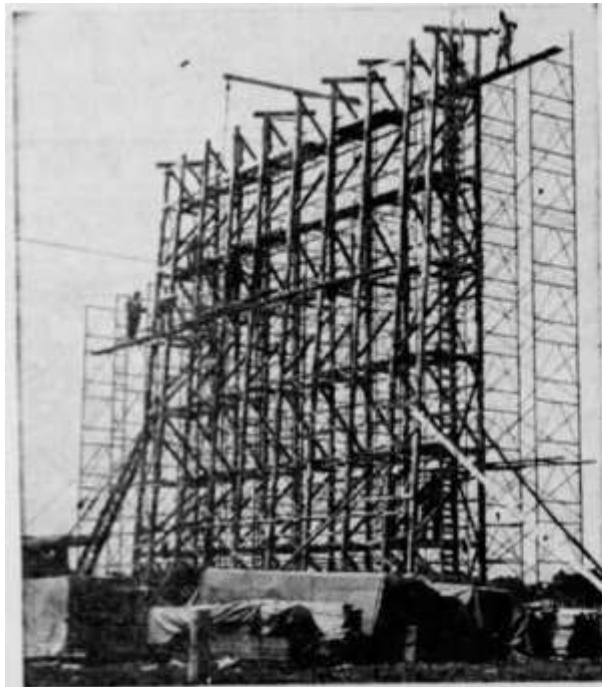


1941

August 10, 1941, The Courier-Journal



THIS IS HOW \$40,000 DRIVE-IN THEATER ON SHELBYVILLE ROAD WILL LOOK WHEN COMPLETED.



C-J. Photo by Art Abner.

Consult Us

F.H.A. helps in every kind of building—build a new house or add a room. Johnson's has the right lumber at the right price.

**B. J. JOHNSON
& SONS CO., Inc.**
1735 Berry Blvd. MA. 0175

THE SCREEN, shown here under construction, is to be fifty feet wide and fifty-five feet high. Made of structural steel, it will have an office and a locker room built in its base. The projection room will be sunk into the ground 220 feet in front of the screen.

Drive-In Theater Under Construction Near **St. Matthews**

AT LAST Louisville is really going to have an outdoor moving picture show where the customers sit in their automobiles.

Last year a former manager of the Mary Anderson Theater wanted to start one here but he couldn't interest men with money.

Six months ago a Chicago company which operates a chain of such theaters negotiated for the purchase of twenty acres of land on the outskirts of Louisville, but regarded the price as too high and passed Louisville up.

Fourteen Acres Leased

Now, however, Cleveland men have leased fourteen acres on the north side of the Shelbyville Road, just west of its junction with the road to Lyndon; they have formed a Kentucky corporation, The Louisville Drive-In Theater Corporation, and construction has already begun. Forty thousand dollars is being spent to build the place, which

is expected to open for business September 1 with space for 700 automobiles.

Screen 55 Feet High

The property was leased from Mrs. J. B. Arterburn, **St. Matthews**, for ten years with a privilege of a five-year extension. The Hebel-Hardin Company, realtors, handled the deal; Hoffman Building company is the general contractor.

Made of structural steel, the screen will be fifty feet wide and fifty-five feet high. The field in which the motorists will sit and watch the show through windshields will be a semi-circular ramp covered with crushed rock.

Children Admitted Free

The admission charge will be 35 or 40 cents for adults. Children accompanying adults will be admitted free. Refreshments will be sold while pictures are being shown.

The show's owners expect Louisville's climate to permit operation of the theater seven and a half months a year.

1941

August 18, 1941:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

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

August 18, 1941

Mr. John Monahan, President
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Fire Alarm

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the recommendations made to your brother, the chief of the fire department, when he was in our office last Saturday morning to discuss means for providing a more reliable and efficient fire alarm service in your community.

In our letter of July 2, 1941 to Dr. Winters, who was then President of your association, we informed him that any credit for protection in your community is based upon the maintenance of a reliable and efficient method of calling the fire department. This is particularly true in view of the tremendous increase in the number of houses and the area involved.

We recommended that sleeping quarters for one man be provided in the new engine house and a telephone with a direct line to the public exchange. This phone to be used for fire calls only.

A reliable man is to be kept at the engine house at night for receiving and sounding the alarms. This is in addition to the telephone service maintained in Mr. Ogden's residence and drug store in order to supplement that service during the night when the drug store is closed and also to eliminate the loss of time inherent in the transmission of alarms over telephones.

We feel that this plan, while not the best, is under the circumstances a most economical and reliable method for calling the department, and we hope it will be carried out.

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker

Manager

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:DH

August 19, 1941, The Courier
-Journal

Train Decapitates Man.

James J. Moore, 72, of 3944 Gilman, St. Matthews, was decapitated at 1:30 p.m. Monday by an inbound L. & N. passenger train near Chenoweth Lane. The engineer said Mr. Moore was walking across the tracks.

Members of the family said Mr. Moore, a retired plumbing supplies salesman, had gone to a hardware store for some paint. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie G. Moore; a son, George E. Moore; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Peege and Miss Helen Moore; a brother, Joseph H. Moore, of Erlanger, Ky., and three grandchildren.

On the danger list at the City Hospital was William Caine, 19, Kosmosdale, who suffered a broken arm and skull injury Sunday night when hit by a car on Dixie Highway near Kosmosdale. County police said the driver was Willis Sattler, 23, Cincinnati, who was not held.

Gordon Pryor, 34, a truck driver, 1213 S. 6th, was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Monday on Eastern Parkway on charges of drunkenness in a public place and reckless driving. Police said he was driving erratically.

1941

September 1941: John M. Monohan Jr. became Chief of the Department. He remained Chief for the next 36 years until he retired in 1977.

At this time the department started a “training program.”

During the War Years it was hard for the department to move ahead, because all the attention was on the war, but they did it anyway. They slowly became financially sound, training improved, equipment was kept up and new equipment was always being added.

No Board Minutes from August 1941 to August 1945

Then many missing in 1946, all of 1947 and half of 1948.

I have no explanation for the missing minutes.

There is a reference in the October 1948 minutes that John Monohan was to see Tom Dolan about the old minute book. Then there is a notation at bottom from December 1948 saying he has the book.



Appears to be garage fire during this time frame.

1941

September 11, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:

Announcing Formal Opening :: Saturday, Sept. 13, 1941

**GREYHOUND
SERVICE STATION**

4000 Frankfort Avenue :: Between Willis and Meridian

FREE MOTOR OIL

With each 5 gallons of Greyhound Regular or White gasoline and on opening day we will give one quart of Greyhound 100's Pure Pennsylvania Motor Oil. Those not coming all on day gas is purchased will be given coupons redeemable for all day long later.

TRY GREYHOUND GAS!

Once you try you'll be a regular customer. You can't buy better gasoline at any price!

Greyhound Regular	39¢ Gal.
Greyhound Extra	39¢ Gal.
Greyhound Penna. Motor Oil	39¢ Qt.
in Case	25¢ Qt.
Greyhound Penna. Motor Oil Bulk	25¢ Qt.
Other Motor Oil	13¢ Qt.

JAMES E. POWERS OIL CO., INC.

FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES! BALLOONS FOR THE CHILDREN!

September 25, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:

St. Matthews People Discuss Incorporation

The St. Matthews Civic Club held a meeting Wednesday night when the matter of whether or not the town should be incorporated was discussed. This matter persists in coming up from time to time.

At the meeting Wednesday night at Holy Trinity Hall, Dr. C. L. Wunsch, president of the Club, stated that the Club itself is neutral relative to incorporating.

The town has had such phenomenal growth during the past two years, both toward Louisville and out into the open spaces of the County, that it seems inevitable for it soon either to be incorporated as a municipality or be taken into Louisville. Which it is to be and which would be better for the residents is a moot question.

Officers of the Civic Club expect to have Mayor Scholtz come out in the near future and explain just what is to be expected if annexation takes place.

GOOD NEWS **Here's a SCOOP** GOOD NEWS

NEW SHOE STORE
IN ST. MATTHEWS

GOOD NEWS! You don't have to go to town for shoes. This should be GOOD NEWS to your taste.

SHOES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

- Children, Children and Children's shoes for sale.
- Men's, Women's and Children's shoes for sale.
- Dress shoes, we have them. • E. J. and Robert J. Showers

OPENING—FRI. & SAT., SEPTEMBER 13th
LOCATION—New store just completed on Clay Hill.

SHOWERS SHOES

SHOWERS BOYS SHOP
315 FRANKFORT AVENUE

Elmer Building St. Matthews, Ky.

October 9, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:

Firemen's School To Be Conducted Here

Fire Chief Fred Myers of the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Department said today that the men of his department would attend a training school here next week beginning October 27.

Practice starts will also be staged during the week. Mr. Myers stated, Capt. Rogers from the State Fire Marshal's office is to be the instructor and train the men in the various forms of fire-fighting.

Members of both the Middletown and St. Matthews fire departments are to be invited to attend the firemen's school, according to Mr. Myers.

St. Matthews Group Vetoes Incorporation

150 At Meeting Decide To Look Into Annexation

Growing pains, which have given St. Matthews full urban flavor — and troubles, too— caused a meeting Wednesday night, sponsored by the town's civic club to vote against incorporation.

The town was incorporated in 1936 and was dissolved a year later.

A somewhat puzzled group of 150 persons gathered at Holy Trinity Hall to "hear what it was all about."

Says Club Neutral.

Dr. C. L. Wunsch, president of the **St. Matthews Civic Club**, sponsors of the meeting, presided. He explained that the club itself was neutral on the question.

"We are going to have Mayor Joseph D. Scholtz out here again next month to tell us what the city can do for us if it annexes us," Dr. Wunsch said. The suburb can be annexed whether or not it is incorporated, it was explained.

Carl Hulswede, resident of the suburb, wanted to know why the question of incorporation came up annually. He said the club was started as a protest against incorporation.

Town's Growth Cited.

A protest to incorporation was sounded by Louis Schweitzer. He said he is not against annexation.

The town has grown from 4,000 population to 15,000 in a short time, said Mr. Schweitzer, noting that its residents pay more for water, gas, electricity, garbage service, five hydrants and other services than Louisvillians do. He said if the town is incorporated a vote of 51 per cent of the people is necessary to permit annexation by the city.

Several others said they were satisfied with the town's present status and that they had moved from Louisville to escape taxes. R. B. Freeman proposed a resolution which resulted in the vote on whether to seek to incorporate the town.

Parking Brought Up.


Sandwiched in with the discussion of incorporation or annexation was one of parking. The state's safety engineer, the discussion developed, has ordered angle parking abolished.

County Attorney Lawrence Grauman, a resident of the suburb, and County Commissioner James Henning were spectators.

October 30, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:

Grauman is future STMFD board member, Barker became County Judge and started the Jefferson County Fire Department

November 6, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*:




HORACE M. BARKER
FOR
COUNTY
ATTORNEY

BARKER SAYS:

Grauman Used Office To
Enhance Fortune

CHOOSE NOV. 4

Between
These Two Candidates



LAWRENCE S. GRAUMAN

**HORACE M. BARKER REPORTS THE FISCAL RECORD OF
LAWRENCE S. GRAUMAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

The following suits were brought by Lawrence S. Grauman
on behalf of the Commonwealth to collect delinquent State
and County taxes:

Suit No. 250,220

Location, Liberty Street, between 4th and 5th
Graham, Edg. 2

Delinquent State and County Taxes on this
property were, plus interest \$ 820.19

Delinquent City Taxes were, plus interest 2,771.68

TOTAL delinquent State, County and City \$3,591.87

Taxes paid by Court Appraisers \$4,000.00

Amount property purchased by J. Lester Grauman, brother and office associate of Lawrence S. Grauman, for State and County received for its tax lien \$24.30

City received for its tax lien \$24.30

NET LOSS to State, County and City \$1,128.19

Suit No. 251,477

Location, east side of Second St., 7th and 8th
of Madison

Delinquent State and County Taxes plus interest \$ 342.75

Delinquent City Taxes, plus interest 913.00

TOTAL Delinquent Taxes \$1,255.75

Appraised by Court Appraisers at \$1,238.00

Purchased by J. Lester Grauman, brother and office associate of Lawrence S. Grauman, for City received on its tax lien 300.00

State and County received on its tax lien 177.75

City received for its tax lien 80.00

Loss to State, County and City \$ 904.00

Suit No. 250,836

Location, Highland Park Industrial Area, 17th
and 18th

Delinquent State and County Taxes on this
property were \$1,500.00

Delinquent City Taxes 1,620.71

TOTAL Delinquent Taxes \$3,120.71

This property owned by taxes at \$2,000.00

Appraised by Court Appraisers at \$3,000.00

Purchased by J. Lester Grauman, brother and office associate of Lawrence S. Grauman, for State, County and City received for its tax lien \$60.00

Loss to State, County and City \$5,170.42

FOR HONEST, CLEAN
AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT — VOTE FOR

Horace M. Barker for County Attorney

AND STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN TICKET

—Political Ads.



LLEWELLYN'S

Thanks

—for your splendid response to the
opening of our laundry plant at 128
Brockinridge Lane, St. Matthews.

Your acceptance of our service has been so great that it necessitated our enlarging our plant to more than twice its original size in less than three months after its opening.

This proved our thought that people in this section are discriminating buyers, and they want to save money, but not at the sacrifice of quality. Now you can get the finest laundry and dry cleaning service at a lower cost because you can **SAVE 35%** with our **DRIVE IN SERVICE**.

Over 2,000 of your neighbors are relieving themselves of the problem of washing at home by using one of our rapid services, time saving, worth it a completely finished service.

Why don't you, also, join the constantly growing list of satisfied customers at **LLEWELLYN'S**?

Our ultra modern Dry Cleaning Department, just installed, with the best equipment obtainable, enables us to give you the quality of work you want—the very best.

Because we use the most modern equipment, we can give quick service without sacrifice of quality.

If on some special occasion you need a suit or dress in a hurry, bring it in. We'll have it ready for you in three hours.

FOR QUALITY WORK

DRIVE IN ~ SAVE 15%

LLEWELLYN'S ST. MATTHEWS **LAUNDRY**

128 Brockinridge Lane—St. Matthews

November 20, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*

Another Firestone

HOME & AUTO SUPPLY STORE
FOR METROPOLITAN
LOUISVILLE

Lexington Road, S.E.
Corner of Winchester Road
ST. MATTHEW, KY.

GRAND OPENING SALE!

Friday—Saturday
November 21-22

Featured with another complete and modern display
store in the city of metropolitan Louisville. We have
all of Louisville and especially the new trends in
household commodities to suit your modern home during
this opening sale.

Savings for Everyone

EXCEPTIONAL
DEALS IN
ELECTRICAL
APPLIANCES

AND A NEW
MILK
Coffee Machine

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

SESSIONS' CLOCK

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

FREE

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

SAVE ON
CHILDREN'S TOYS

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

SCOOTERS
1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

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\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

Firestone
Work Saving Money Saving
APPLIANCES

WESTINGHOUSE
CAPTAIN SWEEPER

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

WASHING MACHINE

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

ARC BATTERY

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

CAR HEATER

1500 Refrigerator
\$39.95
1 day only \$39.95

THERE ARE NOW FOUR EFFICIENT, MONEY-
SAVING

Firestone

HOME & AUTO SUPPLY STORES
IN METROPOLITAN LOUISVILLE

LEXINGTON ROAD AT WINCHESTER AVENUE

25-26 - ST. MATTHEW - 55-56

TOYLAND
IS OPEN
BRING THE KIDDIES
TOYS FOR EVERY AGE

George John Wurster, 51, of 3919 Frankfort Avenue, proprietor of the St. Matthews Hardware Store at that address, died at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington, where he was taken Monday following an illness of several weeks. A veteran of the World War, Mr. Wurster was active in civic affairs at St. Matthews, where he had operated the store for twenty years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alpha Wurster; a brother, Fred Wurster, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Gutermuth. He is a member of Zachary Taylor Post, American Legion, the Lions Club, and the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department**.

December 4, 1941, *The Jeffersonian*

'What's Wrong' Contest



SPONSORED BY
**ST. MATTHEWS
MERCHANTS**

OFFERS
**FUN AND PROFIT
—TO—
WINDOW SHOPPERS**

CONTEST OPENS SATURDAY, DEC. 6

The "What's Wrong" Window Display Contest will be officially opened in Greater St. Matthews Saturday morning, December 6, 1941 and will continue for three weeks. Only the windows of the undersigned business houses are entered. To encourage people of this trade area to inspect their windows, and to shop in St. Matthews during the holiday season, the merchants listed below are cooperating by offering cash prizes to winners. Read the rules governing the contest carefully and get ready to win some extra cash for Christmas.

**FIRST
PRIZE
\$5.00**

**SECOND
PRIZE
\$2.00**

**THIRD
PRIZE
\$1.00**

RULES OF CONTEST!

1. Entries may enter the "WHAT'S WRONG" Contest, and the entry contestants are eligible to enter each week for the three weeks.
2. Prizes will be awarded each week to the winners having the most errors in the various windows of stores participating in this contest. Errors, charged each week, may be a display window break, a window broken or dirty, a window uncleaned, or those in a window being on during the week display, or any other property-made error. Errors of various sizes or types may also be made and need be considered in making your list. Some window displays may be hidden or, as it is impossible, that each contestant check all windows very carefully.
3. Prizes will be awarded as follows: \$5 to the person finding the largest number of errors; \$2 to the next highest person; and \$1 to the person finding the best display window.
4. Entries must be placed within or taped and must carry the date of entry, together with the full name and address of contestant and must be in the hands of the "What's Wrong" Contest Editor, 2111 Lexington Road, each week not later than noon on Thursday. Entries handed in or mailed after that time will not be considered. In case of tie, first entry received will be given preference in making awards.
5. The decision of the judges shall be final. Winners will be announced in each issue of *The Jeffersonian*. Checks will be mailed to winners.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR WINDOWS?

BAUER BROS. GROCERY 3509 Frankfort Ave.	FIRESTONE SERVICE STA. Lexington Road at Wendover	SEARS ST. MATTHEWS STORE 3731 Lexington Road
BEN FRANKLIN 1c-31 STORE 3565 Frankfort Ave.	FRANKEL-ORBECHT DRUG CO. 3828 Frankfort Ave.	SHOWERS BOYS' SHOP 3818 Frankfort Ave.
RESENDORF SHOE STORE 3738 Lexington Road	FRED WOOTTON HARDWARE 3824 Frankfort Ave.	SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION 3828 Frankfort Ave.
BITTNER RADIO STORE 3822 Frankfort Ave.	GADLAGE MEAT MARKET 3712 Lexington Road	SUBURBAN SHOPPE- BESSMANN SHOPPE 4032 Frankfort Ave.
K. COGGESHALL—JEWELER 3718 Lexington Road	MARTIN RADIO APPLIANCE STORE 3304 Frankfort Ave.	SUPERIOR MEN'S SHOP 2908 Frankfort Ave.
COY'S DEPARTMENT STORE 3826 Frankfort Ave.	ROBY & CLEMENS MARKET 3816 Frankfort Ave.	TRIAHON BEAUTY SALON 3812 Frankfort Ave.
DAVID E. WELLS—FLORIST 3728 Lexington Road	ST. MATTHEWS BOTTLE GAS SALEN CO. (Electric Electric) 3712 Lexington Road	YENAWINE APPLIANCE STORE 3805 Frankfort Ave.
DAWN BAKERY 3810 Frankfort Ave.		



—AND—

Shop at Showers!

Give the BOY practical gifts this Christmas—gifts he can wear. At the SHOWERS store you can outfit the BOY from head to foot in toys he'll like and you'll save money, too.

SHOES
For the Entire Family!

We're Open Evenings
Until Christmas!

SHOWERS

Shoes—Boys' Wear

(Showers Boys' Shop)

3914 FRANKFORT AVE.
Eline Bldg. St. Matthews



With a Greeting that's a Gift

VICTOR RECORD MusicCard

It's a great, big, overgrown Christmas card—that holds any Victor Record you select! Comes in five attractive styles—each with appropriate verse. A space for your signature makes it a delightfully personal gift. See it today!

Victor Records for Christmas are Gifts that Keep on Giving!

BITTNER RADIOS

Taylor 3548

3822 Frankfort Ave.

SHOP EARLY AT—
COY'S
DEPARTMENT STORE

MRS. GLADYS COY

3926 FRANKFORT AVENUE

3 Doors West of Pich's Bakery St. Matthews, Ky.

Special Saturday and Monday!
15c BATH TOWELS 10c
WHILE THEY LAST!

MEW'S DRESS SHIRTS \$1.35 and \$1.98 MEW'S SOCKS 10c to 50c LADIES' SLIPS 69c to \$1.69	LADIES' & MEN'S HOUSE ROBES \$2.49, \$2.98, \$3.49 LADIES' HOSIERY 69c to \$1.98 LADIES' HOUSE COATS \$1.49 to \$3.49
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VOGUE 3700 LEXINGTON ROAD
ADULTS 20¢
PARK FREE

FRIDAY-SATURDAY - DEC. 5-6

Randolph Scott, Shirley Temple

"Susannah of the Mounties"

Star of "International Squadron"

Ronald Reagan

"Secret Service of the Air"

ADDED SATURDAY MATINEE

Chapter No. 8

"Adventures of Capt. Marvel"

Comic Books Free to Kiddies

EX-MON-TELS DEC. 1-3-5

Red Abbott and Leo Cullin

"HOLD THAT GHOST"

Joan Robert Giff

Frankford Taylor Claron

"WHEN LADIES MEET"

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JAPAN ATTACKS PHILIPPINES AND HAWAII; 350 KILLED, U. S. BATTLESHIP SET ON FIRE

Bomb Strikes Barrack, Radio Says

N.B.C. Reports Hickam Field Casualties, Claims Shell Sets Blaze On U. S. S. Oklahoma

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—Direct damage has been done to the U. S. naval base at Pearl Harbor and to the city of Honolulu itself by unidentified bombing planes, as N.B.C. reporter reported today in a broadcast from Honolulu.



The map shows the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Key locations marked include Pearl Harbor, Hickam Field, and the U.S.S. Oklahoma. Arrows indicate the direction of the attack from the northwest. Labels on the map include: Pearl Harbor, Hickam Field, U.S.S. Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Hickam Field, U.S.S. Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Hickam Field, U.S.S. Oklahoma.

Planes Raid Bases Without Any Warning

Naval Battle Is Reported In Progress Off Honolulu; U.S. Transport Torpedoed

Washington, Dec. 7.—Japanese airplanes today attacked American island bases at Hawaii and Japan, and President Roosevelt ordered the army and navy to carry out whatever orders prepared for the defense of the United States.

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JAPS BOMB HAWAII, GUAM; Tokio Declares War On U.S. and Britain; U.S. WARSHIPS REPORTED SUNK

Roosevelt Likely to Ask War Act Today

Will Address Congress
At 11:30 A.M.; Italy, Japan
And Germany May Be Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—President Roosevelt is expected to ask a declaration of war today for a declaration of war on Japan as a result of Japanese attacks on Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam.

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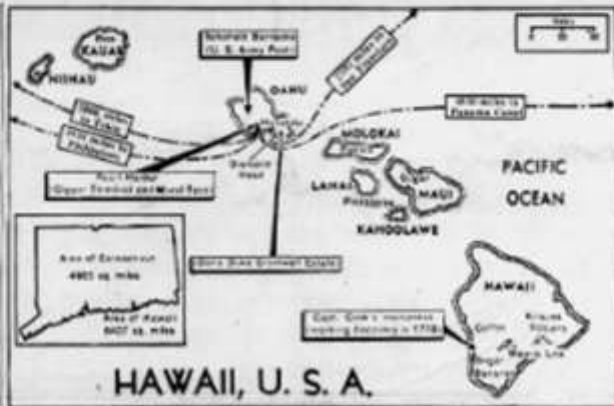
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HAWAII, U. S. A.

CROSSINGS OF THE PACIFIC—Hawaii, consists of eight main islands. Oahu, the largest, is the site of the capital, Honolulu. The map shows the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines, and the Pacific Ocean.

Union Shop Voted For Captive Mines

New York, Dec. 8. (AP)—The United Mine Workers of America today voted to join the United States Steel Corp. in a new union shop for captive mines.

The vote was taken at a convention of the union held in New York City. The union is the largest of its kind in the world.

The union is the largest of its kind in the world. It has a membership of over 100,000.

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Parliament Called To Meet Today

London, Dec. 8. (AP)—The British Parliament was called to meet today at 11 a.m. for the first time since the outbreak of the war.

The House of Commons will meet at 11 a.m. and the House of Lords at 2 p.m.

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Philippines And Singapore Are Attacked

Heavy Losses Are Suffered
At Honolulu, Pearl Harbor;
Fleet Goes Out After Foe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—The United States Navy today reported that the Japanese fleet had attacked the Philippines and Singapore.

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**Special Civilian
 Defense Registration!**

**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**

2,000 Volunteers for Civilian Defense Are
 Needed. Read Instructions Care-
 fully as to WHERE to Register!

500
**Volunteers Are Needed to Serve As
 AUXILIARY POLICEMEN**

These volunteers will serve in their own police dis-
 tricts, will receive first aid training at the start, and
 then training in police methods. They will be subject
 to emergency call; will perform lesser, but necessary
 duties, thus freeing regular policemen for more
 specialized work. Register in your home police dis-
 trict station. Locations:

First District: 1000 Bardonia Road
 Second District: City Hall
 Third District: City Hall
 Fourth District: 10th and Main Sts.
 Fifth District: 6th and Lexington

500
**Volunteers Are Needed to Serve As
 AUXILIARY FIREMEN**

These volunteers will serve in their own neighborhood
 fire station. Training will consist of first aid followed
 by schooling in fire protective and fighting methods.
 They will be subject to emergency service, assisting as
 directed in fire disaster work. For this service, register
 in your neighborhood fire station. Locations:

Headquarters— 1000 S. Jefferson Street	Quard. Co. No. 1— 1000 Bardonia Rd.
Quard. Co. No. 4—100 N. 10th	Eng. Co. No. 8—400 Bardonia Rd.
Eng. Co. No. 6—2415 Portland	Eng. Co. No. 11—1111 Engle
Eng. Co. No. 5—401 S. 10th	Eng. Co. No. 10— 1111 Bardonia Rd.
Eng. Co. No. 8—121 S. 10th	Eng. Co. No. 12— 10th Franklin
Eng. Co. No. 11— 1001 W. Jefferson	1st Dist. Headquarters— 1016 S. Freeman
Eng. Co. No. 17—1801 Garland	Eng. Co. No. 1—4011 Park Blvd.
Eng. Co. No. 15— 5017 W. Broadway	Quard. Co. No. 3—1110 S. 10th
2nd Dist. Headquarters— 101 S. Main	Quard. Co. No. 4—201 Ashland
Eng. Co. No. 1—184 W. Liberty	Eng. Co. No. 14—1209 S. 8th
Quard. Co. No. 8— 1101 Franklin	Eng. Co. No. 16—2000 S. 4th

1,000
**Volunteer Men and Women Needed to
 Serve As
 AIR RAID WARDENS**

These volunteers will serve in their own neigh-
 borhoods. Their duty will be to carry to each home in
 their territory such instructions as they receive from
 their superior officers in the air raid warden service;
 to assist in eliminating hazards of incendiary bomb
 fires, and to be solicitous for the welfare of their
 particular area. For this service, register at Civilian
 Defense Registration Office in the Jefferson County
 Armory.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Residents of Jefferson County, outside of the city limits of Louis-
 ville, are requested to register at the location in the following
 list which is nearest their home:

St. Matthews at Fire Station
 at County Police Headquarters in Amorette
 Jeffersonville at Town Hall
 Middletown at Middletown Garage
 Anchorage at Fire Station
 Finance Ridge at County Building
 Princeton at Griffin's Service Station and Garage

INDIANA PLANS SIMILAR

Clark and Floyd Counties in Indiana, containing the cities of
 Jeffersonville and New Albany, are perfecting plans along the
 lines of the Defense Council's and expect to announce details of
 their registration soon.

Remember!
**TUESDAY and
 WEDNESDAY
 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.**

**DEFENSE COUNCIL of the
 METROPOLITAN AREA of
 LOUISVILLE**



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C.-J. Photo.

THE SMASHED BODY of the automobile in which Mrs. Clarice Kaiser, 34, of 587 Sunset Road, met her death yesterday is shown being inspected at the scene of the tragedy by County Patrolman L. F. Wiser.

Woman Driver Dies As Train Hits Auto

Woman Driver Dies As Train Hits Auto

Engine Drags Car 772 Feet

Mrs. Clarice Kaiser, 34, of 537 Sunset Road, was killed almost instantly at 9:04 a. m. yesterday when her automobile was struck near **St. Matthews** by the crack L. & N. train, the Azalean. She was the wife of Edward F. Kaiser, distillery district manager.

Engine Drags Auto.

"The car which Mrs. Kaiser was driving was standing at the Hubbard's Lane crossing, and just as we got there shot on to the tracks," County Patrolman Edward Young quoted Engineer E. R. Booth, 4547 Southern Avenue, as saying.

The Kaiser sedan was dragged 772 feet and wrapped so tightly around the front of the engine that it had to be pulled off with chains, Deputy Coroner M. Rodger Dougherty said. The train, bound for Cincinnati, was delayed forty-five minutes.

Joseph Greenwell, Shelbyville Road farmer, said that thirty-four minutes before the crash he saw a woman in an automobile at the side of the road by the crossing. Later a switch oiler, seeing the car, waved the driver across, but told Dougherty the woman drove down the road and turned around.

Besides her husband, Mrs.

Kaiser is survived by two children, Donald G. Kaiser, 11, and Bonnie Jean, 4, and her father, Clarence M. Bachus, 2319 Carolina.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday, at Neurath's Chapel. Burial will be in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Wiper Pierces Hand.

His hand pierced by an automobile windshield-wiper when he attempted to brace himself against an impending head-on collision, Harry Bruce, 19, of Kosmosdale, was admitted to City Hospital at 10:30 p. m. yesterday following a minor accident on Dixie Highway about two miles south of Kosmosdale.

County police, who said they were forced to administer chloroform while the wiper was being extricated, quoted Bruce as saying the device "somehow pinned my hand and penetrated it when the windshield broke." The driver of the other car, who was uninjured, was listed as Dominich Abbinante, 40, of Mobile, Ala.

A skull fracture suffered Christmas night when he was struck by an automobile on Jefferson near 15th resulted in the death at City Hospital yesterday of Ellis Williams, Negro, 23, of 2231 Eddy. It was the city's fifty-seventh traffic fatality in 1941, as compared with forty-nine this time last year. The driver was Malcolm P. Taylor, 30, of 1200 W. Market.

1941

Board Of Directors

Fred C. Boss
Edwin W. Davis, end July 1941.
Thomas L. Dobson
William E. Ehlig, start July 1941.
John M. Monohan Jr., start Feb. 1941.
W. Jesse Ogden
James Ellis Powers, start July 1941.
Louis H. Schweitzer
William Smithson, end July 1941
Dr. James Emil Winter

Officers

1941 Chief Raymond A. "Bud" Young* end, July 1941.
Chief Henry A. Monohan* July, Aug, 1941
Chief John M. Monohan Jr., start Sept. 1941.
Assist. Chief H. A. Monohan
Assistant Chief Richard C. Herdt*
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O. M. Steinmann
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James "JP" Terry
John F. Westerman
Fred William Wootton, Jr.*
George John Wurster*

* listed on a list provided by STMFD for Annual meeting to approve.

1942

The department built a new fire house at 115 Breckinridge Lane, directly next door to the old one, to give them more room. This new station would serve as their quarters until 1952.

St. Matthews was incorporated, (became a city in the 1950s) and had to dispose of all debts. To do this they raised tax rates and paid off everyone. They wound up with \$560.63 and decided to give it to the fire department.

1942

Moved into new fire house at 115 Breckenridge Lane:



Photo by Basil Willis

The equipment of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.
To report a fire dial "0", and ask for St. Matthews Fire Dept.

January 1, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Health . . Happiness Success and Peaceful Prosperity

THE PERVENT HOPE FOR ONE AND ALL. In this wonderful America of ours we should be very thankful for living in a country where "democracy" is still more than just a word. We can count it a great blessing to be living among real friends and good neighbors. Let us resolve, for the coming year, to do our part to preserve

the rights that are our heritage . . . that no single act of any of us will endanger this heritage . . . with this in mind, we merchants of Greater St. Matthews wish to express our appreciation of your patronage in the past and pledge ourselves to serve you again in 1942 in the truly American Way.

Advance Motor Company

B-M Coal Company

Besendorf Shoe Store

Belmont Cabs

Buschemeyer-Ogden
Pharmacy

Coggeshall the Jeweler

Chilton's Texaco Station

Dawn Bakery

Frankel-Obrecht Drug Co.

Farmers & Depositors Bank

Firestone Service Station

Gadlage Market

(Leo Gadlage and Frank Albanese)

A. L. Hansen Paint Shop

Hice Ledford Barber Shop

C. A. Herr

(Real Estate and Insurance)

Nally's
Barber & Beauty Shop

(Only Union Shop in St. Matthews)

T. M. O'Neal Coal Dealer

Peterson's
Sada-San Restaurant

Piehn's Bakery

James E. Powers Oil Co.

(Greyhound Station)

Roppel's Market

St. Matthews Dairy Store

St. Matthews Hdw. Store

The St. Matthews Bank

Steiden Store

(F. T. Brady)

Trianon Beauty Salon

(Mrs. Josephine Isert)

Terry's Texaco Station

Chas. D. Taylor's Gulf Sta.

O. C. Trinkle

(Kroger Store)

Vogue Theatre

(Bob Enoch)

David E. Weller Florist

Fred Woolton Hdw. Store

WE RETREAD ::: TIRES :::

Leave your tires with us—we'll have them back in 48 hours.

ADJUSTED TIRES!

We have on hand at our stations ADJUSTED TIRES, for passenger cars and trucks, in excellent condition. It will pay you to see us about your truck tires.

JAMES E.
POWERS-OIL CO.

GREYHOUND STATION

4000 Frankfort Avenue

ST. MATTHEWS

1355

2504

EAST MAIN ST. SOUTH PRESTON

February 5, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

Trolley Coaches To Brown's Lane

Extended service to County area via city railway system to be inaugurated.

Added transportation facilities for the St. Matthews area, promised by the Louisville Railway Company, who proposes to extend its Walnut Street trolley coaches out Shelbyville Road to Brown's Lane. With a continuous line out to that point passengers may ride on downtown to the central business district of Louisville without the necessity of switching or transferring. The *Jeffersonian* learned today that new coaches have been ordered and that the newly extended service is to be started, probably within the next two weeks.

Arrangements have been made for the Louisville Railway Company to purchase the necessary franchise from the County for operating their buses in that area beyond the city limits.

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Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/royal&CISOPTR=3724&CISOBX=1&REC=4 Booker & Kinnard, Photo of street intersection made at St. Matthews KY, Royal Photo Company, January 1, 1942, ULPA R_07088_00_n



Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/royal&CISOPTR=3725&CISOBX=1&REC=5 Café and Steiden stores, January 1, 1942, Royal Photo Company, ULPA R_07088_01_n View of wide road from the middle of the road. Buildings line both sides and cars are parked along the curs. To the right signs for RC Cola and a café (Wilkins Café—Firefighter) are painted on the exterior of a building. On the left are the corner of a grocery store and a corner shop labeled “Steidens Stores.”



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Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/royal&CISOPTR=3732&CISOBX=1&REC= St. Matthews Tire Service, January 2, 1941, Royal Photo Company, ULPA R_07088_02_n



Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/royal&CISOPTR=3726&CISOBX=1&REC=20 Street in St. Matthews, Kentucky January 1, 1942, On the right are signs for "Roby & Clemens," "Frankel's Drugs," "Liquors," and other businesses. On the left is the St. Matthews Motor Company Sales and service building and a service station. Behind the motor company is the St. Matthews bank. , ULPA R_07088_03_n



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Courtesy, <https://historiclouisville.weebly.com/east--some-suburbs.html#PhotoSwipe1536980957473>



1942 - Shelbyville Road, near Breckinridge Ln. Top looking east to light at St Matthews ave. Bottom looking west, White Castle on right. University of Louisville Photographic Archives

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January 24, 27 & 28, 1942:



MANUFACTURERS OF "HUXBAR" IT SALVAGES • DOES NOT DESTROY •
230 EAST FRONT STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

1-24-1942

Chief of Fire Dept.
St. Matthews Ky

Dear Chief:
Will you please be so kind
as to check into something for me.

We have your department credited with 1. Huxbar.
Due to some misunderstanding with our salesman
in that territory we are having a lot of difficulty
checking the Huxbar in your section.

If you have 1. please bring it to the attention of
the fire board or return same (collect on this bill)
as we are having trouble as you know obtaining
materials.

Thanking you for early reply and hoping to see
you if and when I get down your way.

I remain
Very Truly Yours
Walter C. Huxel



EUREKA FIRE HOSE

DIVISION OF UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY

Rockefeller Center

1230 SIXTH AVENUE - NEW YORK

January 27, 1942

Mr. Thomas L. Dobson,
Secy. St. Matthews Fire Dept.
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

We desire to again refer to your account as follows:

October 7, 1941 due one-half within	
60 days, balance within one year from	
date of invoice	\$650.00
	Interest
	\$25.25
	\$675.25

It is no doubt an oversight that the payment of half of the
account has not been paid, as we were advised at the time the order
was placed that cash for one-half the account was on hand, and if
you would kindly have check sent us at this time in the amount of
\$325.00, we assure you it would be highly appreciated.

Thanks for your kind personal attention, and the anticipated
remittance, and with best wishes, we remain,

Very truly yours,

E. A. Blair

E. A. Blair
Credit Manager

EAB:M

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Matthews, Ky. Jan. 28 1942

George H. Wilbers (non-contributor)

4160 Eastport Road

St. Matthews, Ky.

Fire Run 3:40 A. M. Jan. 14 \$25.00

January 16, 1942: St. Matthews Sun: Two Fires Entail Loss Estimated At \$2,700.00.

Two fires sent the St. Matthews Fire Department out Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning to fight blazes on St. Matthews Avenue just east of town. The Tuesday blaze resulted in an estimated \$200.00 damage to the servant quarters at the Herbert Agar home. Approximately \$2,500 was lost when a frame outbuilding supporting living quarters owned by George Wilbers caught fire destroying a cow, chickens, automobile, and plumbing tools.

BILLS ARE DUE WHEN PRESENTED

Remit by Check to the Association, or Pay at Bookbinder-Opden Drug Store.
We are Obligated to Serve Only Those Contributing to the Support of the Association.

January 30, 1942, *The Courier-Journal*:February 2, 1942, *The Courier-Journal*:

Raid Warning System to Get Tryout Today

Whistles, Sirens and Bombs At Key Spots In Falls Cities To Put On Dress Rehearsal

Everyone in the Louisville metropolitan area—both sides of the river—is expected to hear one or more assorted loud noises today as the area's multi-method air raid warning system is put through a dress rehearsal morning and night.

Two wildcat steam whistles, six ordinary steam whistles, four large sirens and bombs fired from four Louisville fire stations will perform on a definite schedule, beginning at 11 a.m., while ninety stationary observers, city employees, and two groups of defense officials in cars check the audibility of the noise-makers throughout the area.

The first test will last from 11 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. while the second will start at 8 p.m. and end at exactly 9:45 p.m. This stringing out of the noise-makers over a considerable period of time is for test purposes only. If enemy planes ever approach the city they'll all let go at once.

Explicit instructions to personnel responsible for the sounding of each of the warning methods have been prepared and sent out by Roy W. Burke, director of works for the city and the Defense Council, with the assistance of E. F. Schumpeter, works department engineer in charge of raid warning preparations.

The line-up is as follows:
11 A.M.—Firing of three smoke and some bombs at ten second intervals from mortar at fire station, Bardtown Road and Maryland.

11:15 A.M.—Electric siren at St. Matthews fire station will sound three thirty-second blasts, ten seconds between each.

11:30 A.M.—Bombs from fire station, Preston and Marrett;

Water Company Whistle.

11:45 A.M.—Three thirty-second blasts from wildcat whistle, Crescent Hill Station, Louisville Water Company;

12 Noon—Bombs from 5th and Ashland fire station;

12:15 P.M.—Steam whistle, American Radiator-Standard Sen-

tary Corporation plant, 7th and Shipp;

12:30 P.M.—Bombs from fire station, 28th and Virginia;

12:45 P.M.—Steam wildcat whistle at L. & N. South Louisville Shops;

1 P.M.—Air siren, U. S. Naval Gun Mounding Plant, Strawberry Lane;

1:15 P.M.—Electric siren, 84 Helen's Fire Station;

1:30 P.M.—Electric siren, K. & I. Terminal Railroad, 31st and High;

1:45 P.M.—Steam whistle, Colgate plant, Clarksville, Ind.;

2 P.M.—Steam Whistle, Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot;

2:15 P.M.—Steam whistle, Hoevner Parcel Company, New Albany;

2:30 P.M.—Steamboat whistle, Monon Veneer Company, boat anchored in river at New Albany;

2:45 P.M.—Steam whistle, Peter Kiermer Furniture Company, New Albany.

The same order will be followed during the night test which will be identical in all respects to the day test with the exception of the substitution of bombs making green and red flares instead of smoke clouds together with the detonation.

Observers to Check Noise.

Each observer has been equipped with a report sheet on which he will check as "good," "fair," "poor," or "not heard" the result of each scheduled warning.

"This test should really give us a good idea of the efficacy of the system as adopted so far together with some suggestions for improvement or modifications based on the reports of the observers," Mr. Schumpeter declared. "It may be that some areas are insufficiently covered by the sound waves while others may have more volume of sound than is necessary."

Fire Damages Judge's Home

Fire of undetermined origin caused slight damage at 8:15 p.m. yesterday at the residence of Judge Churchill Humphrey, 4095 Massie Avenue.

The blaze was extinguished by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire was at the rear of the house, according to county police at the scene.

Another fire of undetermined origin destroyed the roof of the Church of God in Christ, 1231 Zane. The Rev. R. R. Booker, pastor, said he was unable to estimate the extent of damage.

February 6, 1942, *The Courier-Journal*:

Another Ex-Inmate Says He Did Work for Jailer

Ernest Neichter, 20, of 2516 Frankfort Avenue, said yesterday he had been an occasional employee at the Brookside Inn, operated by Jailer Martin Connors, when he was serving a two-year jail term for attempting to break into the Frankel-Obrecht Drug Company at St. Matthews.

Mr. Neichter, now a truck driver for a wholesale grocery firm, said he had been in Connors' camp "a couple of times" shortly before his release, February 10, to do some carpentry work on booths, without pay.

Luther Darden was living at the camp when Neichter worked there, Neichter said, adding that he knew little about the Negro or his duties at the camp. Previously Darden did "odd jobs" about the jail.

Lost His Privileges.

Son of Andrew W. Neichter, Jr., former St. Matthews fire chief, Neichter three years ago confessed to starting several fires in St. Matthews, including the \$150,000 fire at Holy Trinity Church.

He said that he lost his "outside privileges" at the jail when he was arrested for reckless driving while returning from the State Fair in September of 1940.

Mr. Connors said he had given Neichter permission to leave the jail to get glasses and that he gave the prisoner \$3.50 to pay for their repair.



ERNEST NEICHTER

1942

January 31, 1942:

January, 31, 1942

Walter C. Huxel & Company
230 F Front Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Attention Capt. Huxel

Dear Captain:

Your letter of the 24th received and contents noted and in reply wish to state that I am informed by the Assistant Chief of this department, that the bar of which you write was returned to your representative.

Sorry I cannot give you any further information regarding it.

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEW'S VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSN.

Secretary

January 31, 1942

Eureka Fire Hose Co.
1230 Sixth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. F. A. Blair

Dear Mr. Blair:

Your letter of the 27th received and contents noted and in reply thereto wish to state that our annual drive for funds is now taking place and we feel that this obligation will be taken care of in the near future, possibly around the middle of February or sooner if possible.

Sorry to have troubled you thus far, but it was unavoidable, so we ask you to bear with us just a little longer, please.

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEW'S VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSN.

Secretary

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February 6, 1942: *St. Matthews Sun*: Arson Seen In Humphrey Fire—Guard Posted At Judge Humphrey's Home While Police Continue To Investigate Cause. Arson was suspected when fire was discovered Sunday night at the home of Circuit Judge Churchill Humphrey, 4095 Massie Avenue. The alarm was promptly answered at 8:15 by the St. Matthews Fire Department which notified the County Police and the State Fire Marshal, when the rear porch was found to have been soaked with coal oil. The coal oil container was later found according to John Monohan, Jr. of the department. Fire spread from the porch to the cornice, causing less than \$25.00 damage. Mrs. Humphrey discovered the blaze and called the maid, who fought the flames with water until firemen arrived. A guard has been posted at the Humphrey home while further investigations of arson are being conducted by police.

Judge Churchill Humphrey (1885-1970) of the circuit court in Louisville, Ky., a navy lieutenant in the First World War and a lieutenant commander.

Photo, Courtesy, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, ULPA 1994.18.2257, Churchill Humphrey and Lafon Allen of Louisville, Kentucky.



Photographic Archives, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville

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February 13, 1942: *St. Matthews Sun*: The Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary of Zachary Taylor Unit 180 met Friday, February 6 and made 700 arm bands for Auxiliary Firemen. The other auxiliary units in the city are making 3,600 arm bands for Civilian Defense. More will be made as needed. These will be used by Auxiliary Police, Firemen, and Air Raid Wardens.

KEEP IN MIND AT THIS TIME THE COUNTRY WAS AT WAR—H. A. Nelson, Chief Air Raid Warden in our area worked with all the appropriate agencies. There were many BLACKOUT's practices. Sirens from the police and fire departments were used to notify citizens.

Courtesy Kentucky Historical Society, Earl Quinn dressed in Civil defense uniform, Louisville, KY, w1990ph2.a12JEFA2.jpg Typical Uniform

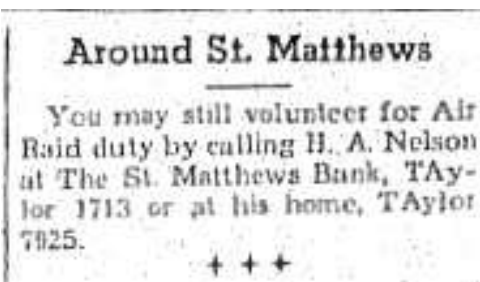


February 20, 1942: *St. Matthews Sun*: Fire Association Mails 3,000 Letters Asking For A Subscription. Latest reports from the St. Matthews Fire Association state that subscription to help pay for the new fire equipment are rapidly pouring in. 3000 letters have been sent to residents urging them to renew their donation for fire protection. The largest part of the fire debt should be paid by this summer if all goes well.

March 6, 1942: *St. Matthews Sun*: A blaze at the White Castle was quickly brought under control by the greater St. Matthews Fire Department at 10 o'clock Tuesday night. Grease in the ventilation system was said to have been the cause, no damage.

Courtesy, St. Matthews The crossroads of Beargrass, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, White Castle System, Inc. Archives at Ohio State University, Courtesy of Doris Edlin, Assistant area manager who worked in old #9 during its existence. 3809 Frankfort Avenue, unit #9

March 12, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:



April 23, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

St. Matthews First Civilian Area To Blackout Monday

At 9:12 Monday night, two minutes after the red light flashed on at the Louisville City Hall Control Center and the first trial blackout in this area was begun, St. Matthews was completely darkened. This was the first civilian area reported to have all of its lights out, Bowman Field being the first area.

H. A. Nelson, Chief Air Raid Warden, who personally covered most of the territory in St. Matthews himself, stated that the blackout was practically 100 per cent effective and personally extended "thanks and appreciation" to all wardens and to every citizen for "fine cooperation." Mr. Nelson urged that the work be continued so that, if possible, the next blackout, scheduled for sometime next month, would be even better.

Mr. Nelson was especially gratified that there were no accidents of any kind during the trial. St. Matthews was warned to douse its lights by whistles atop the Masonic Home, the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company, and by sirens at the Fire Department and on police cars. There were 230 air raid wardens on duty, each warden being assigned from two to four Boy Scout messengers.

May 1, 1942, *St. Matthews Sun*, & *The Jeffersonian*, May 7, 1942: The Parade was May 9, 1942

12 Drum and Bugle Corps In "Biggest Parade" On May 9

Parade of 12 Drum and Bugle Corps on May 9

Annual Field Day at St. Matthews sponsored by Zachary Taylor school patrols and County Police.

Colonel Carl Hulsewede, American Legion, promises the biggest parade in the history of Greater St. Matthews to open the annual Field Day sponsored by Zachary Taylor School Patrols and Jefferson County Police. This Field Day will be held at Legion Field on May 9 and will present prominent speakers, safety demonstrations, competitive drill, music on a large scale, and even an incendiary bomb demonstration, using a special house built on the field. There will be no charge for attendance.

Parade units will leave Eline Avenue and Lexington Road at two o'clock and march to Legion Field for the display. Twelve Drum and Bugle Corps will march with twenty-two school units and two full bands. In the parade also will be the Louisville, Jefferson County, and State Police; United States Air Corps, St. Matthews Fire Department, Kentucky Military Institute troops, Louisville Women's Ambulance Unit, Louisville School Patrols and their Drum and Bugle Corps.

A varied program will be presented at Legion Field. John F. Hagner, Fifth District Commander, American Legion, will speak. School Patrol and Fire Department demonstrations will follow. County Judge Mark Beauchamp is to address those present, being followed by the radio patrol of the Louisville Police and the K.M.I. cadet drill. Lieutenant Jones of the State Highway Patrol and Fire Chief W. T. Simons, Bowman Field, are included and will proceed an address by Colonel Frank Caspell, County Chief of Police. An actual incendiary bomb demonstration is in the offing as well as Jefferson County Police Sergeant J. H. Ward's talk. The Louisville Women's Ambulance Corps will drill. Wilson W. Wyatt, Mayor of Louisville, will speak. County School Patrols, Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Louisville Patrols will form three divisions for an inter-group competitive drill. St. Peter Clave Drum and Bugle Corps, a colored organization, will parade.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars in cups, donated by St. Matthews clubs and merchants will be awarded the School Patrols of the area, by County Chief of Police Frank Caspell, Colonel George Johnson, Colonel Carl Hulsewede and Robert W. Wilson, State Commander of the American Legion.

July 2 & 9, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

WORTH WAITING FOR!
The County's Biggest and Best
**COUNTRY CHICKEN SUPPER
—AND PICNIC—**
Holy Trinity Church St. Matthews
SATURDAY, JULY 11
War Bonds and Other Prizes Fun for Everyone!
50c—SUPPER—50c

Holy Trinity Picnic Planned For July 11

Saturday is the big day! In other words, tomorrow is when the annual picnic and chicken supper of Holy Trinity Church takes place on the church grounds.

Elmo Nolan and John Pfister, general chairman and assistant, respectively, have been busy with plans all this week and they expect a large crowd.

Keep in mind that \$275 in War Bonds, besides other miscellaneous prizes, will go to the lucky ones.

Last year the picnic was such a success that 1500 suppers were served, but tomorrow's big event is looked forward to with such expectation that it is planned to serve at least 2,000 suppers—perhaps more. Those who attended last year's picnic have not forgotten that country chicken—the feature of the picnic—which is supplied by Stoker's Poultry House.

And don't forget today's parade in connection with Saturday's picnic. The parade, a patriotic one in that it is to be conducted without gasoline, will form at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Those in the parade will walk, some riding on hay wagons (the horse definitely is not on his way out yet).

So don't forget about Saturday—it's a date. And you won't be sorry.

July 23, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

"Where Is That Use Stamp?"



Says the officer to this motorist in the check-up being made on Highway 60 to round up those failing to buy the 55 car stamps.



TURTLE SOUP

BRATWURST SUPPER

Given By
BEHEL CHURCH MEN'S CLUB

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

RAIN OR SHINE

ON CHURCH LAWN IN ST. MATTHEWS

July 2, 1942, *The Courier-Journal*:

JOURNAL, LOUISVILLE, THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 2, 1942.

BASEBALL

SECTION 2

Grimm Ain't Twins, So Colonels Split

By TOMMY FITZGERALD, *Courier-Journal Staff Writer.*

It was Charley Grimm Night at Parkway Field Wednesday in honor of the Milwaukee manager, but he wasn't twins and as usual the Colonels split in a double-header, winning the second game behind the four-hit pitching of Emmett O'Neill by 7-1 after the Brewers had taken the opener by 9-1, the largest margin by which our athletes have been beaten this season.

O'Neill not only rationed these staggering Brewers, in whose instruction was added the broken-finger injury of Shortstop Ed Stanky in the preceding night's game, but he helped win his own battle by driving in three runs with two blows.

WILD

Eminent Emmett was rather wild-walking seven batters as well as fanning seven—and his lack of control skyrocketed his temperature at times, but he managed to emerge from his tepid plunges unscathed except for the eighth in which the Brewers tallied an unearned run.

The Colonels, with old reliable Red Kress contributing three blows, garnered 10 hits off Vance Page and his successor, Pete Niekirk, who tossed the eighth and was wrecked for three runs.

Until the seventh and final inning of the first game the

Colonels were as much in the game as one of those spotted balls they seem to be using these days until the covers come off.

The score going into the seventh was 2-1 in favor of the Brewers. In this chaotic round, the Brewers scored seven runs. In distraction, Burwell didn't know whether to call in the *St. Mat.* these *voluntary fire departments* or use *political influence* to get them out.

But old Red Kress, who can do everything but cook, was on first, and Bill called on him. Red's performance was the highlight of the contest from a strictly civic viewpoint.

6 ALREADY

Before Red mounted the mound, the Brewers already had six runs in in that seventh heat. Emory Rudd, who had replaced starter Andy Karl at the beginning of the inning after Karl had been removed for a pinch batter, didn't seem able to retire anybody, even with the help of a bedtime story.

Rogers, the first batter to face him, walked. Then Hale and Griswold singled to produce one run and leave runners on first and second. At this point Mel Deutsch relieved Rudd. Kress sacrificed. Hudson singled Hale home. Peck blasted Griswold in and Gullie walked to fill the bases. Then Becker rifled safely

to center to plate Hudson and Peck. When George drilled into center to enroll Gullie, Manager Burwell, in an expression of disgust, fingered Dutch to the drip and beckoned Kress to the heap. Good old Red forced Rogers to fly to right, a left on which Becker registered, and threw the same kind of pitch to Hale.

GAME ONLY 5

Milwaukee's Emil Kish yielded the Colonels only five hits and for six of the seven frames Karl almost matched his brilliancy.

With the three close-knit teams splitting double-headers, the American Association standings remained virtually unchanged after Wednesday night's battles except for Kansas City tightening its lead with a 3-1 victory over Indianapolis.

While the Colonels were dividing a couple with the Brewers, Minneapolis and Columbus split, the Millers capped the first 2-1 and the Birds, the afterpiece 10-1. Toledo downed St. Paul 6-4 in the other game. Box scores are on Page 2.

The Brewers had scored in the first on Peck's homer over the right wall, but after that explosion the fire was not only one hit until the fifth in which they tallied an unearned run. In this round singles by Rogers and Hale and a sacrifice put runners on

second and third. Rogers was erased at the plate on Kish's fielder's choice to Fiorito. When Kress dropped an assist at first on Hudson's roller, Hale scored.

The Colonels, after missing several opportunities, finally penetrated Kish's defense in the sixth, tallying their lone marker on an infield hit by Lazor and a double by Kress after two were away.

NOT MUCH

For seven rounds of the second game, O'Neill had the Brewers eating out of his hand, but it was the kind of hand a Nazi commissar extends in Greece. There's wasn't much to eat. George walked and stole second in the third, but elegant Emmett launched the next two batters. Hudson doubled with two away in the third, but O'Neill inveigled Peck to pop for the third out. Gullie opened the fourth with a single but was erased in a double-play. Rogers christened the fifth with a double and advanced to third on an infield out but was marooned about as Page fanned and in the sixth the Brewers put runners on first and second on Hudson's infield hit and steal and a walk only to be repulsed again.

In the meantime, the Colonels built up a 4-0 lead on Vance Page. After being held to one hit in three rounds, they broke loose in the fourth on singles by Tobin and Morgan and a fly by Lazor for their first run. They added

one in the fifth on a double by Kress off the scoreboard, an advancing fly by Fiorito and a single by O'Neill, and chalked up another in the sixth on an error by Hale on Morgan's drag bunt. Morgan's steal and a single by Walters.

Fiorito opened the seventh with a homer over the lower leftfield wall and this made it 4-0.

In the eighth, O'Neill encountered his most distressing moments. It was in this rung that the Brewers scored their only counter. It came without the aid of a hit. A walk to Secory, batting for Page, an error by Weidemann and Peck's fly on which Secory spiked home produced the marker. Subsequent walks to Becker and George filled the bases, but O'Neill, permitted to hold the mound after a conference with Manager Burwell, fanned Rogers for the third out.

In their eighth, the Colonels put the game beyond retrieve by scoring three runs off Pete Niekirk on a single by Morgan, a force out by Lazor, Lazor's steal of second, an error by Hudson on Gilbert's grounder, a scoring single by Kress, a walk in Fiorito and a run-run safety by O'Neill.

Between games Manager Charley Grimm of the Brewers entertained the fans with a song accompanying himself on the banjo. The teams end their series with a single game Thursday, which is a special Ladies Night.



Brews' 1-Man Band Warms Up for Parkway 'Concert'

Before he played for the Charley Grimm Night crowd at Parkway Field Wednesday, Grimm, the veteran Milwaukee manager, took a few warmup strums on his banjo. He was apparently in good spirits for the occasion, for his team downed the Colonels 9-1 in the twilight.

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July 13, 1942: The American Legion—Motion by Butler 2nd by Cooper to write letter to Chief of Fire Dept. thanking him for fixing our flag pole Flewer to write this letter.

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1942 - Massie Ave. unpaved with farm at left on north side

July 28, 1942, The Courier-Journal



CLIPPER BRINGS PICTURE OF PALMER-BALL BOYS—The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Palmer-Ball, **St. Matthews**, sent this picture to The Courier-Journal by clipper from Hawaii. Left to right are Marion, Benedict, Nicholas and Lawrence.

4 Sons Escape Japs and Censor

After the Japanese attack on Hawaii the four sons—two sets of twins—of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Palmer-Ball, who escaped uninjured, had their picture made together. They sent it to The Courier-Journal by clipper. It arrived here Saturday. The envelope bore the marks of a censor, but he had permitted to pass, probably with a knowing grin,

a note on the face which read, "Jap Blood." An arrow pointed to the address printed in red.

Lawrence, one of the older twins, recently recovered from an operation.

Fighting side by side during the Japanese attack on the Hawaiian Islands were the Palmer-Ball boys.

August 6, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

To Dedicate New St. Matthews Armory

Governor Johnson, County officials and military men to participate Saturday.

The new National Guard Armory is to be dedicated at St. Matthews, Saturday, with high State and local officials, Regular Army officers and members of the Kentucky Militia participating.

Dedicatory ceremonies at 3 p.m. for this, largest of eight fire-proof, all concrete Armories in the State, will be preceded by a parade starting at Cannon's Lane and Lexington Road. Parade will proceed out Lexington Road to the Armory, where Gov. Keen Johnson will give the main speech of acceptance.

Brief talks also will be given by Brig. Gen. John A. Polin, Adjutant General, under whose supervision the Armory program was carried out; Mayor Wilson Wyatt will share the program with the Governor.

Among others to take part in the ceremonies are County Judge Mark Beauchamp, the Jefferson County Commissioners, Col. Butler N. Briscoe, Commanding Officer at Fort Knox; Col. George P. Johnson, Commanding Officer of Bowman Field; Col. Leo Glenn, Commanding 2nd Regiment Active Militia; Col. Malcolm Crump, Commanding Officer 1st Regiment Active Militia; Lt. Col. G. Lee McClain, Bardtown, Inspector General on the Adjutant General's Staff; Lt. Col. James Norris, Ashland, Inspector General on the Adjutant General's Staff.

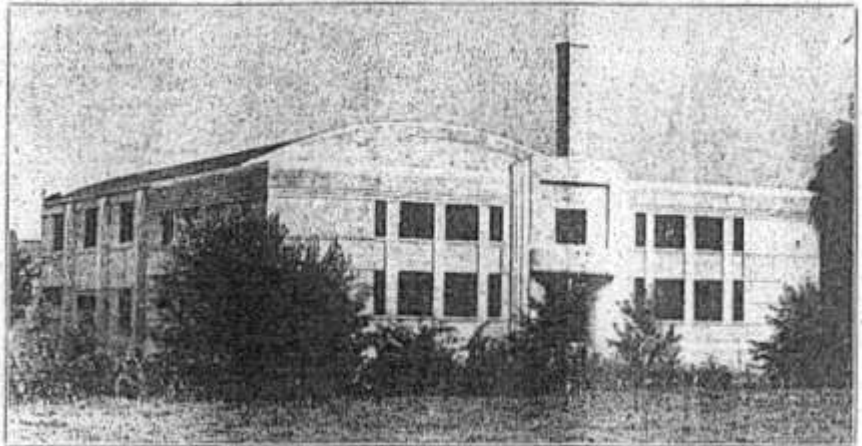
Dan Talbott and Lt. Gov. Rodes K. Myers will be among those taking part also.

Air Corps Band from Bowman Field.

Following the parade and speaking program, the Armory will be opened to the public for inspection during the afternoon and evening. Arrangements for the dedication were made by a committee including H. A. Nelson, president Chamber of Commerce of St. Matthews; Maj. Lee Dentinger, Capt. T. J. Keeling and

Capt. Robert J. Meyer, Adjutant General's Staff. The new Armory will be occupied by Headquarters Co. 1st Regiment, under command of Capt. Keeling. Built by the State Armory Corp. with W.P.A. assistance, the structure provides 5,000 square feet of drill floor, besides ample space for offices, class rooms, locker rooms, radio room and lavatories. The building cost \$76,000 exclusive of the ground which was donated for armory purposes by the residents and civic clubs of St. Matthews. Other Armory Buildings of concrete design completed throughout the State are located in Williamsburg, Springfield, Harlan, Carlisle, Richmond, Lexington and Harrodsburg, providing Kentucky with one of the most modern Armory systems in the nation.

New St. Matthews Armory To Be Dedicated Saturday



Governor Keen Johnson will accept this building for the State at St. Matthews Saturday.

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The St. Matthews Armory was built from 11/23/1940 to opening 7/16/1942. Several firefighters for STMFD served at the Armory during its time. Goodman-Paxton Photographic Collection, 1934-1942: 64M1: digitized 6-23-2000 Goodman, George, 1876-1961 Created by Goodman, George, 1876-1961



Today

August 9, 1942, The Courier-Journal

Governor Attends Dedication Of Armory At St. Matthews

Mayor Wyatt Also Is Speaker

The new \$81,000 armory on Sherrin Avenue in St. Matthews, which is to be the permanent home of the 149th Infantry, Kentucky National Guard, when it returns from the war, was dedicated yesterday as a "useful community center, besides an armory."

"I am especially proud to be here today," Gov. Keen Johnson said. "because this ceremony marks the completion of a program begun two and a half years ago, when we decided to build eight armories in various sections of the state."

Militia to Use Building.

The Governor said he was glad to be able to bring the armory, which was built with state and W.P.A. funds, to St. Matthews, a "community that appreciates it," and emphasized the building would be very useful at this time to train active militia.

"I am delighted to have the armory available when the National Guard returns home, and we are fortunate to have it to enable these patriotic individuals in the active militia to prepare for whatever emergency may arise," he said.

The Governor spoke of a trip to Camp Shelby, where he "thrilled to the enthusiasm, morale and discipline of Kentucky troops," and was told that in their regiment only 16 of 280 Kentuckians had failed to qualify as marksmen.

Urges Show of Gratitude.

Mayor Wilson W. Wyatt urged the people to show their appreciation to the Governor for the armory by bringing participation in the active militia to full strength.

Adj. Gen. John A. Polin said that much of the credit for bringing about the armory belonged to the loyal citizens who purchased the land and donated it for the armory site, enabling the 149th Infantry to surrender



C.-J. Photo.

THE NEW ST. MATTHEWS ARMORY gets the once-over by, from left, Mayor Wilson Wyatt, Gov. Keen Johnson and Adj. Gen. John A. Polin.

their old headquarters on the second floor of a St. Matthews building.

Parade Opens Program.

And while the National Guard is gone, the active militia is keeping the home fires burning, he said, before elaborating on the record of Kentuckians in every war in which this country has participated.

Col. George P. Johnson, commanding officer at Bowman

Field, and County Judge Mark Beauchamp spoke briefly.

The festivities began with a parade, which formed at Cannon's Lane and Lexington Road and marched to the armory, and ended with an inspection trip through the building during which H. A. Nelson, St. Matthews banker, and master of ceremonies, advised the gathering:

"If you want to dance, just drop your nickels in the juke box and go to it."

November 13, 1942: *St. Matthews Sun*: Fire Injuries Father As He Saves Children. Alan Channell received burns Wednesday morning when he lowered his daughter Elizabeth, 8, and son Allen Jr., 7, from a first floor window when his home at 162 Whiltshire Avenue caught fire. The St. Matthews Fire Department answered the call promptly at 5:30 a.m. John Monohan, chief of the fire department estimated the damages to be approximately \$2,500.00. The home owned by the Atlas Plaster Company was insured. Mr. Channell was awakened by his wife, who escaped injury, when smoke poured into the bedroom.

November 5, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

Stutzenberger Home Destroyed By Fire

Old County landmark
with all its contents
razed Wednesday.

Fire of undetermined origin—but supposedly the effects of defective wiring—caused the complete destruction, Wednesday about noon, of the beautiful old eight-room Stutzenberger home on Brownsboro Road near Springdale Church.

The ladies in the home were attending the auction at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Fred Westerman; while W. W. Stutzenberger was digging potatoes in the field when the fire broke out. When Mr. Stutzenberger came in for lunch he discovered the entire building filled with smoke and the front part ablaze. Fred Stutzenberger, another brother, whose home was just across the pike, summoned the St. Matthews Fire Department, but owing to the already developed blaze and the scarcity of water neither the building nor its contents could be saved. This home was near 100 years old and a landmark in the community.

Included in the loss were all the furniture—except one old living room suite—all clothing, a practically new baby grand piano, valuable books and records and 250 barrels of potatoes.

The loss estimated at \$10,000 is covered by insurance.

The nearby wash house was also burned.

November 12, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*:

STMFD Firefighter

WILLIAM LEITSCH DIES OF HEART ATTACK

St. Matthews lost a beloved citizen at 6:10 p.m. last Saturday, when William F. Leitsch died of a heart attack while parking his car in front of the Buschemeyer-Ogden Pharmacy, 3900 Frankfort Avenue.

Mr. Leitsch, grain inspector for the Louisville Board of Trade for the past seventeen years, recently moved from 120 Sherrin Avenue into his new home at Lyndon.

He was a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association and Scoutmaster of the Holy Trinity Scout Troop; also of the Holy Name and "Poor Souls" societies of Holy Trinity Church. Mr. Leitsch, 31 years of age, was a graduate of St. Anthony's Parochial School and has lived in St. Matthews for the past seven years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Leitsch (nee Kearnes); one son, William, Jr.; two daughters, Mary Elsie and Edith Patricia; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leitsch; and a sister, Mrs. Catherine Lane.

The funeral was conducted from the St. Matthews Funeral Home at 8:45 Tuesday morning and from Holy Trinity Church at 9 o'clock. Burial was in St. Louis Cemetery.

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November 5, 1942, *The Courier-Journal*:

Stutzenberger Home Destroyed By Fire

Fire destroyed the ten-room Stutzenberger home on Brownsboro Road at Springdale at 1 p.m. yesterday, causing about \$9,000 loss, which was partially covered by insurance.

Fred Stutzenberger said he believed the fire was caused by defective wiring. The seventy-five-year-old home was almost consumed before the **St. Matthews volunteer** fire department arrived.

The two-story frame dwelling, a pump house, furniture, clothing and 150 barrels of potatoes were listed in the loss.

December 3, 1942, *The Jeffersonian*

County Police Force Now Has New Set-Up

Reorganization completed Monday when new officers were sworn in.

Complying with an act of the last General Assembly, Jefferson County's Police Department has undergone a complete reorganization and County Judge Mark Beauchamp, Monday, administered the oath of office to three new captains, three sergeants and two detectives.

The police department, headed by Col. Ira Lee Clark, chief of police, now consists of one major, who acts as assistant chief; four captains, two for "field" work on different shifts, one as alcoholic investigator and another as court liaison officer; three sergeants, each in charge of a county police district; four detectives, two accident prevention patrolmen, a record clerk, a patrolman-secretary and fifty-eight officers.

Among the shifted personnel, there are from rural Jefferson, the three new police captains, William D. Cropper, 34, of Prospect who has been a member of the force for the past four years; Charles F. Dearing, 44, of Okolona, who has been with the force for five years and J. E. Pendleton, 34, of Phillips Lane, who has been a patrolman for eight and one half years.

The salaries of the new captains will be \$175 per month.

Among the new sergeants is Marvin Weakley of Jefferson-town, who has been on the squad for eight and one-half years. The sergeants will receive \$165 monthly.

The main purpose of this reorganization, Judge Beauchamp pointed out, is to put various operations of the police department under a more centralized control.

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Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Hubbard Lane North towards Rail Road tracks, 7/9/1942—Traffic from Shelbyville Road backs up to this point now!!! Louisville Builders Supply would have been on the right side at the tower. City of Richland on the left in the future.



Courtesy http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/royal&CISOPTR=3539&CISOBX=1&REC=18 Streitmann Biscuit Company photo of Mr. Roby & window display, Roby & Clemens grocery store or market, 3816 Frankfort Avenue. May 29, 1942, ULPA R_07291_n



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A Brief History of the Buechel Fire Department

In 1942 the Office of Civil Defense contacted the Buechel Civic Club with the offer of equipment to support volunteer fire suppression. Buechel Civic Club members; Frank Binford, Elmer "bud" May, Thurston, Norbert, and Roy Schmidt, Clarence Range, and several others formed the Buechel Volunteer Fire Department.

The first piece of fire apparatus was built from a 1936 Chevrolet truck that was donated to the Civic Club by Walter Heib. Civil Defense donated a 500 gallon per minute fire pump and fire hose mounted on a trailer. several resourceful members of the department mounted the pump and a 300 gallon tank onto the truck using the spare parts of the no longer needed civil defense trailer as bracing. The truck was stored in Roy Schmidt's garage.

In 1945 Frank Binford was elected the department's first Chief, and Thurston Schmidt was elected Assistant Chief.

On April 23rd 1946 a piece of property was purchased behind the building that now houses Fern and Moody's Liquor Store at the corner of Bradford Drive and Bardstown Road. On this land the first firehouse, a single story two-bay building, was completed in September of 1946.

For some general information about Buechel, Kentucky view the [Wikipedia article](#).

Buechel Fire Protection District
4101 Bardstown Road
Louisville KY 40218

Phone 502.491.0085

For Additional Contact Information
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JeffCoFire.com



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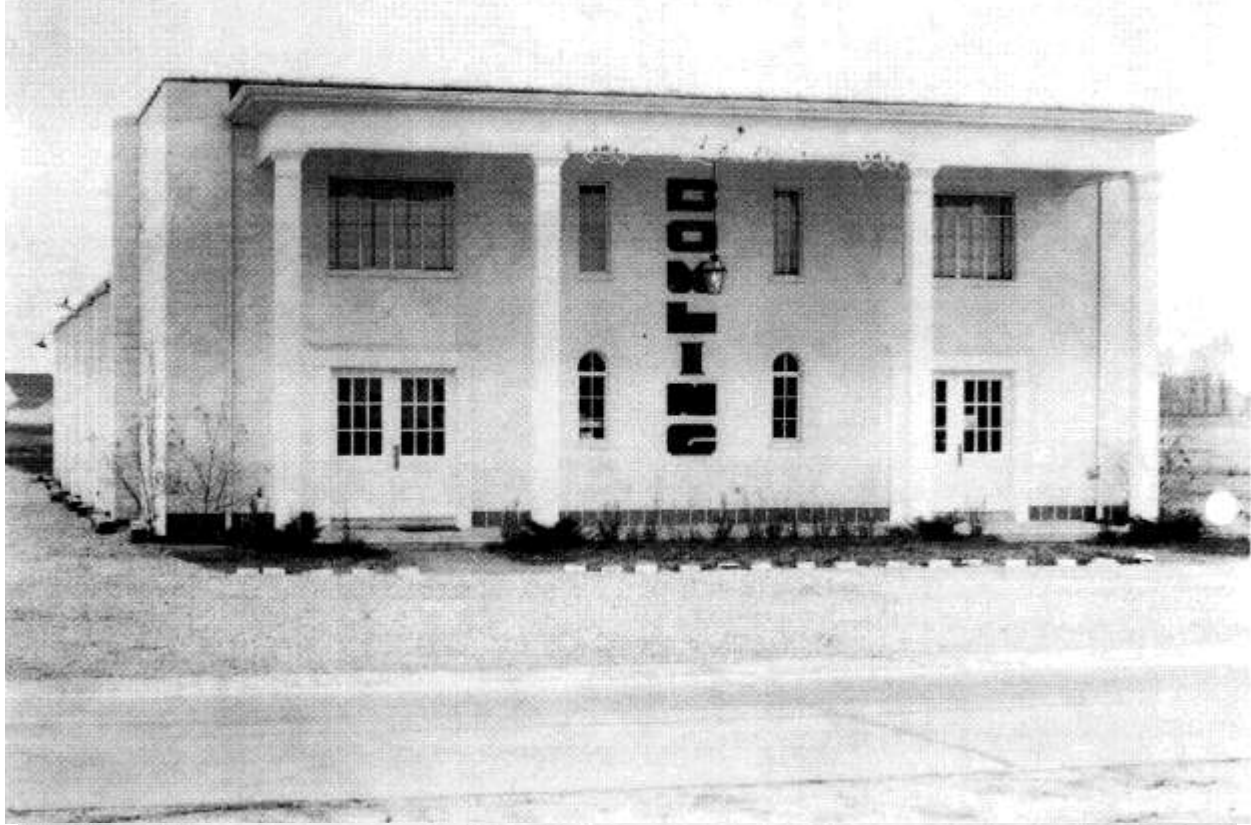
NFPA.org



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Courtesy Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Early 1940's
Hubbard's Lane & Shelbyville Road



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1943 Subscription Bill:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is soliciting your subscription of \$ 5.00 for membership in the Association.

Members of the Association are privileged to summon the fire department, to respond to alarm of fire, at any time during the year of 1943 without additional charges of any nature. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$25.00 for responding to each alarm of fire.

Your subscription may be paid at the Buschemeyer-Ogden Drug Store or mailed to the Association at 3900 Frankfort Avenue.

ST. MATTHEWS VOL. FIRE ASSN.
John M. Monohan, Jr., Pres.

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Treasurer

1943 Sample page of dues collected.

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✓ John Bayles	4218 Winchester Rd	3.00
✓ Raymond E. Wittenauer	203 Monahan Drive	3.00
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✓ Marshall Blanning Mill	Breckinridge Lane	10.00
✓ St. Matthews Hardware Store	3818 Frankfort Ave	10.00
✓ Geo. E. Gatt	204 Breckinridge Lane	3.00

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January 15, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:

Arterburn Estate Settled By Realty Company Deal

**Stock, equipment and
land of Louisville Nurs-
eries purchased by the
Wakefield Company.**

Final settlement of the W. N. Arterburn estate was made Tuesday of this week when the Wakefield Realty Company purchased the growing stock, equipment, land, and improvements of the Louisville Nurseries, on Shelbyville Road, just east of St. Matthews. Included in the purchase was 150 acres of land on the north side of the highway.

Representing the estate of Mr. Arterburn, who died five years ago, were B. H. Arterburn, executor and Gilbert T. Dick, administrator.

Mark A. Wakefield, of the real estate and developing firm, commenting on the purchase said, "We bought with the sole intention of developing the land after the war, to meet the inevitable demand for homes as soon as building restrictions are lifted. Until that time we will cultivate the 150-acre tract in answer to the government's call for increased food production."

The new owners plan to operate the nursery until the present growing stock has been disposed of by means of a cash and carry system which they intend to inaugurate. It was learned that the Louisville Nurseries organization, founded more than a quarter of a century ago, will continue their work of landscaping.

The Wakefield Realty Company, responsible for the development of a number of sub-divisions in Louisville and Jefferson County, is composed of Mark A. Wakefield, J. H. Wakefield, and Captain M. L. McMakin of the U. S. Air Force.

January 29, 1943: *St. Matthews Sun*: Fireman To Give Dance. Saturday February 6, has been set aside for The Hoosier Ordnance Plant Fireman's Athletic Club dance which is to be held in the Continental Ballroom of the Henry Clay Hotel from 9:30 until 2. Raymond Bud Young former member of the St. Matthews Fire Department is a member of this group. Music is to be furnished by Jimmy Robertson's Orchestra.

February 21, 1943, *The Courier-Journal*: EDITED

Superintendent Orville J. Stivers was authorized to pay \$25 to the **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department as the school board's 1943 subscription to provide fire protection service to school property in the area.

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March 4, 1943, The Courier-Journal

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Bowman Field Flier Calmly Lands Burning Plane In Vacant Lot

Maj. Joseph R. Delaune, 31, commanding officer of the subdepot at Bowman Field, and probably as cool a flier as any who wears wings, saved his own life and possible loss of civilian life and property when he landed his burning plane in a vacant lot on Elfin Avenue, **St. Matthews**, at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Major Delaune suffered only minor bruises in the forced landing and two hours after the accident he took off on another flight. The plane, a twin-engine photographic model, crashed into the lot at 130 miles an hour and was demolished by the flames and crash.

Barely Misses House.

The radio control tower of the field warned Major Delaune that the right motor of his plane was aflame shortly after he took off. "I know it," the major, a veteran flier, told the tower nonchalantly, and circled the **St. Matthews** area several times looking for a spot to land.

As the plane landed, it barely missed the residence of Lawrence Irwin, 3919 Elfin, and sheared off tops of several trees in Irwin's yard and in the lot nearby.

Major Delaune climbed out of the wreckage of his plane and walked to the home of Mrs. Josephine Hamrick, 4006 Elfin, where he took an aspirin to ease a headache and drank a cup of tea.

Before coming to Bowman Field in February, 1942, Major Delaune was chief test pilot at Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio. A native of Port Arthur, Texas, he was graduated from the Army Air Forces school at Kelly Field, Texas, in 1937. Before entering the Air Forces he operated a private flying school.



MAJ. J. R. DELAUNE
Nonchalant in crash.

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March 26, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:

ATTENTION! Air Raid Wardens!

County Air Raid Warden School Schedule

Fifth District—H. R. Sullivan, Commander Auburndale School	Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6
Fourth District—J. W. Martin, Commander Prestonia School	Mar. 30, Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27
Okolona School	Mar. 30, Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4
Anderson Country Club	Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11

NOTE—These classes are open to any interested citizens, as well as all air raid wardens.

May 16, 1943, *The Courier-Journal*:

Pupils Learn About Fires



Firemen put out a "factory fire" at the St. Matthews schools' safety field day.



Members of the staff of the St. Matthews Casualty Station of the U.S.A., lead a "victim" of the "explosion" into an ambulance. Zachary Taylor Post, American Legion, has sponsored a school safety patrol in the St. Matthews section for fourteen years. Yesterday's field day at the Holy Trinity School was the second in an annual series. The St. Matthews Fire Department and Auxiliary Police and the Jefferson County police and State Highway Patrol assisted in the demonstrations and in handling the crowd. The Red Cross also took part.

A Gift from

April 11, 1943, *The Courier-Journal*

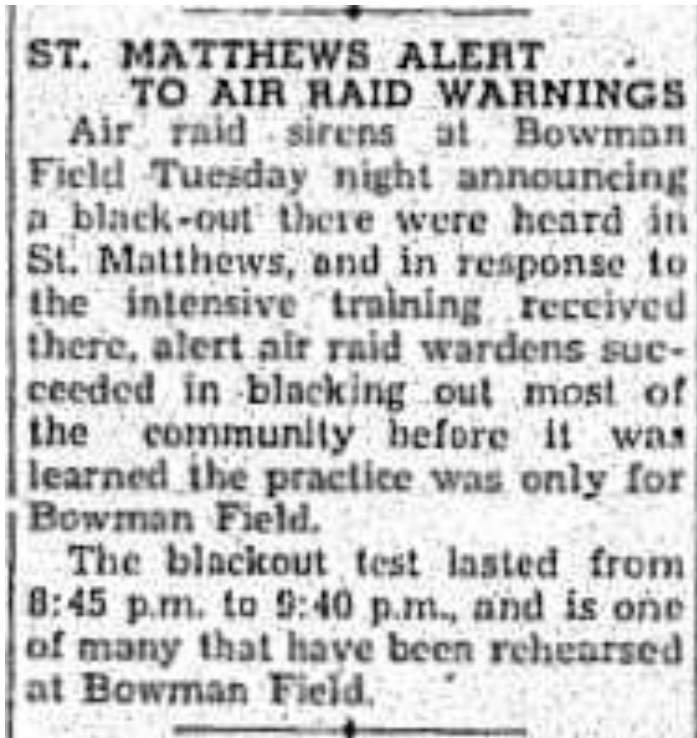
St. Matthews (4205 Briarwood)

Beautiful new one-story plan, with open fireplace; large living-room, dining-room, kitchen, master bedroom and another bedroom; tile bath; full attic; finished P.H.A.; your bus; just the home for "NEWLYWEDS"—GET YOUR START HERE. Will trade up on 3 bedrooms.

\$4,300

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May 28, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:



June 11, 1943: *St. Matthews Sun*: Lightning Damage Amounts To \$300.00. Lightning struck the home of Clyde Branham, 3937 Gilman Avenue, Sunday afternoon. The bolt passed through the upstairs corner of a bedroom, destroying most of the room, and into the living room. Damage was estimated at \$300.00. Mr. and Mrs. Branham and small daughter, Nancy, were not at home. Mr. Branham is employed at the Taylor office of the Southern Bell Telephone Co.

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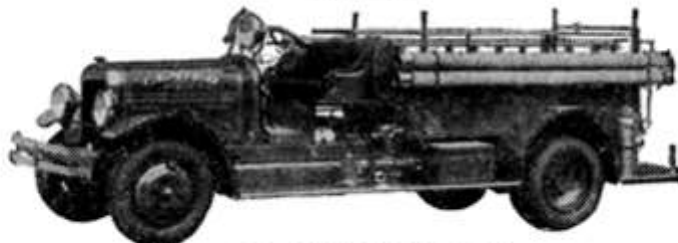
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July 7, 1943:

Form CWN-12

OFFICE OF DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION
Division of Motor Transport

This is to certify that the undersigned has received from
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept 3900 Frankfort Ave
(name of operator) (address of operator)
7-7-43, 12 5 gals. of "T" mileage ration Law Ky.
(date) (number) (value)
coupons from Ration Book No. 530092 or 530091 (number) (value)
gals. bulk coupons or other motor fuel rationing documents which
would have entitled him to receive 60 gallons of motor
fuel, issued by OPA Local War Price and Rationing Board No. 157.

Signed

Title

Address

Robert J. Marshall
Examiner
Law Ky.

July 16, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:

**St. Matthews Residents To
Get War Gas Rehearsal**

Residents of St. Matthews are requested to visit the war gas demonstration at the St. Matthews Armory, Tuesday evening, July 20, at 8 o'clock, when chief warden John M. Krebs and his assistants will arrange that every visitor will have an opportunity to try on a gas mask and experience its use in a chamber of simulated war gases.

The program is part of the office of civilian defense plan to acquaint as many as possible with information concerning the adjustment and wearing of gas masks and the detection of gasses and behaviour during a gas attack.

The equipment will be brought to St. Matthews in the gas-trailer which is making a tour of the local defense zone under the supervision of Dr. John D. Trawick, health official.

All wardens of the St. Matthews area are asked to report in helmet and arm-band. Headquarters for the air-raid warden service in this area has been established at the St. Matthews Armory.



BETHEL
MEN'S

TURTLE SOUP

— AND —

Bratwurst Supper

BETHEL CHURCH LAWN

Saturday, July 31

1943

July 17, 1943:

This was an extremely important day in the history of STMFD. Alan Douglas Ring “Al” was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Al joined the department in 1964 was active a firefighter until 1990. He served in many capacities during this time form training officer, PIO, Lieutenant, Captain, Major and President of the Board of Directors. From 2009 to Present am the Departments historian and archivist. That’s about 52 years of service.



Just kidding



1943

August 1943: American Legion donated to STMFD.

FINANCE	
RECEIPTS	
Balance - August 1st, 1943	\$161.28
Reid Membership	120.00
Misc. Cash	10.00
Dept. Commander's Dinner	217.67
Card Parties and Dances	525.80
Penny Sale	120.00
	<u>\$1165.82</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Reid Membership	\$120.00
Penny Sale	72.30
Publcon	12.70
Department Assessments	33.30
Outroad articles and Bingo	20.62
Flags	21.46
Donations	69.78
Appropriations	75.00
Flowers	37.23
Nichols Hospital	34.02
Expenses	130.72
Red Cross War Fund	25.00
Advertising	15.70
Misc. Disbursements	1.00
Occupational Therapy Use	28.00
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association	10.00
40 & 8 Legion Playing Card Fund	10.00
Stationery, Engraving & Postage	18.45
War Bond Purchase	74.00
Entertainment meetings & Commander's Dinner	167.80
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August 13, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:

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Louis Bauer, St. Matthews Banker, Dies

Louis Bauer, Sr., 83, of 3931 Frankfort Avenue, one of the incorporators and president of the St. Matthews Bank since it was founded in 1916, died at 12:50 a.m. today in St. Anthony's Hospital. He was stricken with a heart attack at 4:30 a.m. Monday at his home.

He was born in Louisville on the Old Brownsboro Road and educated in public schools. He operated a carriage-making factory with two brothers, Henry Bauer and the late John Bauer, for many years.

St. Matthews' First Postmaster.

The brothers sold the factory to start Bauer's Tavern, which was located on the site of the St. Matthews Bank until 1916.

When the bank was organized it bought the property on which the tavern stood and "Uncle Louie," as he was familiarly known, was elected president.

He has not missed a monthly board meeting although he gave up active direction of the bank affairs four or five years ago. He was the first postmaster of St. Matthews.

LOUIS BAUER. Funeral services for Louis Bauer, Sr., 83, of 3931 Frankfort, president of the St. Matthews Bank, who died at 12:50 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony's Hospital, will be held at the residence at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Louis Cemetery. Survivors are two sons, Irwin P. Bauer and Louis H. Bauer, Jr.; four daughters, Mrs. Ben Traut, Mrs. Courtney E. Brown and Miss Eva Bauer and Miss Leona Bauer; two brothers, Henry Bauer and Albert Bauer; a sister, Mrs. J. W. Heskamp, and three grandchildren.

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August 18, 1943:

U. S. Standard Form 33 (Revised)
Approved by the Secretary
of the Treasury
January 17, 1939

Invitation No. 3-2340
Contract No. C3ca-2889

INVITATION, BID, AND ACCEPTANCE

(SHORT FORM CONTRACT)

Negotiated Contract

Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Chicago, Illinois

608 S. Dearborn Street
(Department or establishment)

August 18, 1943
(Date)

INVITATION

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A quotation subject to the conditions on the reverse hereof, will be received at this office ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ promptly ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and then publicly opened, for furnishing the following supplies, and/or services, for delivery at fire protection at Louisville, Kentucky

R. E. Mulari

Chief, Contract & Service

(Name)

(Title) Branch

ITEM No.	ARTICLES OR SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT	
					Dollars	Cents
1.	For furnishing all services and equipment necessary to extinguish fires as and when required at the <u>Louisville Radio Range Station and Remote Receiver Site</u> which can be reached as follows: The radio range is located 3/4 north of the intersection of Taylorsville Road, Brown's Hikes and Huntsingers Lanes on an unnamed lane. The remote receiver located about intersection on Huntsinger Lane. Charges for this service shall be computed as follows: It is understood that the prices quoted above are maximum prices and payment shall be made for only the services furnished in response to any call.				\$25	00
				\$25.00 for responding to each call.		

BID

November 10, 1943

(Date)

In compliance with the above invitation for bids, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned offers, and agrees, if this bid be accepted within at once calendar days from the date of the opening, to furnish any or all of the items upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the point(s) as specified and, unless otherwise specified within calendar days after receipt of order.

Discounts will be allowed for payment as follows: No discount percent 10 calendar days; percent 20 calendar days; percent 30 calendar days.

Bidder St. Matthews Fire Dept.

Address 3900 Frankfort Avenue

Louisville, Ky.

By John M. Monahan Jr. /s/
(Signature of person authorized to sign this bid)

Title President

ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT

November 19, 1943.

(Date)

Accepted as to items numbered _____

O. J. Starr, Administrative Officer

Name By: R. E. Mulari Title Chief, Contract & Service Branch

10-1806

R. E. Mulari

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August 27, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:

September 17, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:

Brown's Lane is On Construction List

Fiscal Court allows amendment of 1943 highway program to include part of road.

Added to the program of highway construction in Jefferson County for 1943 is Brown's Lane, or at least that part of it running from U. S. 66, at St. Matthews, to the north fork of Beargrass Creek, or a distance of almost one mile.

The Fiscal Court requested this week that the amendment to the highway construction plans be made to include this road when it learned that \$35,000 would remain of the State Highway allotment after the completion of Fannley Road at Shively, and Phillips Lane.

Crittenden Drive and Grade Lane are almost completed and the court considered Brown's Lane the logical selection over the other four remaining projects because plans have already been drawn and rights-of-ways are already in process.

The decision rests with the State Highway Department and the request has been filed with Robert J. Hagan, state advisory highway commissioner. Hagan promised immediate submission of the proposal to the State Highway Department.

LEASES STATION



CHARLES A. STAEBLER

The many friends of Charles A. Staebler will be pleased to know that he has leased the Continental Oil Station at St. Matthews and will offer the kind of service they have a right to expect from a capable and experienced executive.

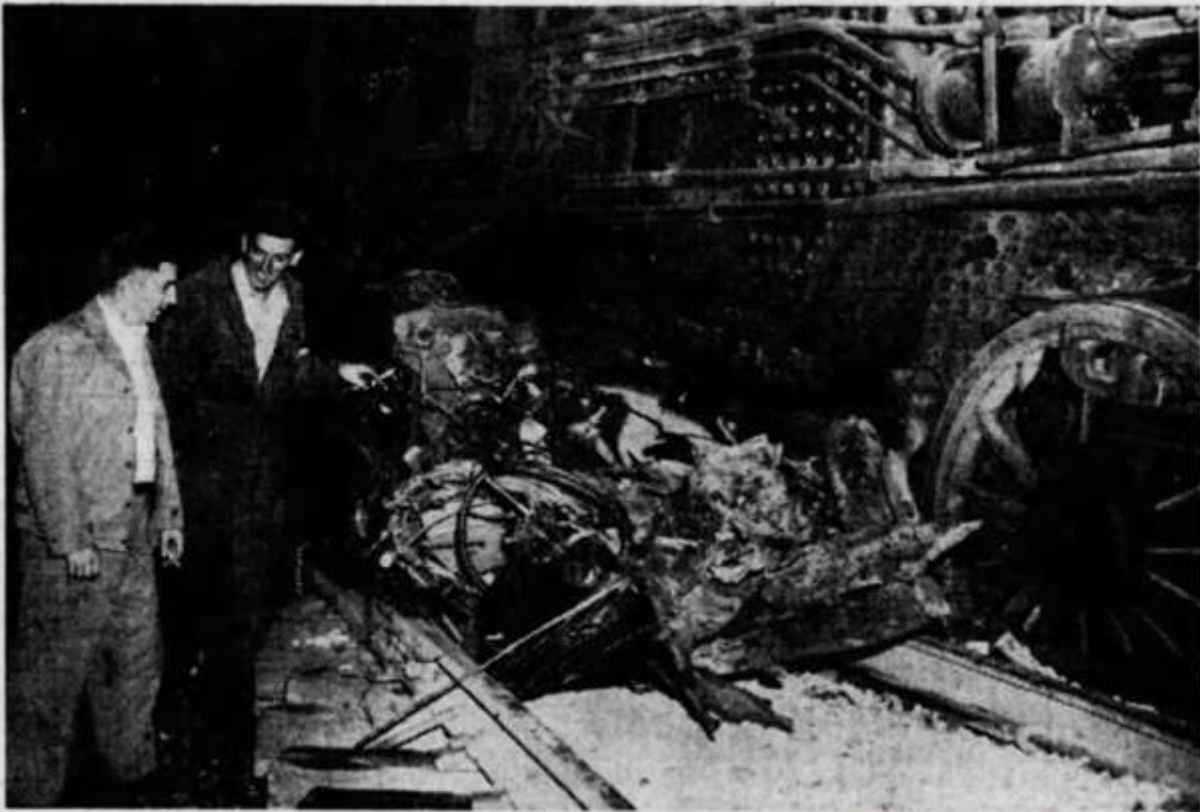
Mr. Staebler has been active in social, athletic and civic circles in his community all his life, and is at present chief of the Auxiliary Police Division of Civilian Defense in Jefferson County.

Son of Articles of Incorporation signer Alex Staebler.

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October 21, 1943, Taylor Drug Co of dispensary at St. Matthews Store, courtesy U of L Digital Collection, ULPA R_07837_n, Royal Photo Collection.





C.-J. Photo.

WHEN AN L. & N. PASSENGER TRAIN hit an automobile in **St. Matthews** last night little but junk was left. Looking over the wreckage are Fred Wootton, left, volunteer **St. Matthews** fireman, and John Haberlin, 3807 Elmwood, an auxiliary policeman, who helped keep the curious back. Neither train passengers nor car occupants were injured.

L. & N. Train Rips Up 300 Feet of Track; Crushes Stalled Auto In **St. Matthews**

Three hundred feet of railroad track were twisted into ribbons at 8 o'clock last night when an eastbound L. & N. Railroad passenger train derailed after dragging a stalled automobile about 400 feet and grinding it into junk.

Miss Mary Zena, 19, of 408

Breckinridge Lane, said she and four friends were crossing the L. & N. tracks at the **St. Matthews** Avenue crossing when a front wheel of the sedan caught against a rail.

"We tried to shove it off but try as we would it just wouldn't move," Miss Zena told County

police. They fled when they saw the train coming at a speed estimated by Engineer H. V. Gordon, 52, of 4536 S. 3d, at forty-five miles an hour. No train passengers were hurt, officials said.

With Miss Zena were Joe Kay-

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October 21, 1943, The Courier-Journal

October 20, 1943:

Train Crushes Auto; Tears Up Track

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rouz, 18, of 28th and Market; Miss Mary Jo Strobel, 18, of 151 Chenoweth Lane; Miss Lois Sturgeon, 15, Massie Avenue, and Frank Leo, 18, of 440 S. 1st.

They were on the way to Cherokee Park for a wiener roast, Miss Zena said.

Engine, 2 Cars Derailed.

The engine and two cars were derailed on the track designated as northbound by the L. & N. and traffic was stalled for several hours. The southbound track from Cincinnati was cleared for traffic before midnight, L. & N. authorities said.

Long strips of track were twisted by the derailling and one section about fifty feet was tied up like one loop of a hair ribbon. The automobile, ground between engine, wheels and roadbed, was pulverized.

When the engine derailed it

dropped several feet from raised track and the boiler was knocked loose. Several wheels and trucks were torn off.

Hundreds of curious St. Matthews residents gathered at the scene, but were kept away from close proximity to the wreckage by county police and military authorities.

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St. Matthews, Ky. Oct. 20, 1943 193

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November 5, 1943, The Jeffersonian:
Future STMFD Board Member

First Fall Meeting Of St. Matthews Civic Club

The St. Matthews Civic Club starts its regular monthly meetings Tuesday evening, November 9, at the St. Matthews Armory at 8 o'clock.

The newly elected president, W. Leland Wilson, will preside over what promises to be an extremely interesting program.

A demonstration of blood plasma use by our armed forces, by the American Red Cross, will be the high light of the evening.

J. Walter Litz, director, of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service will deliver the principal address.

Indian Hills – Country Club History

"Indian Hill Farm is a fine tract of rich, rolling land, with springs of the purest and best water bubbling up in the most convenient places on every part of it. The whole of it is down in grass, which is mostly bluegrass, though orchard grass is deemed worthy of no little attention. Indian Hill received its name in consequence of an event that took place away back in pioneer times. It was when there was only a fort to be seen where Louisville now stands that the savages to the number of three hundred encamped on and around the spot now occupied by Mr. Veech's residence."

From John Duncan, "Indian Hill Stock Farm" The Courier Journal, 14 December 1877

The history of Indian Hills-Country Club is colorful and appealing. Sometime before 1785, John Veech, born in Ulster, Ireland arrived by flatboat with his wife, Agnes Nancy Weir at the Falls of the Ohio. He was following his profession of surveyor, later buying Indian Hill farm, building a log cabin, and becoming known as a famous Indian fighter (along with one of his sons). His grandson, Richard Veech, made his reputation as a breeder for trotting horses which he continued until the advent of the automobile, when the property became a working farm with potatoes being the main crop. In 1924, 300 acres of Indian Hill were sold to a subdivision development syndicate and 200 acres to the Louisville Country Club. Both developments were designed by the Frederick Law Olmsted landscape architectural firm and incorporated his important design features, for which the "Father of Landscape Architecture" is most famous.

Indian Hill Farm originally was composed of 502 acres and was held in the Veech family for 118 years through six generations. In 1806, the Veech family carved their log cabin from the wilderness, then built a plantation house in the simple lines of the late Georgian style, to which they later added an addition in the florid style of the Victorian era. (Zachary Taylor, the 12th President of the United States, owned a portion of Indian Hill Farm or adjoining land that would later be acquired by the Veeches for a 19 year period – 1814 to 1833).

Around 1872, R. S. Veech bred trotting horses at "Indian Hill Stock Farm" and within ten years his operation was the second largest producer in the state of Kentucky. In an article by Agnes Veech Viser for the Second Presbyterian Church Bulletin, she writes, "He was best known as a distinguished horse breeder and the reputation of Indian Hill Farm spread. There were usually 50 to 60 brood mares on the farm. From 1878-1885 businessmen and horse breeders from the East often formed private car parties to visit Louisville before the Lexington Trot meeting. The horses were housed in a large barn situated about where Rolling Lane crosses Pennington in Rolling Fields."

After the exciting horse breeding boom was past, the Indian Hill property was farmed, producing mostly potatoes, which were sold at the St. Matthews Produce Exchange, on the largest potato markets at that time. About 1911 Dr. Annie Veech, and her brother, James Nichols Veech, contacted the firm of the famous 19th century landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, the designer of Central Park, to prepare a plan dividing the land into large plots of 10 to 15 acres each. World War I brought a suspension to further development plans by the Veech heirs.

Thirteen years later, in January, 1924, Dr. Veech sold 200 acres to the Louisville Country Club for its development and her brother, James Nichols Veech, sold 300 acres to a syndicate including I. T. Axton, R. S., J. K., and D. R. Reynolds, and Paul F. Semonin who divided the acreage as Indian Hills- "The Home Community Adjoining The Louisville Country Club". The Olmsted firm designed the development plan, which incorporated the design features of the elder Olmsted's early work. Those features include: "sweeping, curvilinear streets and gently rounded intersections which follow the natural contours of the hilly terrain. Every effort was made to save existing trees and preserve each site's natural beauty, while suggesting the planting of additional native trees and shrubs to strengthen the romantic character of the property. Expanses of green space were left open, not only for its beauty but to promote a sense of community." Continuing his respect for native species, Olmsted generally used "sycamores, maples, oaks, American Linden, redbud, and dogwood and shrubs like honeysuckle, mock orange, and barberry." Their designs were known for the layers of plant material crowned by a canopy of stately trees. Beeches were plentiful on the original estate and in a large part of St. Matthews and Crescent Hill.

Olmsted Residential Friends – Indian Hills

Sources:

- United States Department of the Interior: Olmsted Job #7449 Indian Hills Development Company
- The Courier Journal
- St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass by Samuel W. Thomas
- Second Presbyterian Church Bulletin Frederick Law Olmsted & His Louisville Legacy "The discovery and replanting of a century-old lost landscape" Article by Witold Rybczynski

\$75,000 Garage Fire Destroys 27 Autos

Flames which swept the **St. Matthews Motor Company**, Frankfort and Chenoweth Lane, early yesterday destroyed twenty-seven automobiles—six of them late 1942 models—causing a loss estimated at \$75,000, which officials of the company said was covered partly by insurance.

The fire, fed by gasoline and a large quantity of antifreeze solution, spread quickly through the garage, shop and storeroom. It started about 7:30 a.m., and spread so rapidly that fire-fighting equipment was summoned from Louisville, Bowman Field and Middletown to aid the St. Matthews firemen.

W. S. Bullard, manager of the company, said the fire apparently was caused by a short circuit in a drop light which his son, William Bullard, was using in the shop to repair an automobile. The machine on which Bullard was working caught fire, his father said, and smoke soon filled the shop. The younger Bullard pushed six automobiles from the garage to safety.

Repair Parts Destroyed.

The fire destroyed or rendered useless about \$18,000 in repair parts when it gutted the stockroom, the company manager said. Eighteen of the automobiles which were burned were owned by the company and nine were those of persons who had left them for repairs.

Bullard said five of the automobiles stored on the second floor fell through to the ground floor when fire burned away the ceiling. It was almost two hours before the fire was brought under control, but the firemen prevented it from spreading to the office of the company.

The company is owned by

Summers-Herrmann, Inc., 3d and Breckinridge. Turner A. Summers, president, said the building loss was about \$30,000.

Power Off For 2 Hours.

Power lines in the vicinity were burned and electric lights were cut off for two hours in the section between Brownsboro Road and Shelbyville Road. Power was shut off along Westport Road, and the St. Matthews substation of the Louisville Gas & Electric Company was disabled for a time. Service on the Louisville Railway Company system from Crescent Hill to St. Matthews was delayed for about two hours.

Flames and smoke billowed over St. Matthews for several hundred feet and crowds jammed the heart of the suburban district. Raymond Herick, 31, a Middletown volunteer fireman, was cut on the hand when a garage window near him was shattered.

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Late November 1943: *The Louisville Times*: St. Matthews Garage, 17 Cars Destroyed In \$75,000 Fire. Fire which broke out at 7:30 a.m. today in the shop of St. Matthews Motor Co., Frankfort and Chenoweth Lane, destroyed the shop, storeroom, storage garage and seventeen automobiles, causing damage of about \$75,000.00.

Firefighters from Louisville, Bowman Field, St. Matthews and Middletown fought the gasoline and oil fed flames for more than two hours.

William Bullard, 28, St. Matthews, shop foreman at the garage, said the fire started when a drop light he was using short-circuited and set fire to an automobile he was repairing. When his attempts to extinguish the fire proved futile, he pushed six automobiles from the garage before he was overcome by smoke. He was burned slightly before rescuers brought him from the building.

A Middletown volunteer fireman, Raymond Herrick, 31, received a hand cut when a garage window shattered near him.

Firemen said about ten of the automobiles fell twelve feet from a second-floor storage space to the first floor when flames ate away the floor.

Firemen were able to prevent the blaze from reaching the office of the company.

Turner A. Summers, president of the company which is owned by Summers-Hermann, Inc. Third and Breckinridge, said damage to the building was about \$30,000 and loss of stock about \$45,000. He said the loss was covered by insurance. In addition to the automobiles destroyed, eight were damaged.

Flames and smoke from the fire shot several hundred feet high, attracting hundreds of spectators. Frankfort Avenue traffic was completely blocked.

Courtesy, Ekstrom Library of the University of Louisville, R 7088.03

NOTE: St. Matthews Motors is on left of photo.



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December 3, 1943: *St. Matthews Sun & The Jeffersonian*: Motor Company To Rebuild As Soon As Possible, Disastrous fire destroys twenty-seven automobiles and causes damage estimated at \$75,000.00. Fire last Saturday morning swept the St. Matthews Motor Company plant at Frankfort and Chenoweth Lane, destroying 27 automobiles and gutting the building. The loss was estimated (\$75,000.) partially covered by insurance.

November 26, 1943:



November 26th, 1943.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept. Assn.
Attention of Mr. John Monohan, Pres.

Dear Mr. Monohan.

On Thanksgiving afternoon a fire got beyond control of one of our neighbors and as many were absent from their homes, my wife called the St. Matthews Fire Department. They made a run out here, assisted in extinguishing the flames in about 10 minutes, thereby relieving the danger of sparks from burning leaves along the back fences from spreading to the homes. This fire was along the back of the fences of the residences on the east side of Arterburn Road about two miles from St. Matthews.

I called my friend Mr. Tony Kline this morning and he referred me to you. In the course of the conversation, it developed that for a small fee the several neighbors in this community can become members of the Fire Department Association. Will you please advise me the amount of the fee or membership dues so that I may take this up with the neighbors. Also advise what the charge was for the services by the Department for their assistance in extinguishing the fire.

Yours very truly,

R.H. Hoskins,
Anchorage, Ky.
R.R. 1 Box 133

St. Matthews Motor Company to Rebuild

Disastrous fire destroys 27 autos and causes damage estimated at \$75,000.

Fire last Saturday morning swept the St. Matthews Motor Company plant at Frankfort and Chenoweth Lane, destroying 27 automobiles and gutting the building. The loss was estimated at \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

The blaze was started, it is said, when William Bullard, son of W. S. Bullard found the car upon which he was working, on fire. A drop cord developing a short circuit is said to have been the initial cause.

Six machines were pushed to safety by young Bullard when the flames reached proportions that made other salvaging impossible.

Fire departments from St. Matthews, Bowman Field, Middletown and Louisville answered calls for assistance. Power lines in the neighborhood were damaged and electric current cut off for two hours over a great part of the St. Matthews area.

Raymond Herick, a fireman from Middletown was cut on the hand by broken glass from a shattered window.

Officials of the company stated that the plant would be rebuilt as quickly as possible.

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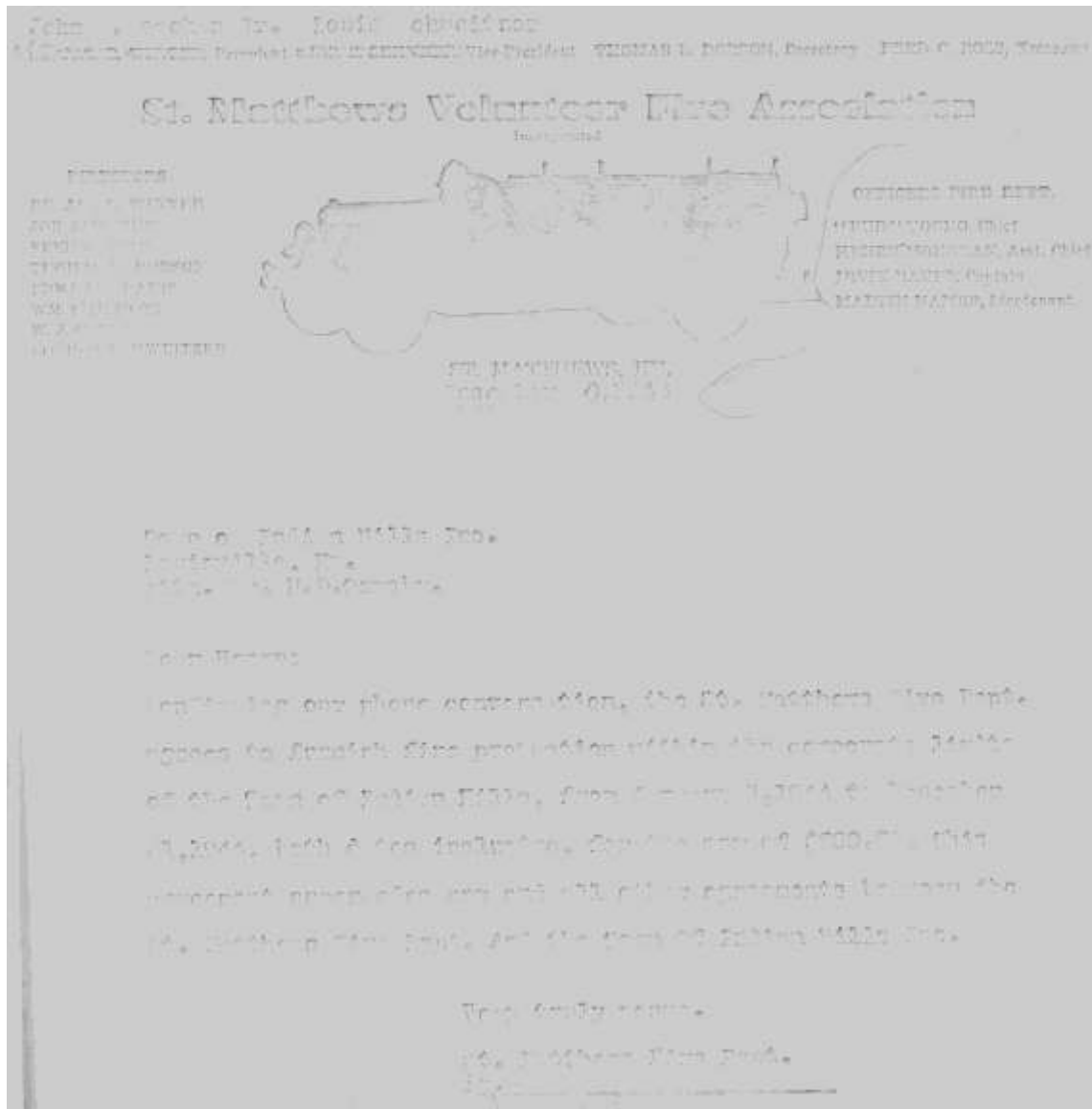
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St. Matthews, Ky.

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December 4, 1943:

Indian Hills Agreement



December 12, 1943, *The Courier-Journal*: EDITED

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1943

The Worthington Fire Department was started.

December 17, 1943, *The Jeffersonian*:

New Fire Fighting Unit is Organized At Worthington

Citizens form department to operate in three-mile radius; Oldham County residents co-operate.

The latest addition to the list of Jefferson county fire-fighting units is the Worthington Fire Department which has recently purchased pumper and truck and a 2,500 gallon capacity tank.

The community group sponsoring the enterprise is headed by Bruce Sims, president; Wilbur Littrell, vice-president; J. P. Doughty, secretary and treasurer; Carl Chamberlain, fire-chief.

The first work on the project was started last September when at the suggestion of a resident plans were laid and the subject broached to the community at large. Response was spontaneous and more than \$2,500 was subscribed in a short time.

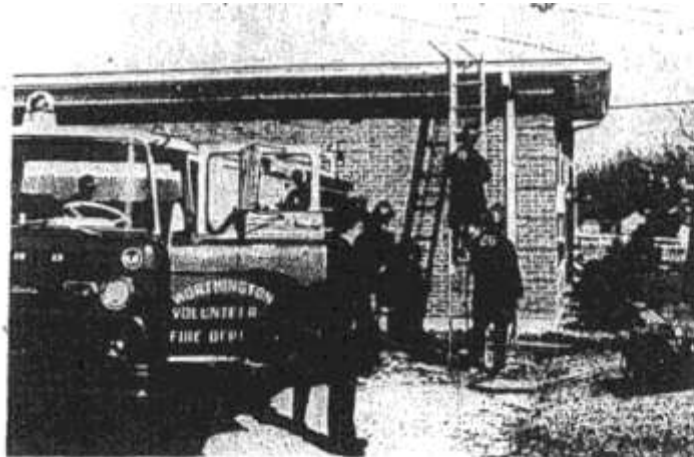
According to a recent announcement the fire company will operate in a three mile radius of Worthington although it is possible that this range will be enlarged to take in additional subscribers.

Thirty or forty Oldham county residents living within the prescribed radius have already subscribed to the new department which will be maintained by voluntary contributions.

1943

The Worthington Fire Department was started.

March 30, 1967,
The Voice Of St. Matthews:



FIRE DRILL: Members of the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department stage a practice drill at their headquarters on Brownsboro Road. In foreground by the quad door is Fire Chief Carl F. Hauns Jr.

Four areas
may escape
double s

First grades at Zachary Taylor, Wilber, St. Matthews and the new Brownsboro Road elementary schools "tentatively" have escaped double sessions in September and Lyndon may escape, but the situation at the other schools in the area "doesn't look good."

This is the way John Hamsey, assistant County school superintendent, sized up the situation to a Voice-Jeffersonian reporter this week.

"Overall it just doesn't look good," he said. But the St.

Formed in 1943 by air raid warden

Worthington Fire Department protects 870 homes and farms

BY AL McCREARY

Fire which threatened a large farmhouse on Wolf Pen Branch Road on a hot August night in 1943 was the spark which stimulated action toward the formation of the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

It was during the dark days of the war in the Pacific. The Allies were locked in a death struggle with Hitler's forces in Europe and problems on the home front seemed rather unimportant by comparison.

But the late Walter Shackleton, then chief air raid warden in eastern Jefferson County, suddenly recognized the area's vulnerability to fire—be it from enemy bombs, sabotage or natural causes.

In mid-September he called a meeting of persons interested and concerned enough to discuss fire protection. Some 20 men living along Brownsboro Road's eastern extremity attended.

From that original meeting plans progressed. Then on Christmas Eve the Worthington Community Association was chartered. Its chief function: the establishment and development of the volunteer fire department.

Bruce Sims was the organi-

zation's first president. Carl Chamberlain was the department's first chief—a job he held for 17 years.

Wasn't easy

It wasn't easy to "build" a fire department during World War II, recalls Carl F. Hauns, Jr., the department's chief since 1950.

"I was just a youngster, then, but I can remember," he said as he poured through old records for a Voice-Jeffersonian reporter.

"There were about 20 men available. The first thing that had to be done was to have a fire station and some equipment. Those guys begged and borrowed material to build the fire station at Brownsboro Road at Ballardville Road. It's still there today. We use it as an auxiliary headquarters."

A recently-built headquarters building is at the corner of Brownsboro and Goose Creek Roads.

"You know, we were not supposed to be able to get building materials in those days. I remember one of the guys latched on to some metal window frames. He poured some acid on the frames, made them rust and look old

so the inspectors wouldn't impound them.

"We had a heckuva time getting any fire fighting equipment. I remember Mr. Shackleton was able to get us some civil defense equipment. He got us a pump and some hose we carried around on a truck bed."

Chief Hauns—who operates a farm just across the Odham County line—spoke of the early days of the department.

"We fought a fire in Crestwood one time. We were short on water. Luckily the fire was near the L.A.N. tracks. We stopped a train going through, lowered our hose into the train's water tender and got enough water to get the fire under control."

Serves large area

In those days—just after World War II—there were about 150 homes within the three-mile radius of the fire station.

Today there are 870 homes in Worthington's 17 square-mile area which extends from St. Thomas Seminary on the west to Hauns Lane off Ballardville Road; out I-71 to Sleepy Hollow; out Westport Road to Collins Lane, west to House Lane, including Goose Creek Road.

he chief can depend on some men for duty, including two assistants, Dan C. on and O. Fulton Tapp, he problem is this, he en-

forced.

"We need 20 men to handle average-sized fire. Each our men averages about 1/3 of his time in the a. The rest of the time men are at work or away one reason or the other. Therefore, we really need 100 n in the department to as- w us that we can have 20 s available for a fire," nancing a volunteer fire

department is no easy task.

"It was really close for a while," says the Chief. "Particularly in the early days when we had to beg and borrow every dime we had to build the first headquarters and begin to acquire some fire-fighting equipment."

When a volunteer fire department is recognized as being established it then qualifies for \$3600 annually from Fiscal Court in matching funds, earmarked for equipment maintenance. This means the department must raise \$3600 on its own to qualify for Fiscal Court's contribution.

Sliding scale

Today there are some 870 homes and farms in the Worthington fire department's area. Each owner is invited to become a member in the Worthington Community Association. Fees or dues range from \$5 to \$300 a year based on the property evaluation. Homes follow a sliding scale up to \$20 a year. The higher dues are charged in highly mechanized farms. Currently the fire department can count on approximately \$15,000 a year.

The department will fight a fire on a member's property at no additional cost. But fighting a fire on a non-member's property will cost him \$350. Ninety-four per cent of the property owners are members.

"I don't believe most people out here realize what a bargain they are getting. Remember, these men who serve as fire fighters get absolutely nothing for their services. To operate a paid fire department would require \$200 thousand a year. This means," the Chief points out, "the people in the area are getting a

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1943

The Worthington Fire Department was started.

March 30, 1967,

The Voice Of St. Matthews:

Fire department's history recalled

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\$215 thousand department for \$15 thousand."

Suppose a guy wants to become a volunteer firefighter? It takes 52 hours of training (an hour each Monday and Tuesday for six months) to become fully qualified. But within a month a man becomes what is termed "usable" - if he trains faithfully. The training sessions are held at the fire house on Brownsboro Road at Goose Creek Road.

The fact there are no fires to fight doesn't mean the personnel are not busy. Equipment must be kept in a constant state of readiness; therefore, one night a month is maintenance night. All the equipment, mobile and otherwise, is carefully inspected.

There's more. Ed Harvey, the department's officer in charge of fire prevention conducts periodic inspections in all commercial buildings - and he'll inspect homes on request.

Periodic inspections

At the Springdale Presbyterian Church kindergarten there are periodic inspections and fire drills.

Chief Haunz is wondering about the procedure at the Brownsboro Road Elementary School now under construction at Barbour Lane. He assumes his department - in cooperation with the State Fire Marshall's office - will conduct inspections and fire drills.

Every now and then the department will be called on to pump water out of basements during heavy rains.

Constant effort by a relatively small group of dedicated men, nearly 24 years after the fire on Wolf Pen Branch Road, has built a highly - efficient department that can boast some \$85 thousand in capital investment.

The equipment today consists of a 1958 Chevrolet pumper, a 1963 Ford quad (ladder, hose and heavy equipment) and a 1942 Mack pumper that is used primarily for fighting field fires. In addition there are 4050 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose; 2750 feet of 1 1/2

inch hose and 1400 feet of one inch hose.

But there are problems. "Our lease on the property where the original fire house stands is up in two years," said Chief Haunz. "I guess we'll have to cross that bridge when we get to it."

Other officers of the association are J.P. Knopf, vice-president; Ray Belcher, secretary and Kurt Broecker, treasurer.

Anybody want to become a volunteer fire fighter? Call Chief Haunz (241-4421). He'll sign you up before you can say Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

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1944

January 14, 1944: *St. Matthews Sun*: Child Dies When Crib Is Set Afire. George Parker Beam, Jr. 18 months old, 610 Wallace Avenue, died from the result of burns suffered when the crib in which he was playing caught fire. They think the child found a match and played with it. The mother had gone to the bank leaving two daughters 10 and 12 years old sleeping.

January 9, 1944, The Courier-Journal

Child Ignites Match; Is Burned to Death

A match with which 18-month-old George Parker Beam, Jr., was playing in his crib ignited the bedclothing and burned the child to death about 9:15 a.m. yesterday at his home, 610 Wallace, **St. Matthews**, Coroner John M. Keaney reported.

The coroner said two sisters of the infant, Elizabeth Anne, 12, and Lillis, 10, asleep in another room, smelled smoke and found the child burning in the crib. Mrs. Beam, wife of an architect, had left to go to a bank. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at **St. Matthews** Funeral Home and burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

But for her mother's quick action, Mary Loraine Swaner, 4-year-old daughter of Mrs. Sofia Swaner, 2102 Wilson, might have burned to death when her clothing became ignited from an open grate fire. Mrs. Swaner, hearing her daughter's screams, grabbed a blanket and extinguished the flames. The child was taken to General Hospital, where she was on the danger list with second and third-degree body burns.

4th War Loan Campaign Gets Off To \$1,658,400 Start In Louisville

As the Fourth War Loan got under way yesterday officials of the Louisville and Jefferson County drive chalked up \$1,658,400 in total sales for the day, R. R. Williams, city and county campaign director, revealed.

The War Loan quota here is \$42,000,000.

"This is a most encouraging start, because a close check shows that this represents sales of the 'E' bond, the type which we must raise \$5,500,000,000 nationally during the drive," Williams said.

The first of numerous meetings by civic groups, luncheon clubs, schools and other organized groups was held by the Optimist Club yesterday noon at the Kentucky Hotel. Appearing on the War Loan program were Dave Apollon and his three Filipinos; Pfc. Louis E. Van Overbeke, wounded war veteran, of 224 S. Peterson, and Capt. E. C. Sibley, of Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot. John J. Hession presided and music was by the 567th Army Band from Bowman Field, under direction of Wessel Ploene.

Thomas S. Van Hoesen, chairman of the Louisville Lions Club bond sale committee, sold \$10,000 worth of bonds to members yesterday at the weekly meeting at the Brown Hotel.

Hospital Campaign Started.

Another War Bond meeting, scheduled at the Kentucky Hotel at 10 a.m. today, has been called by W. W. Wachtel, president of Calvert Distilleries. Wachtel is general chairman for the sale of War Bonds in the liquor industry.

A number of women's clubs and schools throughout the state have



C.-J. Photo.

SPARKING THE FOURTH WAR LOAN OPENING at Optimist Club meeting were Capt. E. C. Sibley, Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot, Pfc. Louis E. Van Overbeke, 224 S. Peterson, and Dave Apollon, of the National Theater.

enlisted in the Hospital Equipment Campaign, Lisle Baker, publicity chairman for the state, announced yesterday. Baker said that this activity makes it possible for groups to outfit Army hospital units through the purchase of War Bonds. Group purchases may be designated for field ambulances, ambulance planes and even hospitals, as well

as a number of specialized items ranging from hospital linens, surgical dressings and drugs to X-ray machines, blood transfusion apparatus and mobile food carts.

Costs vary from \$25 for a metal airplane stretcher to \$300,000 for a \$1,000-bed general hospital. Mrs. W. Leland Wilson, 502 Bauer Avenue, St. Matthews, is chairman for this division.

February 18, 1944, *The Jeffersonian*:

Automobile Firm Don't Want to Sell At St. Matthews

Fiscal Court puts problem up to State Highway Department before taking further action.

Louis Herrmann and Turner Summers of the Summers-Herrmann Co., an automobile agency, in St. Matthews, were present at the Monday session of the Fiscal Court to protest the action of the Louisville-Jefferson County Zoning Commission in refusing to issue a permit for the company to rebuild their plant after it was destroyed by a recent fire.

H. E. Kelting, secretary of the St. Matthews Civic Club, was also present urging the razing of all buildings on the property in question as a matter of traffic safety, stating that the building had obscured a view of the railroad crossing which was a definite hazard to life and limb.

The auto firm officials cited their losses prolonged by the delay in securing a permit to rebuild, assuring the court that they did not wish to sell, the location being satisfactory for their business, and pleading the lack of any equally satisfactory site, as well as the impossibility of securing priorities allowing them to put up an entirely new plant. They indicated that condemnation proceedings were the only means by which the county or state could acquire the property.

After much discussion of right-of-way lines by Ben Ford, surveyor, J. A. Reed, State Highway engineer and Carl Berg, of the Zoning Commission, the court referred the matter to the State Highway Commission, asking that the decision of that office be given on the question of acquiring the property as part of their grade crossing elimination program.

In the event the State Department declines to take any action within a week, the court will probably issue a permit for rebuilding on lines determined at the conference of surveyors.

U. S. Engineers appeared before the court asking that permission be given to trim back a number of trees on County property along Johnson Lane. These trees constitute a hazard to bombers landing and taking off at Standiford Field, it is said. The court referred the matter to the Jefferson County Air Board agreeing to indorse any decision made by that body.

County Road Engineer A. D. Zehnder reported that new routing of Lover's Lane would eliminate the necessity of crossing the Haag property and dividing that farm in half as objected to by the owners.

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Mayfield 400March 18, 1943, *The Courier-Journal*

Water Fails; House Burns

The **Worthington Fire** Department's new pumper went to its first fire yesterday, but a shortage of water hampered the volunteer crew's efforts and a two-story frame structure on the Von Allmen Dairy Farms, Springdale Lane, north of Brownsboro Road in Jefferson County, burned to the ground. Damage was estimated by the owner, Emil Von Allmen, 1506 Cherokee Road, at \$15,000.

The Worthington department arrived at the scene promptly and soon had the blaze under control. Then, according to firemen, the water supply from two cisterns failed and they were unable to save the place.

The fire department had received the pumper under the Office of Civilian Defense program.

Families of two employees of the farm, John Glab and March Harris, lived in the nine-room home.

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February 21, 1944, *The Courier-Journal*: EDITED Henry Monohan



Dolly Bishop, right, **Henry Monohan**, and Mrs. Maurice Radmacher made an incongruous picture, but an attractive one, as they ~~watched~~ ^{paraded} on autos and watched the first part of the show, awaiting the Gay Nineties event. They said people of the Gay Nineties sweltered in 100-degree temperature.

April 7, 1944: *St. Matthews Sun*: Apartment House Saved From Total Destruction. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department answering a call to 3511 Lexington Road Wednesday morning found the apartment of the owner, J. A. MacMilan in flames. According to reports the excellent work of the volunteers was effective in controlling the blaze before the entire building was destroyed. No estimate of the structure loss was available or of the furnishings. Origin of the fire was undetermined.

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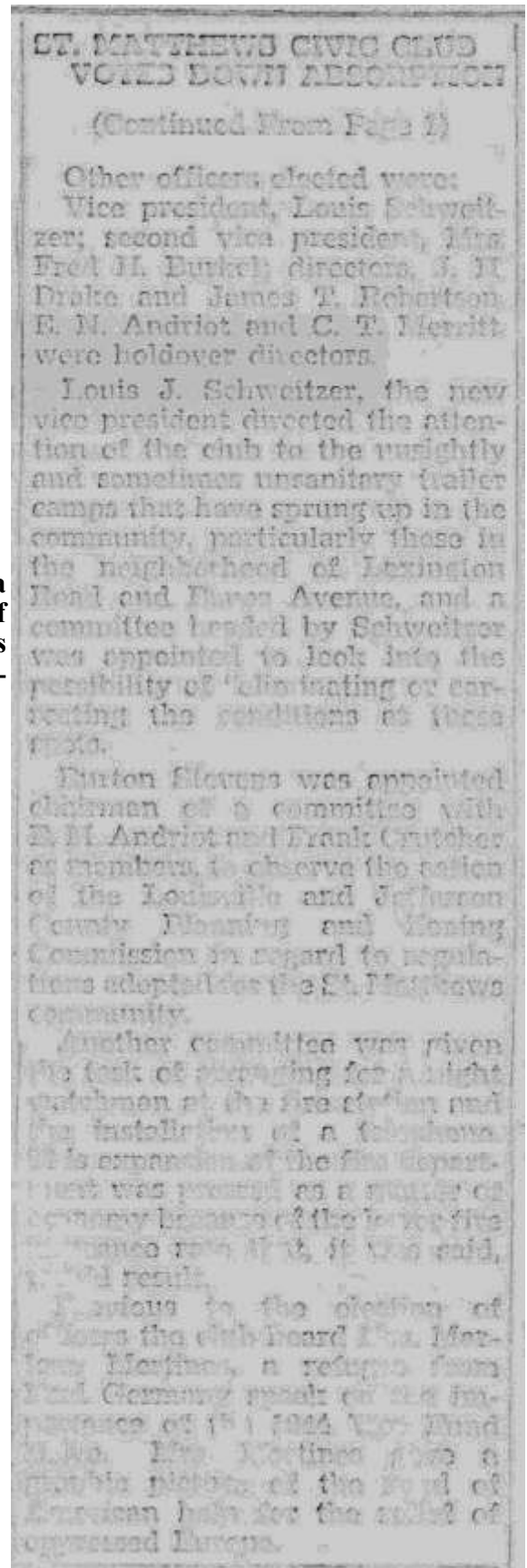
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ON CHURCH LAWN IN ST. MATTHEWS

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October *The St. Matthews Sun*, The St. Matthews Civic Club—

Another committee was given the task of arranging for a night watchman at the fire station and the installation of a telephone. This expansion of the fire department was pressed as a matter of economy because of the lower insurance rate that, it was said, it would result.



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December 1, 1944: *St. Matthews Sun*: County Fire Trucks Must Pay For License. ACCORDING TO MOTOR REGISTRATION OFFICIAL—The protest made to County Clerk Cern Theisen, last week by County Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., that trucks used by community fire departments are required to pay a \$40.00 truck license although they are used in public service just as non-license paying fire trucks in Louisville, received little encouragement when presented to state officials.

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County Fire Fighters Meet December 13

Hailed as another progressive step in Jefferson County progress, a meeting of representatives from eleven volunteer fire departments in the county will be held Wednesday evening, December 13, at the Hikes Graded School, at 8 o'clock.

Commissioner E. P. White, Jr. who called the meeting at the suggestion of several county leaders interested in the question of county fire protection, said yesterday, that from present indications every volunteer fire fighting group in the county would be represented.

"In addition," said White, "we hope that other communities who do not have, but need fire fighting units will send representatives to the meeting. They will learn just how they can develop a neighborhood unit, and what is needed to give county residents

effective fire protection."

Among guests who will address the meeting, White emphasized the attendance of Carl Berg, engineer for the Planning and Zoning Commission, who will show maps illustrating the extent to which Jefferson County has developed fire protection.

A member of the Louisville Fire Department will be present to discuss cooperation between the city and county departments, and a representative from the State Fire Marshal's office has been invited.

December 15, 1944, *The Jeffersonian*:

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County Fire Fighters Effect Organization

N. B. SUBLETTE IS ELECTED THEIR FIRST PRESIDENT

Ten Jefferson County volunteer fire departments were represented at a meeting held at Hikes Graded School at Buechel, Wednesday night, and formed the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Association of Jefferson County.

N. B. Sublette, of Middletown, was elected president; Frank Blinford, of Buechel, vice president, and Davis McAfee, of High View, secretary-treasurer.

The meeting which was called by County Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., at the suggestion of residents interested in unifying the fire protection interests of the county, was attended by seventy-five representatives of county, city and state fire department of fect.

Commissioner White opened the meeting and introduced the following speakers who addressed the audience on various aspects of fire protection: Capt. William Simons, instructor from the State Department; Capt. Robert Burdine, of the Louisville Fire Department; Capt. J. Paul Ward and Lieuts. L. M. Bray and Ed. Lurding from the State Fire Marshal's office; Walter Shackleton, of the Worthington department and coordinator of civilian defense for the Louisville area; Joseph Strotman, mayor of Shively; Carl Berg, engineer for the Louisville and Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission; and Kenneth P. Vintet, director of the Louisville Area Development Association.

An executive committee with a representative from each volunteer department in the county together with the elected officers

will meet shortly to plan a program for the new organization.

Among the matters discussed at the meeting was the license fee imposed on fire trucks by the state which unincorporated communities must pay. Commissioner White is in correspondence with state officials in an effort to have the license fee removed from apparatus operated by community cooperation.

The eleven fire departments in the county are headed by the following fire chiefs: Buechel, J. H. Butterman; Worthington, H. O. Sims; Middletown, G. H. Hancock; Camp Taylor, E. C. Stonefield; Okolona, William Kreutzman; Lake Dreamland, Gilbert Hartlage; Shively, Fred Huber; St. Matthews, John Monahan; Jeffersontown, Lawrence Miller; High View, William Nesmith.

Anchorage, which was the only community not represented at the meeting, is under Fire Chief Charles Poik.

MRS. NEWMAN ILL.

Mrs. E. H. Newman, of St. Joseph's Avenue, Shively, is reported off the danger list at St. Joseph's Infirmary, where she suffered an attack of pleurisy and pneumonia.

IN PARIS, TRANSPORTATION by horse cab is \$2 per mile; there are no taxis.

December 29, 1944: *St. Matthews Sun*: Fireman Get Thanks. Dr. J. A. Ohlson, 229 Cornell Place, has asked that the thanks of Mrs. Ohlson be added to his own, for the prompt and skillful manner in which the St. Matthews Fire Department responded to call, and worked to save furniture and to extinguish the blaze that threatened to destroy his home. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Louis H. Schweitzer, a next door neighbor, who turned in the alarm. Damage to the amount of \$2,500.00 was caused by the fire before it was brought under control.

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December 1944: Jefferson County Volunteer Fireman's Association—eventually—Firefighters Inc. The following will be the history of this organization as we have it until around 1974.

In December of 1944 a group of 11 county volunteer fire departments got together and formed a County Association to improve efficiency by cooperation. Their first big problem that they tried to solve was why they couldn't get free license plates for fire trucks. The first members were Highview, Jeffersontown, St. Matthews, Buechel, Worthington, Middletown, Okolona, Lake Dreamland, Shively and Anchorage.

Unfortunately the early history of the Association is not recorded. We know that St. Matthews has been a member since the forming in 1944 and that many of the offices of the Association have been held by St. Matthews firefighters. The first officers of the Association were President, B. N. Sublette from Middletown, Vice President, Frank Binford from Buechel, and R. D. McAfee from Highview, Secretary/Treasurer. The purpose of the Association was to work together more closely and to try and solve mutual problems together.

By 1952 the Association had grown to about 15 members, with Fern Creek, Camp Taylor, Lyndon, Harrods Creek, South Oldham, South Dixie and Pleasure Ridge park coming on board. The officers that year were President Billy Smith of Lyndon, 1st Vice President W. E. Rives of Buechel, 2nd Vice President Henry Riddle of Middletown, Ted Travelsted, Secretary from Lake Dreamland and Thurston Schmidt Treasurer from Buechel. Don White from Lyndon.

In 1952 the Association helped lower rates from 62¢ to 42¢ and another 18¢ drop if you were in 1,000 feet of a hydrant and 1 ½ miles from a firehouse. The Association was also helping to provide training for the departments. They had Captain C. B. Durbon from Louisville Fire Department giving each department in the County 10 hours of training per month. They also got the county to adopt an ordinance that fire hydrants should be 750 feet apart.

All we know from 1953 is that John M. Monohan, Jr. became President of the Association. Also that J. V. Kaster of St. Matthews was secretary.

In 1954 Captain V. A. Beam became President of the Association.

In 1957 the Association was still providing training help for the departments.

In 1958 the Association helped Mr. O. Bond set up Central, an answering service for fire calls.

In 1959 the name of the Association was changed to Firefighters, Inc. They also bought a \$600.00 freezing blanket for Children's Hospital.

In 1960 Firefighters, Inc. again provided some training help for the departments. Then in 1961 they tried real hard to get a County training facility built, but this effort failed. Bob Brenzel of St. Matthews worked with training during this time.

In 1963 and 1964 Firefighters, Inc. was instrumental in the establishment of County Alarm, a centralized dispatch center for all the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Departments. It is still in operation, (as of 1974). (Note: County Alarm was operated by the Louisville Fire Department's Fire Communication Bureau from 1964 through 1992. In 1993, county fire dispatching responsibility was transferred to the Jefferson County Police Radio Room.)

In 1965 Firefighters, Inc. Worked up a City/County back up plan, which worked out very well and still is used today (1974).

Hospital visitations were the product of work in 1967 and this lasted about 4 years.

Over the years the association has been involved in many areas. It helped the County set up an Arson Bureau. It has been involved with state legislation and also county ordinances such as the 1974 hydrant ordinance. They have constantly worked with the County Police for better relations. They have built and maintained a film library for all members. They also have worked for a better insurance rate for firefighters and citizens.

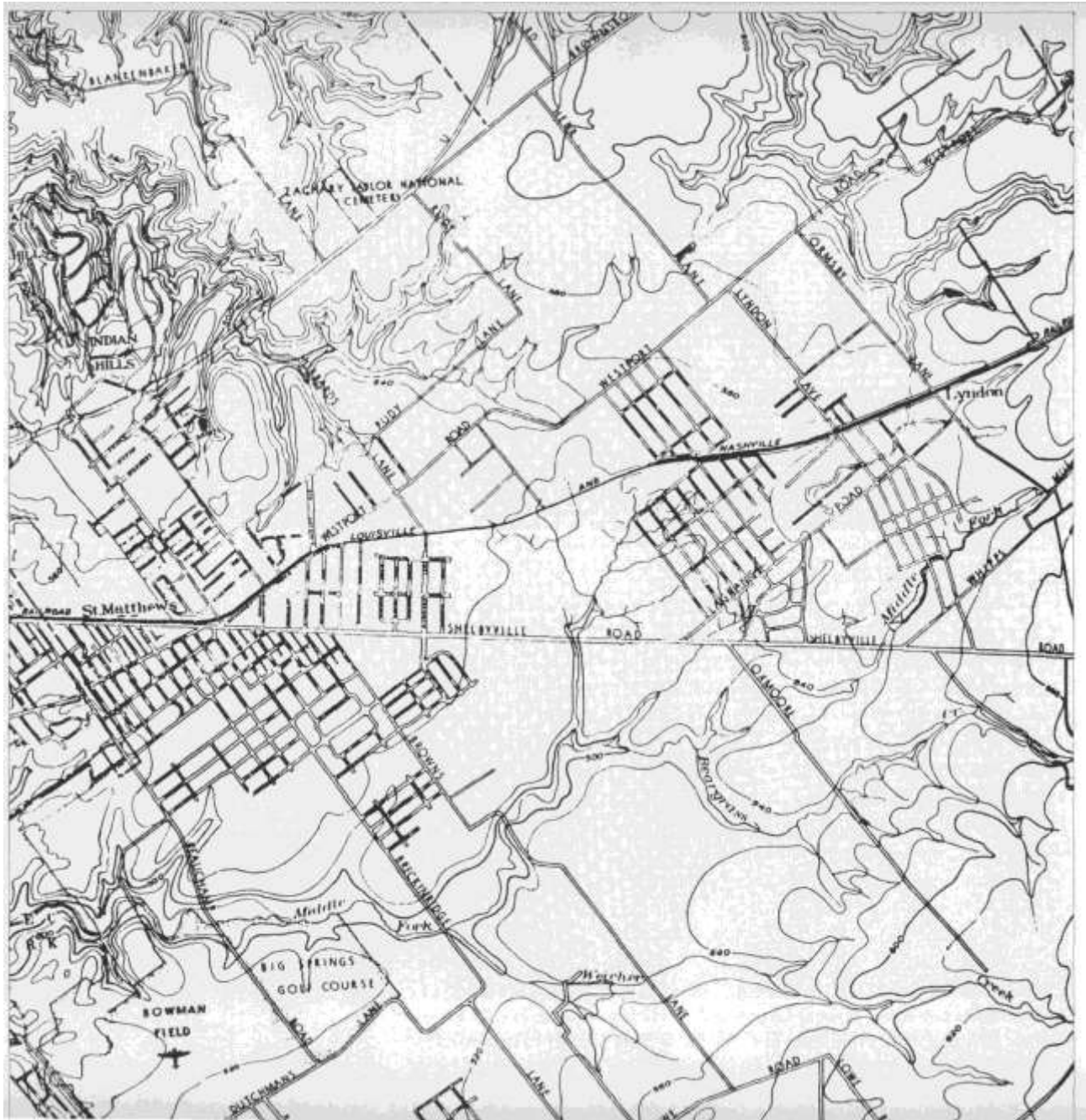
Over the years they have developed a softball league, training systems and worked closely with Civil Defense.

In 1974, after months of work a Disaster Plan for the County was approved. Also this year Al Ring from St. Matthews became President of the group.

There will be a separate section on Firefighter's Inc.

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Topographic Map of Jefferson County, Kentucky, Published by The Louisville & Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Commission, May 1944.



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Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/royal&CISOPTR=4048&CISOBX=1&REC=10 Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company Photo of truck & building, 100 Chenoweth Avenue, January 14, 1944. ULPA R_07923_00_n

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September 2, 1944, *The Courier-Journal*:

Plane Makes Forced Landing.

A Troop Carrier Command Transport plane with three officers and three enlisted men aboard made a forced belly landing in an alfalfa field three miles northeast of Bowman Field at 11:30 a.m. yesterday, on the R. W. Hite farm on Westport Road. The plane was only slightly damaged and none of the occupants was injured.

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Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: North side of Westport Road, east of Washburn Avenue, Cargo Plane crash, WWII, Hite Farm. Where the farm and the Windhurst neighborhood in Windy Hills is located today. NOTE FROM CHARLIE ARRINGTON FROM THE KENTUCKY AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY (WAGGENER class of 64): The airplane is a Curtiss C-46. Curtiss-Wright at Standiford Field built 438 of these between 1944 and 1945 plus they modified other C-46s from the Curtiss Buffalo production line beginning probably in 1943. The plane has bellied in and is probably little damaged since it came down on dirt. More than likely it was taken apart and returned to the factory. It must have been minor since it did not make any of the accident list. Also one of the Troop Carrier Outfits training at Bowman Field used the C-46. The airplane was really too big for Bowman and that is why only one TC used it. I believe that was in 1944. NOTE FROM AL RING, we do not know if STMFD made a run on this but it is very probable.



This was north side of Westport Road, east of Washburn Avenue. Cargo plane crash, WWII, Hite Farm.

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These are pictures from 1975 to 1979 of Al Ring's back yard at 6605 Tottenham Road in Windhurst, now Windy Hills. I also owned the lot next door and eventually built a house on it.

Note barn in plane picture and the one near my backyard. The are the same.



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This picture was taken June 17, 2023. Can't see much of the barn, but it is definitely "the barn."

A photograph of a residential property. In the foreground, a light-colored paved driveway or walkway curves from the bottom left towards the center. Beyond the pavement is a large, well-maintained green lawn. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground, separating the lawn from the background. Behind the fence, there are several large, leafy green trees. A portion of a house with a white roof is visible through the trees in the background. The sky is bright and clear.



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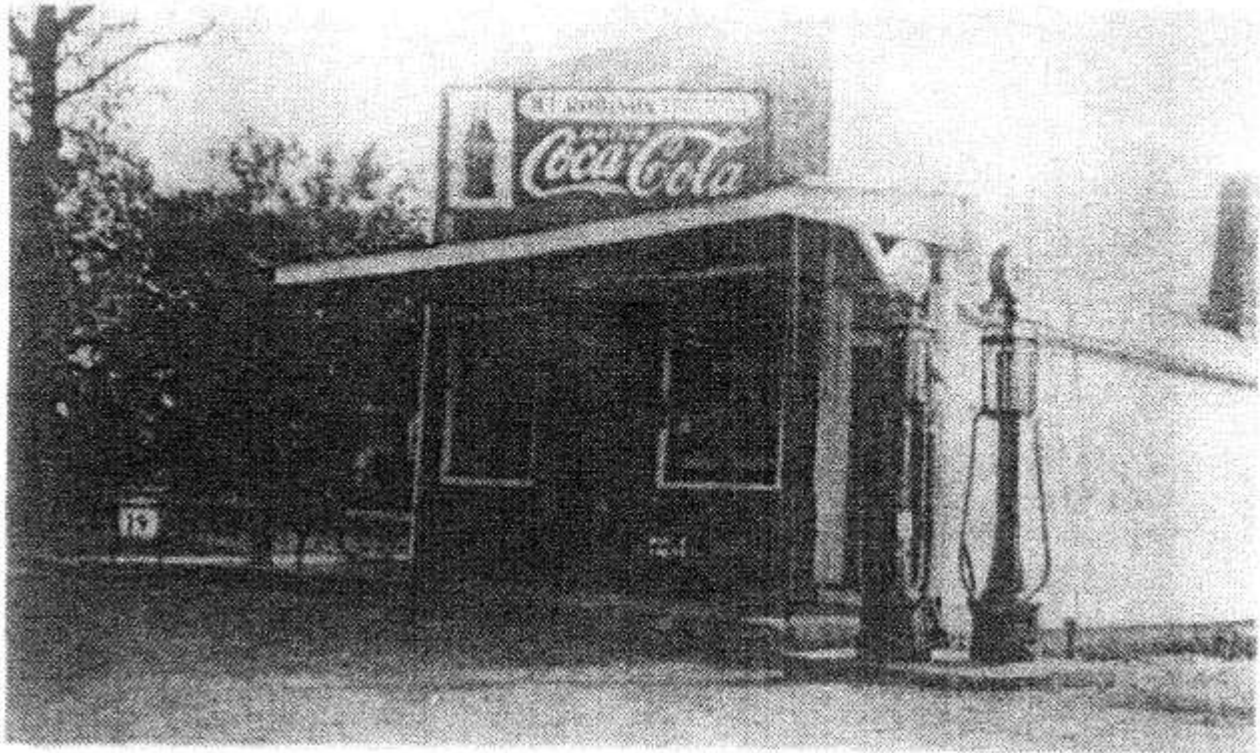
Courtesy, Lyndon Lore, A Historic Account Of The Lyndon Community With Numerous Illustrations Of A Bygone Era

We fought fires in the Lyndon area all the time.

The Mel Keelings took over the store in 1944 and ran it until they moved into their new Market on Violet Avenue. The building at the corner of LaGrange Road and Lyndon Lane, next to the Postoffice, was also a grocery for many years.

After returning from the war in 1945 Eddie Boss constructed the first store building on the south side of LaGrange Road. He had a hardware store there, and it is still being used for that purpose. As the community grew and demands were made, other stores came to Lyndon along with a great number of filling stations. One can count seven Gasoline Stations within one block. One former resident of Lyndon Lane sadly called it "Gasoline Alley".

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Courtesy, Lyndon Fire & Rescue, 1971 Fire Fighters Olympics magazine & <http://camptaylorfire.org/History.aspx>

A black and white photograph of a modern, single-story commercial building. The building features large glass windows and doors, and a flat roof. A tall antenna tower is visible in the background. The building is situated on a street corner.

Today there are five fire departments and the City of Louisville Fire Department covering the area once covered by the Camp Taylor Fire Department. In twenty-five years of operation the department has seen fire insurance rates go from tenth-class to sixth-class. There are only two firemen still with the department that helped to organize it, Mr. C. E. Powell, eighty-three years old, and Mr. Louis Jones. Each man has twenty-five years of service and is still active.

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The department has made 62 rent-to-date.

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4, 1946,
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New STMFD Board Member:

Eugene N. "Bud" Andriot—Trustee 1944 to 1947—1903 to October 22, 1953—Born in Louisville in 1903. He was very active in starting the St. Matthews Potato Festival. At the age of 20 he started the Hoosier Transit Company. Later he became the secretary of the Trans Continental Carrier Co., and was president of Andriot Equipment Company. He was a member of the Board from 1944 until 1947. He was active in helping the Department in buying property for a fire station at 117 St. Matthews Avenue. He was the son of Lawrence J. and Ruth Newfield Andriot and died at the age of 50.



New STMFD Board Member:

William Leland Wilson—Director 1944 to 1974—1890 to December 14, 1974—Mr. Wilson was born in Mankato, Minnesota in 1890. He moved to St. Matthews in 1925 and went to work for the General Foods Company. He joined the Board in 1944 and served until his death in 1974.

December 14, 1974: W. Leland Wilson dies: W. Leland Wilson, 84, died Saturday, December 14, at 12:40 p.m. in Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Long a director of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association he was the department's vice president.

The 84-year-old Mankato, Minn., native lived at 502 Bauer Avenue in St. Matthews. He had retired from General Foods Corp., in 1955, and remained a member of the Christian Church.

Active in Masonic affairs, he was a 50-year member of Valley Lodge 511, a member of the Louisville Council for Royal and Select Masons, and of the King Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by his wife, the former Billie Brumley. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery on Monday afternoon, with members of the fire association as pallbearers.



C.-J. Photo.

OFFICERS of the newly organized Voluntary Fire Fighters Association of Jefferson County planning a unified county front are, from left, B. N. Sublette, Middletown, president; Frank Binford, Buechel, vice president, and R. Davis McAfee, secretary-treasurer.

County Fire Fighters Elect Middletown Man

B. N. Sublette, president of the Middletown Civic Club and honorary chief of the town's Volunteer Fire Department, was named president of the newly organized Voluntary Fire Fighters Association of Jefferson County at the group's first meeting last night at Hikes Graded School, Buechel.

Frank Binford, funeral director and assistant fire chief of the Buechel Volunteer Fire Department, was elected vice president and R. Davis McAfee, High View attorney, was elected secretary-treasurer. Eleven Voluntary Fire Departments from county towns were authorized to name one member each to a board to assist the officers.

Meeting Called By White.

County Commissioner E. P. White said he called the meeting to attempt to organize Voluntary Fire Department leaders wishing to improve fire-fighting efficiency through co-operation.

Even before formally organizing, the group began a fiery discussion of the Fire Departments' failure to obtain free State licenses for equipment. J. Paul Ward, supervisor of field men,

State fire marshal's office, explained that free licenses could be obtained only if the fire trucks were owned and operated by a governmental unit.

11 Municipalities Co-operate.

Other speakers who addressed the volunteer firemen were Capt. William Simons, instructor, State Fire Training School; Capt. Robert Burdon, Louisville Fire Department; K. P. Vinsel, director of the Louisville Area Development Association, and Carl Berg, of the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Municipalities represented at the meeting by fire officials were High View, Jeffersontown, St. Matthews, Buechel, Worthington, Middletown, Camp Taylor, Okolona, Lake Dreamland, Shively and Anchorage.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1944

Mother Saves Son As Train Rams Car

The wife of a **St. Matthews** minister carried her 3-year-old son to safety a split second before a train demolished the automobile she was driving at 6:10 p.m. yesterday at the Chenoweth Lane crossing in **St. Matthews**.

So close to the collision was Mrs. Sarah Owen, 24, of 3914 Gilman, holding her son, Ronald Owen, that the impact of the crash hurled them to the ground, it was reported by her husband, the Rev. M. R. Owen, pastor since September of the **St. Matthews** Methodist Church.

Mrs. Owen had driven onto the tracks when the automatic crossing gates lowered and trapped the car, County police were told.

Luck Averts Tragedy.

Mother and son were under treatment for shock last night by a physician.

Luckily, Mrs. Owen got out of the car on the side from which the westbound Chesapeake & Ohio train was approaching or she might not have been able to get clear of the wreckage, her husband said.

Mrs. Owen was returning home after driving her husband to the church at Breckinridge Lane and Grandview Avenue.

Joe Allen, Lexington, was engineer on the train, County police said. There have been numerous accidents at the crossing and

earlier this week Carl Berg, City-County planning engineer, said there was immediate need for grade crossing separation in **St. Matthews**.

3 Hurt In Accidents.

In another accident, Edward J. Bennett, 78, of 678 S. 39th, was in critical condition at General Hospital with injuries suffered at 6:30 a.m. when he was struck at 39th and Broadway. Driver of the car, Robert G. Loran, 65, of 4132 Virginia, was arrested on reckless driving and assault and battery charges. Bennett received head injuries and a broken leg.

John Burkhead, 70, of 859 Water Street, was in serious condition at General Hospital with a fractured pelvis suffered at 8:20 p.m. when he was struck at Shelby and Main by a car driven by Hollis Christie, 42, of 847 S. First. Police said Burkhead was crossing Main against the traffic light.

Mrs. Velma Brooks, 35, of 2918 S. Fourth, was in St. Joseph Infirmary with a head injury received at 5:30 p.m. when she was hit by an automobile driven by Howard Pardue, 23, of 315 E. Breckinridge, at Fourth and Hill.

1944

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1945

In 1945 Board Member Jesse Ogden died, so his son ran the alarm system for a couple of months until it was moved. This alarm system was owned by a Mr. Long, and M. T. Hopkins. They owned the Long and Hopkins Real-Estate office, Belmont Cab, and a Building and Supply Company. They were located in the Belmont Cab office, about where the old St. Matthews Exchange was located. The siren was moved to the top of the old Schuler building (Consolidated Sales), and they answered the phone, and set the siren off from there. They also had a direct line from the office to the fire house so when the first firefighter got to the fire house he could call them for the location of the fire.

The Board held many discussions during the year on a new fire house location.

The department joined the I. A. F. C.—International Association of Fire Chiefs (1873)

About the IAFC



The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) represents the leadership of over 1.2 million firefighters and emergency responders. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders.

IAFC Vision

We will be the premier provider of leadership, support, and education to fire and emergency services through excellent customer service and by working profitably.

IAFC Mission

We will provide career and volunteer chiefs, chief fire officers, and managers of emergency services organizations throughout the international community with information, education, services, and representation to enhance their professionalism and capabilities.

IAFC History

- Founded in 1873, the International Association of Fire Chiefs is the ninth oldest association in the United States. The IAFC is a professional, member-supported organization with over 12,000 members, representing 1.2 million firefighters.
- The IAFC supports the emergency services family of men and women around the globe. We listen to needs and respond to them quickly. We are proud of the firefighters and rescue personnel who serve us, and equally as proud of the work that we do and the programs that we offer on their behalf.

1945

Courtesy, Deputy Chief Rob Storrie, Fern Creek Fire Department: Fern Creek Fire Department Started

Started in 1945 as part of community club, by local business men and community leaders.

First Pumper



First Firehouse



New Community Center and Firehouse



Station 2



Apparatus



1945

January 12, 1944, *The Jeffersonian*:

County Fire Fighters To Meet January 17

At a meeting held of the executive committee of the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Wednesday night, January 3, by-laws for the new organization were prepared for approval by the next general meeting of the association, Wednesday night, January 17, at 8 o'clock at the St. Matthews Armory.

Other matters to be taken up at this meeting are possible reductions in fire insurance rates and questions concerning the co-operative maintenance of county fire departments.

A representative of the Actuarial Bureau of the National Board of Fire Underwriters will be present to give information relative to methods of securing lower rates.

The committee will recommend membership dues of \$1.00 per year for active and associate members.

All members of county fire departments and residents contributing to the support of such departments are eligible for membership and invited to attend the meeting.

January 19, 1945, *The Jeffersonian*:

County Firemen Adopt By-Laws

At a meeting held Wednesday night at the St. Matthews Armory, the new Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association met and adopted by-laws unanimously for the organization.

N. H. Sublette, president of the association, stated that all eleven of the county fire departments were represented, Camp Taylor and Middletown sending the largest delegations.

The by-laws which had been previously endorsed by the executive committee contain provisions for future conduct of the association and the general program of the organization.

Among the matters discussed were methods of turning in fire alarms, and arrangements are underway for cooperation with the county police and the Louisville Fire Department for available assistance.

Davis McAfee, of High View, stated to *The Jeffersonian* that the association had long-range plans in view for blanketing the county with an effective system of fire protection.



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COUNTY RESIDENTS! IN CASE OF FIRE CALL: JA. 1171 OR WA. 5351

E. S. Monohan, Financier Dies Visiting Wife In Hospital

Edward S. Monohan, Jr., 62, Brown's Lane, a director of the First National Bank and the Kentucky Title Trust Company since 1930, died of a heart attack at 6:50 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Infirmary.

He had gone to the infirmary to visit his wife who had undergone a major operation on December 17. Monohan had parked his car and was walking to a rear entrance when he succumbed.

Monohan also was a director of the Price Chemical Company, the Bourbon Stock Yards and the Gardeners & Farmers Market Company, and had formerly served as a director and vice president of the St. Matthews Bank.

Was Proud of Big Farm.

He farmed all his life and took great pride in his large farm on Browns Lane. He was a member of the Pendennis Club, the Louisville Boat Club and the Holy Spirit Catholic Church. He was a brother of the late John M. Monohan, formerly president of the First National Bank.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Monohan; four sons, Edward S. Monohan III, Cincin-

nati, Ohio; Lt. (J.G.) Charles O. Monohan, overseas; Thomas S. Monohan, Louisville, and James S. Monohan, Army, Rhode Island; a daughter, Mrs. Bruce Baxter, Louisville, and seven grandchildren.



E. S. MONOHAN, JR.

February 23, 1945, *St. Matthews Sun & The Jeffersonian*: Volunteer Firemen Ask For County Department — Will Present Resolution to The Fiscal Court—

Volunteer Firemen Ask For County Department

WILL PRESENT RESOLUTION TO THE FISCAL COURT

Following a discovery by B. N. Sublette, of Middletown, president of The Jefferson County Firemen's Association, that an act of the Kentucky legislature empowers the Fiscal Court to set up and operate a county fire department, a survey is being made by the county firemen which will be used in drawing up a resolution for presentation to the Jefferson County Fiscal Court at an early session. The resolution, says Sublette, will indicate the pressing need of a county fire fighting organization about which various community volunteer groups can be built to afford the county maximum fire protection.

"Already," said Sublette, "Fayette County has availed itself of the opportunity and set up an efficient program. In Jefferson County the fire hazard is much greater, the population denser and fire loss more costly."

"We have eleven community volunteer departments operating in the county now, but their scope of operation is limited. In Middletown, Shively, Anchorage and other centers, fire apparatus cannot be taken out of definite limits and therefore must refuse to make many calls."

"This is distasteful to every volunteer fire department," explained Sublette, "because our inclination is to render aid wherever we can. But we cannot, in Middletown, for instance, go outside of the Middletown Water District."

"The installation of county-wide fire fighting equipment remedies this situation. With three or four 24-hour fire stations set-up by the Fiscal Court at strategic points in the county, it will be possible to make runs anywhere in Jefferson County, thus reducing insurance rates and affording maximum protection."

The enabling statute which Sublette ascertained was passed in 1942 is simple and succinct in its language, stating that, "if any

county elects to operate a fire department, the fiscal court may purchase whatever equipment is necessary . . . lease or purchase any property or building necessary . . . employ a sufficient number of persons deemed necessary . . . fix salaries of the persons employed and to pay said salaries in monthly payments out of the general fund of the county."

A meeting of the executive committee of the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held in the office of J. H. Butterman on the Bardstown Road at Butcher, Wednesday evening, February 23, to frame a resolution to be presented to the fiscal court. This committee is composed of one member of each of the eleven volunteer fire departments in the county.



B. N. Sublette

County Residents Ask For Fire Department

Much interest has been aroused in Jefferson County by the announcement that an establishment of a county fire department was possible and legal under a recently enacted state statute.

Inquiries have been received at The Jeffersonian office from residents who have wanted to know just what measures were being taken to insure prompt action, what affect the county department would have on fire insurance rates and how complete such a county fire fighting organization might be.

Answers given were limited by the amount of information available, but conversations with B. N. Sublette, chairman of the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and Davis McAfee, secretary, indicated that steps were being taken to insure better county fire protection.

A meeting is to be held Tuesday evening, March 27, at the Hikes Graded School of the county fire association, to which all persons interested in the establishment of a Jefferson County Fire Department are invited. At that meeting the proposal which is to be placed before the Fiscal Court will be discussed and probably drafted.

Several residents have protested that although they live comparatively close to present county community departments that the fire insurance rates are no lower than before they had this protection. In many cases this is because such fire departments are prohibited from answering calls outside a prescribed area.

The opinion of those who have made some study of the situation is that with the establishment of an efficient county fire department a substantial saving will be effected in fire insurance rates. A member of a county volunteer department stated that his opinion after consultation with several authorities was that the amount saved to county property owners in lower insurance rates would far exceed the cost of setting up and operating a fire department.

The extent to which the proposed fire department will be developed depends on the importance the Fiscal Court places on the project. If the Court adopts an effective plan, placing com-

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COUNTY RESIDENTS ASK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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plete equipment and personnel at strategic points in the county, and giving such aid to present and future volunteer organizations that will assure the effectiveness of these community units, it is possible that a county-wide coverage can be obtained.

However, much depends, said Chairman Sublette, on the general demand of the people. "I hope all communities having volunteer departments will be represented next Tuesday evening at our meeting," said Sublette. "And we are anxious for representatives from other sections that realize their need of fire protection to be present. I would like to see many farmers attend. Their interest in protection from fire is very great because they have so much at stake."

Sublette is planning to visit Fayette county this week to inspect the county fire department there. He will report the findings of his visit at the Tuesday meeting.

Volunteer Firemen Present Petitions

Over one hundred county residents met with the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Tuesday night at Hikes Graded School and heard N. B. Sublette, chairman, report on his findings in regard to the establishment of a county fire department as provided by Kentucky law.

With the exception of the Anchorage Fire Department, every volunteer fire-fighting unit in the county was represented.

Davis McAfee, secretary of the organization, reported hundreds of petitions signed by county residents asking the Fiscal Court to set up a county fire department in Jefferson County had been delivered to the association.

It was decided by unanimous action to present these petitions to the next session of the Fiscal Court, Tuesday, April 3.

An alarm of fire was sounded while the firemen were holding forth, and a fire which destroyed a nearby garage and two automobiles, was prevented by the prompt action of the Buechel fire department from spreading to the nearby dwellings.

1945

April 6, 1945, *The Courier-Journal*:

April 7, 1945, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fire Virtually Razes Home.

A six-room frame house at 4156 Westport Road, occupied by Mrs. Margaret Bisig, virtually was destroyed by fire at 7 p.m. yesterday, County police reported. Two trucks from **St. Matthews Fire Department** responded to the alarm and saved most of the furnishings. Damage was estimated at \$2,500.

May 6, 1945, *The Courier-Journal*:

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The loss was covered by insurance.

APRIL 7, 1945.

W. J. Ogden, Druggist, 60, Dies Unexpectedly

W. Jesse Ogden, 60, veteran St. Matthews druggist, died unexpectedly at 10 a.m. yesterday at his home, 3900 Frankfort. He was vice-president of the St. Matthews National Bank and an active worker in expansion of the suburb.

Ogden, a native of Jefferson-town, attended elementary and high schools in Jeffersonville, Ind., and was graduated from the Louisville College of Pharmacy. He established the first drugstore in St. Matthews at the corner of Frankfort and Breckinridge Lane twenty years ago.

Treasurer of the **St. Matthews Fire Department**, he was a member of the Retail Druggists' Association, the Shrine and the Excelsior Lodge of Masons. He has served in various offices in the Chamber of Commerce and the St. Matthews Community Club.

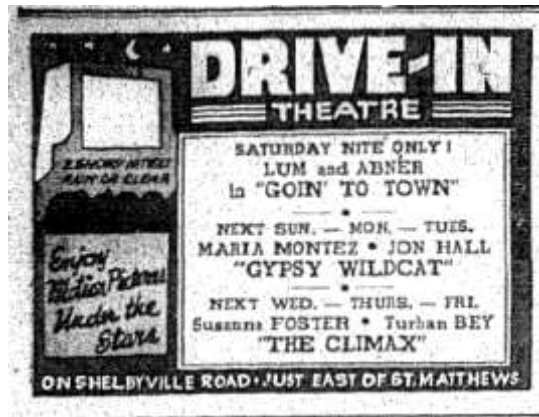
Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Marie Buschemeyer Ogden; a son, John H. Ogden; a sister, Mrs. Allie O. Carter, Louisville, and two brothers, Earl Ogden, Louisville, and C. Erdman Ogden, Jeffersonville. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Ratterman's Chapel. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.



W. JESSE OGDEN

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May 4, 1945, *The Jeffersonian*:



May 5, 1945: *The Courier Journal*: 3-Hour, \$62,000 Blaze Destroys St. Matthews A. & P., Contents. A raging three-hour fire destroyed the A. & P. supermarket at 3726 Lexington Road early today, with \$62,000 loss to the large building and all contents.

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Courtesy *The Louisville Times*, May 5, 1945:



Rubble, twisted girders and scorched walls are all light today by a disastrous \$62,000 fire. Passersby there was left of the St. Matthews A. & P. super- inspected the debris after three fire companies market at 3726 Lexington Rd., swept before day- fought the blaze for three hours.

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Courtesy, http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/royal&CISOPTR=4307&CISOBX=1&REC=1 A & P Tea Co, Exterior photo of building, Royal Photo Co, a one story white brick building, dated March 16, 1945, ULPA R_08589_01-n

Below, Interior, same date, ULPA R_08589_00_n



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Note from Ralph Kempf, (2009), The A & P grocery was located at Macon and Lexington Road near the end of WWII. Late one cold night it went up in flames and was totally involved (May 1945). After considerable time of pumping water on the fire, Joe Kempf and another fireman, whose name I do not recall, started moving into the store. A high shelf gave way and tossed several cans off. One, a can of peas, hit between Joe and the other firefighter, landing in the very cold water. Since the can was very hot it exploded and splattered Joe and the other firefighter with peas.

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May 11, 1945: *St. Matthews Sun*: A & P Will Rebuild. As soon as temporary quarters can be found the A & P Super Market destroyed completely by fire Saturday morning, will be re-opened. According to Lewis Smithers, manager, plans are also going forward for reconstruction of the store at its location on Lexington Road at Wendover. Credit is given to the St. Matthews Fire Department which prevented the spread of fire to adjacent buildings. Two Louisville companies answered a call for assistance.
May 11, 1945, *The Jeffersonian*:

Court Delays Action On Fire Department

The committee appointed several weeks ago by the Fiscal Court to draw up a suggested plan for the establishment of a county fire department made its report to the court last Monday but no action was taken.

Meeting the approval of the majority of the court members, and receiving praise from Judge Mark Beauchamp the resolution provides that a competent fire chief be employed for Jefferson County to coordinate and assist the present volunteer departments.

That sufficient equipment be purchased to supplement the apparatus now operated by volunteer fire fighters. That the Fiscal Court furnish equipment or financial aid to the amount of 50 percent of the sum raised by any community in establishing a fire department and that a plan be effected whereby cisterns, ponds or reservoirs be installed to supply ample water reserves. And that the services of the county fire

department be made available to all sections of Jefferson County outside of incorporated areas.

County Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., who encouraged the organization of local volunteer fire fighters, said yesterday that it was probable that the court would take action on the resolution next Monday.

Meanwhile the county is considerably concerned over the adoption of some program looking forward to better fire protection in the county.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The St. Matthews Produce Exchange is now operating under the ownership and management of the JOS. DENUNZIO FRUIT CO., Inc. Potatoes, fertilizer, coal and other farm supplies will be handled as in the past.

MR. LAWRENCE FRICK will act as manager of the St. Matthews Produce Exchange and as secretary of the Louisville Growers Cooperative Association.

St. Matthews Produce Exchange

ST. MATTHEWS, KENTUCKY

DIVISION OF JOS. DENUNZIO FRUIT CO., INC.

May 25, 1945, *The Jeffersonian*:

LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIAL

FENCE PICKETS ROOFING AND SIDING CEDAR POSTS
PLASTERBOARD - CEMENT - WALLBOARD
INSULATION PLASTER AND TILE PAINTS

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2345 WESTPORT ROAD

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the Louisville and Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a continued public hearing on a proposed adjustment of the Zoning Plan and Master Plan for the Unincorporated Territory of Jefferson County affecting land located in the vicinity of St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Said continued public hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, 1945 in Room 401, Fiscal Court Building, at which time and place maps showing the proposed adjustment may be inspected.

LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
GEORGE BUTCHER, Chairman. CARL BERG, Secretary.

Thanks

Sincerely we thank the host of our neighbors from Anchorage, Lyndon, St. Matthews, Jeffersonton, Middletown, Eastwood and elsewhere who accepted our invitation to visit the new Anchorage Grocery.

Come again, come often, and give us further opportunity to show our appreciation by friendly attention to your quest for better foods and better service.

MR. AND MRS. L. SMITHER
ANCHORAGE GROCERY

June 1, 1945, *The Jeffersonian*:

ST. MATTHEWS A & P SUPER MARKET NOW OPEN

IN OUR TEMPORARY LOCATION

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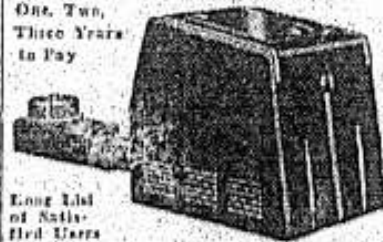
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June 29, 1945: *St. Matthews Sun*: Firemen Hold Election. The annual election of officers of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department will be held Wednesday, July 11, 1945 at 8 o'clock at the Holy Trinity gymnasium John M. Monohan has announced. He is president of the organization. Refreshments will be served.

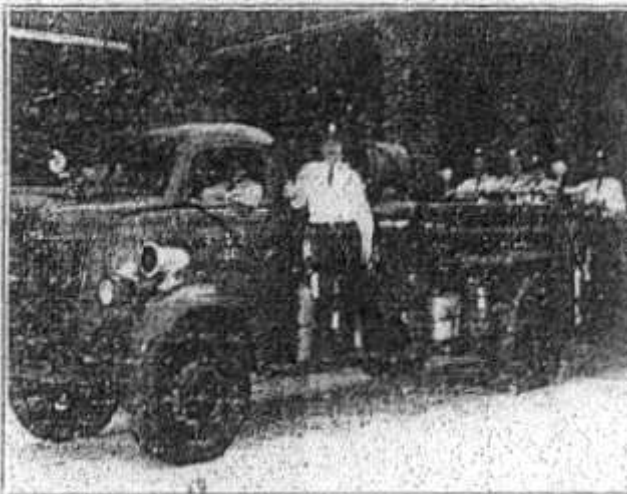
August 24, 1945: *St. Matthews Sun*: John Monohan Talks at Rotary Luncheon. John Monohan president of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was guest speaker at the regular luncheon meeting of the St. Matthews Rotary Club, Wednesday, at the Beargrass Christian Church.

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August 31, 1945,
The Jeffersonian:

COUNTY FIRE CHIEF TAKES OVER



Chief Claud Thompson Standing on Running Board

Last week the first Fire Chief of Jefferson County started upon his duties with headquarters in the Fiscal Court Building.

Chief Claud Thompson, a veteran of the Louisville Fire Department, and lately in charge of fire prevention at the Curtiss Wright plant, is said to be thoroughly conversant with all features of fire-fighting, and while he is without a department to provide over, he will act in an advisory capacity to, and as liaison officer between the county volunteer fire departments and the Fiscal Court which has an undetermined relation to the community organizations.

Meeting with the executive committee of the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association last week at Buechel, Thompson explained that because his office was entirely new and that he had no precedents to follow, it would be necessary for him to move slowly at first in determining just what his program would be.

First, said the new chief, a comprehensive survey must be made of the county, existing fire-fighting agencies, population densities and emergency needs. Thompson stated also that he believed that his office could be of

service in helping to bring the present volunteer companies to a high standard of efficiency and in promoting the organization of more volunteer fire departments.

After a complete survey of the county from a fire-prevention angle is made, Thompson said the next step would be a list of suggestions to existing departments with regard to water supply, the digging of ponds at points accessible by roads, and the training of personnel.

Much enthusiasm was displayed at the meeting where every county department was represented except Worthington and Lake Dreamland.

A regular meeting of the members of all the county fire departments will be held at the St. Matthews fire house, Wednesday evening, September 12, at which Chief Thompson will explain further the functions of his office.

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St. Matthews Store Center To Be Built

\$40,000 A. & P. Unit To Be First On Site

A new **St. Matthews** business center will be established in the 3900 block of Frankfort Avenue with construction of an A. & P. food store at a cost of \$40,000 planned as the first of several buildings in the area, it was revealed yesterday.

A. J. Eline, owner of Eline Realty Company, said the land is being cleared and work will start on the new food store about September 1. He added that plans are developed for the addition of several buildings west and north of the A. & P. building. Three houses must be moved from the tract.

Replaces Gutted Store.

The new center will be on the north side of Frankfort Avenue and extend to Westport Road, between **St. Matthews** Avenue on the east and existing permanent business structures on the west.

The A. & P. store will replace the chain's supermarket at Lexington Road and Wallace which was destroyed by fire May 5. The store has been located temporarily in a garage, leased from Eline, at 119 Breckinridge Lane.

A. & P. executives said the new building will have 15,000 feet of floor space, which will make it the largest store operated by the company in Kentucky. Parking lots for the store will have outlets on Frankfort Avenue and Westport Road.

County Fire Department Chief Named

Claud Thompson to Get \$3,600-a-Year Salary

Organization of a County Fire Department under direction of the Fiscal Court started yesterday when **Claud Thompson**, 1424 Cypress, was appointed department chief by the court at a salary of \$3,600 a year.

The resolution naming Thompson, a Republican, was introduced by Republican Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., and was adopted unanimously.

Although no money, other than the new chief's salary, has been appropriated by the court, Thompson's duties as outlined in the resolution include a survey of present fire-fighting apparatus; establishment of districts of jurisdiction; setting up of an alarm system to notify various private fire-fighting organizations; education of the public in fire prevention; co-ordination of all fire protection facilities, and establishment of fire districts.

Zoning Hearing Set.

White included in his resolution that the new chief would be required to report to the court every Monday.

The court received the first report on a proposed adjustment of a zoning plan since reinvesting itself with the right to review such action by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The plan submitted covered the area around St. Matthews as recently adopted by the commission. For lack of a second, a motion by Commissioner James Henning to approve the adjusted plan was defeated. The court then adopted a resolution for a public hearing on the proposal to be held in the Fiscal Court at 2 p.m.



CHIEF CLAUD THOMPSON.
Starts series of talks.

New Fire Chief Surveying County Needs

Jefferson County's new fire chief **Claud Thompson**, 1424 Cypress, will speak before the Rotary Club of Shively today as part of a series of talks to county community, civic and luncheon clubs. The new chief is making a survey of the county to determine needs for efficient fire-fighting.

Thompson was appointed County fire chief in August by the Fiscal Court. His duties include a survey of present fire-fighting apparatus, establishment of districts of jurisdiction, setting up of an alarm system to notify various private fire-fighting organizations, education of the public in fire prevention and co-ordination of all fire-protection facilities and establishment of fire

districts.

He was with the Louisville Fire Department 21 years and was fire chief at Curtiss-Wright Corporation before receiving his new appointment.



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New Board Member—George E. Miller—Director 1945 to 1980 —1898 to September 10, 1988—Mr. Miller was born in Leavenworth, Indiana in 1898. He was a credit manager for a department store and then went with a major manufacturing company as credit, sale and office manager. He joined the Board in 1945 and served the Board of Directors in many capacities.

March 19, 1980: *The Voice*, Miller retires as St. Matthews fire chairman: At a special meeting of the Board of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Saturday, March 8, George E. Miller announced his resignation from chairman of the board.

In a prepared statement Miller released Wednesday, March 12, Miller said he had served as secretary of the board for 27 years and as chairman for the last nine. Miller added that he hoped to continue as a member of the board.

Explaining his resignation in his statement, Miller said, "It will take a load off me, which I deserve."

Miller who is now retired said in an interview that he has been employed with credit offices of various department stores and manufactures in Louisville. Miller also served on the gas rationing board during World War II.

One of the most recent acts of the fire board under Miller's chairmanship was to purchase a custom-built 100 foot, tractor drawn aerial truck.



New Board Member—Rudolph "Rudy" C. Schlich—Director 1945 to 1948—February 2, 1892 to April 25, 1973—Born in Louisville February 2, 1892. He lived in Ohio for many years before returning to St. Matthews. Mr. Schlich worked for his father at the Paul Schlich Engraving Company and later for his son at the Schlich Insurance Agency. He served on the Board form 1946 to 1948. He died April 25, 1973.

September 1, 1945, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, A & P Supermarket is at right, The Vogue Theater at left, June 1941, *Louisville Since The Twenties*, 132.

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September 5, 1945: Board meeting:

NOTE Letterhead

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

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ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Wednesday, September 5th, 1945, 8:15 p. m. at the Fire Hall, with president John Monohan, presiding. All officers and directors were present except L. C. Matthews, Secretary, and Fred Boss.

The president read several articles from magazines and other sources regarding government grants for fire houses.

Mr. George Miller moved tentative plans for a fire house be drawn, to be accepted by the directors, with foundation for two stories - possibly a hall in the rear and an apartment on the second floor. Main floor for fire equipment to be 35 feet by 70 feet. Seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

George Miller moved an architect be selected by appointed committee to ascertain cost and idea for plans. Seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

E. N. ANDRIOT

President appointed George Miller and ~~R. C. Schlich~~ to above committee.

Dr. James Winter moved that a committee be appointed to contact Mrs. Marshall and offer up to \$2,000.00 for lot located on the North West corner of Willis Ave. and Breckinridge Lane. This lot to be used for fire house if acquired. Seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

Dr. Winter was appointed chairman of this committee.

Mr. E. N. Andriot moved that rate per run be increased to \$100.00 for the first hour and \$25.00 per hour or any portion thereof for each piece of equipment used at a fire. The time is to be computed from departure of equipment from hall to return. Seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

Mr. E. N. Andriot moved that a committee be appointed to contact all service clubs in the community regarding a drive for funds. Seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

President appointed Leland Wilson, L. C. Matthews and Louis Schweitzer on this committee.

President announced the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1945 at 8 p. m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Leland Wilson, Secy Pro Tem

September 12, 1945, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Time-Saving Form By Depot Clerk

November 6, 1945, *The Courier-Journal*:September 18, 1945, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fire Damages Gerlach Home.

The second floor and roof of the home of John Gerlach, 720 Breckinridge Lane, were swept by fire early yesterday, causing damage estimated at \$1,000. The blaze, fought by the **St. Matthews Fire** Department and a pumper from Louisville, was believed started by sparks from a flue.

Barkley Offers To Help Fire Group Get Equipment

Confidence that the Jefferson County **Volunteer Fire Association** would be enabled to obtain fire equipment lent by the Government during the war emergency was expressed yesterday by Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., after he read a letter from Senator Alben W. Barkley to the Fiscal Court.

Barkley wrote that it would take Congressional action to dispose of the equipment if it is Government property, but that he would draw the matter to the attention of the Surplus Property Board and to the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

County Fire Fighters Face Loss of Pumpers

A number of county volunteer fire departments have been organized with pumpers furnished by the government when there was a possibility that enemy plane attacks might penetrate this nation.

Furnished through the Office of Civilian Defense, these pumpers were supplied on condition that the communities furnish truck chassis to carry them. Some hose and other equipment was provided.

In every instance, it is said, communities accepting the pumpers were assured that after the war this equipment would be left in the hands of the agency that provided the funds to supplement the pumper. In some instances the volunteer departments besides furnishing crews expended several thousands of dollars for housing, water tanks,

additional equipment and material, all with the conviction that the pumpers were a permanent installation.

This week came the news that Uncle Sam wants his pumpers back. The Department of Commerce has included them in their list of surplus war supplies and county fire departments are faced with the loss of their main apparatus.

At a meeting held Wednesday night at St. Matthews the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association discussed the matter at length and chairman N. B. Sublette of Middletown proposed that steps be taken to acquaint the government officials with the dilemma and secure a postponement of the order until a plan can be worked out whereby the county organizations will not be abruptly stripped of their equipment.

Telegrams were sent to Senator Alben Barkley, Congressman Emmett O'Neal and the Department of Commerce explaining the situation and asking for advice.

Among the county volunteer fire departments affected are Worthington (2 pumpers), Middletown, Quechel, High View, Okolona, and Lake Dreamland.

Thompson to Suggest County Fire Station

Following a survey made of Jefferson County from a standpoint of adequate fire protection, Fire Chief Claud Thompson will ask the Fiscal Court to approve the establishment of a twenty-four hour fire station at Pleasure Ridge on property now owned by the county.

Chief Thompson said yesterday that besides serving the immediate area, the proposed fire department would be able to act as an auxiliary to a number of volunteer departments in the Third Magisterial District.

"The purpose of my office," said Chief Thompson, "is to reduce the fire hazard in the county. I am sure that I will have the understanding cooperation of every resident in accomplishing the highest degree of effectiveness along this line."

"After a careful examination of the problem of county fire protection I am prepared to praise very highly the volunteer departments that have been doing an excellent and unselfish job of protecting their neighbors from loss through fire."

"But, I also find a number of communities with no protection whatever and where attempts to organize local volunteer departments have failed for some reason or other."

"Pleasure Ridge is one of these

communities where fire losses have been high and protection lacking. We have the site owned by the county practically in the center of the Third District. I am going to ask the Fiscal Court to establish a 24-hour station there with two competent engineers, one on duty at all times. With a 750 gallon pumper, and two auxiliary water tanks and a crew of trained volunteers I believe we can give a maximum of protection in this area."

Thompson explained that one of the most necessary operations in the county is the mapping and study of available water supplies in every community. He said he would urge the digging of ponds at farms strategically located for fire-fighting.

The cooperation of volunteer units will make it possible, said Thompson, to give Jefferson County complete fire protection without exorbitant cost. "A central 24-hour station in each magisterial district is a goal I hope to see reached in the near future," he explained.

JOINT MEETING

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to enjoy the address H. T. A. Hummel, J. Willis, R. Roemele and Lucy Part and Mary

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October 3, 1945: Board meeting:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

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ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1945.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Association was held on Wednesday, October 3, 1945, at the Fire Hall with President, John Monohan presiding. All directors were present except Louis Schweitzer and Dr. James E. Winter.

The Secretary read the minutes of the September 5 Meeting and a motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Schlich that they be approved as read. Motion voted and carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss that the Secretary secure a paid assistant for part time work at a salary of \$25.00 per month and that she be employed for as long as the directors deem her services necessary. That an ad be placed in the St. Matthews Sun if necessary to secure the assistant. Motion voted and carried.

Core City
~~Mr. Andriot reported on securing an Architect, Mr. Gray for drawing up the plans for the new Fire House. He advised that Mr. Gray would like to have a rough sketch of the lay out desired by the Association.~~

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 7 at 8:00 P. M. at the Fire House.

Motion made for adjournment by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Matthews. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P. M.

L. C. MATTHEWS
SECRETARY

1945

Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, New Nanz & Neuner Co. Greenhouses, north of present site of Pearson Funeral Home on Breckenridge Lane in 1945. ZV 10-45 U file, Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives.



Courtesy <http://www.pearsonfuneralhome.com/>

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, The Colonial Boarding Kennels on the north side of Shelbyville Road, east of LaGrange Road, 1945. The site is under the northeast quadrant of the Watterson Expressway—Shelbyville Road interchange. ZV227-45U, Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives.



Courtesy <http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/aviation/bow.htm>
1945

Aerial view of Bowman Field c.

Photo from National Register collection, courtesy of Kentucky Heritage Council



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Courtesy, <https://historiclouisville.weebly.com/east--some-suburbs.html#PhotoSwipe1536980957473>



3214 Frankfort Avenue - 1946 - Jim Casper Liquor Store. Louisville Metro Archives & Records Center



3212 Frankfort Avenue - 1946 - Edward Meisburg Drug Store. Louisville Metro Archives & Records Center

1945

Courtesy A place in time, The story of Louisville's neighborhoods, 1989, by *The Courier Journal* and *Louisville Times Company*, David Hawpe, Nina Walfoort. Cadets were in line for their final formation before summer vacation, above at the Kentucky Military Institute in 1945. The school closed in 1973, and Ten Breock Hospital now occupies the grounds.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 7 to OCT. 13

October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week and a campaign to decrease fire hazards in the home and public buildings is being conducted throughout the country.

In Jefferson County, Fire Chief Claude Thompson and representatives from the State fire marshals' office are visiting schools, distributing pamphlets and showing motion picture films describing common fire risks and methods of eliminating the danger of disastrous conflagrations.

Chief Thompson Asks Fire Prevention Aid

This week is national "Fire Prevention Week" and County Fire Chief Claude Thompson has been making the rounds of county schools, distributing literature and posters, and speaking to pupils and teachers on methods of eliminating fire hazards.

Chief Thompson found, he said, a gratifying response from school faculties and students and believes that an effort will be made in the county to reduce the danger of fire by increased caution on the part of individuals.

"The school can do much toward making the county safer against destructive fires," said Thompson. "After all, fire protection is a science, and careful study and practice of this science will result in the saving of life and property. There is no better place to instill the knowledge that is needed to combat the danger of fire than the school room.

"Three films depicting graphically the ordinary fire hazards about the home," said Thompson, "were shown at the Jeffersontown High School Monday morning. They were repeated until every student had viewed them. Principal J. H. Priestly was cooperative and interested and fully persuaded of the value of fire prevention information."

"Every school in the county will be visited," said Thompson "and we will make return calls whenever requested."

An official of the state fire marshals' office accompanied the local fire chief on his rounds.

1945

November 7, 1945: Board meetings:

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n

A meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Wednesday, November 7, 1945, at the Fire Hall.

Meeting opened at 8:25 with Mr. John Monohan presiding. Mr. Monohan explained that Mr. Whitehead, the owner of the Fire House, has an opportunity to rent the Fire Hall for \$50.00 per month. The Fire Association does not pay rent.

Leland Wilson and Louis Schweitzer were appointed to contact Mr. Whitehead regarding the Fire Association's use of the Building and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Garton of the Spring Hill Community Club offered the Association \$125.00 per year more or less - a flat rate for fire protection in the territory he represented - three streets Spring Hill Road, Alton Road and Hillsboro Road. He stated this amount was not final but a tentative fee.

Mr. George Miller moved that action on Mr. Garton's offer be postponed. Seconded by Mr. Schweitzer. Motion carried.

Mr. Monohan told of the co-operation of the St. Matthews Sanitary Sewer District officials in supplying the Association with a complete list of the property owners in this section.

It was agreed that the Secretary's Assistant, Mrs. Margaret B. Marsh, 106 S. Birchwood, Ta 3828, Louisville, be bonded for \$1,000.00.

The Secretary was requested to write a letter to the Metropolitan Building and Loan Association stating that the employment of Mrs. Marsh by the Fire Association is not in any way connected with her other duties.

It was announced that Terry's Texaco Station, the Metropolitan Building and Loan Association and Frankel-Obrecht Drug Company will be collecting stations for the dues of the Fire Association.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Leland Wilson, Secy Pro tem

3 Caught In Building Shoot Their Way Out

Three men trapped in the Landohr Bowling Alleys, Shelbyville Road, one mile east of **St. Matthews**, at 4 a.m. yesterday by County Patrolmen John Burk and George Moss escaped after a rapid-fire exchange of shots with the patrolmen.

The trio was discovered when the patrolmen investigated an automobile parked in the rear of the building. The shooting started when Moss, who went to the front, fired a shotgun blast through a window when he saw one of the men make a motion for a gun.

\$25 Stolen.

In the rear, Burk unloaded his gun one, reloaded and emptied it again as the trio, guns blazing, ran the door toward their automobile. Burk said one of the men must have carried an extra set of keys or the ignition on the car was wired, as he removed one set of keys when he examined it.

A pinball machine and cigarette machine were broken into and \$25 stolen, Burk reported. No one was injured in the exchange of shots, but several windows were broken by stray bullets.

Wounded during a shooting that followed an argument Wednesday with a neighboring cafe owner, Robert Jackson, 55, of 1212 S. First, operator of Jackson's Cafe, 1629 W. Market, remained in a serious condition at Kentucky Baptist Hospital last

night with a bullet lodged against his spine.

Police said Jackson was shot after an exchange of words with Thiemann English, 37, operator of a cafe at 1616 W. Market, over theft of \$500 in cash, \$20 from pinball machines and \$100 worth of cigarettes from Jackson's Cafe. English and his father, Morse English, 68, crossed the street to Jackson's cafe when they heard someone had accused them of having a part in the robbery, police reported.

Muto Denies Yamashita Hurt Women, Children

Manila, Nov. 23 (Friday) (U.P.)—Japanese Lt. Gen. Akira Muto said today that Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita had never given orders for punishment of women and children suspected of guerrilla activity and denied the charge that 60,000 Filipinos had been killed by the Japanese.

Muto, chief of staff to Yamashita, testified on the second day of his cross-examination before an American military commission trying Yamashita on war crimes

November 9, and December 5, 1945, letters:

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November 9, 1945, *The Jeffersonian*:

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As requested we are enclosing herewith Application
for Fidelity Bond and Employer's Statement.

Please return same to this office when the forms
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Thanking you for this account, we are

Yours very truly,

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Dec. 5, 1945.

G. T. Dick Insurance Agency,
3903 Frankfort Ave.,
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Dick:

I am attaching hereto both the Employer's and Employees
questionnaire in regards to the application of the St.
Matthews Volunteer Fire Association for \$1000.00 Bond on
Marguerite Brown Marsh. We shall appreciate your seeing
that proper Bond is issued protecting the Association, and
I feel that a Bond issued December 15, 1945 to December 15,
1946 will be very satisfactory. If further information is
required, please get in touch with me, otherwise I shall
be looking for the early receipt of confirmation of this
Bond.

Sincerely yours,

L. C. MATTHEWS, SEC.
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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County Fire Fighters Want Paid Supervisor

The East Jefferson Lions Club whose membership is composed largely of Jeffersontown, Fern Creek and Buechel residents, has appointed a committee to present a petition to the Jefferson County Fiscal Court asking for paid personnel to be stationed at county fire departments.

While the action in which the club is particularly interested pertains to the three volunteer fire departments in the communities named, any affirmative step taken by the Court will include other units in the county.

Club officials stated that the opinion of its members was that 24-hour service was essential at county fire departments and while manned in the main by volunteers, as in the past, the county should furnish a sufficient number of men to insure constant watch and immediate answer to fire calls.

The paid members of each community staff would be responsible, under the Lions' plan, for the maintenance of equipment and apparatus and for training volunteers.

County Fire Chief Claud Thompson, appointed recently, could not be reached for a statement, but it is believed he will recommend the favorable action by the court.

Chairman N. B. Sublette, Midletown, of the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association was also not available for comment.

Guest Preachers To Occupy Pulpits

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. F. Huddleston, O. J. Silvers, Superintendent of County Schools will deliver the message at the Jeffersontown Methodist Church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. Gamble of Buechel will preach at the Fern Creek Methodist Church at both morning and evening services, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Huddleston, who left on Monday of this week, is in Sulphur Well, Ky., Metcalfe County, where he will spend about ten days in a revival meeting at the Sulphur Well Methodist Church.

W.S.C.S. MEETS WEDNESDAY

Mrs. C. A. Hummel will be hostess to the W.S.C.S. of the Jeffersontown Methodist Church Wednesday, Nov. 14, when they will meet at her home for their regular monthly missionary meeting. The meeting will begin at 2 o'clock. All members are asked to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

3 Caught In Building Shoot Their Way Out

Three men trapped in the Landoehr Bowling Alleys, Shelbyville Road, one mile east of **St. Matthews**, at 4 a.m. yesterday by County Patrolmen John Burk and George Moss escaped after a rapid-fire exchange of shots with the patrolmen.

The trio was discovered when the patrolmen investigated an automobile parked in the rear of the building. The shooting started when Moss, who went to the front, fired a shotgun blast through a window when he saw one of the men make a motion for a gun.

\$25 Stolen.

In the rear, Burk unloaded his gun one, reloaded and emptied it again as the trio, guns blazing, ran the door toward their automobile. Burk said one of the men must have carried an extra set of keys or the ignition on the car was wired, as he removed one set of keys when he examined it.

A pinball machine and cigarette machine were broken into and \$25 stolen, Burk reported. No one was injured in the exchange of shots, but several windows were broken by stray bullets.

Wounded during a shooting that followed an argument Wednesday with a neighboring cafe owner, Robert Jackson, 55, of 1212 S. First, operator of Jackson's Cafe, 1629 W. Market, remained in a serious condition at Kentucky Baptist Hospital last

night with a bullet lodged against his spine.

Police said Jackson was shot after an exchange of words with Thiemann English, 37, operator of a cafe at 1616 W. Market, over theft of \$500 in cash, \$20 from pinball machines and \$100 worth of cigarettes from Jackson's Cafe. English and his father, Morse English, 68, crossed the street to Jackson's cafe when they heard someone had accused them of having a part in the robbery, police reported.

Muto Denies Yamashita Hurt Women, Children

Manila, Nov. 23 (Friday) (U.P.)—Japanese Lt. Gen. Akira Muto said today that Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita had never given orders for punishment of women and children suspected of guerrilla activity and denied the charge that 60,000 Filipinos had been killed by the Japanese.

Muto, chief of staff to Yamashita, testified on the second day of his cross-examination before an American military commission trying Yamashita on war crimes

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January 1, 1946: Claude Thompson, County Fire Chief said they were going to buy 3 fire trucks, and hire 6 men, 2 at each of the 3 fire houses.

In 1946, the County Government decided they would furnish fire protection in the county, so they bought 3 fire trucks, and put one in Middletown, one in the center of the County and one out in the Pleasure Ridge Park area and called this the County Fire Department. Needless to say this just didn't work and by 1950 it folded.

1946 was the first St. Matthews Potato Festival.

January 11, 1946, *The Jeffersonian*: need rest of article

County Fire Chief Asks Xmas Caution

"Many families that will be reunited this Christmas for the first time in many winters may be separated again by fire, unless people are more careful than they have been other years," Fire Chief Claud Thompson warned today. He pointed out that December has the worst fire record of any month in the year and many of these fires occur during the holidays.

There's no need to do away with the festivities, "but we do need to take some precautions," the Chief declared.

"To begin with, the Christmas tree burns very easily when it is dry. So set it up in a basin of water, away from heat, open flames, or electric sockets. And put the tree where it won't block exits.

"Another thing to be careful about," continued the Chief, "is the decorations used on the tree and walls. These days people can buy safe decorations, such as glass balls for the tree, metal tinsel, and flame-proofed wreaths."

The Chief was particularly emphatic about open flames. "Candles and unprotected fireplaces may look pretty to some people," he said, "but I call them dangerous at any time, and particularly at Christmas. Protect the fireplace with a screen, and don't use candles at all.

"Electrical decorations are safe if they are in good condition and carry the approval label of Underwriters' Laboratories and if care is taken not to overload the circuit," he continued. "Christmas wrappings left lying around are as dangerous as they are colorful so pick them up as soon as the packages are opened. Be a careful smoker, and provide plenty of ash trays for your guests. And then, just because accidents can happen in spite of everything we do, keep your fire extinguisher handy, where it will

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January 18, 1946, *The Courier-Journal*:



Courier-Journal Photo.

BIDS for a firehouse at Pleasure Ridge, urged by County Fire Chief Claude Thompson, left, will be taken despite the opposition in Fiscal Court yesterday of Walter Shackleton, right, representative of volunteer fire-fighting units.

Bids On County Firehouse And 3 Pumpers Authorized

The Fiscal Court yesterday authorized a call for bids on construction of a new firehouse at Pleasure Ridge and on purchase of three new pumpers—steps designed to lead to establishment of a County Fire Department.

Before the action was taken, court members heard Walter Shackleton, representing the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Association, plead that establishment of three proposed fire stations manned by paid firemen in the county would "lead to disintegration of the present 11 volunteer county units."

County Fire Chief Claude

on the proposed purchase of the three pumpers, to be located in the county's three magisterial districts. Commissioners Edward Torstrick, E. P. White, Jr., and Judge Horace Barker voted in favor of the measures.

Budget Causes Concern.

Court members expressed concern over budget matters when it was revealed that pay increases to many County employees and creation of new jobs has reduced the \$19,000 contingent fund to \$33,000. Nearly half this fund is made up of a \$16,000 repayment from the Health Department.

The commissioners refused requests for increases in wages of recorders in each of the magisterial districts from \$200 to \$250 a month.

A proposal to repair the County Jail was tabled until legality of use of money from the contingent fund for the work can be determined by County Attorney Sam Steinfeld. Purchase of kitchen equipment, mattresses and beds was authorized last week.

An offer to rent the auxiliary armory on Cedar for 65 months at an annual rental of \$3,600, made by Dad's Root Beer Company, Chicago, was taken under advisement by the Court. The building is now leased for \$1 a year to the State Militia.

Land Swap Suggested

Louisville should try to swap the land on Zorn Avenue which the Federal Government plans to purchase from the Louisville Water Company for a veterans hospital for Lincoln Park, the Fiscal Court agreed yesterday.

Thompson replied that the proposed Fire Department would "embrace and support volunteer units."

Bid Call Authorized.

By a 3-to-1 vote the court authorized Stratton O. Hammon, architect, to ask bids for the Pleasure Ridge building, expected to cost \$19,500.

County Commissioner Miles Thacker voted against the measure, declaring, "I want a copy of matters coming before the court, and I won't vote on matters I'm not informed on."

Thacker declined to cast a vote

January 22, 1946, *The Courier-Journal*:

Barker to Have Court Take Up Fire-Unit Plan

A program and County policy toward volunteer fire units, recommended by the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Association, will be proposed to the Fiscal Court at its meeting Thursday, County Judge Horace Barker said last night.

The proposal was presented to Barker by B. N. Sublette, president of the association, and Walter Shackleton, civilian defense co-ordinator. Recommendations include blanket \$1,000 accident coverage for volunteer firemen.

Ray Baer, County recreation director, discussed with Barker co-ordination of school, health, police and recreation facilities to combat juvenile delinquency.

Dixie Highway Gets First Fire Station

The first 24-hour fully equipped, full salaried fire station to be established in Jefferson County will be erected at Pleasure Ridge on the Dixie Highway, midway between Shively and Orell.

This location is the choice of Fire Chief Claud Thompson, who pointed out to the Fiscal Court that besides serving a large area which has no volunteer fire organization, the Pleasure Ridge Department will be able to make runs effectively anywhere in the 3rd Magisterial District.

Chief Thompson said yesterday that the new station was the first project in a program for fire prevention in Jefferson County and that he hoped to see, in time, a sufficient number of fire stations operated 24 hours to serve the entire county.

Some opposition was voiced by a few individuals, among them, Shackleton, a member of a volunteer department in the Worthington section, objected to the new plan of regularly established fire departments, saying that such professional organizations would discourage the several volunteer units in the county.

Chief Thompson declared however that Shackleton's objections were baseless. "The county fire departments and the volunteer groups will be expected to supplement each other, I expect to see the integrity of the volunteer organizations preserved and as for effectiveness, that of the volunteers should be increased."

"My job," said Thompson, "is to decrease the fire hazards in Jefferson County. My purpose is to save lives and property. I have a high opinion of the volunteer units and would like to see more

such groups organized in the county. It will be a long time before Jefferson County has sufficient fire-protection and the county will not be able for many years to blanket the county with 24-hour stations."

Mrs. W. T. Settles To Direct Choral Club

Mrs. W. T. Settles was appointed this week to direct the Jeffersontown Choral Club which has recently been organized by Miss Fannie Stoll, music instructor at Jeffersontown High School.

The choral club, a part of the recreation program at Jeffersontown, meets every Wednesday evening, at 7:30, at the school. All young people and adults of the community, who enjoy singing, are invited to join the group.

Recommended by Mrs. Stoll, Mrs. Settles received her appointment from Ray Baer, county recreation supervisor.

SAMUEL FRENZ PI KAPP

Samuel Frenz, College of Community of Kent and son of Mr. Frenz, Wattersontown, has joined membership Chapter of Pi Kappa fraternity at the

Fire Fighting Lessons Planned For Police

County Fire Chief Claude Thompson announced this week that arrangements had been made with County Police Chief Tom Dover for the training of county patrolmen in fire fighting and handling fire apparatus.

Chief Thompson told *The Jeffersonian* that the overall plan for county fire protection provided for the establishment of a number of 24-hour stations which would also be used as district headquarters for police.

"It is possible," said Thompson, "to give the county adequate fire protection economically although it will take time to complete the full program. Chief Dover has assured me of his interest and cooperation in the establishment of stations to be used as headquarters for both police and firemen."

"Our plans include fire-fighting instruction for members of the county police force which will enable them to assist in the operation of volunteer apparatus and county equipment."

"I would like to remind the public at this time that it is impossible to place county equipment everywhere it is needed in the county. This phase of county development has been neglected so long that a huge liability has accumulated. Finances prevent the construction of the number of fire stations actually needed. We must proceed gradually placing a few stations at strategic locations, and depend on the volunteer firemen who are doing an excellent job to bear the brunt of the responsibility."

"The volunteer organizations will be a necessary feature of county fire protection for many years and with their untainted operation, I hope to see the fire in Jefferson County considerably decreased."

Chief Thompson is preparing a survey of the county to determine those sections where fire is caused the greatest damage, where fire is most recurrent and where fire protection is needed.

New Fire Station Planned At Buechel

The Buechel Volunteer Fire Department has been incorporated and the following directors chosen for the coming year:

Roy Schmist, chairman; J. H. Butterman, treasurer; Maurice Luker, secretary; Dr. J. V. McMahon, R. Thurston Schmidt, Bill Rice and J. Rudy Frodenberger.

Oldham Clarke was named attorney for the department.

The department plans the erection of a fire station at a central point in the community and the purchase of new and modern pumping equipment.

Recent fire losses in the county have stimulated the effort in many sections to procure adequate fire-fighting equipment and personnel.

February 1, 1946, *The Jeffersonian*:**A. D. ZEHNDER**

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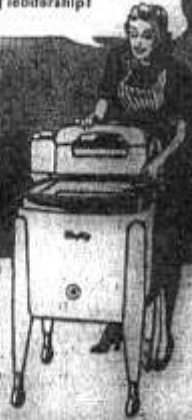
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How **St. Matthews** Got Its Name

The distinguished president of the Louisville baseball club phoned me the other day and requested that I communicate with him. When I received the message I presumed that he desired to ask me what I knew of some former baseball players; but it was otherwise. He desired to know how **St. Matthews** acquired its name.

In 1839 a great-aunt of Marshall Bullitt had an Episcopal church built here. It was burned down. The name of this church was **St. Matthews**. The property on which it was situated reverted to this lady. In 1854 a post office was established here by the United States and the act creating it denominated it **St. Matthews**. The name of the railroad station was first Gilman's. It was afterwards changed to **St. Matthews**. A NATIVE OF GILMAN'S POINT. **St. Matthews, Ky.**

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March 5, 1946.

TELEPHONE TA 0653

March 5, 1946:

Mr. L.C. Matthews,
Tyler Building,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

As you requested I am enclosing a list of the various owners of property in the business district in St Matthews.

This gives you the lot and block number of each piece of property as shown on the maps in the County Commissioner's office; the name of the owner of said particular property; and the assessed value of said property.

You will note I have drawn a free hand map of said district showing the lot and block numbers of the various property so that it will be easier for you to locate the owners of each particular piece of property. All you will have to do is to locate the lot and block number on the map, and then refer to said said numbers on your list and the name of the owner will be opposite these numbers together with the assessed value of said property.

The date I am giving you was taken from the records in the Commissioners office and they are anywhere from four to six weeks behind in posting the conveyances. In other words any conveyances made during the last six weeks may not show on this list.

Should there be any further information you desire, kindly call me and I will be glad to furnish you with same if possible.

Yours truly,



March 6, 1946: *The Courier-Journal*: Volunteers sue county to stop purchase of 3 fire trucks. They did this through their Association. A temporary restraining order was given. George Miller, from our Board offered to give the County some land for a firehouse if they left St. Matthews alone.

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March 6, 1946:

Fiscal Court.

3/6/46

As ~~per~~ per your request we wish to place before your court the proposition which our director Mr. Geo E. Miller roughly submitted to you today.

It is our desire to purchase a lot suitable for a building which will house the County pumper and our two peices of fire equipment this lot to be donated to the county for a fire house and police station the building to be erected by the county a suitable busilding to house the departments and equipment as set forth above.

Our fire association will continue to function as before and it will not be necessary for the County oned pumper to make any runs unless absolutely needed to back our department up with in the St. Matthews area which is from city limiuts to Hubbards lane, Beargrass Creek to Brownsboro road .

Our volunter fireman will continue to take care of all ~~our~~ our equipment and will cooperate in every way with the two paid men which you will have stationed at the firehouse 24 hours a day.

This plan was worked out by our directors after we had the oportunity to study the county plans and as St. Matthews area has the largest population in the county everybody including Mr. Sublette and The Buechel fire department feel that the first house and equipment should be put in the heart of St. Matthews first. You remeber Mr. Sublette of the Middletown group was present when Mr. Miller offered this proposition and came forward to express how he felt about our propsition.

As Mr. Miller explained to you we have some lots under consideration but we do not want to buy same until your honorable members approve the location.

We suggest you appo nt one member or committee to meet with our committee and look at the ~~territory~~ locations and agree on same and we will immediately buy said lot and donate it to the county.

At this time we want to thank you for spirit in which you ~~recept~~ received Mr. Miller suggestions and assure you this association is going to cooperate with the program 100%

March 7, 1946, *The Courier-Journal*:

Volunteers Sue Court To Halt Engine Purchase

Maneuvers between the Fiscal Court and the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen's Association reached the confusion stage yesterday when the volunteers sued the court to prevent purchase of three fire engines, while two volunteer units offered to donate land for firehouses and police substations.

Chancery Judge Lawrence Speckman granted a temporary restraining order to prevent the purchase, sought by J. H. Butterman, Buechel; J. M. Monohan, Jr., St. Matthews, and H. B. Sims, Brownsboro Road, and set next Wednesday for a hearing on a permanent injunction.

Notice of the restraining order was served just before the Fiscal Court session opened. It caused an amendment to be made to the order authorizing purchase of the pumpers from the Seagrave Corporation, and delayed start of construction of a combination firehouse-police substation at Pleasure Ridge.

County Gets Choice.

George E. Miller, representing the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, offered to donate land in the center of the community for a fire station and gave the County its choice of sites.

He proposed that the volunteer's equipment be housed with that of the County. There was only one condition to the offer, he said, that County equipment not be used for fighting St. Matthews fires.

County Judge Horace Barker suggested the unit submit its proposal in writing. Then B. N. Sublette, president of the volunteer association, said similar recommendations from other communities would be ready next Wednesday, when the association will meet at 8 p.m. at Hike's School, Buechel.

Butterman Makes Offer.

Butterman, one of the filers of the injunction suit, said he would give land at Buechel for a fire station.

The Wehr Construction Company was authorized to build the Pleasure Ridge firehouse and police station, but work will not commence until after the injunction suit is heard.

County Attorney Samuel Steinfeld submitted an amendment to the order purchasing the fire pumpers that makes the deal contingent on the 1946-47 budget providing funds for payment of the equipment when it is delivered. Franklin Fitch, attorney for the company, said the condition was satisfactory.

One argument of the injunction suit is that there is no pro-

vision in the 1945-46 budget for fire pumper purchases.

Two motorcycles for the County police were purchased by the Fiscal Court at a price of \$642.57 each from the Cunningham Motorcycle Company, 1818 W. Broadway, although low bidder was the Indiana Motorcycle Sales & Service Company, Shively, at \$475.80 each.

Police Chief Tom Dover in a written recommendation said that the police force now has six cycles of the type purchased in operation and servicing will be facilitated if all those used are the same type.

Repair of the four court rooms of Magistrate Rollin Gibbs was authorized after Gibbs explained that plaster falls from the walls and must be repaired every year or two. Other minor repairs also were approved.

Armed Bandit Robs Richmond Store of \$3,200

Richmond, Ky., March 6 (AP).—An armed bandit who waited until all employees except the manager had left the store tonight took \$3,200 in a robbery at the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company store here.

Chief of Police William J. Mason said Ernest Holbert, store manager, reported he was alone in the grocery counting the day's receipts when the bandit came up behind him and ordered, "Stick 'em up!"

Holbert stated the loot included \$1,500 in receipts for the day, \$1,200 previously on hand and \$500 normally kept for making change.

Burning of Dormitory Causes Housing Lack

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Shelbyville, Ky., March 6.—An acute housing shortage today confronted Lincoln Institute near Simpsonville after destruction by fire last night of a three-story dormitory.

Damage was estimated at around \$90,000. Origin of the fire was undetermined. Starting in the basement, the flames soon

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March 11, 1946: Board meeting:

NOTE Letterhead

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March 11, 1946

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.
held on March 6th, 1946 at the Fire House.

The Meeting was called to order by the President Mr. John Monahan.
The Treasurer was unable to attend so his report was passed to
the next monthly meeting.

There were no minutes available for the last meeting, held on
February the 6th, 1946.

Mr. George Miller and Mr. John Monahan reported on a meeting
they had with Mr. Martin and Mr. Clemens of the Astorial Bureau.
Mr. Martin and Mr. Clemens advised Chief Thompson left the
County Fire Department that they did not approve of the County
set-up as put forward and that if any of the present Volunteer
Departments were forced out, all credit extended because of
such Departments would be cancelled and tenth class rates would
apply. If the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association would employ
a man to be on duty at the Fire House 24 hours a day, that the
limits would be extended to one and a half miles.

Mr. George Miller reported on a meeting with the County Fiscal
Court held on March 6th, 1946 and advised of a proposition which
he had made to the Fiscal Court to incorporate the County Fire
Department's Service and Action with our association service in
the St. Matthews Area. Mr. Miller submitted a letter to be mailed
to the Fiscal Court outlining his and our recommendations as to
the County Fire Department setup in this area.

Mr. Miller's letter was approved unanimously by the directors present,
and the Secretary was instructed to mail said letter to the Fiscal
Court.

Dr. Winter is to check on the Clinic option with Dr. Cox and if he
finds that their option is not going to be exercised and feels that
this property can be obtained thru them for our building, a special
meeting will be called to approve such actions.

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Minutes of March 6th, 1946 meeting.

A motion made by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Dr. Winter to
assess the business property owners \$1.50 per thousand dollar
valuation as carried on the County tax books with a minimum
charge of \$10.00 per piece of property. Motion voted and
carried.

Motion made by Mr. George Miller and seconded by Mr. Wilson to
submit to the Spring Hill club in writing the following propo-
sition:

\$8.00 per house less 20%, with a minimum of \$300.00
paid at one time to the Fire Association.

Motion voted and carried unanimously by those present.

Motion made by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Matthews to give a party
for the Volunteer firemen of our association after the next meeting.
Motion voted and carried unanimously by those present.

Members present: John M. Monahan, Jr., E. Leland Wilson,
L. Churchill Matthews, Louis H. Schweitzer,
George W. Miller.

L. Churchill Matthews,
Secretary.

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Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society:



Weisburg Drugs

Feb., 1946

Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Kentucky Model Shop before move to Wallace strip stores, August, 1946



6-Foot Officers To Walk Beats In St. Matthews

Six 6-foot plainclothes patrolmen have been put on a "round-the-clock walking beat" to clamp a lid on crime in the St. Matthews commercial district, County Police Chief Tom Dover announced yesterday.

The men, assigned to the district in addition to the regular squad cars, are ex-servicemen and "look like officers," Dover said. He urged St. Matthews citizens to burn porch lights at night and not to be alarmed if police should beam a flashlight up residential driveways.

Calls for Quick Reports.

Jefferson Countians also were asked to report break-ins and other violations to County police immediately. "Make it fast, so the police have a fair chance of catching the offender," Dover said.

Explaining he had received several reports of men seeking to give rides to women or bobby-soxers, he requested that police be given the license numbers of the cars of men trying to make pick-ups.

Sublette States Case Of Volunteer Firemen

B. N. Sublette, of Middletown, and J. H. Buttermann, of Buechel, appeared before the Fiscal Court recently with a restraining order, signed by Judge Lawrence Speckman, forbidding the purchase of three fire pumpers by the Court.

Earlier, it is said, a meeting was held with Walter Shackleton, of Worthington, and former County Commissioner James W. Henning and representatives of the local actuarial bureau present and plans were laid for the injunction.

That fire protection is inadequate for the 100,000 residents of the county is undisputed. A number of volunteer departments, many of them organized since Pearl Harbor with the encouragement of civilian defense authorities, have done and are doing excellent and public spirited work in serving their immediate communities.

Recently the appointment of County Fire Chief Claude Thompson an experienced fireman with 26 years of fire-fighting behind him, encouraged county tax-payers to believe that this long neglected side of county welfare was to be given expert and professional attention.

It was generally accepted that the appointment of a fire chief was a step toward establishment of county fire stations with modern equipment and full time personnel, and the county at large was pleased with the information that the Fiscal Court had decided to buy three pumpers as a start and to set up a fire station in each magisterial district in the county.

At this point however objections were raised by some members of volunteer fire-fighting units who protested the purchase of the pumpers.

Questioned concerning the viewpoint of the volunteers, B. N.

Sublette, of Middletown, chairman of the Jefferson County Volunteer Fireman's association, explained that the principal criticism was directed at the arbitrary location of county fire stations at points away from population centers.

"A station at the county quarry on the Brownsboro Road," said Sublette, "is not located at a strategic point. It should be closer to St. Matthews. The one to be placed near Newburg is not located properly."

"We object also to the manner in which the volunteer departments are ignored in the county fire chief's plans. After all there are eleven volunteer departments in the county. Members of these departments have given their time and money to the cause of preventing disastrous fires. They should be considered."

"Out of these appropriations for fighting fire the Fiscal Court should provide funds for improving the equipment of the volunteer departments."

Sublette said that the Middletown Volunteer Department declined to be a party to any action against the court.

J'town Civic Club To Talk Buses Again

More discussion relative to bus service in the County is expected to take place next Monday evening, when the regular March meeting of the Jeffersontown Civic Club will be held, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Pursuant to a resolution passed

March 16, 1946, *The Courier-Journal*:

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April 1946: Board meeting: C. M. Matthews resigned because of moving, George Miller took over as Secretary.

April 5, 1946, The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews Incorporation Asked; Civic Club Proposes Annexation

Mass Meeting Set for Tuesday

A few hours after a petition was filed in Jefferson Circuit Court seeking incorporation of **St. Matthews** as a City of the third class, the **St. Matthews** Civic Club board of directors last night voted to recommend that the community be annexed to Louisville instead.

The latter action, taken at a special board meeting, is expected to precipitate lively discussion at a mass meeting at 8 p.m. next Tuesday at the **St. Matthews** Armory where incorporation versus annexation will be debated.

The petition asked incorporation of an area of approximately seven square miles in which 9,702 residents live.

Confers With Taylor.

E. N. Andriot, president of the **St. Matthews** Civic Club, told the board of directors he had conferred with Mayor E. Leland Taylor on the matter of annexation yesterday and that the Mayor said he did not want to "antagonize" residents of the community by forcing annexation upon them, but if they wanted to be joined with Louisville he and other City officials would study the matter.

This resolution was adopted by the civic club's directors and will

be presented to the club's membership for consideration.

"In view of the fact that the people of **St. Matthews** must choose between incorporation and annexation, the board of directors of the **St. Matthews** Civic Club recommends annexation as being much more desirable and beneficial to the people of **St. Matthews**."

More Than 1,000 Sign.

The incorporation petition, filed by attorney Franklin P. Hays, was presented in behalf of James R. Engle, an attorney, 3925 Winchester Road; J. M. Roby, 107 Oxford Place, and Howard D. Loudon, 4027 St. Ives Court, and 1,001 other signers. Hays said the signers represented one tenth of the population affected, the necessary percentage for such an action.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Jefferson Chancery Court, probably before Judge Scott Miller, on Friday, April 26, and there were reports from **St. Matthews** that strong opposition would be presented against incorporation.

The petition for incorporation asked that the Chancery Court appoint a Mayor, chief of police, and 12 councilmen to serve temporarily until an election.

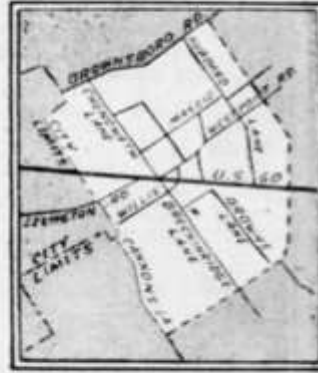
Area Is Defined.

The area sought for incorporation, as set out in the petition, is bounded by Cannon's Lane on the west, Brownsboro Road on the north, an unnamed street two blocks east of Hubbard's Lane on

the east, and Brownlee Road on the south.

Incorporation as a third-class City would make **St. Matthews** comparable with Bowling Green and Winchester, the petitioners said. Incorporation was asked in the petition on the basis of need for fire and police protection and street paving and repair.

Filing of the petition came after several recent attempts at incorporating. At one time, several years ago, **St. Matthews** was incorporated as a sixth-class City but reverted to unincorporated status as result of a suit.



Courier-Journal Map.

The white section shows the approximate area of **St. Matthews** affected by the incorporation proposal.

The fight raged in **St. Matthews** over sewers, annexation or incorporation, for a long time.

June 7, 1946, The Jeffersonian:

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gentle of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hightower and their boys at Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gentry of Jeffersonville were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Northcutt.
Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz, Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Green and son of Louisville, visited Rev. R. H. Cohen and wife Sunday.
Mrs. Bessie Spier spent a day last week with Mrs. Betty Hight, Louisville, and over the with Mrs. Lloyd Trickett, Taylorville.
Mrs. Mabel Steen and family, of Danville, have just returned to High Grove in the home of her sister, Mrs. Elmy Shuck, Mr. Shuck and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Mary Lavelle and son were last Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lavelle.
Mr. and Mrs. Budgie Brown and family spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barker and family at Danville.
Frank Wood has returned from St. Anthony's Hospital after treatment for a scalp wound. He

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St. Matthews Grocery First In U. S. Conforming to A&P's Postwar Plan

THE first A & P Supermarket in the United States conforming completely to the food chain's postwar store blueprint will be opened Tuesday at 3929 Frankfort Avenue, in **St. Matthews**.

which include the addition of three departments, bringing the total to eight departments, and the enlargement and re-equipment of others. The additions are a candy department, retailing confections of many varieties packed

in cellophane containers; a department devoted entirely to frozen foods—fruits, vegetables, meats, fish and ice cream—displayed in open self-service refrigeration cases, and a bakery department 50 feet long.

The new building which will house this food department store is of steel, glazed tile and glass brick, 92 x 165 feet. Its 15,180 square-feet of floor space makes it one of the largest retail markets in the South, according to J. B. DeJarnatt, vice-president in charge of A & P Food Store operations in this area.

Cost \$125,000

The structure was built to company specifications under a lease arrangement with the owner, the Eline Realty Company of **St. Matthews**. The Stoner Construction Company was the general contractor. Cost of the building and equipment is estimated at \$125,000.

Features include an aluminum ceiling, interior wall finish of buff-colored glazed brick and white tile board, fluorescent lights in strip arrangements throughout the store, a mezzanine floor to be utilized entirely for employee recreation rooms and lavatories, and complete air-conditioning.

Adjoining the building is a paved parking lot, 80 x 200 feet, which will park 100 cars.

Old Store Burned

The chain of circumstances that caused the food chain to put its first postwar store in **St. Matthews** began May 4, 1945, when the company's supermarket at 3730 Lexington Road was destroyed by fire. While awaiting construction of the new building, the store was operated in a part of Eline's Garage, on Breckinridge Lane. Construction delays permitted the company to obtain fixtures and refrigeration equipment called for in its postwar store blueprint, with the result that all elements—the specially designed building and new and redesigned store departments—were brought together in the **St. Matthews** store.

3 Departments Added

The store that burned had 7,200 square-feet of floor space, or less than half that of the new structure. It employed 25 persons. Ninety will be employed at the new store. The makeshift store on Breckinridge Lane will be closed at the end of business tomorrow.

The set-up of the new store contains a number of innovations,

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July 10, 1946: Annual Board meeting:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated

<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICERS</p> <p>John M. Monohan, Jr., President E. Leland Wilson, Vice President Fred H. Boss, Treasurer L. Churchill Matthews, Secretary</p> <p>Mrs. Margaret B. Marsh Assistant Secretary 3832 Frankfort Avenue</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">DIRECTORS</p> <p>John M. Monohan, Jr. E. Leland Wilson Fred H. Boss L. Churchill Matthews Louis H. Schweitzer Dr. James E. Winter E. N. "Bud" Andriot George Miller R. C. Schlich</p>
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
July 10, 1946.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association which was
held Wednesday, July 10, 1946, at 8 p.m. for the
election of Directors for the years 1946 and 1947
was open to the public.

There were no minutes taken of this meeting.

(Signed) G. E. Miller
Acting Secy.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

Three Veteran Louisville Fire Captains Appointed to New County Department

Equipment Due Oct. 1

Three former Louisville Fire Department captains were employed as captains of the Jefferson County Fire Department.

Selected by the Fiscal Court were J. D. Thompson, 42, of 1111 E. Heather; William Gark, 37, of 1124 Elton; and George Andrews, 32, of 4104 Sunset.

County Fire Chief Thompson, a brother of J. D. Thompson, explained he wanted the captains on the pay roll so they could become acquainted with the managerial district each will be responsible for before their pumps purchased last spring arrive and actual firefighting starts. The equipment is expected October 1.

Two Draw Pensions

Thompson described the three men as "... experienced, efficient captains in the Louisville Fire Department," with many years experience.

Gark and Andrews are on pensions from the City Fire Department, according to Chief Thompson, who said his brother was in charge of Consolidated-Vulcan's fire protection at Standiford Field during the war.

Chief Thompson said the new captains would receive \$113 a month. Thompson said he did not believe the pensions of Gark and Andrews, who each worked for the Louisville Fire Department 22 years, would be affected by their new jobs. J. D. Thompson worked for the City department over 17 years.

Thompson Cites Law

The pension law, Chief Thompson said, requires a person to be 35 years old and to have been a member of the City department 20 years to be eligible.

Members of the Court, including the County judge, the Commissioners and the County Attorney held closed sessions both before and after the regular meeting, which was delayed 15 minutes by the first closed session. Court officially was declared adjourned before the noon press meeting.

Land at Middlebrook offered as the site of a police substation and

firehouse was accepted by the Fiscal Court.

The commissioners voted against paying part of the hospitalization for all County employees because they are prohibited by State law from paying part for those paid \$3,000 a year, or from paying for any of the many persons employed for a term at a fixed salary. They voted, however, to allow pay-roll deductions for hospitalization for any employee who wants it.

A proposal of the Daniel Boone Post, American Veterans of World War II, to provide playground equipment on the Courthouse lawn for the benefit of mid-town resident children, was rejected as "thoroughly impractical."

Sam Priddy, clerk of Quarterly Court, reported a literary increase in the court's business and asked for more office help.

Architect Wants \$21,566

Since January 1 his office has collected \$21,354 in fines in 1,244 civil cases and 1,590 criminal cases, Priddy said. There were 699 civil and 810 criminal cases handled in the same period last year, according to his records. County Attorney Sam Steinfield was asked to give an opinion on legality of employing clerks in the office, which is authorized by statute to employ only five deputies.

A request by Walter Wagner, architect, for payment of \$21,566 for completed plans for a new Courthouse and Courthouse annex, was referred to John Tinnell,

controller, and Steinfield, to see if payment conforms to the County's contract with Wagner.

He was employed to draw plans and supervise construction a year ago, when a need for more office space was listed by County officials as an emergency.

The court created another new job, that of storekeeper, on recommendation of Tinnell. The storekeeper would be responsible for receiving all goods ordered and making it "Property of Jefferson County," Tinnell explained. Much County property is not so marked, he added. The amount of salary was not immediately decided.

Dump Project Pushed

Gordon Winburn, rights-of-way agent for the court, was authorized to obtain signatures of 14 owners of property that would be affected by the proposed Big Run public dump near Arnoldtown and St. Andrew's Church roads. The property owners requested straightening of the creek, which resulted in the proposal to land-fill the crooked section left if the stream is straightened.

County officials were elected officers of the new Jefferson County Equipment Corporation, nonprofit, organized to enable purchase of much machinery on bank loans to the corporation.

Officers are Judge Horace Barker, president; Commissioner Edward Tinsick, vice-president; Court Attorney Steinfield, secretary, and County Treasurer James Tierney, treasurer.

Constable Admits Gunplay Followed 'Couple of Drinks'

There was some target practice with pistols around the Courthouse early last Sunday morning, Second Magisterial District Constable Edgar B. Geiger admitted yesterday, but it wasn't as bad as the rumors made it.

Geiger said he stopped by the office about 2 a.m. and joined his deputies in "a couple of drinks."

They started admiring a new .38-caliber revolver he had, Geiger explained, so they decided to try it out. All the shooting

was done at the ground outside the Courthouse, he declared.

Courthouse guards had a County patrolman being shot at and the Second District office park marked with bullet holes.

Magistrate Herman Joris said he had heard reports there was a little shooting because the men had been drinking, but it quieted down with nobody hurt so he didn't want to investigate further.

Geiger identified the deputies involved as William Elbo, Hubert Stillwell and T. I. Bates.

Good Food Is Good Health

August 9, 1946, *The Jeffersonian*:September 6, 1946, *The Jeffersonian*:

County Fire Staff Has 100 Years Experience

The combined experience of the four men comprising Jefferson County's fire department staff at the present time amounts to 98 years and 3 months of supervision, training and organizing in the Louisville Fire Department.

County Fire Chief Claude Thompson with 26 years ex-

perience as a fire fighter, most of this in specialized work, is matched in length of practice by Capt. William Gurk, recently appointed in charge of the Second County District with headquarters at the Newburg fire station, now building, who served in the Louisville Fire Department for 26 years and for 22 years was superintendent of training at the instruction station at 20th and Garland. During the war Captain Gurk was lieutenant at the Standiford Airfield Fire Station.

Captain George Andrews, appointed in command of the third county district at Pleasure Ridge, where the new fire station will soon be completed, is a veteran fireman with 24½ years service, most recently in charge of Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, in Louisville.

Captain J. D. Thompson, of the first county district, brother of the chief, who will take charge of the station to be erected at Middletown, has 21½ years under his belt as lieutenant and captain in the Louisville Fire Department and as captain of the Standiford Airfield Fire Department during the war.

It is evident that the county in its initial stage of organizing the county fire department will be served by a staff of able, efficient firemen whose services would be an asset to any fire organization. That county companies will be stream-lined is a certainty and according to Chief Thompson's plans rural Jefferson County will possess a fire prevention and fire fighting program second to none.

'Rainbow For Girls'

Fire Dept. Completes County School Survey

The Jefferson County Fire Department has completed a survey of county schools and made a number of recommendations to the school board.

Chief Claude Thompson said this week that while none of the county schools presented any great fire hazards that in many cases there were minor corrections that would do much to eliminate the probability of fire damage.

"Our inspection," said Chief Thompson, "was conducted according to the regulations approved by the National Association of Public School Business Officials, the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs."

"The inspection of schools is department routine as is the examination of places of public entertainment and churches. Wherever we can point out even minor fire hazards we are helping to safeguard life and property."

Recommendations contained in the school fire inspection report included the provision of fire extinguishers in most of the schools; flue repairs; fire alarm; fuses changed to lower ampereage; additional exits; doors changed to open outward; moving stoves away from walls; the cutting of

weeds; the cleaning of basements and stairway recesses and other similar precautions which will probably be effected immediately by the school board.

It was also urged that at least one fire drill each month be held in all schools.

Blankets have been distributed to all school principals asking complete reports on fire prevention methods as now practiced.

Principals of the various schools are asked also to see that a monthly inspection be made by the school custodian in company with a member of the faculty.

Inspection of county churches is now in progress under the direction of Chief Thompson and Captains J. D. Thompson, Wm. Gurk and George Andrews.

The county fire department has been in consultation with County Forester Paul Vost regarding methods of preventing and fighting costly timber fires in the county forest area where annually such fires destroy trees and animals.

Mrs. Johnson's death Wednesday morning, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She had been in ill health for quite a while.

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September 11, 1946: Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on the 11th day of September, 1946 at eight o'clock in the evening.

(Minutes - 9-11-46)

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The following directors were present:

John M. Monohan Jr.
W. Leland Wilson
E. N. Andriot
George Miller
J. P. Terry
Louis H. Schweitzer
R. C. Schlich

Mr. John Monohan, President, presided at the meeting, and Mr. R.C.Schlich, Secretary, acted as secretary of the meeting.

The President announced that there being a quorum present the meeting would proceed with the transaction of business.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 8th day of August, 1946, were read and approved.

Mr. Wilson reported that the St. Matthews Sun had made no charge for inserting the notice of the annual meeting of members of the association. He further stated that the "write-ups" concerning the association will appear in that paper during Fire Prevention Week in October.

Mr. Monohan stated that the directors should at this time give serious thought to formulating an effective plan for soliciting membership in the association for the year 1947.

Upon motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wilson and unanimously carried it was
RESOLVED, that the President appoint a committee of three to formulate a plan for soliciting membership in the association and for collection of dues and that this plan be submitted to the Board of Directors for its approval.

The President appointed Mr. Miller, Mr. Terry and Mr. Schlich to this committee.

Mr. Andriot proposed that the association organize and sponsor a Junior Fire Department. After much favorable discussion of this idea, upon motion by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried it was
RESOLVED, that a committee of two be appointed to draw

up a plan for organizing a Junior Fire Department consisting of boys 14 to 16 years of age, to assist the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association in fire prevention measures, traffic regulation at the scenes of fires, reporting of new residents in the area and general betterment of the community and that the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association take necessary steps to have the recommendations of the committee, when approved by the directors, carried out.

The President appointed Mr. Andriot and Mr. Wilson to this committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Schweitzer and unanimously carried that the Association purchase a table and twelve folding chairs for use in the fire department building.

Upon motion by Mr. Schweitzer, seconded by Mr. Schlich and unanimously carried the sum of \$25.00 per month was appropriated for entertainment and welfare of the active members of the fire department.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

L & N to Build Tower At Chenoweth Crossing

Word has been received by County Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., that the L. & N. Railroad Company has decided to take steps toward providing safety devices at the Chenoweth crossing, in St. Matthews, which has been a traffic hazard for many years.

The railroad company promises to erect a lookout tower

Set-Aside War Goods Sale Begins Sept. 15

A two-week "top priority" drive to sell current stocks of surplus goods set-aside for veterans will begin September 15, it was announced today by War Assets Administration. Whenever practicable, sale of set-aside items is restricted to one to a veteran.

Veterans will be able to buy these goods at sales in every section of the country as well as through War Assets Administration Regional offices.

War Assets Administration cautioned veterans to remember, however, that set-aside items are in short supply and will not meet the demand of the thousands of veterans who want them.

Because some regions do not have certain set-aside items, new stocks will be allocated as far as possible to the various regions and sub-allotted to the states on the basis of veterans population figures.

from which the guard gates will be operated and traffic delays avoided.

Many complaints were made to the Fiscal Court of trains switching for 10 to 15 minutes or more, with traffic blocked until the main line and switches were cleared. Commissioner White visited the scene and found these complaints justified.

Notices sent the railroad company brought no response until finally word was sent that train crews blocking the crossing would be arrested and held for violation of the traffic law.

This ultimatum brought prompt action and the L. & N. came forward with the proposals which promise some relief from the traffic tangles at this point and more safety for the public.

The letter to Commissioner White contained an appeal for the Commissioner to refrain from ordering any arrests of train crews until the company had an opportunity of correcting the situation.

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September 19, 1993, *The Courier-Journal*, 125th Anniversary.



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October 2, 1946: Board meeting:

The regular meeting of the board of directors of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Wednesday, October 2, 1946 at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Directors named

The meeting was called to order by President John Monohan.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Wilson ~~xxx~~ a petty cash fund of \$5.00 was set up and Mr. Boss, treasurer, was ordered to turn that amount over to Mrs. Marsh, assistant secretary.

On motion by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Wilson ~~xxx~~ and unanimously carried it was resolved that the president, Mr. Monohan, have the lease for rent of the fire house recorded in the books of the Clerk of Jefferson County.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was on motion duly made and seconded adjourned.

The following directors were present:

John M. Monohan, Jr.
W. Leland Wilson
E. N. Andriott
Fred H. Boss
R. C. Schlich

St. Matthews Fire Dept. Has Admirable Record

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, one of the oldest in Jefferson County, has been functioning for 27 years.

Organized in 1919, the first truck purchased cost \$1,200, and it was 12 years before the debt was cleared. In 1931 a growing community demanded expanded service and a new modern truck was bought and the old apparatus was given as part of the purchase price.

In 1941 a new truck was added to the equipment which, with other purchases of hose, ladders, hats and miscellaneous items made the St. Matthews Fire Department one of the highest developed fire-fighting units in the county.

Throughout the years the department has been entirely financed through the cooperation of residents and with the rapid development of the area, many expenses have been incurred that were not part of the program.

In recent years the growth of St. Matthews has added new expenses to the fire department such as increased insurance on equipment, rent, heat, light, telephones, alarm systems and replacement of wornout materials.

It has been pointed out that the volunteer fire department is one cooperative venture that pays heavily on the investment. In addition to lowering insurance rates over a large area, loss in life and

property has been cut to a minimum through the effective efforts of the members of the department.

Recently a program was launched to improve the service of the department and to further lower insurance rates.

The volunteer firemen receive no pay, performing their unselfish service in the interest of the entire community. Summer or winter at any hour of the day and night the fire alarm brings these local citizens out of store or office, perhaps out of bed to undergo risk and discomfort, saving their neighbor's homes or places of business.

The spirit of the volunteer firemen is in no small part due to the example of their chief, who is also president of the fire association, John M. Monahan.

Residents may join the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association and participate in the benefits of membership by making application at the Frankel Drug Company, Mrs. Marsh of the Metropolitan Building and Loan Association, Terry's Service Station or the Whitehead Drug Company.

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November 6, 1946: Board meeting:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Wednesday, November 6, 1946 at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following directors were present:

John M. Monohan, Jr.
H. Leland Wilson
Fred H. Boss
Louis H. Schweitzer
E. N. Andriot
J. P. Terry
R. C. Schlich
Geo. A. Miller

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 2, 1946 were read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wilson ~~it was~~ and unanimously carried it was ordered that notices for all unpaid bills be sent ^{as} ~~the~~ out at the same ~~time with the notices for the state-~~ ^{ments of dues payable in January. It was further agreed that 3} notices for dues be sent out.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schweitzer and unanimously carried it was resolved that the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association contract for the back page ^{at a cost of \$100} space for its advertisement in the program of "Now and Then", a play to be sponsored for the benefit of St. Matthews Recreation Center, and that Mr. Andriot obtain this space from Mr. Frankel of Frankel Drug Company who has already contracted for that space. Mr. Monohan was instructed to obtain the necessary photographs of the fire apparatus to be used in the advertisement.

We have no second page.

November 14, 1946, The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews

To Begin Soon After January 1

Construction of a \$1,500,000 sewer in the St. Matthews area is expected to start shortly after January 1, Maurice L. Miller, consulting engineer, said yesterday.

He said all preliminary work had been done prior to a decision Tuesday of the Court of Appeals,

Sewer Work's Start Set

giving legal approval to the sale of bonds, authorized up to \$2,000,000. Estimates are being prepared on the probable cost and bonds will be sold on that basis, Miller added.

The project calls for 45 miles of sewers in a 200,000-acre area, planned to accommodate 30,000 persons. There now are 12,000 persons in the area. The St. Matthews business district, now served by a privately owned sewer, is not included.

Miller said clay and concrete

tile is available and he expected other materials to be available as needed. He estimated the project will be completed June 30, 1948.

Sewer service will be on a rental basis, at about \$2.25 a month for each dwelling and a lower rate for apartments and business places.

Herman M. Kessler, 801 Cannons Lane, is chairman of the board of directors of Jefferson County Sanitary District No. 1, which is in charge of the project.

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December 4, 1946: Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Wednesday, December 4, 1946 at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following directors were present:

John M. Monohan Jr.
Geo. A. Miller
Louis H. Schweitzer
E. N. Andriott
R.C. Schlich

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 6, 1946 were read and approved.

It was suggested that Mr. Andriott get a letter from Kentucky Inspection Bureau and one from Capt. Arusenklous to the effect that the Jefferson County fire departments would not be recognized as sufficient protection to insure the same insurance rates as are now in effect in St. Matthews.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Schlich were appointed a committee on dues and assessments.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was on motion duly made and seconded adjourned.

December 4, 1946,
The Courier-Journal

12 Patients Escape Fire At Sanitarium

Fire at 9:15 a.m. yesterday forced a dozen patients from Hord's Sanitarium on LaGrange road, Anchorage. There were no injuries, according to L. A. Butterfield, superintendent. He estimated the loss at \$5,000. The blaze, of undetermined origin, started in the attic of one of five buildings at the institution. The St. Matthews and Middletown Fire Departments fought the fire.

1946: A blaze at the Chamberlain Company of America caused damage estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000.00 and was contained to a one story warehouse.

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, ZV 234-46, Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives, Southeast Corner of Frankfort Avenue and Cannons Lane.



Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Opening Day of new A & P after devastating fire in May of 1945 that was located on Lexington Road, the new store at 3929 Frankfort Avenue. Royal Photo, Co. University Of Louisville Photographic Archives.

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Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: "The Loop", catch feeder bus into St. Matthews, transfer from Louisville downtown, February 1946—Looking East, where Frankfort Avenue & Lexington Road come together October, 1946



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New Board Member—James “J P” P. Terry—Firefighter 1939 to August 26, 1966, Lieutenant, Captain, Director 1946 to 1984, Trustee—December 6, 1912 to December 15, 1988—Born in Rochester, Kentucky in 1912. He married Marie Humphry in 1938 and they had two daughters. He opened his Terry’s Texaco Service Station in 1939 and ran it for 33 years. He was a member of five bowling leagues, Lions Club, St. Matthews Business Association, and has won many community service awards. Mr. Terry joined the department in 1939 and served as firefighter, Lieutenant and Captain before retiring in 1966. He joined the Board in 1946 and served until his death in 1988.



August 20, 1980: *The Voice*, Terry says “no” to retirement, by Ruth Mayer: Is a familiar face of forty years leaving Terry’s Texaco service in St. Matthews? J. P. Terry says “no.”

Terry, 67, was born in Rochester, KY. At one time his father, John Terry sold cars for V. V. Cooke. His mother, Blanche died when he was three years old, and he was reared by his grandmother, Bertha Reneer.

J.P. TERRY

Terry graduated from Rochester High in 1932, and for the next seven years, worked as a mechanic at the R. L. Dennis Motor Co., in Rochester.

In January 1938 Terry moved to Louisville. He and his uncle, J. M. Wilkerson, opened a Texaco service station in Shively where Terry was manager.

Terry made another change in August 1930. He bought a station at Frankfort and Sherrin avenues for \$400, which he called Terry’s Texaco Service. He was the sole employee, manager and owner.

In July 1942, Terry sold the Sherrin Avenue station and bought another, located at 3800 Lexington Road, from Louis Chilton for \$1,200. He now had three full-time employees besides himself. Their main tasks included washing and greasing cars and making minor repairs.

The following thirty-eight years of J. P. Terry’s life were devoted to the success of this station, which he also called Terry’s Texaco Service. From 1950-1970 he had eleven employees. In the 1950s he sold 55,000 gallons of gas a month. Terry said some of his customers have been coming to his station for forty years.

The Lexington Road station was opened 24 hours a day until 1973 “when the gas shortage hit,” said Terry. The station is now open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. closed on Sundays.

In July 1980, Terry made a big decision. He sold Terry’s Texaco to Charles Parsons Jr., with the understanding that Terry would stay on as part time manager. Parsons resides in St. Matthews and is a graduate of Waggener High School.

Terry stated his health was the main impetus in his decision to sell. He is a diabetic. Also his “knees were tired from the concrete floors.” Terry further stated even though the ownership has changed, the faces are the same.

Terry will be married forty-two years this August to Marie Humphrey of Rochester. They have two children, Judy T. Smith and Blanche T. Booher. Judy graduated from Eastern High, Blanche from Waggener. The Terry’s have four grandchildren. Although most of her time is spent taking care of the home, Mrs. Terry helped with the station’s bookkeeping for several years.

Terry is also an avid baseball fan. He played ball with the St. Matthews Merchants in 1939 ’40 and ’41. His favorite professional team is the Cincinnati Reds.

Terry was a volunteer fireman with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department from 1939 through 1964. He retired as a captain. He has served on the Fire departments Board of Directors since 1946.

Why has Terry spent most of his lifetime in a Texaco service station? He said he “always liked to fool with automobiles” and he “liked meeting people.” He further stated that he liked Texaco products which he has sold for forty-eight years.

Terry recently received a forty year award from Texaco, Inc. – a two-diamond and ruby ring.

Terry given man of year award

J. P. Terry was the recipient of this year’s Man of The Year Award of the St. Matthews Lions Club.

The award was presented to Terry at a dinner meeting of the club June 20 at the St. Matthews Community Center.

The award went to him for “distinguished service, loyalty and devotion to the objects and furtherance of Lionism.”

He was cited for his active interest in the civic, business, and social welfare of the community.

Terry, a service station own-

er, is a captain in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and a member of its board of directors.

He is a charter member of the St. Matthews Business Association. He has been in business in the city 27 years.

An active bowler, he is president of Ten Pins Major League and vice president of Ten Pins Classic League.

He is an honorary member of the Lions Club and has been a key supporter of its fund drives for charitable causes. He and his family reside at 119 Ridgeway Ave.

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Elines's first garage on the east side of St. Matthews Avenue behind family residence that fronted Shelbyville Road. 1946, ZV 35-46U, Jefferson count Historic Preservation and Archives.



December 28, 1946, *The Courier-Journal*:

St. Matthews Firm's Fire Loss Tops \$4,000

Damage of \$4,000 to \$5,000 was caused by fire yesterday at the Chamberlain Company of America in St. Matthews. The blaze was confined to a one-story warehouse and stockroom at 4037 Frankfort.

G. A. Little, manager, who estimated the damage, said large stocks of rock-wool insulation, weather stripping, and corrugated paper were destroyed. The **St. Matthews Fire** Department was aided by a Louisville fire company.

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Board Of Directors

E. N. "Bud" Andriot
Fred C. Boss
L. Churchill Matthews, April resigned
(moving)
George E. Miller
John M. Monohan Jr.
Rudy C. Schlich
Louis H. Schweitzer
James "JP" Terry, start
William Leland Wilson
Dr. James Emil Winter, end

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Captain Henry R. Kennedy
Captain Rudolph L. Lineback
Lieutenant Marty A. Kamer
Lieutenant John F. Westerman

Firefighters

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Ed Foley
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