

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District

## 1947 – 1949

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Some time in the late 1940s the department received 8<sup>th</sup> class rates.

January 31, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*:

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**SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 1947**

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February 6, 1947, *The Courier-Journal*:

**\$2,500 Fire Damages  
Richmond Boat Club**

Fire of undetermined origin caused approximately \$2,500 damage at Richmond Boat Club, Upper River Road, at 10 p.m. yesterday. Claude Boone, president, estimated the loss. Flames were discovered in a second-floor room and burned part of a dance floor and destroyed a piano before being brought under control by club members. The **St. Matthews Fire** Department answered the alarm.

ry 1947: Board Meeting:

At the time set for the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association to be held on February 5, 1947 at 8:00 P.M. no quorum was present. The meeting therefore was adjourned until the following month.

March 5, 1947: Board meeting: Agreed to buy new wheels and tires for both fire trucks, and that sirens be purchased for the cars of the active fire members. (Note: The buying of the sirens was not done.)

## Truck-Trailer Blast Kills 3 Spectators 4½ Hours After Driver Dies In Crash

Four persons were dead—a truck driver and three bystanders—and seven others were in serious condition early today as the result of an unusual accident yesterday on Shelbyville Road near Middletown.

The tragedy began at 4 a.m. yesterday when a heavy truck loaded with highly inflammable materials crashed into the side of a concrete bridge at Floyd's Fork.

The driver, who apparently jumped or might have been thrown from the truck, was killed. His body was found on a gravel island in the creek.

Four and a half hours later the burning hulk of the truck trailer exploded, dousing the circle of spectators with a flaming fluid.

The dead are:

Jerry Willis, 28-year-old Corbin, Ky., truck driver.

Andrew Seward, 34, Anchorage, who died at 4:15 p.m. yes-

terday at General Hospital. He was the father of six young children.

Tyler Simpson, 64, Anchorage, who died at 5:20 p.m. yesterday at General Hospital.

Edward Langer, 35, Eastwood, who died at 1:40 a.m. today at General Hospital.

All four died of first- and second-degree burns. Dr. Roy L. Carter, coroner, said. Simpson's entire body was seared, Carter added.

The truck contained soap, paint, lacquer, varnish stain, lubricating oil and two drums of cleaning fluid, according to L. L. Coffee, superintendent for Meeks Motor Freight, 1311 W. Market.

The critical condition of the other victims caused General Hospital to place a hurry call for at least 35 blood donors. Each patient, a staff physician said, will need four to six transfusions.

Some blood plasma was administered to the victims yesterday afternoon, but General Hos-

pital doctors said whole blood is vital for their recovery.

The odd part of the tragedy was that approximately 300 gallons of water had been thrown on the flaming wreckage by the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department before the explosion occurred. The 10 firemen, under Raymond Herrick, Middletown, already had left the scene when the spectators were burned.

### Poured Water On Truck.

Herrick said they received a call at 5:45 a.m. and hurried to the scene. They poured 150 gallons of water on the truck while it still was on the bridge. Unable to get close enough to the creek to refill their tanks, they returned to Middletown and got another 150 gallons of water. The equipment does not carry chemical extinguishers, he explained.

They used grappling hooks in an effort to get the burning cargo from the wreckage, but the fire

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## Wrecked-Truck Blast Kills Three Spectators

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was too intense. A wrecker then was used to pull the truck-trailer off the highway and it was left to burn by the side of the road. They returned to Middletown Fire Headquarters at 7:45.

Willis, clothing aflame, landed on a gravel island in the middle of the stream which flows 25 feet under the bridge. Police said his life might have been saved if he had fallen in the water.

He suffered a fractured leg in the leap, Dr. Carter said. The coroner believed Willis jumped, rather than was thrown from the truck.

The truck first showed signs of exploding at 5 a.m. when the blazing cargo flared and sputtered. At 8:30 a.m., after the crowd had gathered, the fatal blast occurred, raining liquid fire and throwing a huge cloud of smoke.

Spectators ran in all directions. Carter said one youth fell to his stomach and crawled away "like he was hunting a fox hole." County police helped beat the flames from the clothing of the victims.

Most seriously burned were John Heyser, 14, Negro, Anchorage, and Edward Black, 26, Eastwood.

Also burned, but less seriously, were Mrs. Luana Simpson, 40; Albert Harrison, 60; Robert Hedges, 15, and Robert McCray, 13, Negro, all of Anchorage, and

Roy Froman, 25, of Eastwood. All are at General Hospital.

The truck was en route to London, Ky. Officials of the trucking company said the truck loss was \$6,000. They said they could not estimate the value of the merchandise.

Police blocked off Shelbyville Road from Eastwood to English Station Road until the truck could be removed. Parts of the guard rail of the bridge was broken by the impact of the crash.

Officers of the truck line said Willis had checked out here with the truck at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. They didn't know where he had been until the crash at 4 a.m.

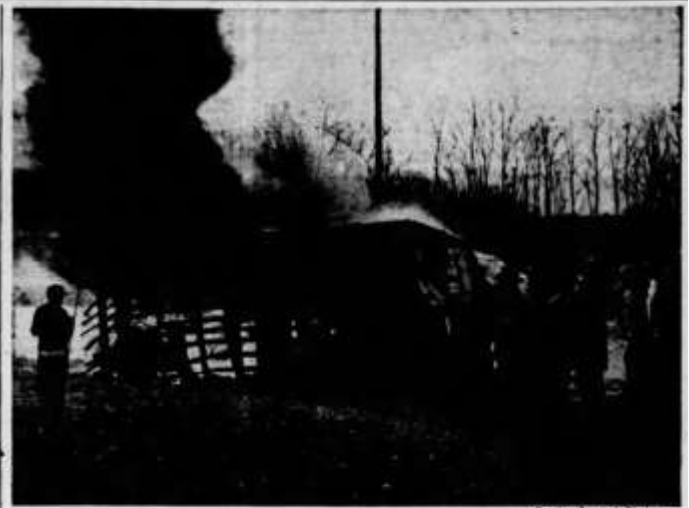
Seward, a driver for the B-Line Cab Company, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Cummings Seward; mother, Mrs. Dorothy Bell Freeman; four sons, Billy, Ronald, Walter, and David; two daughters, Joyce Marie and Mary Zelma Seward; two brothers, Martin B. and Zeno M. Seward; a sister, Mrs. Willomena Cantrell and a stepfather, James L. Freeman.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Heady's Chapel. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Simpson is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Tipton and Mrs. Hubert Whitehouse, both of Mount Eden, and four sons, Jasper Simpson, Mount Eden; Dennis Simpson, Indianapolis; Winford Simpson, U. S. Army, and Odus Simpson.

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BYSTANDERS watch a blazing trailer on Shelbyville Road. An hour after this picture was taken a blast in the trailer shot flames in all directions. Two spectators were injured fatally. The driver was killed when the truck hit Floyd's Fork Bridge near Middletown.







# Police Shoot Car Thief In 18-Mile Chase

A new automobile, riddled by 31 police bullets, burst into flames at the end of an 18-mile chase yesterday after a shoulder wound failed to stop the car thief.

In General Hospital last night Robert Cravens, 31, of 1805 Mellwood, who brought about a tragedy in another car-theft case two years ago, was held on a charge of stealing the new Pontiac.

## Worries About Wife, Children.

"I wish you had shot me through the head," Cravens told the two officers, Patrolmen Frank Schroeder and Alvin King, who pursued him at 80 miles an hour from the downtown area to Barbour Lane.

Cravens said serving time in the penitentiary didn't bother him, but he hated to cause his wife and two young children so much grief.

He said he knew the police were chasing him up the River Road because he heard the bullets hitting the car. "I believe the bullet hit me about the time I was passing the Standard Country Club, because I felt something sting my shoulder," Cravens explained.

## Flames Gut Auto.

Cravens careened the car against an iron railing on a curve on Barbour Lane near Wolf Pen Road and it halted off the road up a slight hill.

A few minutes after the officers pulled the unconscious Cravens from the car, it burst into flames. It was gutted before the Worthington volunteer department reached the scene and extinguished the flames.

Cravens later told the policemen he took the car from a parking lot at Second and Walnut "just for the ride." It had been parked there earlier by the owner, Mrs. Eleanor Cox, wife of Dr. David M. Cox, 2352 Village Drive.

A parking-lot attendant, Leon Currans, 1889 E. Kentucky, said he noticed the man get into the car about 2:30 p.m. Currans said he asked for the parking ticket

and then grabbed for the ignition keys after the man failed to answer him. The chase began on foot as Currans followed the car through an alley to Fourth Street.

Hailing a passing motorist, Currans followed on Fourth to Chestnut and went to Fifth. Sighting a police cruiser, Currans warned its crew and gave a description of the new car. This

immediately was broadcast through the police two-way radio.

King and Schroeder heard the description just before they saw the car fail to make a boulevard stop at Fifth and River Road. King fired the first of 31 shots at Second and River Road. The officers said they fired only when traffic was clear.

Schroeder drove the car while King loaded his revolver and

Schroeder's. The chase was along River Road through Harrods Creek, Wolf Pen Road, and Barbour Lane.

In August, 1944, police fired at a stolen automobile driven by Cravens and a stray bullet struck and killed a bystander, Charles Borst, 22, of 266 Delmont. In 1940, Cravens received a three-year penitentiary term for automobile theft, police said.



Courier-Journal Photo.

FLAMES from a stolen automobile which crashed on Barbour Lane after the driver was wounded are extinguished by a member of the Worthington Fire Department. Holes made by police bullets during an 18-mile chase can be seen in the rear of the car.

## THE COURIER-JOURNAL MAGAZINE

March 23, 1947



The proposed expressway will divide near Chertoke Park, one road then running out past St. Matthews, and the other toward Beechmont. The heavy white lines are proposed construction; the gray lines are present roads which are to be improved. Alternate route to U. S. 31-E also is shown.

# LOUISVILLE EXPRESSWAY

New highway aims to avoid interruptions such as traffic lights and bottlenecks

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# *Albert L. Bauer, 63, Dies In **St. Matthews***

Member of a pioneer **St. Matthews** family, Albert L. "Coley" Bauer, 63, died at 3 p.m. yesterday at his home, 114 Fairfax.

Until his retirement in 1944, Bauer was a partner in Bauer Brothers Grocery, 3909 Frankfort, a landmark in the heart of **St. Matthews**.

Bauer was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society and St. Joseph's Orphan Society.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Hinze Bauer; two sons, Paul A. Bauer and David H. Bauer; two daughters, Mrs. Roger J. Hutter and Mrs. Herbert M. Massengill; a sister, Mrs. Frank Meisner, Jr., and two grandchildren.

Funeral will be held at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday at Ratterman Brothers' Chapel and at 9 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Heller, Dayton, Ohio; William E. Heller and Alfred H. Heller, and a grandchild.

## **Louis B. W. Sayer Dies**

Louis B. W. Sayer, a native of Louisville and a former druggist here, died yesterday in Leadville, Col. A graduate of St. Xavier High School and Louisville College of Pharmacy, Sayer moved to Denver after service in World War I. For the past 10 years he had been a druggist in Leadville.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Catherine Kelly Sayer; four sisters, Mrs. Mattie S. Quinker



April 4, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*:

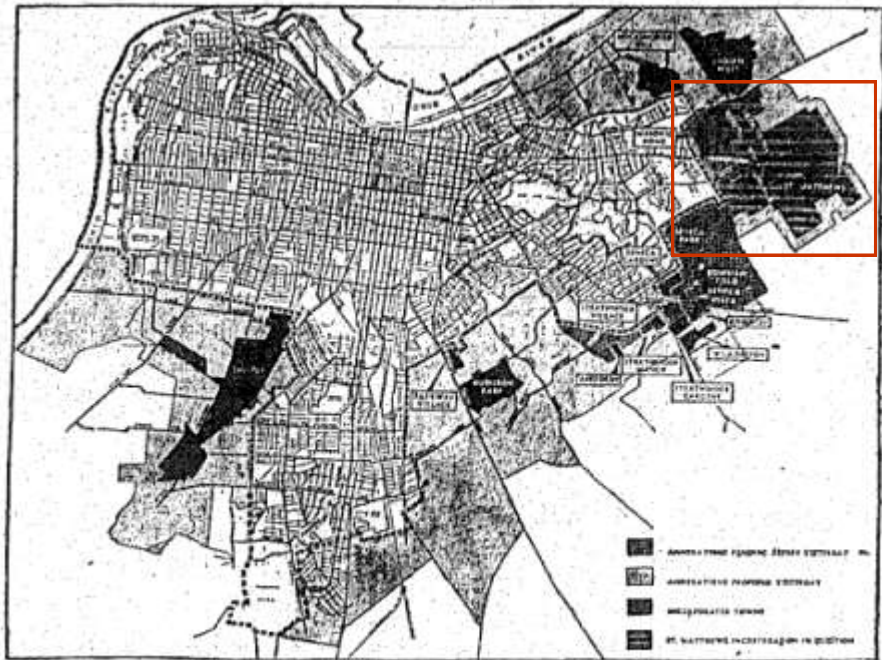
# City Expanding Engulfs Much County Territory

With "nothing much but" the legal kinks to be ironed out, 24.8 square miles of Jefferson County's suburban territory becomes urban this week. While the annexation proceedings by Louisville would take various areas, in shapes and sizes, "out of the country," it remains to be seen how long it will be required to "take the country out" of the annexed portions.

"Growing pains" often prove to be most severe, as was indicated when Louisville's Mayor E. Leland Taylor signed the annexation ordinances, admitting the probability of a long legal fight, "which could last for several years." The expansion step was approved unanimously by the City's Board of Aldermen and, with the concurrence of the Mayor, makes Louisville officialdom 100 per cent in agreement.

It is estimated that approximately \$40,000,000 in manufacturing plants is to become subject to city taxes when the measure become legally consummated. About 75 miles of county roads will become city streets. Subdivisions that have sprung up all around the city's rim would soon be crying for attention to city public works officials. The County governmental regime would be able to pull back toward the hinterlands its police-patrolling jurisdiction to a point where it would be relieved of keeping watch over most of the roadhouses and many liquor outlets.

In the annexation move would come, among other phases calling for adjustment, its diminishing effect on the county school system. Eight large county schools would become city property. All the pupils now attending those schools would not continue their attendance at those points, because they would be still residing outside the city limits. The school districts affected include Great-house, Prestonia, Auburndale, Camp Taylor, Adair Avenue, Cane Run, Mill Creek and Clifton Heights. Nearly 4,000 pupils now attend these schools.



Will these Louisville environs become a part of the municipal area?

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Red "A"  
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Red "A"  
20% Dairy Feed  
Red "A"  
16% Dairy Feed  
Red "A"  
Dry and Freshening Feed

WHEAT FEEDS  
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Red "A"  
Laying Mash  
Red "A"  
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Red "A"  
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## ST. MATTHEWS PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Taylor 304

100 EXCHANGE AVENUE, ST. MATTHEWS, KENTUCKY

Taylor 2713



May 8 &amp; 9, 1947, The Courier-Journal

# County Chief Offers Fire Assistance

## Force Adequate To Aid Suburbs, Thompson Says

Col. **Claud Thompson**, County fire chief, said yesterday his department could adequately serve those suburbs which City firemen may no longer protect.

Thompson said three stations now are ready for engines. These are located at Pleasure Ridge on Dixie Highway; Newburg Road at Bashford Manor, which can serve both Buechel and Camp Taylor, and Middletown, which can also serve St. Matthews. There are plans for nine stations in all, he added.

### Hydrants, Mains Are In.

The suburbs, he said, are equipped with water mains and hydrants which can be used by his pumpers.

Thompson said the City had been answering calls more frequently since it started its efforts to annex large areas of the County. None of the fire stations of the County are included in the areas covered.

"County police tell me it has been hard to get the City out to fires previously," he said, "except where they had a contract."

It has been recommended to Mayor E. Leland Taylor that the City keep its fire service within the city limits.

### \$8,100 for New Main.

Fiscal Court yesterday learned that it was about to spend \$8,100 for a water main to its Fire Station on Newburg Road without getting enough water to keep the engine wet.

The 8-inch pipe line would produce no more than 200 gallons of water a minute. The new engines will pump 750 gallons a minute.

"They would suck air all the time," Thompson said, after A. S. Augustus, Louisville Water Company engineer, made his estimate.

Fiscal Court asked Thompson to look into digging a well or building a standpipe.

It also declined to fix subdivision roads in St. Matthews, saying the people must form a road district and do the job themselves.

### Annexation Hearing Set

# Rates to Rise If County Does Inferior Fire Job

If the City's proposal to stop sending firemen over the City boundary becomes effective July 1, will County fire insurance rates go up?

It depends on what fire-fighting facilities the County has, says William Clark, head of the audit department of the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau, Starks Building, which makes a study of insurance rates.

"Louisville's fire-fighting facilities are splendid," he said, and the Fire Department has done a fine job in the City and adjacent suburbs. If the County duplicates that job, there should be no change in rates. If the service is inferior, rates will naturally go up. Our engineer will have to make a survey to determine how much."

### Covers 351.7 Square Miles.

Can the County give adequate fire protection? County Fire Chief **Claud Thompson** says "Yes," despite the contention that it is impossible.

City Engineer W. W. Sanders says there are 393 square miles in Jefferson County, of which 41.3 square miles is Louisville, leaving 351.7 square miles for the County Fire Department to protect.

"There is 8½ times as much territory in the County outside of Louisville as there is in the City," Sanders said.

According to Maj. Harry A. Ellington, assistant City fire chief, the City's Fire Department is composed of:

Three hundred and thirty paid personnel, 17 engine companies each with a pumper and three with two pumpers, three aerial-ladder companies, five squad companies, and one water tower. In the City are 3,534 fire hydrants and 392 alarm boxes. Each company carries 1,100 feet of hose and has the same amount of hose in reserve so that when a company returns from a run, dry hose is put on the fire truck and the wet hose is dried out to prevent mildew.

### 3 Pumpers Are On Order.

Chief Thompson said that pumpers equipped with hose are located at these places in the County:

Fern Creek, Middletown, Okolona, Camp Taylor, Buechel, Worthington, St. Matthews, Shively, and Anchorage. The County Fire Department has four paid employees, including Chief Thompson, and eight volunteer companies with from 10 to 12 men

These were all made free, City Finance Director Edward H. Dieruf said.

Fire hydrants are installed free in the city and there is no charge by the City-owned Louisville Water Company for water run through them. The company charges county residents for installation of fire hydrants and then puts a \$30-a-year charge on each whether they are used or not.

Fifth and sixth-class Jefferson County Towns "will not sit idly by" if Louisville withdraws fire protection, C. Maxwell Brown, attorney for Kingsley, Wellington, and Strathmoor Village, said last night.

to the boards of the three incorporated areas that an "association or corporation" be organized to

Brown said he would propose provide protection for the towns' residents. What protective steps would be taken depends on the board's action, he added.

Brown also said he "thought" the Board of Fire Underwriters should do something to protect policyholders in affected areas if the City of Louisville goes through with its plans to withdraw fire protection.

### Retired Farmer Dies

Cynthiana, Ky., May 8 (AP)—Funeral for Burgess Smith, 77, widely known retired farmer and stock dealer who moved from Scott County to Harrison County several years ago, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the home of a sister, Mrs. John Gano, Georgetown.

in each, making a personnel total of approximately 90. He said he did not have the number of hydrants immediately available and that he "wouldn't have alarm boxes."

He plans to use two-way radio on apparatus and at stations, he said. Three pumpers are on order and should be delivered before July 1, he said, to three stations now ready at Pleasure Ridge on Dixie Highway, Newburg Road at Bashford Manor Lane, and at Middletown. He has plans for nine stations in all, he said, but from the three stations named he will be able to serve 95 per cent of the houses in the county.

### 29 Runs Made This Year.

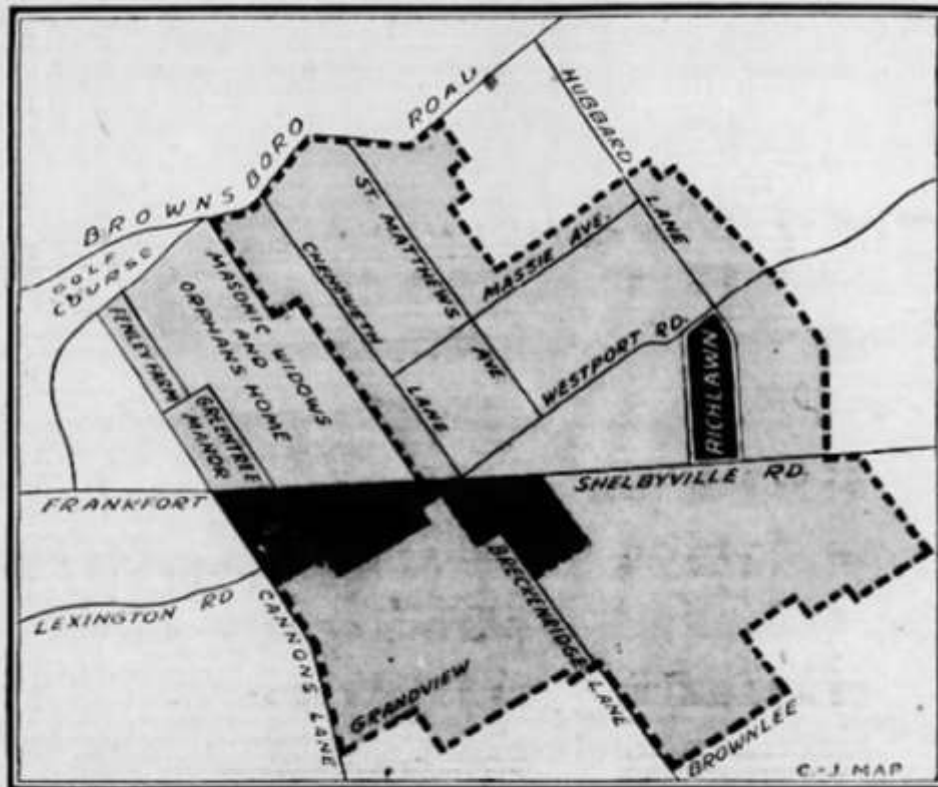
Thompson said that in recent months the City had not been answering county fire calls as well as before. The City Fire Department reported 39 county runs in 1946 and 29 this year.

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# Council Meets Today to Start Annexation of St. Matthews; Incorporation Act Ruled Void



**NEW TERRITORY** for the city. The light gray area of this map is the residential section of **St. Matthews** which now faces annexation by the City of Louisville. The dark gray section is the business district of the community for which the City already has passed annexation ordinances. The striped area was ordered annexed to the City by Circuit Judge William H. Field. The narrow black area is Richlawn, which is trying to incorporate as a city to escape annexation by Louisville.

## Green Tree, Mason's Home Are Absorbed

The Board of Aldermen will meet at noon today in an extraordinary session to hear the first reading of an ordinance annexing the residential section of **St. Matthews**. The second reading, which will make the ordinance a law, probably will be held Tuesday. Aldermanic President C. Paul Downard said yesterday.

The move by the City to speed annexation of the suburb followed a Court of Appeals decision holding that the 1946 legislative act under which persons in the residential section of **St. Matthews** had sought to incorporate as a third-class City was invalid.

### Other Measures Adopted.

The aldermen already have adopted ordinances annexing the **St. Matthews** business district and the fringe around the suburb. The ordinance was passed while the incorporation statute of **St. Matthews** was in doubt. The business district was not included in the effort to incorporate.

Suits contesting the annexation of the business district have been held in abeyance by Judge William H. Field, pending the Court of Appeals decision on the incorporation of the residential area.

In another court action yesterday involving annexation on the eastern fringe of the City of Louisville, Judge Field in a directed verdict ordered the annexation of Green Tree Manor, the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and two farms. His action, which will be appealed, extended the city limits of Louisville to Chenoweth Lane, the boundary of **St. Matthews**.

**Dump Cleanup Is Ordered**

**U. S. Gives Approval**



### Says Question Settled.

Today's aldermanic meeting was called by Mayor E. Leland Taylor after the ordinance was submitted to him by City Law Director Gilbert Burnett. It proposes the annexation of most of the estimated 15,000 residents of **St. Matthews**. The area corresponds to the Jefferson County Sanitary District No. 1.

"This new ordinance will forestall further incorporation proceedings," Mayor Taylor said. "It will mean that **St. Matthews** is annexed. After the ordinance is adopted by the aldermen, there will be a 30-day period in which remonstrance suits may be filed, but there no longer will be any question of incorporating **St. Matthews**. If remonstrance suits are filed, they will be handled on the same basis as the current annexation suits which are being tried in court."

### Believes Residents Pleased.

Taylor expressed himself as "very pleased" at the Court of Appeals decision. "I'm sure that the people of **St. Matthews** will be glad to join Louisville officially in being one community which we already are in fact."

Downard said he believed from his personal observations that from 50 to 75 per cent of the residents of **St. Matthews** wanted to come into the City. "All the noise is being made by a small minority," he said.

Principal feature of the invalidated legislative act was a provision that 500 voters, or a majority of all voters, whichever was less, could sign a petition asking incorporation as a third-class City. The act further attempted to deprive Circuit Courts of the right to deny creation of the City by making it mandatory they approve the petition.

This portion of the act was declared invalid last September

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# Council Today Will Start To Annex **St. Matthews**

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by Jefferson Circuit Judge Scott Miller. The Court of Appeals sustained this view, but went further and declared the entire act void.

**St. Matthews** has 9,702 inhabitants, of which 6,458 are registered voters, the Court of Appeals decision said. The incorporation petition was signed by 1,003 of the voters.

In annulling the entire law, the Court of Appeals held that its title was deceptive. In addition, it said, it tried to give the minority of a community power to impose its will on a majority. It was also called "arbitrary" legislation.

### Title Is Criticized.

The Kentucky Constitution, wrote Court Commissioner Onso W. Stanley, provides that the subject of a law "shall be expressed in the title." Stanley said this was to prevent "surprise or fraud and the enactment of vicious legislation under an innocent or misleading title."

"Here we have a title, 'An Act Relating to Cities,'" the opinion continued. "One living in the country would not know by reading it that his community might be affected by the act. We do not believe that a member of the Legislature or anyone else reading the title would reasonably suppose that the act related to incorporating a rural community into a Town, or that under it an unincorporated suburban community could be transformed into a City at the will of a small minority of the population."

Commissioner Stanley said "it would appear that this was the particular purpose of the radical change in the statute and the procedure which had existed for over 50 years. Perhaps the incorporation of the **St. Matthews** suburb was especially in mind, for we are aware of no other community so large that it is not already a Municipality or that its

creation as a sixth-class Town would not be sufficient."

Judge Field in ordering the annexation of the three tracts of land between **St. Matthews** and Louisville yesterday said he felt it was not a matter for a jury to decide, although a jury had heard the testimony since Monday.

"The test is whether the City will be injured if annexation is denied," he said, "and whether the persons being annexed will be benefited."

### Tax Complaints 'Out.'

He said in his opinion both the City and the persons involved would benefit by annexation. Complaints over tax increases, he said, were "out" by Court of Appeals decisions. Wilbur Fields, attorney for Green Tree Manor; Stuart Lampe, attorney for the Misses Frances and Annette Fenley, who own the two farms, and Frank A. Ropke, attorney for the Masonic home, said they would appeal. They felt that the jury should have decided.

The appellate decision yesterday cleared the way for further action on the incorporation of Richlawn. H. Bemis Lawrence, attorney for the community, said last night. Richlawn adjoins **St. Matthews** and is just west of Hubbard's Lane between Shelbyville Road and Westport Road.

### Action Had Been Delayed.

Lawrence said Judge Miller had delayed action on Richlawn's incorporation petition pending final settlement of the **St. Matthews** case.

The attorney expressed belief that Richlawn would win incorporation. He explained that while the community filed under the 1946 act, an amended petition was entered later showing that the incorporators also had abided by the old statute which the 1946 act repealed. The old law required that a majority of the registered voters in an area sign the petition for incorporation, Bemis said. He added that 90 per cent of people in Richlawn had signed.

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July 4, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*:

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July 11, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*: Captain V. A. Beam trainer, eventually connects with STMFD.

**BUECHEL'S 24 VOLUNTEER FIREMEN TRAIN FOR SERVICE**



Buechel's 24 firemen have just recently undergone a week's training under Captain V. A. Beam, of the State Department of Vocational Education. Their equipment includes two pumpers, No. 1 of which is shown above. The force is headed by Chief W. E. Rives with the following volunteer firemen:

Thurston Schmitt, Alvin Graft, Herbert Downs, Norbert Schmitt, Frank Layman, Bill Haney, Frank Allgeier, Gene Hardin, Leonard Tyler, Roy Schmitt, George Stutzenberger, Newton Miller, C. L. Moore, Jr., Bob Gutterman, Cliff Jackson and Bill Carrell. The latter two men were absent when the picture was made. Chief Rives stands first in front of the cab. The two "junior firemen" are Rennie Allgeier and Dickie Rives.

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**County Fire Chiefs  
Invited to Meet Monday**

Fire chiefs of all paid and volunteer fire departments in Jefferson County have been invited to a meeting to be held in the County Court House, at 2 p.m. next Monday. County Judge Horace Barker, in whose office the fire chiefs are to meet, has issued the invitation through Col. Claud D. Thompson, chief of the County Fire Department.

A letter to the fire chiefs, sent out by Col. Thompson, states that, "We believe that there is an opportunity to reduce fire insurance rates in Jefferson County by cooperation of effort in fire protection."

**Volunteer Firemen To  
Hold Monthly Meetings**

In the interest of increased efficiency and to discuss the most improved methods of fire fighting, monthly meetings of Jefferson County volunteer firemen are to be held in the different communities, at which gatherings instructions will be discussed and views interchanged.

Chief W. E. Rives, of the Buchel Fire Department, was host last Friday night to 50 firemen in a happy get-together and the importance of getting to the scene of a fire quickly was stressed along with other matters involving the saving of human life and property.

Fire chiefs present included: Payton Waterfield, Camp Taylor; Roy Motherhead, Okelona; Richard Burn, Fern Creek; G. B. Lane, High View and Rives.

The volunteers all showed eagerness to do their best under all circumstances and their record, so far, has been most commendable, it is said. These fire fighters, serving without pay, often risk their lives in the interest of their fellowmen, and appreciation for their efforts is coming, increasingly, in more financial support to assure the best of equipment, expanding other facilities.

September 13, 1947:

JOSHUA B. EVERETT  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF WELFARE



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
**DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE**  
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September 13, 1947

Mr. John Monahan,  
Chief, St. Matthews Fire Department  
115 Breckinridge Lane  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Chief Monahan:

The prompt manner in which your Department acted last night, in connection with our report that there was a fire in the Administration Building of the Kentucky Children's Home at Lyndon, is greatly appreciated.

The fact that the fire developed to be inconsequential is quite beside the point for your men were here to handle whatever situation was to be met. Naturally we are very fire-conscious at Kentucky Children's Home with so many children in our care and it is encouraging to know that we have your full co-operation.

Very sincerely yours,

*Joshua B. Everett*  
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Chairman, Board of Welfare

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September 13, 1947, *The Courier-Journal*:

Eventually St. Matthews FD bought this unit and used it until 1977.

September 9, 1947, *The Courier-*

## Fan Causes Fire Alarm

Firemen and apparatus from three departments sped last night to the Kentucky Children's Home at Lyndon, where they found the alarm had been caused by a short-circuited exhaust fan spouting smoke from the Administration Building. The departments were the Jefferson County, Louisville, and **St. Matthews Volunteers**.



*Courier-Journal Photo.*

CHRISTENING of a fire truck was part of ceremonies surrounding dedication of the new County fire station at Middletown last night. Doing the honors was County Fire Chief **Claud Thompson**, extreme left. Behind Thompson are, from left, William H. Day, D. K. Swan, Lt. C. W. Oppel, partly hidden; Boyce Hildebrand, Capt. Jake Thompson, Fulton Tyler, Milburn Schone, and Herman Wilson.

September 26, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*:

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 1947

## THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Hats off to the volunteer fireman! Find him where you may. He is the "willing performer," who "comes on call," night or day, risks his life for others, gets no pay. The Jeffersonian poses the question, do we fully appreciate our Jefferson County volunteer firemen—those men who have offered to serve, answer fire alarms, save other people's property—human life?

Of course, we may say, some get a great "kick" out of it—enjoy the glamor—feel that they are doing a rightful duty—meeting a community responsibility. That's all very well, but are their services, when given entirely free, fully appreciated?

A volunteer fire department has always been the forerunner of a paid department, but sometimes it is a long way off for those who may expect to serve free until they can become professional.

Fire losses in the United States are increasing annually, it is reported. The same in the State. August national figures were \$51,359,000, a 4.1 per cent increase from July, 1947—a 28 per cent increase over the same month last year. This from the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

W. E. Mallahan, general manager of the board, said fire destruction in the first eight months of 1947 at \$469,992,000 exceeded the total for any complete year from 1930 to 1945 inclusive and was 21.2 per cent higher than during the corresponding 1946 period. Losses for the 12 months ended August 31 set a record of \$653,456,000, an increase of 22.7 per cent over \$532,144,000 in the preceding 12 months.

## Central State Hospital:

## CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL

ALSO REFERRED TO AS ANCHORAGE ASYLUM OR LAKELAND

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Herein lies an attempt to catalog the names of the persons who resided, and possibly, buried on the grounds of Central State Asylum. It is requested that those who have found this institution's name listed on any family death certificate (s) to send an email so as to acquire a complete listing of persons who lived or might have been buried here and the approximate timeframe. Please just send a quick line to your county coordinator giving the information known to you. It will be added to the cemetery listing.

At one time, the grounds of Central State Hospital included a much more expansive area and was a farm, and included the land of present day Tom Sawyer State Park and beyond.

An overview of the current grounds from Google maps. The photos on this page were found in "The Village of Anchorage" by Samuel W. Thomas.


  

It is possible for a direct descendant of the Old Kentucky State Hospital patient to be appointed administrator of that person's estate for purposes of accessing existing records. There is a court cost of \$52.00.

**State Government Listing - Cabinet for Health & Family Services**  
<http://mhmr.ky.gov/Facilities/>




Lake at back of grounds - where the name, Lakeland, was derived.

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"Lakeland Asylum" was actually the Central Kentucky Asylum for the Insane. Built in 1869 in Anchorage, it initially housed juvenile delinquents and was called the Home for Juvenile Delinquents at Lakeland. In 1873, it became a lunatic asylum and was renamed the Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum. By the time "The Little Colonel's Knight Comes Riding" was published (1907), the name had been changed to the Central Kentucky Asylum for the Insane. The facility cared for patients with psychiatric disorders, mental retardation and brain damage and was located next to where Louisville's E. P. Tom Sawyer Park stands today. The original building shown in the post card above was bulldozed in 1996.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, escaped lunatics were an every day hazard of life in Pewee (Lloydsboro) Valley. The Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum was located only a few miles outside the city limits and inmate escapes occurred with some frequency. - excerpted from the *Little Colonel* website.

**Central State Hospital** is a 192-bed adult psychiatric hospital located in eastern Jefferson County, Kentucky, near Louisville. In 1869, land was bought from the Hite family, from the same original grant that would become nearby Anchorage, Kentucky. Though it initially housed juvenile delinquents, in 1873 it was converted into the state's fourth lunatic asylum, and renamed **Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum**. By 1900 it was renamed **Central Kentucky Asylum for the Insane**.

The secluded, rural setting was typical for such facilities in the late 19th century, as such an environment was thought to be beneficial for recovery from mental illness. However, not all patients had mental disorders, some suffered from brain damage, mental retardation or were simply poor or elderly. Though built for 1,600 patients, by 1940 there were 2,400. However, starting in the 1950s, changing community perception of the mentally disturbed, as well as the development of effective psychiatric medications, lead to fewer patients staying permanently in mental hospitals, and the average stay at the facility was two weeks by the 1990s.

In 1986 a new facility was completed on the original grounds, and the old buildings were razed. Though it flirted with privatization in the 1970s, it is publicly operated today.....

.....The land that is now Anchorage was a part of Isaac Hite's 1773 land grant, which awarded most of the land in today's Jefferson County to officers in the Virginia militia, in exchange for their service in the French and Indian War. Early maps refer to the area as Hite's Mill. Part of his original grant now makes up the grounds of Central State Hospital and E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park. - [Wikipedia listing](#)



October 1, 1947, The Courier-Journal

# City Purchases St. Matthews School Tract

## Board of Education Agrees To Pay \$59,500 for 34 Acres South of Shelbyville Road

The Louisville School Board yesterday agreed to buy for \$59,500 a school site of 34 acres in **St. Matthews**.

The land, known as the Monohan property, will be bought for \$1,750 an acre. It is south of Shelbyville Road and bounded by Brown's Lane, Hubbard Lane, Alton Road, and Winchester Road.

The land is part of several tracts restricted to school use by a recent City-County Planning and Zoning Commission ruling. Samuel D. Jones, building consultant of the School Board, said it was being purchased through the Kentucky Trust Company from the John W. Monohan property.

### Other Land Sought.

"I must say," he said, "that in making this effort to assure that the **St. Matthews** section will have adequate school and recreation facilities, should it eventually become part of Louisville, we were met by a fine spirit of co-operation from the owners of this property."

He said negotiations are going on to obtain a smaller tract adjoining the Monohan property and a site for a smaller school north of Shelbyville Road. Should the School Board be unable to agree with the owners on price it can buy the land through condemnation proceedings.

The **St. Matthews** area was de-

clared "out of bounds" by the Jefferson County School Board, which told the Planning and Zoning Commission it could not undertake to place schools where either Louisville would absorb the area or it might incorporate independently.

### 'It's Ideally Located.'

The Louisville board will be unable to develop the land until **St. Matthews** political future is settled. The Court of Appeals will hear a suit Friday on its incorporation separately from Louisville. The incorporation earlier had been ruled illegal, but a rehearing was granted.

Should incorporation finally lose, Louisville has an annexation ordinance covering the area. Jones said that until the board can use the site he hopes it can be used for community recreation facilities.

"It is ideally located," he said, "and just right for football fields, baseball diamonds, tennis and volleyball courts, and we hope it can be used widely while it is lying idle."

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October 15, 1947, Letter:

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Rev. Richard W. Burn  
Puechel, Kentucky

Dear Rev. Burn:

A few days ago, I read an article which you placed in the Point of View Columns of the local press concerning cooperation of the City, County and Volunteer Fire Departments in a program of fire fighting and fire insurance rate reductions.

In the article, you questioned the advisability of a meeting or arrangements for a meeting, involving such cooperation, to which the Volunteer Fire Departments themselves were not invited. While I think the news papers are very bad channel for such discussions, I agree with you that the Volunteers should have been invited to the meeting. It so happens that neither your County Judge or Col. Claud Thompson, Chief of the County Fire Department, knew what was to be done at the meeting. It was arranged by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau which issued the invitations itself to those who were there represented.

The position of your County Government is that we should lose sight of individual differences of opinion and lose sight of all other considerations than that of saving lives and property and, second, an adequate reduction in fire insurance rates for all of our citizens in Jefferson County.

We have, as you know, no control over our fire insurance rates. These are controlled by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, subject to the action of the State Insurance Commission. The Kentucky Inspection Bureau personnel is selected and the expenses of the Bureau paid by the Insurance Companies. It is obvious, therefore, that if we are to accomplish a reduction in fire insurance rates we must cooperate among ourselves against what could easily turn out to be the common enemy. Critical discussion in the news papers is not conducive to such cooperation. Honest and free discussions among ourselves, meaning the Volunteer Departments, the City and County Fire Departments, is conducive to proper understanding and cooperation toward both goals hereinabove mentioned.

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October 15, 1947, Letter:

To: Rev. Burn  
Date: October 15, 1947  
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A copy of this letter is being sent to the heads of other Volunteer Fire Departments for the simple reason that your County Government feels that it is in a position to assist the Volunteer Fire Departments in Jefferson County in a program which we all participate. It feels that it can co-operate possibly by furnishing some types of equipment and, possibly, connect all departments under a common dispatcher, agreed upon by all concerned.

The plan submitted in a meeting a few days ago by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau is a rather complicated plan which is now being studied by Col. John Krusenklau, Chief of the City of Louisville Fire Department and Col. Claud Thompson, Chief of the County Fire Department. It is our purpose as soon as the plan can be studied and understood, to suggest to the Kentucky Inspection Bureau that the Volunteer Departments, as well as the City and County Departments, should be consulted in plans promulgated which all will thoroughly understand and in which each and all can thoroughly participate.

In reference to your letter to the Point of View, you will be glad to know, I am sure, that after the meeting Col. Thompson called Mr. Clemens, in charge of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, and personally inquired why the Volunteers had not been invited to the meeting. Mr. Clemens answered that he thought the plan had not been worked out in sufficient detail to be properly presented to the Volunteers at that time. I think it is the position of everyone concerned that as soon as the plan of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau is definitely formulated, all concerned will get together and discuss it. In the meeting Col. Thompson called attention of Mr. Clemens to the fact that the insurance companies had forwarded checks to the Volunteer Fire Departments from time to time in recognition of the good results they obtained in so many cases.

You will recall, that at my request to all of the Volunteer Fire Departments, the heads of five of them met in my office some weeks ago. At that time we discussed some possibilities as to cooperation with each other, but I have not had any communication concerning the discussion.

If there is a real spirit of cooperation among the Volunteer Fire Departments, I can assure you of a reciprocal feeling on the part of your County Government. I feel that the Kentucky Inspection Bureau will invite repre-



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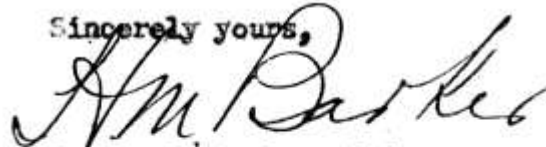
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sentatives of the Volunteer Fire Departments at any future meeting and I also feel that a plan can be worked out in which all can participate and cooperate and which will give us better fire protection and result in accomplishment of a considerably lower fire insurance rate for our citizens. I shall be glad to hear from you further in respect of the matter.

With kindest personal regards to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Horace M. Barker, Judge  
Jefferson County, Kentucky

HMB:pgn

CC: Col. John Krusenklau  
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Mr. Albert Clemens  
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Mr. Raymond Herrick, Chief  
Middletown Fire Department  
Mr. Carl L. Chamberlain, Chief  
Worthington Fire Department  
Mayor E. Leland Taylor

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, MS 1-47U, Looking East on Willis Avenue at intersection of Breckenridge Lane, 1947.



Courtesy C. E. Ring, July 1965, Ballerina, fire next to Porter Paints at the above intersection.





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September 28, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*:



September 28, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*:

STMFD firefighter



October 25, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:  
*Journal*:

### County Tentatively Decides On Bowman Field Fire Station

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**Milk-Sale Order  
Tentatively O.K.'d  
For McCracken**

The Courier-Journal Paducah Bureau.  
 Paducah, Ky., Oct. 20.—Tentative approval of the application for a federal marketing order regulating the sale of milk in Paducah and McCracken County

October 30, 1947, *The Courier-*

## County Gives Its Fire Chief A Peace Plan

### Agreement Sought With Volunteers

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### Sidewalks Authorized.

"I can't blame them for worrying," he said. "You simply can't say that's not our concern. It is. We need to co-ordinate all fire-fighting to keep insurance rates low."

The court authorized \$3,000 for sidewalks along Beauchamp Road at Bowman Field.

Paul Yost, County forester, got permission to appoint a lookout man for the fire tower in the County Forest. He said the tower will be completed tomorrow.

### Roads Are Taken In.

Several roads leading toward the site of the proposed new veterans' hospital on Zorn Avenue were taken into the County system. Repair work costing \$1,000 was authorized but reconstruction to cost \$35,000 was disapproved because the area is under annexation proceedings by the City of Louisville.

County Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., and County Attorney Sam Steinfeld discussed proposals to get the County help build roads when districts are organized. White said this would spread road work and enable the County to give better distribution. At present, the County keeps up County roads 100 per cent; roads not in the County system are maintained or built by property owners. Road districts have taxing powers to improve areas they embrace.

December 4, 1947, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Court O.K.'s Bowman Field Fire Station

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December 5, 1947, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Fire House Authorized Court Is Divided

At its regular meeting Wednesday the Fiscal Court authorized another county fire station, to be located at Bowman Field. Ten men to man the station with annual salaries aggregating \$10,000 is expected to be required.

County Attorney Sam Steinfeld told the court that, in the light of previous implications by members of that body, it would show bad faith not to establish the new station. Although Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., refused to second a motion made by his colleague, Edw. Torstrick, to set up the station, County Judge Horace Barker himself seconded the motion. But there was further hesitancy in effecting the move when Commissioner Miles Thacker refrained from voting on the measure.

Repeating previous rulings relative to the County driveways and installing culverts at private dwelling entrances off county roads, Attorney Steinfeld told the Court that it would violate the law in making such expenditures. Steinfeld said that exceptions be made in instances where such private road connections were broken by the County in ditching or remaking public roads.

December 13, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Cost \$20,000 Per Year.

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The court decided, on advice of County Attorney Sam Steinfeld, to refuse to send representatives to a meeting Wednesday at Pond Creek bridge on the Jefferson-Bullitt line. Bullitt County has begun legal steps to force Jefferson to help rebuild, largely at Jefferson's expense, a bridge on Catherine Station road on the line. Steinfeld said he did not consider the bridge advisable, since it now serves a dead-end road. Calling a meeting at the bridge is a step to force reconstruction.

### Milk Fund Goes Up.

The court was told by Welfare Director William Pennycook that the 1-cent-a-quart added to the price of milk this week would cost the County \$221 a month in serving welfare cases. Pennycook said budget readjustments would be needed.

## Court Can't Play Santa Or Even Have a Tree

The Fiscal Court can't play Santa Claus.

County Attorney Sam Steinfeld yesterday said the Court of Appeals decided this several years ago when former County Judge H. I. Fox wanted to have a Christmas tree for the County's wards.

Steinfeld's ruling was on a proposal to have Fiscal Court erect, light, and decorate a tree in front of the Courthouse.

December 13, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

# Employees' House Burns At Lakeland Hospital

Fire last night leveled a 75-year-old residence for employees at Central State Hospital at near-by Lakeland.

The flames were discovered shortly after 11 p.m. by Mrs. J. S. Kincaid, one of the occupants of the building. Mrs. Kincaid, with her husband, who is State construction super-

intendent at the hospital, aroused the only other persons in the house, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rankin. All four escaped injury.

Three fire departments—the St. Matthews and Middletown Volunteer Fire Departments and the Jefferson County Fire Department at Middletown—fought the spectacular blaze more than 2 hours, bringing it under control about 1 a.m. today.

Kincaid said the fire started in the room adjoining the one occupied by the wife. Origin of the blaze, he said, apparently was in faulty electrical wiring in the ceiling of the second-floor room.

Estimated loss in the fire was \$25,000, including \$5,000 in furnishings. The house, known as the Kackley Building, was more than 75 years old, he added.

The construction superintendent said the flames at no time endangered quarters occupied by inmates of the hospital.

## Paroled Convict Asks to Be Put Back Into Jail

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 13 (U.P.)—A paroled convict asked authorities today to put him back in jail because "I can't get along with things the way they are on the outside."

Raymond Richkart, 37, was held in the County Jail after pleading before City Magistrate Thomas K. Sprague that he had violated his parole on a technicality.

Richkart was released October 24 after serving part of a one-to-20-year sentence in 1940 for automobile theft.

"I want to go back to work in the prison laundry or the kitchen," he said, "and I want to see some of my old friends."

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December 17, 1947, Letter:

JOSHUA B. EVERETT  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF WELFARE



JOHN GUERTEMOUTH  
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December 17, 1947

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A. M. LYON, M. D.  
ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Chief John M. Monohan  
3909 Elmwood Avenue  
St. Matthews  
Kentucky

Dear Chief Monohan:

As superintendent of Central State Hospital, I take this means, which at its best is very feeble, to express to you our profound appreciation for giving us support in trying to extinguish the fire at the hospital on Saturday night.

You and your helpers demonstrated beyond a doubt unlimited interest in the welfare of your neighbors. The exposure and effort to which you subjected yourselves is admired by everyone at this institution. Please express to your associates our profound gratefulness for their services.

In closing may I add that we wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

December 20, 1947, *The Courier-Journal*:

### Bowman Field Fire Station

To the Editor of *The Courier-Journal*:

An article in *The Courier-Journal* states that "Court O.K.'s Bowman Field Fire Station." As a taxpayer, I cannot understand why the Fiscal Court is spending \$20,000 a year of the taxpayers' money in a duplication of fire services.

The Municipal Housing Project is owned by the City of Louisville and the Louisville Fire Department furnishes free fire protection to the Bowman Field area. Due to this protection, Bowman Field has been granted an eighth-class insurance rate. Consequently, the fire station installed by the County in Bowman Field does not add to the protection they already have from the City and has no effect on the insurance rate. Therefore, this money could be spent by the county to better advantage.

The *Courier-Journal* also stated that the Municipal Housing Project had limited the Bowman Field fire equipment to an area within a three-mile radius, and by what authority? Within the three-mile radius of the station at Bowman Field is included a large part of the city of Louisville which admittedly needs no additional fire protection, and a large part of that area is in St. Matthews, which is now protected by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. If the County can spend this additional money, why not locate the station where it would protect an area which has no fire protection now?

Louisville.

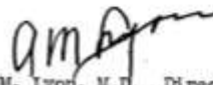
COUNTY TAXPAYER.

It is a known fact that the Louisville Fire Department provides free fire protection to the Bowman Field area and, in consideration of this protection, Bowman Field has a low insurance rate. The Fiscal Court is aware of these facts, but, regardless, it is going to spend \$20,000 a year of the taxpayers' money to duplicate a service that is not needed.

Louisville.

PAYTON WESTERFIELD.

Very truly yours,

  
A. M. Lyon, M.D., Director  
Division of Hospitals and  
Mental Hygiene, and  
Acting Superintendent



## 1947 (About)

In August of 1945 Chief Claud Thompson was hired by Jefferson County to run a “Jefferson County Fire department.” He had no men, no stations and no apparatus. By 1946 the County had ordered build 3 new fire stations and build 3 new fire houses. The picture below had a date of 1944 which it could not have been. We believe this was 1947. The pumper would later be bought by STMFD and became S1 and then 8821.

**District 1 Pumper:** This pumper was sold to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department in November/December 1952. St. Matthews used it until 1977 when it was sold to Duffield Virginia Volunteer Fire Department. This photo curtesy *The story of Louisville's neighborhoods, by he Courier Journal*, —Firefighters christened a new truck with a bottle of 7-up as part of the dedication of a new fire station in Middletown, 1944. Note the date is wrong, this is probably 1947. The person with the 7-up bottle is Chief Claud Thompson.



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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, East side of Breckenridge Lane, north of Willis Avenue, 1947. The Marshall Family's concrete block house was just beyond the old St. Matthews Baptist Church property, ZV 36-47, Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives.



Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Heart of St. Matthews, June, 1947



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John M. Monohan Jr.  
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By 1948 we had 8<sup>th</sup> class rates.

January 9, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

February 6, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

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## Firemen Battle \$7,500 Fire; Get Second Call

Fire did about \$7,500 damage Sunday to a house under construction in the 4100 block of Brookline. It was owned by Joseph F. Dietrich, contractor, of 407 Godfrey.

John Monohan, president of the St. Matthews Fire Department said the blaze evidently was started by an overheated furnace which was being used to dry out fresh plaster.

While firemen were putting hose away County Police notified them of another fire on the Upper River Road estate of Dr. W. E. MacGregor. However County Police radioed while they were enroute that the fire had been extinguished.

St. Matthews Volunteers also were called to Buechel last Thursday to assist in fighting a house fire there.

Taylor 4206

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## ***Fire Destroys \$5,000 In Stock Of St. Matthews Upholsterers***

Fire gutted the St. Matthews Upholstering Company, 112 E. Breckinridge Lane, and destroyed \$5,000 worth of stock at 8:07 last night.

A bystander who volunteered his services was injured when hit on the head by a fire nozzle. The injured man, Chuck Gibbs, 33, of 636 S. First, was treated at General Hospital.

Thomas H. Blankenship, 50, of 3702 Warner, proprietor of the company, placed damage to stock at \$5,000 and estimated the value of the two-story sheet-metal

building, which he rents, at \$15,000.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and the Jefferson County Fire Department believed the blaze was caused by defective wiring.

Defective wiring also caused some smoke at the Congress Street basement entrance to City Hall last night.

Earlier yesterday fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGrath on Johnson Road, Eastwood, causing a loss estimated at more than \$6,000. The couple escaped in their night clothing.

January 12, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

# Train Smashes Truck Believed Left On Tracks By Scrap Thieves

## Vehicle's Owner Not Located

Men who police believe were stealing scrap iron from the rear of a **St. Matthews** garage yesterday left a truck they were using in the path of an oncoming passenger train.

The truck, abandoned at the rear of the **St. Matthews** Motor Company, 3827 Frankfort, was knocked from the tracks, turned over against the building, and severely damaged.

The train, the Cincinnati-bound Pan-American of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, was not damaged but was delayed 15 minutes.

### Patrolmen Were On Way.

No trace of the men, or the owner of the truck had been found by County police last night. Police said they could not check the license number of the truck until the License Bureau opened today.

Thomas Collins, 288 Ridgeway, manager of the motor company, said the men apparently were

caught by the train as they were loading the scrap shortly after 6 p.m. Because of insufficient room between the building and the tracks, Collins said, they had to drive along the tracks to reach the scrap pile.

The scrap iron, valued at \$60, was being accumulated to be sold, Collins said.

County Patrolmen Elmer Heady and William K. Cardwell said they had received a call from an unidentified person that someone was stealing the scrap. They were on their way to investigate when the accident occurred.



*Courier-Journal Photo.*

**LEFT ON TRACKS** by men believed to have been stealing scrap iron, this truck was wrecked when struck by passenger train in **St. Matthews** yesterday.



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January 18, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

LOUISVILLE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1948 New York Times Service, United Press 102 PA

# Fire Destroys Denunzio Warehouse; Loss Set At \$190,000; 3 Firemen Hurt

## 13 Engines Called to Scene In 3-Alarm Blaze

Fire destroyed the Joseph Denunzio Fruit Company's huge brick warehouse at First and River Road yesterday, causing loss estimated at \$190,000.

Loss to the fruit company was set at \$140,000. The building, owned by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, was valued at \$30,000.

The fire had almost gutted the building by the time it was discovered at 2:22 p.m. The flames devoured the structure so rapidly that nothing but the brick walls was left standing 40 minutes later. Firemen answered three alarms.

### Flames Visible for Miles.

Flames, visible for miles around, shot 100 feet into the air and smoke spread a pall over the immediate downtown area. When the roof caved in about 15 minutes after firemen arrived, flames and sparks burst into the air like miniature fireworks.

The flames were under control by 2:45 p.m., but firemen were still there at midnight extinguishing fires smoldering in the ruins.

Quentin E. Scholtz, 1432 Cherokee Road, vice-president of the company, said that about \$140,000 worth of produce and refrigeration equipment was lost in the fire. The loss was covered by insurance, Scholtz said. Denunzio's is one of the largest produce companies in the Louisville area.

### 3 Firemen Injured.

The building is 260 feet long and 100 feet wide. Prior to leasing to Denunzio 10 years ago, the L. & N. used it as a railway freight house. John C. Haly, Jr., L. & N. architect, said the building was constructed in 1901.

Three firemen were injured fighting the blaze. They were Eugene Bowers, 44, of 613 E. Jefferson, an engineer, who suffered a possible ruptured eardrum when struck by a stream



FLAMES AND SMOKE shoot into the air at the Joseph Denunzio Fruit Company warehouse, First and River Road, which was destroyed by fire yesterday. This photo was taken from the south end of the Louisville Bridge at Second.

of water. Franklin Morgan, 26, of 2918 Taylor, a saddlemaker, who slipped on a nail, and Edgar Bordin, 40, of 3214 Bank, who suffered head cuts. All were treated at General Hospital.

Thirteen engines, two quads, two aerial trucks, a water tower, and a gasoline emergency truck were used. The equipment came from stations as far distant as 23d and Maple, Bardstown Road and Cherokee Parkway, and Sixth and Hill.

Intense heat from the fire blistered the wooden fronts of buildings as far as a block away.

No buildings were located near enough to the warehouse to be endangered by the flames.

The fire was discovered by A. J. Scavo, 4123 Michigan, auditor and office manager, and Miss Helen Lubbey, 4108 W. Broadway, office secretary. They were the only two persons in the building at the time. Forty-five other employees had left at 10 a.m., the usual quitting time on Saturdays.

Scavo said: "Miss Lubbey and I were working on books in the office when I heard a tremendous noise that sounded like a high

wind. We opened the door and saw the whole place aflame."

After turning in the alarm, Scavo said, they stuffed some valuable papers in a steel safe, carried others with them, and escaped through a side window.

Scholtz said he believed the fire was caused by a defective flue. A minor fire, also caused by a defective flue, occurred in the banana department last Tuesday night, Scholtz said.

He added that the company would operate from a **St. Mat.** throws branch until another location is found.

January 26, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Fire Damages House Before It's Finished

Fire caused about \$7,500 damage yesterday to a house under construction in the 4100 block of Brookfield, John Monaghan, chief of the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department**, said. The house is owned by John F. Dietrich, 407 Godfrey. Monaghan said the blaze was started by an overheated furnace which was kept going in order to dry out fresh plaster. Part of the floor and walls of the ground floor was destroyed.

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By 1948 we had 8<sup>th</sup> class rates.

February 13, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Suggests Subsidy For Volunteer Fire Dep'ts.

A suggestion that the county subsidize volunteer fire departments was made this week by County Fire Chief Claud Thompson.

In a report to the Fiscal Court Thompson said such a move was necessary "to make an integrated fire department serving all the county." He said he hoped to incorporate some of the strategically volunteer departments into the county fire department. The county fire department now has four stations manned with paid firemen. The individual volunteer would continue to serve without pay, he said.

All volunteer units should have the opportunity of making recommendations for coordinating the work, according to County Commissioner Stuart E. Lampe. He added that "they were established first and were responsible for insurance rates being lowered. We have not brought them down further with our paid department," he added.

Meanwhile a committee from the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to get fire insurance rates lowered here. Most St. Matthews residents pay eight and tenth class rates.

February 20, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Volunteer Fire Fighters Elect At Annual Meet

At the annual meeting of the Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., held last Friday, the following officers and directors were elected:

President, Bill Rice; first vice president, R. Davis McAfee; second vice president, Arnold Pohl; secretary, William Barnes; treasurer, Roy Motherhead.

Directors: Bill Rice, R. Davis McAfee, Arnold Pohl, William Barnes, Roy Motherhead, Payton Westerfield, William Kihnley, Carter Fields, Frank Vogt, B. J. Williams, Jr., William E. Rives, Thurston Schmidt.



# Co-ordinated North-Kentucky Fire Companies Have Whittled Insurance Rates Down Sharply

**Volunteers and professionals team up in 16 communities. The situation in Jefferson costs more for less effect**

By SAM MOSS  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

ALTHOUGH they don't receive a cent for fire protection, a group of 16 small cities clustered around Covington and Newport, Ky., operate their own fire departments so efficiently that insurance rates have been reduced sharply.

Here in Jefferson County, where operating the County fire department costs at the rate of \$83,000 a year, insurance rates haven't even been denied as a result of County efforts.

Fayette County maintains a fire engine in Lexington, but Fayette's rates haven't been lowered, either.

The Northern-Kentucky fire departments successfully blend professional firemen, fire companies which have some paid men, and those which are entirely volunteer into an organization that has obtained results for the pocketbooks of those who own property. Rates are as low as Louisville's.

## Bureau Fixes Rates

The departments at Covington and Newport, the principal cities of the two counties, are entirely professional. Some of the other cities support their departments by tax money to buy equipment and to pay one or two men to stay on duty at all times. Some departments are entirely volunteer—the men serving as a public service and the equipment being bought by community fund-raising.

Insurance rates in Kentucky are fixed by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau. The bureau, with Louisville headquarters, goes into a community, inspects its water facilities, the equipment and manpower of its fire companies and other data that enter into the risk of providing, to pay off if a policy-holder has a fire. The fire-insurance companies of Kentucky then write the insurance at the rates fixed by the rating.

The bureau is supported by the insurance companies. It is not a State Government agency.

The secret of the reduced rates in North Kentucky's cluster of communities resulted from:

1. Adequate equipment and manpower for each community. Adequate equipment covers fire engines, water supply and other factors. It means not only a fire engine that is intrinsically good, but also one that is practical. For example, an engine that is too heavy to get about on the streets and roads available is just as inadequate as one that can't pump enough water when it gets there. Two small engines often may serve better than one big one.

The manpower problem is not always easily solved, even when the citizens are willing to fight fires free. For instance, if the bureau goes into a residential community that plans to organize a fire company, it doesn't like to approve a voluntary company. The reason is simple: In the daytime, all the men who could be depended upon for fighting fires would be at work. On the other hand, if in the community are a number of business firms which hire men enough to be out for a fire-fighting crew at any moment, a volunteer unit will work all right.

The communities which haven't volunteers on hand during working hours have two ways of solving their problem: They can hire men for the day shift if they have the financial resources, or they can contract with other fire companies to give them protection.

Some contract with Covington or Newport. In this case, the charge is based on the value of property, the rating company paying at the same rate that it costs Covington to provide fire protection for its own urban area.

Others, too far from Covington or Newport, contract with nearer fire companies. These may be maintained by use of the

small cities or may be completely volunteer.

Then, too, there must be a fire-alarm system that is dependable. Most alarm companies come in by telephone. There are places, however, where telephone service is not available at all, and other places where it is not available at certain hours. In many business districts, for example, no offices with telephones are open at night. In some residential areas, a policeman or a landlord who sees a fire at night tends to have an alarm box he can pull, instead of having to trouble some sleepy citizen to make a telephone call.

## Boundaries Required

2. Equipment, however adequate, and manpower, however plentiful, must be tied down to a definite area. In some cases, this is about three miles from the engine house; in others, it may be as much as five miles away. Speed of the fire truck, roads and traffic conditions all control that. No credit is given for equipment that is a "free runner." It might get so far from the area it is supposed to protect that something could happen before it could come back.

3. Arrangements must be made to protect an area when its own equipment is fighting a fire. This is the heart of the co-operative program in Kenton and Campbell Counties. Rates were reduced initially largely because the individual communities had no adequate fire protection for themselves. They are held low and reduced as experience justifies. Because the communities have worked out a program to help each other in emergencies.



Fire Chief Thompson  
Told to work out solutions

About 60 pieces of fire equipment are thus co-ordinated.

Since there is no over-all chief for the fire departments in the two counties, the whole matter is one of mutual co-operation. Each community is responsible for its own protection initially. The fire calls go directly to the headquarters of the company serving the area, and it answers the calls.

To insure systematic coverage from three on out, the Covington fire department headquarters is the clearinghouse. It instructs other fire companies to aid the busy company in a pattern already worked out and constantly revised as conditions warrant.

## Companies Obey

The companies bid to move do so without question. If the company fighting the fire finds itself hard-pressed, it calls for help, and others are sent in. The job of fighting the fire is under direction of the chief of the department responsible for the area. If Covington, for example, sent in a couple of purpers to help a suburb, they would serve under the direction of the fire chief there.

Yet, experience and understanding have made the system work. For example, Fire Chief Walter Salyers of Covington, a pro-

fessional fire-fighter, has found that the volunteers take the trouble to become good fire-fighters.

"They have pride, and they will get in there and do a job," he said. "I have all the respect in the world for them. We work with volunteer companies, companies which have some paid firemen, companies which are municipal fire companies and companies equipped through community gifts . . . and have not yet been satisfactorily with all of them."

The result has been translated into dollars and cents. Most of the rating communities had 15th-class rates when the program was initiated. On a "standard" residential risk—a one-story frame house with a roof that won't catch fire from sparks—that is 74 cents a year for each \$100 of insurance. A \$10,000 building, for example, at this rate would cost \$74 a year to insure.

## Rates Reduced

The rates have come down three or four classes. At sixth class, the rate has dropped to 22 cents for each \$100 of insurance. The \$10,000 home at this rate costs \$22 instead of the original \$74.

Many other rates have been reduced in proportion. Year by year, the money spent on proper equipment and in proper organization has turned money back into the pockets of the property-owners who support the departments.

Here in Jefferson, the situation is somewhat different. The County has its own department, with four salaried and five pieces of equipment. Some \$100,000 even are required to operate it. All are full-time employees.

With one exception (the engine at Bowman Field), the County department answers calls everywhere. The Kentucky Inspection Bureau does not consider this form of "running" fire-protection as of any value in fixing rates. It demands a definite distance limit.

## No Co-ordination

There is no co-ordinated program involving various fire organizations in Jefferson. About 15 volunteer companies, the huge Louisville fire department, the two City-supported and equipped companies at Shively and Anchorage, and the County Department all go their separate ways.

There have been rate reductions—there in recent months—but the County department has not brought them.

Louisville, Anchorage and Shively, for example, have a sixth-class rate, 22 cents per \$100, because their equipment is better than that of the Jefferson County, Shively and other communities have brought their rates down by better equipment, better water supply and better organization. Areas near Louisville's fringe ride a lower rate because the Louisville fire department is within easy call. Sixth class is lowest rate on homes.

Friction has existed between the County and volunteer units since the beginning. The volunteers initially provided County support in the way of men or two paid men and extra equipment, with perhaps a co-ordinator to act as a sort of chief in working out cooperation. The County would stand with its plans for stations, one next to the volunteer station in Matfieldtown, one below Shively on Dixie Highway and one on Newburg Road between Shively and Camp Taylor. A fourth was added later at Bowman Field.

## \$133,000 Spent

The County built about \$100,000 worth of fire stations and bought about \$33,000 worth of fire engines. It hired initially 10 men for each station, in addition to supervisory help and service men. It added a station at Bowman Field, with 10 more men, when the Arms left there. To help pay for this, it got \$6,000 from the Municipal Housing Authority.

The bad blood has made co-operation hard. County Judge Barker says the County department protects areas without protection; volunteers say it turns their own support. Barker said a study is being made to bring rate reduction. County Fire Chief Claude Thompson has been instructed to find ways to let the County and volunteer firemen fight fires instead of one another.



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February 18, 1948, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

February 18, 1948

Mr. Edwin H. Stierle, Clerk  
Jefferson County Fiscal Court  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

FIRE PROTECTION - JEFFERSON COUNTY

In compliance with your request of January 20, we have made a very thorough study of the fire protection facilities in Jefferson County, and submit, for your consideration, the enclosed list of general recommendations for coordinating the county fire protection.

Compliance with these recommendations will warrant a fire protection grading in the various areas varying from sixth to approximately nine and one-half class, depending upon the relative amount of protection available in the individual areas.

We shall be pleased to cooperate in any way possible in working out the details involved in complying with these recommendations.

Yours very truly,

MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Thompson:mf

Enclosure

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COORDINATING FIRE PROTECTION  
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

At the present time, the protection in Jefferson County is afforded by one metropolitan fire department which protects the City of Louisville and a fringe area contiguous thereto, four full-paid county companies whose operations are scattered over the entire county, and twelve community fire departments whose operations are mainly limited to their individual communities. In order to afford protection to the entire county, and also increase the degree of protection now afforded certain of the smaller communities, the fire department operations within the county should be coordinated as follows:

1. Arrangements should be made for the full-paid companies (both county and municipal) to protect an area within five miles by road of each company, and first alarm response of such companies should be limited to such an area.
2. The volunteer community fire departments should protect an area within three miles of the individual department, but only those departments having at least two pieces of equipment should arrange to respond outside the community limits.
3. A move-up program should be inaugurated whereby a definite running card is established, providing for first and subsequent alarms, and for cover-up by adjacent companies in case of a second fire in any individual territory. A paid fire company should respond to all alarms of fire in territories protected by volunteer departments. Normally, these companies will not be needed, but will be available in event of an unforeseen delay or if additional equipment or hose is needed.
4. Where additional companies are required to fill in gaps not properly protected, as indicated under the foregoing distance requirements, these should be installed on the basis of limiting first alarm response

to not over five miles by road where companies are full-paid, and to a maximum of three miles where companies are call or volunteer. Equipment suitable for protecting the individual areas should be provided, with particular reference to negotiating road conditions within the area.

5. A centralized fire alarm headquarters should be provided for handling all alarms, with a sufficient number of telephone trunk lines to adequately take care of the service. Direct telephone lines should be extended to each of the county stations and to each of the cooperating community departments. In addition, two-way radio equipment should be provided for all department houses and on apparatus. A large map showing the entire protected area, with location of fire companies, streets, etc., should be provided.
6. Where water protection is to be provided, the minimum main size should be 6-inch, with due consideration being given to the quantity of water available for the individual area under protection. Hydrant spacing should not exceed 600 feet and should be closer in heavily built-up areas.  
In rural areas where cisterns are provided, the minimum size should be 3,000 gallons, and suitable provisions should be made for road approach and for keeping cisterns filled. Proper consideration should be given to the location of cisterns, with reference to buildings being protected.
7. Suitable building laws and fire prevention regulations should be set up for the individual areas, and provisions made for fire prevention inspections in all property other than dwellings and farm property.
8. Detailed sectional maps of the various districts should be provided in each engine house. These maps should show the various roads,

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water mains, fire hydrants, cisterns, and all other auxiliary water supplies which might be utilized by the departments.

9. Complete records of all fires, fire methods, losses, apparatus, and all fire department matters should be kept. Such information should be available at a centralized location.
10. Arrangements should be made for the county police department to co-operate with the fire department organizations in reporting fires, controlling traffic, preserving of order at fires, and the reporting of buildings under construction without permit and in violation of safety standards. Portable fire extinguishing equipment should be provided on all police cruisers for fighting incipient fires, including those on automobiles and trucks.

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

February 18, 1948

February, 1948, Letter:

Judge Horace M. Barker  
Chairman, Fiscal Court  
Louisville, Ky.

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Dear Judge Barker:

The plan for the coordination of the County Fire Department with the Volunteer Fire Department units which we represent which you submitted to us and which general plan we understand meets the requirements of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, meets with our wholehearted approval.

It is our understanding that the adoption of this plan will not only bring about a more efficient method of protection to the people in the area, but bring about material savings in insurance rates.

It is our understanding that this plan does not contemplate the taking over of the Volunteer units by the County, but would only be the means of assisting us in setting up our departments with trained men and equipment which would enable all the departments in the area to function as one unit in fire fighting.

We realize that this plan will give added protection to both life and property in the area we serve.

Therefore, the undersigned request that this plan be submitted to the Fiscal Court for their approval, with the hope that it will meet with favorable action on the part of the Court, so that details can be worked out and put into operation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ John M. Monohan, Chief St. Matthews Fire Dept

/s/ Carl L. Chamberlain, Chief Worthington Vol.  
Fire Dept.

/s/ Marshall Floore, Chief Jeffersontown Dept.

/s/ Raymond Herrick, Chief Middletown Dept.

February, 1948:

**MEMORANDUM OF ITEMS AGREED UPON TENTATIVELY WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTING UNITS.**

1. When a fire is reported in an area covered by a Volunteer Unit, that unit will be first called to fight the fire. If assistance is needed the County Fire Department will support that unit. All calls are to be handled by a central dispatcher who will direct which companies to answer the fire alarm.
2. The voluntary units' fire trucks are to be equipped with radios and placed on the same radio band as our County Fire and Police Departments.
3. A central alarm system is to be worked out so that when a person desires to report a fire he simply says so to the operator. The operator then directs the call through to the dispatcher without delay. It is thought that the telephone company engineer can arrange to have all fire calls directed to the dispatcher through the trunk lines now operating between his office and the County Fire Department Units.
4. When a fire is being fought in an area covered by a volunteer unit, it will be fought under the direction of the volunteer chief. Any fire outside the areas particularly covered by the volunteer units is to be fought under the supervision or direction of the County Fire Chief or the captain in charge.
5. Equipment being used by the Volunteer Units will meet the standards required by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau and maintained in that status. The County will have the right to inspect any equipment which it furnishes to the Volunteer Fire Departments and, if necessary, will make repairs thereto.
6. It is understood that the financial contribution of the County Government to each of the Volunteer Units will amount to probably \$1500.00. This can be set up by way of a drawing account, which is a simple detail to be agreed upon.
7. The County Fire Department is to assist in the training of men in the Volunteer Units and assist in bringing other and outside instructors, if necessary, for this purpose, in order that the training of the men will enable them to be more efficient in the fighting of fires and in the handling of fire fighting equipment.
8. It must be understood that the County Government will, in no wise, interfere with the operation of the volunteer fire house or a volunteer organization. It is to independently handle its own affairs and has no connection with the County Government, except for the purpose of fire fighting efficiency and the reduction of fire insurance rates. In other words, it will continue, as in the past, to handle its own affairs without restriction or interference in any way by the County Government. On the other hand, the purpose in making these agreements is to bring about close cooperation in the matter of fire fighting, establishment of better trained men and better equipment, in order to effect the closest cooperation to a more efficient overall system of fire fighting and for the purpose of reduction in fire insurance rates.



February 21 & 25, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Cross Burned In Field Near St. Matthews

County police last night investigated the burning of a wooden cross in a field west of Breckinridge Lane at Brownlee Road, south of **St. Matthews**.

The cross was near the site of a proposed subdivision to be open to Negro homes.

Patrolmen James B. Edwards and Earl Holloway said they found the cross, about 12 feet by six, toppled over but still burning when they reached the spot at midnight. A pocket knife and the remains of a pair of overalls were found in the ashes.

Steve Remm, 3900 Brownlee Road, reported the cross to police when he was awakened by the backfiring of a car as it drove away from the scene.

Near by, back from Breckinridge Lane, is the small home of William Huston, Negro caretaker of property which includes the field. Huston said he had no enemies and has lived there since 1929.

Plans for a 29-acre subdivision on the west side of Breckinridge Lane were announced last week by A. M. Carroll, lawyer for Dr. P. O. Sweeney, Negro dentist. He said it would be open to Negroes or any "desirable people."

## Sweeney Asserts Threats Won't Halt Subdivision

Threats won't halt the subdivision he plans to open to Negroes near **St. Matthews**, Dr. P. O. Sweeney, Negro dentist, said here yesterday.

He was referring to a letter received by another Negro dentist, but obviously intended for him. He also referred to a threatening call received last week by his daughter. The threats followed an announcement that Dr. Sweeney intended to subdivide the land into half-acre tracts open to "all desirable people including Negroes."

The letter was received Monday by Dr. Turner R. Spillman, 700 W. Walnut. Signed with a cross, the handwritten letter implied a warning that "your 29 acres" must be sold "to white people." It also warned that "there is going to be a 'race riot' here in Louisville much quicker than you think," and concluded with the Biblical quotation: "Oh death, where is thy sting?"

### Told of Second Cross.

Both Dr. Spillman and Dr. Sweeney agreed that the letter was intended for the latter.

Dr. Sweeney also disclosed that his daughter, Mrs. Florence Warders, 25, had received an anonymous telephone call from a man who warned that "Another cross is going to be burned next week." Mrs. Warders received the call last week after a cross was found burning on the 29 acres Dr. Sweeney purchased 15 months ago.

"There probably are some people who feel like this letter writer did, but I don't think that feeling is widespread," Dr. Sweeney said. "Race relations in Louisville have been too good for this thing to be considered too seriously."

"The person who sent the letter

must be a low type, but not necessarily a crackpot, he continued.

Dr. Sweeney, who yesterday returned from the Bahamas and Florida, declared flatly that such threats "certainly will not stop our plans for the subdivision."

"I bought the land through a real-estate firm a year and three months ago," he related. "I bought with the intention of starting a little farm of my own, but I changed my mind when I saw how rapidly the area around it was being built up."

As a result, he said he'd bought a small acreage for his farm farther east, on Shelbyville Road, and proceeded to plan a subdivision on the tract that lies between Breckinridge Lane and Beauchamp Road near Big Spring Golf Course.

The subdivision is "strictly a business venture," Dr. Sweeney said. He added that he already has received many applications for lots in the tract, "some of them from white people."

### Might Sell Tract As a Whole.

Dr. Sweeney said there was a possibility that he would sell the 29-acre tract as a whole "if the offer is good enough." But, he added emphatically, he will not sell it because of the threats.

Dr. Sweeney said he had not conferred with police about the threats, but Dr. Spillman disclosed that he had taken the threatening letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation office here. M. W. McFarlin, special agent in charge of the office, said: "The letter is not an F.B.I. matter because there was no threat of bodily harm or property harm."

## Byck Urges Killing Bill On Annexation

February 28, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

# Plan to Add 4 Fire Units Is Studied

## County Chief To Seek Approval Of Fiscal Court

Greater fire protection for Jefferson County is sought under a plan now being studied to add four fire stations to the County system and to man them jointly with paid firemen and volunteers, County Judge Horace Barker said yesterday.

Under the plan, paid firemen at each of the three permanent County stations would be reduced from 10 to "eight or nine." Engines owned by the County would remain at these stations. Paid firemen transferred from the three stations, and those from the temporary Bowman Field station, would join volunteers in manning four new stations to be located where a survey finds they are most needed.

### Central Alarm System Planned.

Barker said the plan is being studied by County Chief Claud Thompson to present to Fiscal Court. It also includes:

Furnishing key volunteer units with two-way radio equipment and special nozzles they may need for their own engines.

A central alarm system.

A system of moving equipment into an area when the area's own equipment is busy.

Contracts with Louisville, Anchorage, and Shively to protect property near their limits.

Barker said he felt this could be done at no great added expense in operating the County department and that no extra paid firemen would be needed. Such an enlarged system would cost no more than \$100,000 and should reduce insurance rates enough to justify the cost, he said. The present pay roll is \$80,000 a year.

## Notes Saving of Property.

"This will protect \$100,000,000 worth of property outside of Louisville," he declared. "Our department so far has saved \$2,000,000 worth of property threatened by fire. It would have burned if there had been no protection," he added.

Barker said the plan would limit initial response of all stations to the radius fixed by the agency setting rates for insurance companies. This agency, Kentucky Inspection Bureau, made recommendations to Fiscal Court Wednesday for a county-wide fire program.

Barker said President Harold F. Petty, of the Kentucky Federation of Labor, had called on him about unionization of the County's firemen.

## O.K.'s Union Membership.

"I told him anybody could join a union without danger to his job," said Judge Barker. "The Fiscal Court will be glad to have the co-operation and advice of the union, but it cannot bargain with it as a union under our law. It must make its own decisions after weighing its responsibility to the whole body of citizens."

There are 41 County firemen, including Chief Thompson. Petty estimated more than half have joined the A.F.L. - International Association of Fire Fighters, which has organized the City of Louisville firemen. Pay of County firemen now starts at \$150 a month.

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Courtesy Otto Mock, Camp Taylor Fire District.

Jefferson County Engine 2 stationed off Newburg Road 1948





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### Turner Home Damaged By Fire Friday A. M.

A fire today did approximately \$3,000 damage to the residence of F. A. Turner, 3548 Grandview Avenue.

Henry Kennedy, of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, said the alarm was turned in about 9:50 a.m., by a bread truck driver and apparently the fire had been burning for some time when firemen arrived.

For a few moments there was some excitement when neighbors thought Mrs. Turner, who is ill, was in the burning house. However, she was taken to a hospital for treatment earlier this week.

Cause of the blaze was attributed to a short in a radio wire.

March 19, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

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March 6, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Blue Coach Line May Serve Highway 60

Blue Motor Coach Lines has applied for a franchise to serve Middletown and to operate express buses from St. Matthews to downtown Louisville.

A Public Service Commission hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., March 12, at the Kentucky Hotel.

Such service could cut approximately 10 minutes from time required for a trip from St. Matthews to downtown Louisville, according to Jack Bierly, 407 Brown's Lane, representative of the Coach Lines.

The proposed bus line would go out Shelbyville Road to the Green Lantern, loop through the old Middletown Road and return

down Shelbyville Road with service from St. Matthews to Mellwood Avenue, down Main Street to First, on First to Walnut and west on Walnut to Fifth Street, north on Walnut to Liberty and east to Third Street.

Bierly said protests against the service are expected from the Louisville Railway Company and from Greyhound Lines. He pointed out that service from St. Matthews to downtown Louisville is unsatisfactory and that persons along the Shelbyville Road must depend on "very few" Greyhound buses for transportation.

Blue Coach plans to run buses each hour and every half hour during morning and evening rush hours, Bierly said. He added that turn-around buses will operate every fifteen minutes during rush hours to serve Lyndon and St. Matthews.

Persons interested in attending the hearing may ride chartered buses to and from the Kentucky Hotel, Bierly said. A bus will leave Middletown at 8 a.m. on March 12 and one will leave St. Matthews (Breckinridge Lane) between 8:15 and 9:30 a.m., Bierly said.

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March 17, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Vacant Lyndon Cottage Destroyed By Fire

Flames destroyed a vacant summer cottage off Whipps Mill Road in Lyndon last night. The structure had burned almost to the ground by the time St. Matthews volunteer firemen and County firemen reached the scene at 11 p.m.

Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department said the frame 6-room home contained no furniture and bore a sign marked "Windy Hill." Ownership of the cottage was not immediately determined. Monohan estimated the loss at approximately \$3,500.

March 19, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

## JUDGE BARKER, VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS IN SQUABBLE

It appears, from the reverberations throughout the County during the past week, that the wrangling between the organized volunteer firemen and County Judge Horace Barker continue to go places but get no where in particular. It is evident that a publicly supported fire fighting force and local volunteer organizations just can't get along together.

Judging from what has been happening recently and the continuing clashes between the Volunteer Firefighters' organization and public authorities, particularly Judge Barker, the County's entire setup of fire fighting facilities is likely to be thrown into a state of confusion. Much comment is now going the rounds relative to the lack of harmony observed during the past several months between the different agencies, which appear incompatible.

The public has begun to wonder what the new situation adds up to. Most people have a good word for the volunteers, and give them credit for doing a good job. The big question is, will the County do a better job, with the thousands of dollars of public funds that are being poured into the establishing and maintenance of a paid fire department.

The most recent developments came out of the Fiscal Court's action voting to allow a representative of the volunteers to sit in at meetings of officials of the County Fire Department and the Kentucky Inspection Bureau. With this Judge Barker dissented.

Bill Rice, Buechel, who is president of the organized Volunteer Firefighters, gives his version of the Court's action and the pro-

ceedings that followed, in a letter to *The Jeffersonian*.

Rice's letter follows:

On March 10 our attorney, R. D. McAfee, appeared before the Jefferson County Fiscal Court and requested the Court's permission to allow one of our members to act as our representative in any further discussions between the officials of the County Fire Department and the Kentucky Inspection Bureau. The purpose of these meetings were to work out a plan of cooperation between the County Fire Department and the Volunteer Departments.

Commissioner Stuart Lampe stated that he thought our request reasonable and made a motion that was promptly seconded by Commissioner R. A. Fihe, that we be allowed to have one representative present at these meetings. Judge Barker bitterly opposed the motion but after 45 minutes of argument by Judge Barker, a vote was taken on the motion and the three Commissioners voted in favor of it.

In spite of the Fiscal Court's action (Judge Barker being the Chairman) on March 11 the next morning, Judge Barker and the County Fire Chief met in a three hour session with representatives of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau without a representative of

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## JUDGE BARKER, VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS IN SQUABBLE

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the volunteer group being present.

On March 10 Commissioner Lampe requested the County Fire Chief to secure a map and recommendations that he had delivered to the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, turning same over to the Volunteer Firefighters to be reviewed at their meeting March 12 at the Lake Dreamland Station. When the representatives of the Volunteer group called at the Inspection Bureau for the papers he was informed that both the map and recommendations were in the possession of G. H. Parker of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, who was in conference with Judge Barker and the County Fire Chief. However, at 4 p. m. the representative of the Volunteer group was handed a copy of what was supposed to be the original recommendations but was refused the map.

How is it possible to work out a plan of cooperation between the County and the Volunteer Departments and make it work, when Judge Barker refuses to abide by the actions of the Court, of which he is Chairman?

Volunteer Firefighters, Inc.,  
By Bill Rice, President.

March 19, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

## County Agent Warns Against March Fires

Beware the Idea of March if you want to keep your farm property from going up in flames, County Agent, S. W. Anderson warned today.

Mr. Anderson cited figures released by Fire Protection Institute to indicate that March is the worst month of the year in terms of fire losses. And losses this year may reach new highs.

"More than \$72,435,000 worth of property in this country was destroyed by fire during March of last year. Based on Department of Agriculture calculations, approximately 14 million of that one-month loss occurred on America's Farms."

"In spite of fire prevention efforts, our fire loss totals continue to mount. During the month of January, for example, fire losses were up ten percent over totals for the same period a year ago. This is a serious threat to the farmer, to the consumer who depends on his products and to the entire national economy."

"Fire losses can be reduced through a simple program of prevention and protection," Mr. Anderson declared.

"There's nothing complicated about rooting out fire hazards and using common sense to prevent fires," he contends. "And there's nothing complicated about getting the best approved fire extinguishers and spotting them at strategic points on farm property against the time when an unpreventable fire breaks out. A fire multiplies fifty times in eight minutes. Today's farmer can't afford not to have sound fire-fighting equipment."





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In all cases, there would be needed a "move-up" system so that no section ever is left without some fire company to protect it. Putting this into effect merely calls for the setting-up of an automatic system whereby another company assumes the responsibility for answering calls in an area whose own equipment is out on a run.

### Five Demands Made

Fundamentally, the fire-insurance-rate bureau demands, for giving an area low rates, this situation:

1. Each volunteer company and the ones in small cities must answer first alarms no farther away than three miles.
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3. County companies, manned altogether by paid men, may go

anywhere in their three magisterial districts if there is sufficient backing to take over the areas they leave unprotected.

4. No rate reduction will be effected unless there is an adequate water system with hydrants where needed. A system of cisterns is being considered where central water is not available.

5. A move-up system must be approved as part of any program of rate-reduction beyond what already has been granted.

There are not now enough fire stations to protect the entire county adequately. The present County fire department, because it "roams" anywhere it is needed, is putting money into the pockets of insurance companies by putting out fires, but saving no money for property owners in insurance rates. The County "fire

department has had no effect on rates so far. Thompson's program is an effort to see that it does. There have been rate reductions where communities have local protection and a good water supply.

The three County stations were built at Middletown, in the First

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A Fourth County station was established at Bowman Field just before the last election. It uses housing furnished by the Louisville and Jefferson County Air Board and equipment taken over from the Army. It is not contemplated that this station be

kept as a paid station in the new program.

The Louisville Fire Department has a number of stations close to the city limits. No detailed proposal has been made for working them into the program. Shively maintains, at its own expense, a fire department that is partly manned by volunteers. So do Anchorage and Jeffersontown. It is certain that Louisville, Shively, Anchorage and Jeffersontown, if they come into the program, will be on a co-operative arrangement and not under the direction of the county set up.

### They Pass the Hat

Spotted about the county are other companies of volunteers, some thoroughly efficient and well-equipped, others using what they can afford and what manpower they can raise. They are



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## Fire-Protection Plan Is Up Against a Human Factor

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vary in detail, but which amounts in the long run to passing the hat. St. Matthews, for example, with about 20,000 residents in unincorporated communities, is protected by well-equipped volunteers. Swinging around the county, there are volunteers at Warthington, Buechel, Middletown (housed adjoining the county station), Fern Creek, High View, Okolona, Camp Taylor and Lake Dreamland. Thompson proposes that these be adopted into the county system, with the volunteers furnishing manpower only.

All these are clustered, with two or three exceptions, close to the Louisville city limits, where houses have been going up at the rate of hundreds a year. Wide gaps are left which are neither within five miles of a professional fire company nor within three miles of a volunteer outfit.

Four new volunteer stations would be needed to fill the biggest gaps. Thompson's preliminary proposal suggests that these be formed at Harrods Creek, Lyndon, Orell and Fairdale. He proposes a fifth volunteer company at Pleasure Ridge, to give the County fire station there a backstop.

### Two Big Obstacles

The insurance-rate bureau has approved the plan, if it can be worked out.

Principal obstacles are two: money and human nature.

As to money, County Judge Horace Barker estimates that the job can be done for little more than the cost of the present County fire department. With Bowman Field's station, this is running at the rate of \$100,000 a year. It includes 42 men, plus Chief Thompson. The pay roll is approximately \$82,000 a year.

Judge Barker thinks the Bowman Field station can be eliminated, saving 10 men, and that two men can be taken from each of the other stations now supported by County funds. This would provide 16 men to distribute around among the volunteer stations. However, it is hardly possible to get by with fewer than two paid men for each volunteer company, since standard working time is a day on and a day off. To place two men at each volunteer station would require 30 men. Thus, instead of 42 men, including a chief, 54 men would be needed. At the present fireman's salary of \$150 a month—and no one expects the firemen to put up with that pay much



**Chief Claud Thompson**  
He has a fire program

telephone system, all of which run into money nowadays.

It does not figure in the cost of contract service with Louisville, Shively, Anchorage and Jeffersonton. Nor does it figure in the cost of maintaining fire hydrants.

A fair estimate of the cost of

the kind of system being talked about would be \$150,000 a year at the beginning, with a gradual increase.

### Old Human Nature

The cost has been in the minds of Commissioner Robert A. Fihe and Commissioner Stuart E. Lampe, members of the Fiscal Court. Both have become sensitive to the growing drain on the County of what amounts to City services paid for by the County. The sensitivity arises from the fact that Louisville and the other incorporated cities provide these services for themselves—and Louisville provides a lot more for its citizens at their own expense. In paying for a County fire department, incorporated areas would pay both for protection they got and for protection they did not need. Louisville would bear about 75 per cent of the cost and get nothing in return, since city-dwellers pay 75 per cent of all County taxes.

Should the financial problems be worked out—and Lampe has insisted that the cost be known by May 1—the principal problem is one of human nature. The relations between the volunteers and the County fire department have been strained, to put it mildly. Charges have ranged from the plausible—that people won't support volunteers any

more, since they now have a department supported by taxes—to the ridiculous—that County firemen deliberately have run over the hose lines of volunteer companies. The latter charge shows the feeling which has been aroused.

### Lane Is Handicap

The picture hasn't been helped by political aspects. Lawyer Davis McAfee, who has been a sort of legal guide for the volunteers, used some of them effectively last year in the political campaign that replaced two Republicans with two Democrats on Fiscal Court. Bill Rice, chosen by the Volunteer Association (which doesn't include all the volunteers) to represent them in working out the plan, has been a bitter critic of the County department. He has recommended that it simply be abandoned, and that the communities outside Louisville work out their own program of fire protection—as Northern Kentucky cities have—without County direction or County subsidies.

Thompson and Rice said they will meet with insurance-rate men this week to see if they can get a program on which they can agree. Fiscal Court plans a public hearing later to air the whole program.

to put up with that pay much longer—the 14 extra men would cost \$25,200. And there would have to be at least one over-all supervisor.

### Equipment Is Expensive

Pay roll alone would go to at least \$110,000 a year at this figure. Perhaps some volunteer companies now serving would not be taken in. There might be a saving there.

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*March 21, 1948, The Courier-Journal*

### **Thompson Offers a Plan To Integrate Jefferson Fire Protection**

A PROGRAM to provide fire protection for all of Jefferson County will be worked out over this week. A rough draft which has already been made by County Fire Chief Claud Thompson is due to get critical examination from Bill Rice, representing volunteer companies.

The outline already has been approved by the bureau which fixes rates at which fire insurance is written.

In principle, Thompson's plan proposes to take three stations which the County now operates, 10 companies of volunteer community firemen, The City fire departments of Anchorage, Shively and Jeffersontown and the Louisville fire department, and mold them into a working organization.

Ahead of him lie some obstacles. But on his side is the experience other localities have had, that with proper co-operation the job can be done and insurance rates cut sharply. The experience of small communities clustered around Covington and Newport bears this out.

#### **Has His Own Plan.**

Thompson's plan differs from the one in those communities. There, each fire department retains its autonomy, and is responsible for protection in its own area. The other departments simply stand by to help when needed.

Here, except for the Louisville, Shively and Anchorage departments, it is proposed that the volunteers in effect be adopted into the County Fire Department. Their officers would be approved by Fiscal Court, and one or two men would be paid by the County to keep the equipment in shape and to drive it when answering calls.

In the Covington-Newport area, the job is financed by those who get the protection. Each community supports its own department. Covington and Newport, for example, have departments which are completely professional. Other cities in that area pay part of their fire crews. Some communities simply pass the hat in various ways. Some, unable to support volunteers of their own, contract with near-by fire departments for protection.

For Jefferson County, Thompson proposes that the principal expense be borne by the County. Each community would furnish a fire engine. The County would equip it according to certain standards, furnish radio equipment for two-way communications, pay the men who maintain the engine, pay for the telephone lines needed for a central alarm system, and pay the freight in general all around. In fact, one of Thompson's recommendations is that fund-raising to support volunteers be done away with. In effect, a community, after furnishing a fire engine, would then supply volunteer manpower and nothing more.

#### **Want Central Office.**

The rough plan contemplates that the County pay for contract service where Shively, Anchorage and Louisville are needed to give coverage. Unanswered as yet is the question of who is to pay the stand-by charges on fire hydrants necessary to get the lowest insurance rates.

In the North Kentucky setup, there is no over-all fire chief. Here, it is proposed that the entire program be directed by the County chief and that his assistant chief be in charge of three paid-crew stations to be kept at full strength by the County.

In North Kentucky, the person with a fire calls his own department. Here, the insurance rate men have suggested a system where all alarms go to a central place, possibly the Louisville fire headquarters, which would then send a company. The volunteers already have expressed themselves strongly against this method.

Most fundamental between the plan here and North Kentucky is this: Thompson seeks to give the entire county some protection. In North Kentucky, only participating areas benefit. The rest of Campbell and Kenton counties are not benefited.

In all cases, there would be needed a "move-up" system so that no section ever is left without some fire company to protect it. Putting this into effect merely calls for the setting up an automatic system whereby another company assumes the responsibility for answering calls in an area whose own equipment is out on a run.

#### **Five Demands Made.**

Fundamentally, the fire-insurance rate bureau demands, for giving an area low rates, this situation: Each volunteer company and the ones in small cities must answer first alarms no farther away than three miles. Enough additional stations must be established to give built-up areas of the county a volunteer station within three miles or a paid station within five miles.



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The three County stations were built at Middletown, in the First Magisterial District; at Bashford Manor Lane and Newburg Road, in the Second, and at Pleasure Ridge, on Dixie Highway, in the Third. The First District goes from the Ohio River south to Bardstown Road; the Second goes on to Preston Highway, and the Third takes in the rest of the county. All fan out from a pinpoint at the Courthouse, where each Magistrate's courtroom is carefully kept in its own territory. For the purpose of County administration, the parts of the district within Louisville do not count.

A fourth County station was established at Bowman Field just before the last election. It uses housing furnished by the Louisville and Jefferson County Air Board and equipment taken over from the Army. It is not contemplated that this station be kept as a paid station in the new program.

The Louisville Fire Department has a number of stations close to the city limits. No detailed proposal has been made for working them into the program. Shively maintains, at its own expense, a fire department that is partly manned by volunteers. So do Anchorage and Jeffersonton. It is certain that Louisville, Shively, Anchorage and Jeffersonton, if they come into the program, will be on a co-operative arrangement and not under the direction of the county set up.

### **They Pass the Hat.**

Spotted about the county are other companies of volunteers, some thoroughly efficient and well-equipped, others using what they can afford and what manpower they can raise. They are supported by a system that may vary in detail, but which amounts to passing the hat. St. Matthews, for example, with about 20,000 residents in unincorporated communities, is protected by well equipped volunteers. Swinging around the county, there are volunteers at Worthington, Buechel, Middletown (housed adjoining the county station), Fern Creek, High View, Okolona, Camp Taylor and Lake Dreamland. Thompson proposes that these be adopted into the county system, with the volunteers furnishing manpower only.

All these are clustered, with two or three exceptions, close to the Louisville city limits, where houses have been going up at the rate of hundreds a year. Wide gaps are left which are neither within five miles of a professional fire company nor within three miles of a volunteer outfit.

Four new volunteer stations would be needed to fill the biggest gaps. Thompson's preliminary proposal suggests that these be formed at Harrods Creek, Lyndon, Orell and Fairdale. He proposes a fifth volunteer company at Pleasure Ridge, to give the County fire station there a backstop.

### **Two Big Obstacles**

The insurance-rate bureau has approved the plan, if it can be worked out.

Principle obstacles are two: money and human nature.

As to money, County Judge Horace Barker estimates that the job can be done for little more than the cost of the present County fire department. With Bowman Field's station, this is running at the rate of \$100,000 a year. It includes 42 men plus Chief Thompson. The pay roll is approximately \$82,000 a year.



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Judge Barker thinks the Bowman Field station can be eliminated, saving 10 men, and that two men can be taken from each of the other stations supported by County funds. This would provide 16 men to distribute around among the volunteer stations. However, it is hardly possible to get by with fewer than two paid men for each volunteer company, since standard working time is a day on and a day off. To place two men at each volunteer station would require 30 men. Thus, instead of 42 men including a chief, 56 men would be needed. At the present fireman's salary of \$150 a month – and no one expects the firemen to put up with that pay much longer – the 14 extra men would cost \$25,200. And there would have to be at least one over-all supervisor.

**Equipment Is Expensive**

Pay roll alone would go to at least \$110,000 a year at this figure. Perhaps some volunteer companies now serving would not be taken in. There might be a saving there.

This figure is for bare pay roll. It does not include expensive equipment such as radios, special nozzles and pumps, hoses, gasoline for operations and an elaborate telephone system, all of which run into money nowadays.

It does not figure the cost of contract service with Louisville, Shively, Anchorage and Jeffersontown. Nor does it figure in the cost of maintaining fire hydrants.

A fair estimate of the cost of the kind of system being talked about would be \$150,000 a year at the beginning, with a gradual increase.

**Old Human Nature**

The cost has been in the minds of Commissioner Robert A. Fihe and Commissioner Stuart E. Lampe, members of the Fiscal Court. Both have become sensitive to the growing drain on the County of what amounts to City services paid for by the County. The sensitivity arises from the fact the Louisville and the other incorporated cities provide these services for themselves – and Louisville provides a lot more for its citizens at their own expense. In paying for a County fire department, incorporated areas would pay both for protection they got and for protection they did not need. Louisville would bear about 75 per cent of the cost and get nothing in return, since city-dwellers pay 75 per cent of all County taxes.

Should the financial problems be worked out – and Lampe has insisted that the cost be known by May 1 – the principal problem is one of human nature. The relations between the volunteers and the County fire department have been strained, to put it mildly. Charges have ranged from plausible – that people won't support volunteers any more, since they now have a department supported by taxes – to the ridiculous – that County firemen have deliberately run over the hose lines of volunteer companies. The latter charge shows the feeling that has been aroused.

**Law Is Handicap**

The picture hasn't been helped by political aspects. Lawyer Davis McAfee, who has been a sort of legal guide for the volunteers, used some of them effectively last year in the political campaign that replaced two Republicans with two Democrats on Fiscal Court. Bill Rice, chosen by the Volunteer Association (which doesn't include all the volunteers) to represent them in working out the plan, has been a bitter critic of the County department. He has recommended that it simply be abandoned, and that communities outside Louisville work out their own program of fire protection – as Northern Kentucky cities have – without County direction or County subsidies.

Thompson and Rice said they will meet with insurance-rate men this week to see if they can get a program in which they can agree. Fiscal Court plans a public hearing later to air the whole program.

April 10 &amp; 28, 1948, The Courier-Journal

## Fire Destroys Stoess Home At Crestwood

Fire destroyed the funeral home and hardware store of M. A. Stoess & Sons on LaGrange Highway in Crestwood at 8:30 a.m. yesterday.

Damage from the blaze, caused by an explosion of a kerosene stove, was estimated at \$75,000 by Milton Stoess, one of the owners. The Stoess residence was in a section of the funeral home.

### Discovered By Employee.

Eight Fire Departments were called. Hundreds of spectators were drawn to the little community by flames and billowing smoke. Hose was laid to wells and cisterns. The fire was under control within an hour.

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Owen Way, an employee of the hardware store. Several customers hurried from the store as the flames spread to the funeral home and residence. Both frame buildings were two stories high. The hardware store was about 50 years old.

### Shoot Holes In Drums.

Firemen and volunteers carried most of the hardware stock from the store and took a new electric organ from the funeral home. County police shot holes in five 55-gallon drums of kerosene in the rear of the store to allow the fluid to escape and prevent an explosion.

Fire fighters came from Jefferson County, Louisville, Bowman Field, St. Matthews, LaGrange, Anchorage, Worthington, Middletown, and Pewee Valley.

## Jefferson Firemen Receive Thanks Of Oldham Man

Jefferson County Fire Department and volunteers who went to Crestwood to help battle a \$75,000 fire were thanked yesterday for "neighborliness." Crestwood is in neighboring Oldham County.

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April 16, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

# Firefighters Abandon Plan To Cooperate

Declaring that, as for them, negotiations looking toward a unification of the County operated fire fighting forces and the volunteer units were off, Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., told the Fiscal Court, at its Wednesday afternoon session, that the different elements could not agree. For several weeks County Chief Claud Thompson and representatives of the Volunteers have been discussing a program whereby efforts of all forces might be correlated.

R. Davis McAfee, attorney, speaking to the Court on behalf of the volunteers, said that investigations had revealed that no additional reduction in insurance rates can be obtained by reason of the operation of the Jefferson County Fire Department. He explained that by complying with rules and regulations set up by the Inspection Bureau, volunteer units had secured rate reductions and that other units were working out compliance schedules calculated to lower the rates in their respective communities.

The Firefighters organization submitted a written report to the Court, outlining proceedings of their negotiations with Chief Thompson and consultations with Inspection Bureau representatives.

In reporting the findings relative to the overall situation of firefighting facilities, to the Fiscal Court Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. reviewed the past two years' experience. Stating that they had attempted to work out a system of fire protection for County residents during the period that would justify, in the eyes of the Inspection Bureau, reduction in insurance rates.

Firefighters contended in their report that the County Fire Department had proved to be a "hindrance rather than a help," in its manner of organization and methods of operation, which was the reason they gave for having urged, from time to time, changes in the County Department's operations. They regarded therefore as futile any attempt to correlate the forces, since efforts toward cooperation had failed.

Pointing out that some communities in the County, maintaining their own volunteer fire departments, have met requirements of the Inspection Bureau and have secured rate reductions for their constituents. Recommendations from the Bureau have been given other communities and, through compliance, these communities are also expecting rate reductions. Having gone into the matter of rate reductions thoroughly, Firefighters told the Court that, "We find that no additional reduction can be obtained by reason of the operation of the Jefferson County Fire Department."

Louisville.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, at Myers chapel, by the Rev. W. F. Huddleston. Burial was in Jeffersontown Cemetery.

## P.-T.A. Convention In Paducah Next Week

Kentucky Congress of P.-T.A., Convention is to be held in Pa.

Carrying, as it would, "a considerable degree of control by the County Department," members of the Firefighters group deemed it "unwise" to enter into any co-operative plan, fearing, as they said, "that the standards of operation might eventually fall to the present standard of operation maintained by the County Department." And if such proved to be the case an increase in rates could be expected.

The report stated that following the inauguration of the County Fire Department difficulty was experienced in obtaining voluntary contributions for support of the volunteers, to which was attributed, the fact that much publicity having been given operation of the County Department, resulting in the conclusion on the part of many County residents that the County Department could take over and do the job. The report says, however, that two years' experience has convinced a majority of the residents seeing the two systems in actual operation that, "The County Department, as presently constituted is inefficient and not competent to handle the job." Thus it is, the report declares, that the Volunteers are now "having no difficulty in raising the necessary funds to operate and improve our present systems."

Declaring that with an outlay to date of more than \$200,000 and with the prospect of an annual operating cost to exceed \$200,000, the County Fire Department is failing to prove itself a good investment to the taxpayers.



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May 2, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*

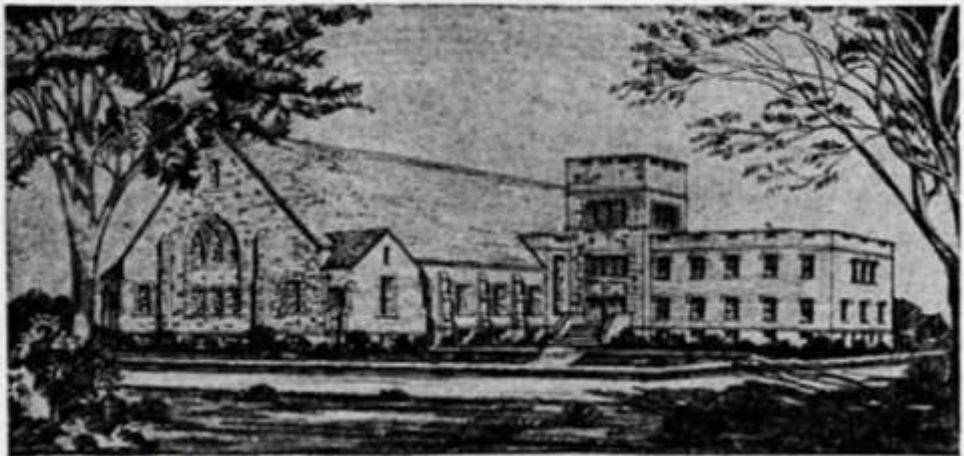
## St. Matthews Baptists Plan New Church

FOR nearly a year it has been necessary to have two morning services each Sunday at the **St. Matthews** Baptist Church, Breckinridge Lane and Willis Avenue, because of a steadily growing membership. But the Rev. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, expects to get back to the single Sunday-morning service system before very long as plans for a larger building have been drawn.

### Will Seat 700

The new church is to be built on four acres on the northwest corner of Grandview and Macon Avenue, and when it is finished the old church will be offered for sale.

The new church, with an adjoining two-story Sunday school building, will take up about a



**St. Matthews** Baptist Church's new quarters will be of modified Gothic design.

third of the four acres. The remaining space will be developed into a recreational area and parking space.

The new church will seat about 700; the Sunday school building

will take care of about 350. There will be a basement under the entire church and under the entire Sunday school building.

As designed by Walter C. Wagner and Joseph H. Potts, archi-

itects and engineers, the church and Sunday school building can easily be enlarged later so that the church will seat 1,100 and the Sunday school will take care of 1,300.

April 30 & May 7, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews Gels New Hudson Agency

The company is housed in the former Advance Motor Co. building which is undergoing complete renovation. Mr. Heckaman, who has been in the automobile business for 15 years comes here from New Albany where he operated



U. W. Heckaman

a Hudson dealership. He announced that he expects to have his sales department open for business Saturday.

"Customers satisfaction has been our sole aim in equipping our new Hudson sales and service center," Heckaman said, adding that anyone is welcome to come and inspect the facilities being provided for customer convenience.

In a survey conducted in the Louisville area by the Hudson Motor Co., he said it was found that 75% of all Hudson owners in the area live in St. Matthews and the Highlands. "That was one determining factor in our decision to locate in St. Matthews," he added.

Associated with Mr. Heckaman are T. L. "Ted" De Fosset, sales manager; R. W. "Bob" Ringwalt, service manager and George Chic, special service manager.

Heckaman Motors, a Hudson agency owned and managed by U. W. Heckaman, was opened in St. Matthews this week at 3790 Lexington Road.

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Besides additional offices on the second floor the building is equipped with a most complete customer's lounge and radio room and a spacious coffee room plus a kitchen.

The huge service department to the rear is heated by three oil furnaces suspended in the girders and is equipped with the only front and alignment machine in Louisville. Each of the seven mechanics has a hydraulic lift in his stall and there is a white tile lubrication department and a separate body and paint shop. The parts department is completely equipped with aluminum bins.

D. W. Weyland, owner of the firm which sells Lincoln and Mercury automobiles, says that he will welcome visitors to look over his new establishment.

May 21, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*

## Radio Hookup Planned For Volunteer Firemen

Volunteer firemen of Jefferson County have started a movement to secure a private radio hookup that would enable the firemen of each volunteer community fire fighting company to keep in contact with similar organizations in other communities. Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc. are behind the movement.

During the past week negotiations were started by the incorporated group with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, looking toward installation of such a two-way radio system, with central station at Buechel. The proposed hookup would include all the volunteer organizations that are affiliated with the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc.

Volunteer Fire Fighters are arranging for a picnic, to be staged on July 10, proceeds from which are to be used toward financing the local radio network.

## Firemen To Attend Lexington Training

A three-day training school for firemen is announced for June 8, 9, and 10, to be conducted by the University of Kentucky, in Lexington. Nationally known fire department instructors will assist University professors in the training course.

Desirous of making every fire fighting unit in the State as efficient as possible, Governor Earle Clements has instructed the State Fire Marshal's office to pay the expenses of one representative from each fire department to attend the school. Announcing the school, Geo. H. Parker, advisory engineer, said today, "It is essential that every fire department be represented by an intelligent, able-bodied member who can, and will, take part in the classes and be able, upon his return, to communicate what he has learned to the other members of his department."

Parker emphasized the importance of universal participation in the training course.



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## KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

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G. H. PARKER, MANAGER.

June 5, 1948

Mr. R. K. Langan, State Agent  
Great American Insurance Company  
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Dear Mr. Langan:

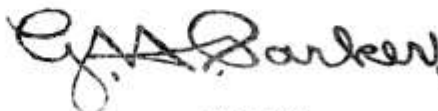
### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION CREDIT

We have for acknowledgement your letter of June 4, in regard to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Confirming the conversation that we had with you on this subject yesterday, we repeat that sometime ago we submitted recommendations to the St. Matthews Fire Department, which, if carried out, would have justified extending the credit for protection to 1-1/2 miles from the St. Matthews Engine House. These recommendations were never completely carried out; in fact, from time to time it seemed as though the St. Matthews Department was on the verge of disbanding or, on the other hand, on several occasions fire hydrants were turned off for lack of payment of the hydrant rental. These conditions were, no doubt, brought on by the periodic attempt to have the St. Matthews area either incorporated or annexed to the city limits of Louisville. At any rate, we shall be glad to discuss these recommendations again with members of the St. Matthews Fire Department in order that they may secure the extended credit.

Hoping this is satisfactory to you, we are

Yours very truly,



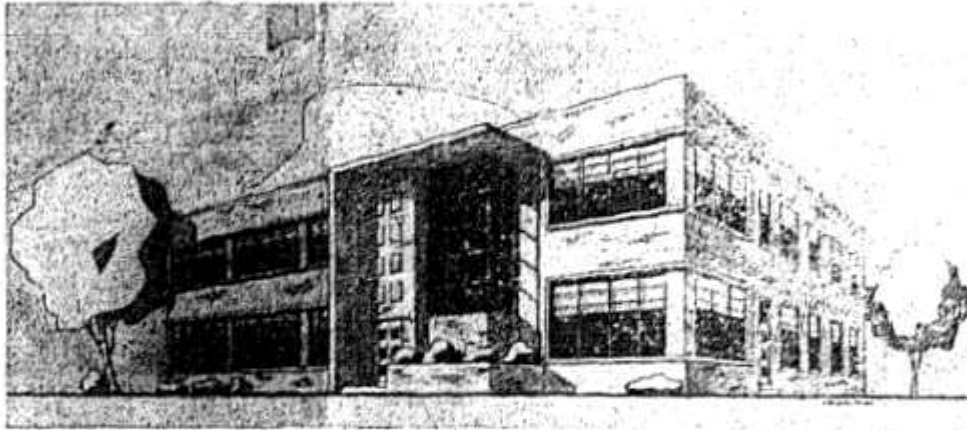
MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:cd

June 11, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

JEFFERSONTOWN, KY., FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1948

## NEW HOME OF KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU



This is how the new Farm Bureau Federation Building being built on Hubbards Lane will look when completed. The \$146,000 structure is to be brick over concrete block.

each day to smile, to sing (if you know how to sing)".

Farmers in the Fisherville neighborhood were through planting corn and were planning for fishing trips. Regardless of the storm Friday evening, the dance at "Blue Rock Hotel" was a success. Mr. O'Neal, the manager, expects an unusually fine season.

Mrs. Robert Parrott of Fern Creek, spent Thursday with Mrs. Newton Swan of Jeffersontown.

Miss Alma Jones and Mr. Harry Swan spent Sunday in the country with Mr. Newton Swan and family. A number of persons from Highland Park attended the unveiling of the Henry Saffren's monument in Eastern Cemetery. Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hook of Cloverport have located in Highland Park.

Advertisers were sticking to the new county paper, filling its columns weekly with all kinds of products, bargains. Charles F. Fitch & Co., Louisville cement sidewalk contractors were ready to put down Jeffersontown's new sidewalks or construct residence foundations. The strawberry crop in the Fairmount neighborhood was "not so satisfactory." The B. Y. P. U. and Epworth League were to be entertained Friday night of this week by Mrs. Viola Howell and Miss Lucy Kennedy at the home of the former.

Horseshoeing was 80 cents at the new blacksmith shop of Hooper & Jeffrey of Jeffersontown.

The Buechel Coal Co., Chas. Scoggan, manager, was advertising 25 bushels of nut coal in sack at \$2.50; 25 bushels of Pittsburgh, (Continued on Page 2)

Mitchell, Ind.

I am glad to report Mr. Hubert Koehler of Okolona doing nicely at St. Anthony's Hospital, where he was taken when a car fell on him while working on it in his garage, breaking several ribs and puncturing both lungs. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sherlock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatfield went on a fishing trip and picnic Monday afternoon, Decoration Day.

Garnett Baede, Billy Gains and Thomas Boston found two nice fish under a rock in Salt River while in swimming. They made a nice meal, and was Garnett proud of them!

## Fern Creek

By Miss Maggie Johnson

"Peace, perfect peace, in the dark world of sin?"

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

"Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?"

To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

"Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?"

On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.

"Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?"

In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they.

"Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?"

Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

"Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?"

There has been death and

## Uncle Sam Says

July 9, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Start Enlarging St. Matthews Bank Building

To more adequately take care of increasing business the St. Matthews National Bank has begun a remodeling program to enlarge its quarters at 3903 Frankfort Avenue.

When work is completed the bank will occupy the entire

first floor of the present bank building. Removal of the barber shop at the east end of the structure will give the bank an additional 600 square feet for an increased lobby and working space. An unobstructed front will be obtained by moving a stairway now located between the bank and the barber shop to the east wall.

Work was expected to be started July 1 and to be finished by early September when a housewarming for customers and friends is planned.

The project follows the bank's remodeling of two years ago when the curving tellers counter was installed in the lobby. This counter will be moved back for more lobby space and continued with a straight counter extending to the east wall. Three more tellers' stations will be provided bringing the total to eight. Two additional check desks also will be installed.

Two new large windows are planned making three across the front. The exterior will be white

finish in keeping with the present structure and inside the same artistic panelling in the counter work will be continued. The floor will be rubber tiling and the soundproofed ceiling will be extended.

Louis and Henry, are architects. J. J. Hart Company are fixture contractors and the Modern Construction Company is in charge of the remodeling job.

According to H. A. Nelson, president, the St. Matthews National Bank has been serving its community since 1906. It was nationalized four years ago. The previous year major stock ownership in the institution was acquired by the First National Bank of Louisville. Resources of the bank have doubled in the past five years Nelson said.

Officers are: Mr. Nelson, president; Henry D. Ormsby, vice president; T. H. Cooper, cashier; Miss Minnie K. Fust, assistant cashier.

The bank's directors are Nelson and Ormsby, John C. Long, C. E. Bauer, Fred J. Stutzenberger and G. T. Dick.



June 26, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*:

## A County Commissioner Tells Why He Opposes The Fire Department

To the Editor of *The Courier-Journal*:

Since the tie vote in the Fiscal Court on continuing a fully paid County Fire Department or establishing a department with limited personnel to foster and co-ordinate the Volunteer Fire Departments was along party lines, many citizens may conclude that the division was over politics and overlook the real issues involved.

Jefferson County has for several years levied the maximum tax rate. County government has become more expensive under Judge Horace Barker's administration in tax rate, assessment and amount spent. For the fiscal year ending June 30, general fund expenditures were \$2,066,656. Proposed by Judge Barker and his budget commission for the coming year is a general fund of \$3,348,658, an increase of 62 per cent.

This proposed budget accounts for the expenditure of all the money that the maximum tax rate on the highest assessment in history will produce. We have reached the stage where we can no longer expand services through raising the tax rate. Instead, we are compelled to select the more essential services and to curtail, if necessary, the less essential.

For many years the people of Jefferson County have failed to obtain the full benefit of Federal and State spending have failed to recover a fair share of the money we pay in Federal and State taxes. Now the Federal Government is desirous of spending millions on the county section of the floodwall and State and Federal Governments are ready to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on our roads. In order to be assured of this aid, Jefferson County must contribute its share of the right-of-way cost. Our immediate right-of-way needs are as follows: Floodwall \$260,000, inner belt highway \$100,000, Taylorsville Road \$60,000, Buechel sidewalk, Johnson or Grade Lane and high-water road in southwestern section \$0,000, a total of \$450,000. The proposed budget provides only \$234,200 for this purpose. We should not delay these projects as suggested by some members of the Fiscal Court. Delay in building the floodwall could be disastrous. If the projects are delayed, we may lose forever some of the funds now available. We must, therefore, determine the relative importance of other functions.

The department that has least justified itself is the County Fire Department as now operated. Although approximately 75 per cent of the cost is borne by city taxpayers, they receive no possible benefit from it. Indeed, only a relatively small number of county residents receive any appreciable benefit.

In two years the department has not accounted for so much as one cent reduction of fire insurance rates. If a fire department is effective, the Kentucky Inspection Bureau must recognize it for rate reductions. Based on actuarial experience, credit is not normally given to any fire department unless the runs it makes are limited to three miles along paved roads from the fire station. In Jefferson County we have property as far removed as twenty miles from any of our three County Fire Stations. It has been estimated that twelve to fifteen fire stations would be required to cover the entire county. The outlay for such a number of stations is out of the question.

There are ten Volunteer Fire Departments in the county, all but one of which has been able to qualify for insurance rate reductions in the communities they serve. In Buechel, Middletown, Jeffersontown and Camp Taylor the basic rate has been cut from 74 cents to 30 cents. The tax-supported County Fire Department is deceiving residents into believing that it supplies their fire protection. Contributions to Volunteer Fire Departments are falling off. If we lose ten volunteer while we gain three paid departments, will the people of Jefferson County benefit by an annual expenditure of almost \$100,000? Insurance rates are in danger of sky-rocketing in communities now served by volunteers.

The County Government has attempted something beyond its reach. Louisville taxpayers pay \$1.50 city tax rate plus 50 cents county tax rate, \$2 for local governmental services. Taxpayers outside of the city pay 50 cents for local governmental services. No one yet has devised a means whereby 50 cents will purchase the same services that \$2 purchases.

Before the Volunteer Fire Department movement is destroyed, while there is time to prevent disastrous increases in insurance rates in certain communities, we should place our County Fire Department on a sensible, workable basis and save for all of the people of Jefferson County projects the Federal and State Governments are ready to sponsor.

STUART E. LAMPE, County Commissioner.  
Louisville.

June 15, 1948, *The Courier-Journal*

## St. Matthews Merchant Freed In Arson Case

A Criminal Court jury yesterday acquitted Thomas H. Blankenship, 53, of setting fire to his upholstery shop, 112 Breckinridge Lane, **St. Matthews**.

The State charged Blankenship ignited the blaze January 10 with gasoline to collect insurance on the damage. However, the prosecution failed to establish his presence at the scene of the fire and the defense contended he was in Indiana at the time. Blankenship, who heads the **St. Matthews Upholstery Company**, lives at 3702 Warner.



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July 4, 1948, The Courier-Journal



## Fireworks Go Like 60 On U. S. 60 As Stand Explodes In St. Matthews

Skyrockets shot across Shelbyville Road's four-lane highway yesterday when \$500 worth of fireworks blew up in a premature but bang-up Fourth of July "celebration."

The rockets charred bushes 100 yards away, started lawn fires on the opposite side of the road—U. S. 60—and made some St. Matthews residents wonder what the shooting was all about.

Only serious damage was done to what once was a fireworks stand at Shelbyville Road and Hubbards Lane. It—along with its fireworks—was demolished.

Two boys, who were minding the stand for their uncle, Theodore Kaelin, Route 6, Westport Road, told County Fire Capt. Milburn K. Schone that:

"Someone in a passing auto threw something into the stand and set it on fire."

The boys, Forrest Kaelin, 12, and Clyde Kaelin, 10, were not hurt.

After the "something" hit the stand, a variety of fireworks—rockets, candles, crackers, torpedoes—went off in rapid succession.

"It sounded like the Siege of Tarawa," said Stanley Short, who had been lying asleep at 113 Bonner Avenue.

Ferd Gnau, who was watering his lawn at 201 Don Allen Road, said skyrockets shot over his house.

Traffic was stopped for awhile and women used brooms to beat out brush fires which started.

The display began at 2:45 p.m. and lasted about 10 minutes. It attracted numerous youngsters who scavenged for coins from the stand's money box.

## Tank Truck Ignites In St. Matthews

A spectacular blaze flared briefly in St. Matthews early today when gasoline which overflowed a tank truck ignited and raced half a block down Frankfort Avenue.

The blaze originated at the Arogas Service Station, 3791 Frankfort, at 12:30 a.m. Witnesses said the gasoline overflowed while tanks were being filled and ran down the gutter for half a block.

The fire burned itself out quickly and had disappeared before firemen arrived. Reports indicated neither the truck nor the station itself was damaged.

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July 11, 1948, The Courier-Journal

## Army Chapel Becomes **St. Matthews** Church



*Courier-Journal Photo by Marney Cowherd.*

**REMEMBER** the Bowman Field Army Chapel which blocked streets for a while last December when it was being moved to Norbourne Boulevard and Brown's Lane. St. Matthews? Above is how it looked then. At the right is how it looks now. Architect Fred Elswick and his associates and Erhart-Shaffer Construction Company did the job for the **St. Matthews** Methodist Church. A basement has been added, which includes a kitchen and a large meeting room. There's a new steeple, and shutters have been added. An arch and a round window have been put above the front door, and a pilaster has been put at each side of the door. The cornice is different and there are extra rooms—a pastor's study and a meeting room.



*Courier-Journal Photo by Bernia Matzoth.*

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July 20, 1948, Inter-office Correspondence

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM Mr. J. L. Thompson, Assistant Manager DATE July 20, 1948  
TO Mr. G. H. Parker, Manager

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CREDITS FOR FIRE PROTECTION -  
FIRE PROTECTION AREA NO. 1, JEFFERSON COUNTY

The rate credits which will be in order at the present time for the various classes of protection now being proposed for Fire Protection Area No. 1 of Jefferson County will be approximately as follows.

Mercantile buildings which are afforded an eighth class grading will receive an over-all reduction of approximately 13%. While each building in this particular group will be specifically rated, and the final rate will depend entirely upon conditions in and around the individual building, a general average of reductions which might obtain for various types of buildings in this class are approximately as follows:

Type of Building	Bldg.	Cents.
Brick, approved roof	13%	5.8%
Hollow concrete block, approved roof	13	9.0
Frame, approved roof	18	17.0

To these aforementioned credits, property afforded eighth class grading or better is subject to a further credit for the attachment of a Coinsurance Clause, which credits are indicated as follows:

	80% Cl.		90% Cl.	
	Bldg.	Cents	Bldg.	Cents
Masonry Construction	25%	15%	30%	20%
Frame Construction	10	10	15	15

The mercantile building and contents which are afforded a ninth class grading will receive a 3% credit from the abstract rate. No further credit is in order under this class for the attachment of the Coinsurance Clause.

In the case of special hazards and large mercantile buildings, it will be necessary to specifically rate such type of property and, although in most cases the credits as indicated above will be in order, it is difficult to give any approximation on these classes, owing to the special nature of the occupancies. There are, of course, very few risks in this territory which will come in this category.

Kentucky Inspection Bureau

Mr. G. H. Parker, Manager

July 20, 1948

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The reduction in the dwelling rates, building and contents, can be determined from the following table which indicates the rates applicable for various classes of single family dwellings under tenth to sixth class fire protection.

Class of Building	Class of Fire Protection				
	10th	9th	8th	7th	6th
Brick, approved roof	\$ .50	\$.36	\$.24	\$.20	\$.14
Brick, unapproved roof	.68	.46	.32	.28	.22
Frame, approved roof	.74	.48	.34	.30	.22
Frame, unapproved roof	.98	.66	.46	.42	.34

Farm property located within this district will be entitled to the following reductions —\$.06 for one year, \$.15 for three years, and \$.24 for five years under the cash or single payment note plan, and \$.25 under the installment note plan. Such reductions will apply to fire, combined, or fire and extended coverage endorsement rates shown in the Kentucky Farm Schedule.

Where farm property is located within 1000 feet by road of a standard fire hydrant, the reductions indicated in the foregoing paragraph will be doubled.



## July 20, 1948, Mutual Aid Program:

## KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

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MUTUAL AID PROGRAM BETWEEN THE COUNTY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENTS IN THE FIRST MAGISTERIAL  
DISTRICT.

We shall be glad to recognize the establishment of a fire district (to be known as Fire Protection Area No. 1) within the First Magisterial District, which is to comprise all the territory within the following boundaries. Protection credits extend to, but not across, the bounding roads.

Beginning at the city limits and the River Road; thence northeast along the River Road to Lime Kiln Road; thence southeast along Lime Kiln Road to Brownsboro Road; thence northeast along Brownsboro Road to Springdale Road; thence northwest along Springdale Road to Wolf Pen Branch Road; thence east along Wolf Pen Branch Road to Chamberlain Lane; thence north along Chamberlain Lane to Brownsboro Road; thence north along Brownsboro Road to the Jefferson County line; thence southeast along Jefferson County line to Ballardsville Road; thence west along Ballardsville Road to Murphy Lane; thence southeast along Murphy Lane to Westport Road; thence east along Westport Road to Collins Lane; thence southeast along Collins Lane to intersection with La Grange Road; thence directly across La Grange Road and east along Factory Lane to Old Henry Road; thence south along East Branch of Old Henry Road to Aiken Road; thence southeast along Aiken Road to Beckley Station Road; thence south along Beckley Station Road to Wibble Mill Road; thence south along Wibble Mill Road to English Station Road; thence south along English Station Road to Behl Road; thence southwest along Behl Road to Pope Lick Road; thence south along Pope Lick Road to the Taylorville Road; thence west along Taylorville Road to Louisville city limits; thence north along Louisville city limits to the point of beginning.

CREDITS

Based upon the adoption of the Mutual Aid Program, as outlined in the following, and upon full and continued compliance with all requirements as set forth later in this agreement, the following credits will be given:

1. All risks within this territory, except special hazards and large mercantiles, which are specifically graded, and farm property which receives special credits from the unprotected farm rates, will (except as provided in Items 2 and 3) be graded as ninth (9) class.
2. All mercantile risks and dwellings which are within the corporate limits of the two incorporated towns in this district, will be graded as follows:
 

a. Anchorage	-	sixth (6) class
b. Jeffersonton	-	seventh (7) class
3. All mercantile risks and dwellings not within any corporate limits, but situated not more than 1,000 feet by road of a standard fire hydrant, will be graded as eighth (8) class, except those within the Middletown Water District which will be graded seventh (7) class.

4. Special hazards and large mercantiles that are specifically graded, will (in most instances) receive credit under the grading schedule when all parts of the risk are within reach of the additional protection as provided in Items 2 and 3.
5. Farm property (only those items having the additional protection) located within the protected area as provided in Items 2 and 3, will receive additional credits.

REQUIREMENTS

1. The fire departments of the five communities located in the First Magisterial District, namely: Worthington, Anchorage, Middletown, Jeffersonton, and St. Matthews and the county fire department at Middletown, are to function as though they were one unit assigned to protect this district.
2. Each local company, other than the county department, is to respond to any and all first alarms within its assigned territory. This assigned territory will ordinarily (response of Worthington Company to be restricted) extend from the boundary of the Fire Protection Area to an agreed point equidistant from each station.
3. The paid county department located at Middletown will respond to all alarms in the Fire Protection Area except to minor fires, such as small outhouses, grass and weed fires, etc., within a restricted area adjoining the local fire station. In the latter case the county department should be alerted to stand by and respond should the local department need assistance.
4. The plan is to protect all the space between companies, yet restrict each company to its assigned limits on first alarms. However, on a second alarm, or if the local department is already engaged at a fire, one of the other companies will be ordered to respond.
5. Should a subsequent alarm be received for the county department while it is engaged in fighting a fire, or in case of a fire of serious proportions, the county company located in the Second Magisterial District will respond, if necessary.

ALARM SYSTEM

6. All telephone alarms of fire from within the entire Fire Protection Area are to be sent to a central dispatcher who will notify the proper local department and the county department at Middletown.

A special telephone trunk line is to connect the central dispatcher with each local department, and arrangements must be made so that there will always be some one to receive the call and sound the local alarm. All circuits must be tested at least once each day.

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## July 20, 1948, Mutual Aid Program:

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7. The county is to provide two-way radios for all local apparatus, the same as has already been installed on the county apparatus. This will enable any company to call for more assistance if needed and to contact central county headquarters if necessary.
8. The full paid county department at Middletown is to respond at all times with a minimum of five men and the other companies with a minimum of seven men.
9. Records must be kept of the response of the men on each company, and failure of any company to respond promptly at any time with the minimum number of men will result in cancellations of all credits in that section of the area.

### APPARATUS

10. Each department is to be provided with an adequate amount of fire hose of various sizes, shutoff and fog nozzles, chemical extinguishers, coats, boots and helmets, ladders, lanterns, etc. The apparatus must be properly maintained at all times, including the reserve units. To comply with this, regular inspections of the equipment must be made to see that batteries and all chemical extinguishers are fully charged and that booster tanks and gasoline tanks are full. Each department must have at least one satisfactory piece of apparatus. Pumpers are to be given a road test of at least 2 miles each week by circling the fire station block or its immediate neighborhood.

### DRILLS

11. Each department, including the full paid county department, is to receive a full course of instructions in modern fire fighting methods under a competent instructor, and thereafter hold regular monthly drills with the apparatus.

### COUNTY POLICE

The county police should respond to all fires in the district and render such assistance as comes within their prescribed duties. They should particularly direct and control traffic at the fire areas.

### FIRE HYDRANTS

12. All fire hydrants in the county must be inspected in the spring and fall of each year and records kept of these inspections. They should drain properly, be kept free from any obstructions, including weeds and bushes, and kept painted a bright conspicuous color. Hydrant inspections shall be made in accordance with an agreement entered into by the chiefs of the county and local departments and the Louisville Water Company.

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13. Each department must keep accurate records of all fires. These records should show the time of alarm, location of property, owner of property, cause of fire, etc. The records should particularly show the response of the men, those who respond promptly and regularly and those who are slow to respond or do not respond regularly.
14. The Mayor and City Council of Anchorage and Jeffersontown and the volunteer companies of Worthington, St. Matthews and Middletown are to agree to the foregoing requirements.
15. The Standards of Safety of the State Fire Marshal are to be adopted by the Fiscal Court and enforced by the county fire department with the assistance of the county police when necessary.

July 20, 1948



Chief John M. Monohan, Jr. family  
1948—John, Mary Matt, Katherine, Doug, Steve and Jack

## 1948, STMFD Area:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of Frankfort Ave. and the east line of the City of Louisville; Thence southeast with the east line of City of Louisville and continuing with the line of the City of Louisville to the point of intersection with the center line of Cannons Lane and Grandview Ave.; Thence southeast with the center line of Cannons Lane to the point of intersection with the center line of Beauchamp Road; Thence southeast with the center line of Beauchamp Road; and the center line of Beauchamp Road if extend southeast to a point in the north line of the right of way of the Inner Belt Highway (Henry Watterson Expressway); Thence north east with the north line of the Inner Belt Highway to the point of intersection with the west line of Arterburn estate and the east line of the Monohan estate; Thence northwest with the line common to Arterburn and Monohan estate to the point of intersection with the east line of R. W. Marshall and the west line of Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion; Thence north 1860' with the line common to R. W. Marshall and Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion to a point in the south line of the right of way of the Louisville & Shelbyville Highway U. S. 60, said point being 1050' east of corner to long and 350' west of corner to Arterburn; Thence north to a point in the north line of the right of way of the Louisville & Shelbyville Highway U. S. 60, said point being 1174.69' east of east line of Sage Road and also being the south east corner of James J. Butler estate and the east line of the City of Beechwood Village; Thence north east with the line common to James J. Butler estate and City of Beechwood Village 2075.79' to a corner; Thence north east with line common to City of Beechwood Village, the James J. Butler estate and the Arterburn Estate 1228.20' to corner; Thence northwest with the line of the City of Beechwood Village 866.89' to a point in the south line of the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville R. R.; thence southwest with the line common to the City of Beechwood Village and the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville R. R.; 1890' to the point of intersection with west line of Beechwood Road if extended; Thence northwest with the west line of Beechwood Road if extended and the west line of Beechwood Road 2545' to a point in the north line of the right of way of Westport Road; Thence north east with the north line of the right of way of Westport Road 661' to a point of intersection with line common to R. W. Hite and Poeburn Subdivision; Thence east with line common to R. W. Hite and Poeburn Subdivision 886.83' to corner; Thence northwest with line common to R. W. Hite and Poeburn Subdivision 272' to corner; Thence northeast with line common to R. W. Hite, Schwartz, 676' to corner; Thence northeast with line common to R. W. Hite, Greenbriar Subdivision and 948' to a point in the east line of Merrifield Subdivision and west line of J. Hildenbrand if extended; Thence northwest with the east line of Merrifield Subdivision and west line of Hildenbrand if extended and the east line of Merrifield Subdivision and the west line of Hildenbrand 4385' to a point in the north line of right of way of the Brownsboro Road, said point being 475' east of the east line of Rudy Lane; Thence southwest with the north line of right of way of Brownsboro Road to the point of intersection with line common to Zachary Taylor National Cemetery and Blakely; Thence northwest with line common to Zachary Taylor National Cemetery and Blakely to southeast corner to Lampton; Thence northwest with line common to Lampton and Blakely to southeast corner to Smithfield Subdivision; Thence northeast with line common to Smithfield Subdivision and Blakely 769' to the northeast corner to Smithfield Subdivision and Rupp; Thence southwest with line common to Smithfield Subdivision and Rupp 1565' to the center line of Blankenbaker Lane; Thence north with the center line of Blankenbaker Lane 355' to the point of intersection with the northeast line of Indian Hills-Cherokee Unit #4; Thence northwest with the north line of Indian Hills-Cherokee Unit #4 and the north line of Indian Hills Developing Co. to the point of intersection with the northeast line of the City of Indian Hills; Thence continuing northwest with the line of the city of Indian Hills to the point of intersection with north line of Rolling Fields Section #3; Thence with north line of Rolling Fields Section #3 and the north line of Rolling Fields Section #2 to a point in the center line of Swing Lane; Thence with the center line of Swing Lane to the point of intersection with the east line of the City of Louisville; Thence with the east line of the City of Louisville and continuing with the line of City of Louisville to the point of beginning.



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July 24, 1948, Gordon Foods Potato Festival Parade through St. Matthews, courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, SCO, Caufield & Shook. :



July 23, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:



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## ST. MATTHEWS POTATO FESTIVAL

FREE ADMISSION

JULY  
21-22-23-24

PRIZES EACH NITE



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21-22-23-24

FREE ADMISSION

Festival Grounds: Shelbyville Road Next to Drive-In Theatre

★ Jump to famous Clayton McMichen's Georgia Wild cats every night . . . see the great death-defying, dynamic, dangerous deeds of the Four Flying McMenas in their thrilling spine tingling act atop the 125-foot pole every night . . . watch the clowns in continuous comic capers every night.

★ It's a community enterprise sponsored by these twelve St. Matthews organizations: Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Civic Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion, Grangehouse P.T.A., Veterans of Foreign Wars, Woman's Club, American War Mothers.

Total Proceeds to be Used for Providing Recreational Facilities for St. Matthews Area

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August 4, 1948: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE ASSOCIATION, Incorporated, HELD ON AUGUST 4, 1948.

The Annual Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. and in the absence of Mr. R. C. Schlich, Mr. George E. Miller substituted as Secretary. The following directors were elected for the coming year:

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.  
Mr. Leland Wilson  
Mr. Fred H. Boss  
Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer  
Mr. J. B. Terry  
Mr. Joe Zehnder  
Mr. Marty Kramer  
Mr. George E. Miller

Motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Terry that we employ a full-time secretary at a salary of \$200.00 per month and twenty percent (20%) of all collections over \$6,000.00. This secretary to be a man who will be capable of taking in the collections, solicit collections and work the entire district at least once every three months.

A committee was appointed by Mr. Monohan, consisting of Mr. Terry, Mr. Wilson and Mr. George E. Miller, to whom this man would be directly responsible and said committee to employ the man and see that the work is properly carried out. Temporarily, his office will be at the Fire House and he will be expected to put in five full days a week and, if necessary, a half-day on Saturday.

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan and seconded by Mr. Wilson that a group of firemen be appointed to meet at all directors meetings - John Westerman, John Westwood, John Herdt and Richard Hert. This was done in order to bring closer contact between the firemen and the directors.

Mr. Marty Kramer, who is one of the firemen, was chosen for the first time to serve on the Board of Directors. He was chosen, due to the fact that he is the oldest volunteer fireman in service not on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted:

George E. Miller, Acting Secretary

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August 5, 1948: Letter:

August 5, 1948

The St. Matthews Sun  
100 Chenoweth Lane  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

Kindly insert a news item in your Saturday paper announcing the Annual Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association which was held August 4th at the Fire House and the following directors were elected to serve for the coming year:

Mr. John M. Monahan, Jr.  
Mr. Leland Wilson  
Mr. Fred H. Boss  
Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer  
Mr. J. B. Terry  
Mr. Joe Zehnder  
Mr. Marty Kramer  
Mr. George E. Miller

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation shown us, we are,

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

BY

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George E. Miller  
Acting Secretary

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Mr. Schlich dropped from the STMFD Board, Marty A. Kamer added to the STMFD Board.



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August 9, 1948, Letter:

LOUIS H. MILLER  
ROBERT L. MILLER

OFFICE PHONE:  
WABASH 6250  
RESIDENCE PHONE:  
TAYLOR 1384

*Please Return*

G. E. MILLER

MANUFACTURERS' AGENT  
4015 NORBOURNE BOULEVARD  
LOUISVILLE 7, KY.

August 9, 1948

*3826 Wilmington Ave.*

Mrs. Margaret B. Marsh  
Assistant Secretary  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n  
3832 Frankfort Avenue  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Marsh:

Please notify the following directors, with the exception of ~~Mr. John Monohan, Jr., Mr. C. Leland Wilson, Mr. J. B. Terry,~~ Mr. Marty Kramer and myself, with the following letter. These gentlemen were at the meeting and it will not be necessary to send them this notice.

You may sign this letter as Assistant Secretary as Mr. Schlich has been dropped from the Board of Directors. The list of the new directors is as follows:

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	3909 Elmwood Ave.
Mr. Leland Wilson	502 Bauer Avenue
Mr. Fred H. Boss	Lyndon, Ky.
Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer	227 Cornell Place
Mr. J. P. Terry	119 Ridgeway Ave.
Mr. Joe Zehnder	201 Meridian Avenue
Mr. Marty Kramer	4103 Hillsboro Road
Mr. George E. Miller	4015 Norbourne Blvd.

"We take pleasure in advising you that at the Annual Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, you were elected as a director for the coming year.

We had a real snappy meeting and the plans outlined for the coming year are such that we know it will be your intention to try and make the directors meetings, which will be held the first Friday of each month at the Fire House at 7:30 P. M. Those of you who were not there will be happy to know of the plans we outlined for the coming year."

Thanking you for your attention in the above, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*George E. Miller*  
GEORGE E. MILLER.

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**New STMFD Board Member:—Martin “Marty” A. Kamer—Firefighter 1935 to 1995, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Assistant Chief, Lifetime Member, Fire Marshal, Public Information Officer, Director, Trustee—February 15, 1918 to November 23, 2008—Born in Louisville in 1918. He attended Holy Trinity Grade School and was a graduate of Male High School in 1936. He also attended Spencerian Business College. He joined the Kroger Company while still in school, and became manager of the Kroger store at 3717 Lexington Road. He served in the United States Army in World War II. Over 50 years in the St. Matthews Fire Department’s fire Service.**



## Martin Kramer Named Assistant Fire Chief

The Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department appointed Martin A. Kamer, 20-year-veteran of the department, assistant fire chief.

Mr. Kamer, a 38-year-old native of St. Matthews, will replace Richard Hunt as the active assistant to the Chief. The board made the change when it felt that the more strenuous and hazardous duties of assistant Fire Chief could be handled better by a “younger man.” Mr. Hunt will retain his old title, however, and will assist in administrative functions.

As assistant fire chief, Kamer will be Chief John Monahan’s right-hand man in complete operations both at the station and at the scene of fires. Upon his appointment, Mr. Kamer praised the work on his predecessor and said that he “would to the best of (his)

ability attempt to relieve some of the pressures on the Chief in protecting the lives and property of the community.”

Mr. Kamer, who is one of the Fire Department’s “old timers,” started putting out fires when he was 18. In 1954, he was captain of the department and is currently vice-president of the Volunteer Firemen’s Association.

A graduate of Louisville Male High School in 1937, Mr. Kamer is employed by the Kroger Co. He is now manager of the St. Matthews store on Lexington Road.

He is married and has five children, three girls and two boys. The Kamers live at 4103 Hillsboro Rd.



### Martin A. Kamer Sr.

KAMER, MARTIN A. SR., 90, of Louisville, passed away Sunday, November 23, 2008. Mr. Kamer managed the old Kroger store in St. Matthews for over 23 years and retired from Kroger after 40 years of employment. He served the St. Matthews community for over 50 years, as a St. Matthews Volunteer Firefighter, Asst. Fire Chief and Fire Inspector. Mr. Kamer drove for Funeral Auto Company after his retirement from Kroger. He was an Army Veteran having served during World War II, a member of the Gruetli Helvetia Society and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He is preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Louvinia L. Dietrich Kamer. He is survived by two sons, Marty A. Kamer Jr. (Sissy), of Lakeside Park, KY, and David A. Kamer (Tamra) of Louisville; three daughters, Patricia A. Berry (John), Janice M. Nordmann (John) and Mary Margaret Pierce (David), all of Louisville; 15 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. His funeral Mass will be celebrated noon Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 508 Breckenridge Lane with burial to follow in Louisville Memorial Gardens East. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, and after 9 a.m. Wednesday, Ratterman Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

August 13, 1948, Letter:

## Ford Dealership Plans For Open House Party

Bluegrass Ford Company, 3825 Frankfort Avenue, will hold open house tomorrow (Saturday) for the public. There will be souven-  
irs and a number of prizes will be given, according to the new owner, Shirley L. Bassett. New Fords will be on display of course.

Mr. Bassett, who with his family will move soon from Louisville's west end to their new home at 4022 St. Ives Court, recently purchased St. Matthews Motor Company from Turner A. Summers and Louis J. Herrmann, Jr. The name then was changed to Bluegrass Ford Company, Inc.

The new owner, a resident of Louisville for nearly 25 years, formerly was assistant manager of the Ford Motor Company's Louisville branch.

## GRAND OPENING

YOUR NEW  
**FORD DEALER**

IN ST. MATTHEWS

**BLUEGRASS FORD CO. INC.**

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**SATURDAY, AUG. 14**

HOURS: 10 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.

### DOOR PRIZES

- Ham Given Away Every Hour on the Hour.
- Major Door Prize at 8:30 P.M.
- Deep Freeze Unit Filled With Frozen Food.

FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES  
FAVORS FOR THE CHILDREN

Music From 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

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LIBBY STARKS  
DANCE STUDIO

St. Matthews Armory

REGISTRATION DATE

**AUGUST 24**

10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

**BALLET and TAP**

For Further Information  
Call HL 2229-M



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Volunteer Firefighters,  
Inc.  
Bill Rice, President

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Monday afternoon, August 23, 2 p.m.

State Chairmen's Conference.  
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District Presidents' Conference.  
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Board of Managers' Meeting.  
Tuesday morning, August 24, 9

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This new clubhouse of the **St. Matthews** Woman's Club will be dedicated next Sunday. Shown at front are Mrs. Paul

A. Clark, left, publicity co-chairman, and Mrs. Arthur Wolpert, president. Clubhouse is on Shelbyville Road.



Mrs. Wolpert, left, and Mrs. Clark are shown in new auditorium, at back of clubhouse. It will cost \$500.

## Club Dedication Set

**Women's organization to open new residence in St. Matthews in services at 3 p.m. next Sunday; Federation head will speak**

**T**he **St. Matthews** Woman's Club will dedicate its new \$45,000 clubhouse at 3 p.m. next Sunday. Mrs. Arthur Wolpert, president, will be in charge, and Mrs. Joe Page, Barlow, president of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, will be the speaker. Mrs. Leland Wilson, chairman of the board of trustees for the club, will dedicate the building.

The clubhouse, a one-story, colonial structure, is on Shelbyville Road east of Brown's Lane. The main building is of red brick veneer and includes an office, committee room, check room, rest, and kitchen. Adjoining the building at back is a white, concrete-block auditorium with seating capacity of 500, stage, and two dressing rooms. The club's parking lot is in back of the auditorium.

The **St. Matthews** club, which now has 100 members, this year is marking its 10th anniversary. It was started April 1, 1938, when Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Alice Johnson Wick, and Mrs. Leland Wilson joined a group of women to organize a woman's club. Those who met and who now are charter members include:

Mrs. E. O. Barr, Mrs. E. V. Bessell, first president; Mrs. E. K. Coggins, Mrs. W. C. Cruse, Jr., Mrs. J. S. Eakin, Mrs. V. C. Glass, Mrs. W. C. Glass, Mrs. H. O. Hunka, Mrs. Alice Johnson Wick, Mrs. B. M. Keel, Mrs. H. M. Keener, Mrs. P. H. Pitzer, Mrs. Joe Simon, Mrs. Leland Wilson, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

One of the first accomplishments of the club was the opening of a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library in **St. Matthews**, which was in operation until last year. Other achievements include the organization of junior and sub-junior clubs, starting of musical-instruction classes in Greathouse School, opening of a kindergarten at the school, which since has been transferred to the Parent-Teacher Association.

During the war, members were active in war work, home nursing, nutrition and first-aid classes, and defense drives. They sponsored the Mobile Unit of the Red Cross Dinner Service and as part of their war program furnished and decorated day rooms at Bowman Field and Fort Knox.

To help finance the new structure the club will rent it out to various organizations, Mrs. Wolpert said.

## Barker Tells Plan On Fire Insurance

**Court to Study Rate-Cut Scheme; 'Tie-Up' Charged to Judge, Parker**

A test plan to reduce fire-insurance rates in the county north of Taylorsville Road by unifying fire companies there was announced yesterday by County Judge Horace M. Barker. Worked out by Barker and the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, the plan will be presented to Fiscal Court tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Barker and J. Ed Parker, manager of the bureau, were criticized by Bill Rice, president of Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., Bush, who last week urged that a fire-insurance-reduction plan be tested in the area between Taylorsville Road and Preston Highway.

### 'Difficulties' Are Cited.

"We have believed for a long time that there was a political tie-up between you and Judge Barker," Rice said in a letter to Parker, "and most of the difficulties and dissensions which now exist between the community fire departments and the County Fire Department can be traced directly or indirectly to your efforts to play politics and to please Judge Barker."

Parker and Barker have been conferring on Barker's plan and Rice contended that the Fiscal Court and the Jefferson County firemen should have been admitted to these discussions.

Rice had written Parker last week proposing the unification of the fire companies between Taylorsville Road and Preston Highway as a means of lowering insurance costs. He said a plan in use in the Covington area could be used in his proposed test area and later extended over the county.

Parker replied that the success of the Northern Kentucky pool depends on the absolute harmony of the various fire departments involved. He added that at present Jefferson County fire units lack the harmony and a dispatching system necessary to the plan.

Instead, he sent Rice an outline

of Barker's proposals and said a similar plan might be worked out later for Rice's section, and, then, for the remainder of the county. The final result, he said, would be one organization, including Louisville.

Rice said Parker's reply "did not answer our request," and suggested that Parker, the Fiscal Court members, and volunteer fire chiefs of the county confer on the issue.

### Firemen Rate Reduction.

Parker, when questioned on Rice's charge of a "political tie-up" between him and the Republican County Judge, smiled and said:

"Why, I was born in Alabama." Barker had no comment on the political charge, but said his plan could be extended later to all of the county.

Barker said the plan would cut fire-insurance rates from the prevailing 74 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to 48 cents.

Estimating that there is \$70,000,000 worth of destructible property in the area, which he calls Fire Protection Area No. 1, Barker said "property owners will get a 26-cent fire-rate reduction which would be to them the equivalent of a refund of more than half of the 50-cent tax rate they pay on this same property."

Barker's plan would call for co-ordination of the community fire departments at Worthington, Anchorage, Middletown, Jefferson, and **St. Matthews** and the County fire unit at Middletown. A central dispatcher would handle alarms for the whole area.

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September 3, 1948: Board meeting:

Meeting St Matthews Vol Fire Assn. Sept 3 1948 at firehouse.

Directors Present.

J M Monohan	J B Terry
G E Miller	Louis H Schweitzer
Fred C Boss	Joe Zehnder
Leland Wilson	Marty Kramer

Called to order by President Monohan .

Motion made by Mr. Monohan and seconded By Mr Zehnder that allowance of \$25.00 per month to entertain firman ea ch Tuesday night after their meeting at firehouse be canceled as it was insufficient due to prices of drinks and food and Mr. Monohan be permitted to purchase said food and drinks and approve amount spent.

Mr John Monohan was instructed to see Mr Scully of State highway Dept about fixing light to be turned red to protect fireman coming to firehouse and leaving with apparatus.

Mr Miller was to instruct Miss Marsch to send Mr. Boss duplicates of all deposit slips and also to obtain minute book from her or Mr. Schlich.

Mr Wilson Mr Terry Mr Miller and Mr Monohan was instructed to try and obtain a regular paid ass't Sec'y by two weeks if not to run a blind ad in the St Matthews sun.

Election of officer for the coming year were as follows.

Mr Zehnder nominated Mr Monohm for President seconded by Mr. Wilson and approved by all.

Vice President ~~Mr Wilson nominated Mr Schweitzer~~  
Mr Schweitzer nominated Mr. Leland Wilson and seconded by Mr Zehnder approved by all.

Sec'y

Mr Boss Nominated Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Monhoan and approved By all.

Treas.

Mr. Boss nominated by Mr. Schweitzer and ~~seconded~~ seconded by Mr. Monohan and approved by all.

No further business meeting was adjourned.

G E. Miller  
Sec'y.

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September 10, 1948,  
Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

cc: Mr. John Monahan

September 10, 1948

Judge Horace M. Barker  
Jefferson County Court  
Court House  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Judge Barker:

I am very glad you called the meeting last night, and after our frank discussion, I am confident that the plan for protecting the First Fire District will be consummated very soon.

As soon as our friends have agreed upon the details and the telephone company carries out its part of the bargain, I am going ahead with our part of the plan, even though it may be some time before individual departments are trained up to the required standard. In other words, I am going to depend upon Chief Thompson and the volunteer chiefs to do the needful. Incidentally, why can't Chief Thompson start the training right now for I feel sure that with a little financial assistance from the County, it won't be long before the volunteers will be holding contests to see which is best.

After you left, I made a suggestion which seemed to meet with the full approval of the firemen; namely, that each County fire company carry a small supply of salvage covers. They would not cost much, and real salvage work, such as covering furniture, rugs, clothing, and personal effects, draining off the water after a fire, putting a tarpaulin or some roofing paper over a small hole burned in the roof, will win the everlasting gratitude of those who live in the County, particularly the housewives.

I believe it will also remove the objection of some of the chiefs who seem to resent the County Department's responding in their territory. Under the new plan the County will respond and if the volunteers don't need help in fighting the fire, the County company will simply act as a salvage company. On the other hand, if the fire appears to be serious, one or two of the County firemen can jump off with the salvage covers and with the aid of neighbors cover up the contents while the other County firemen with the County pumper assist the local company in extinguishing the fire.

Judge Barker

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September 10, 1948

I wholeheartedly agree with the eight items contained in the "Memorandum of Items Agreed Upon Tentatively with the Volunteer Fire Fighting Units," which you handed to me last night, now that it is agreed that on other than automobile, brush and outside fires both the volunteer company and the County company will respond.

I wish to thank you and the other commissioners and the various fire chiefs for inviting me to meet with you and discuss something which I know will be a wonderful thing for our County.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

MANAGER



September 10, 1948, The Jeffersonian:

# Fire Protection Plan Promises Volunteer Aid

The publicly controlled firefighting forces of Jefferson County and the organized "Firefighters" (volunteers) are finding it difficult to see the protection needs of this area alike. The latest move on the part of the Fiscal Court, with Judge Horace Barker taking the initiative, promises a subsidy by the County of five volunteer departments in the First District.

The plan would extend financial aid, in the amount of \$1,500 annually to each of the volunteer bodies, providing arrangements can be made to have them function with the County Fire Department as a single unit. Agreement is said to have been reached in general terms at a conference held Tuesday. Final consummation of the proposed plan in detail will probably hinge on further consideration by local community authorities and Fiscal Court members and approval of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, which body recommends fire insurance rates for Kentucky insurance companies.

Judge Barker indicated that the plan could be made to apply in other county areas if and when other volunteer departments join in the agreement.

The Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., who prefer a volunteer setup entirely, submitted their cooperative program, with coordinated forces between the Taylorsville and Preston Street Roads, to G. H. Parker, manager of the Inspection Bureau, recently. Volunteer Firefighters claim that Judge Barker and Parker chose the First District area for their program "because they can be reasonably sure that the program will fail in that area, whereas it might succeed in other areas in Jefferson County."

## METHODIST WOMEN TO MEET WITH MRS. HITE

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the local Methodist Church is planning an all-day meeting for Wednesday of next week. It will be held in the home of Mrs. George Hite on Watterson Trail. The meeting, which will be the first of the new conference year, will be opened at 10:30 a.m.

P.T.A. MEETING AT FERN Creek Grade School Tuesday, September 14, at 7:45 p.m.

All parents and teachers please come. Let's make this year one of our best. — Publicity chairman, Mrs. Carter Fields.

A NEWS ITEM: Phone The Jeffersonian. 7143.

## Guardsmen Are Soldiers And Airmen

Most people have a spare time only themselves. The men of the National Guard have a spare time for an avocation of themselves and the nation.

Every member of the Guard has his air base for training with his unit at least once a week. During that training period, he gets instruction and practice in a variety of skills which are used not only in mili-

"There are several reasons for this assertion," said Bill Rice, Firefighters' militant president, "one, that the program, although giving no rate reduction to Jeffersonsontown and Anchorage, requires them to assume primary responsibility for all fires from three to five miles outside of the corporate limits of those towns." Rice doesn't believe that residents of these two suburbs are going to agree to assume the responsibility involved "for the sole purpose of justifying the existence of the County Fire Department."

However, Rice asserted today that, with the program to which the Kentucky Inspection Bureau has committed itself, "we are pleased, on the whole," since he and his associates assume that if they can grant Anchorage and Jeffersonsontown the right to go three to five miles outside of their city boundaries, "and still leave their present low insurance rate in effect," they will not be in position to refuse permission to extend present boundaries of the existing Volunteer fire departments. On such basis they are demanding a rate reduction for Lake Dreamland for an area of three miles from the Lake Dreamland fire house. They would regard a refusal to grant the reduction as "rate discrimination."

Concluding his comment, Rice stated, "We are preparing to institute the necessary proceedings to bring about a blanket rate reduction in Jefferson County, and in view of the commitments in this program we believe we will be able to force the insurance companies to reduce their rates."

The Volunteers' plan is patterned after a setup now operating in the Covington-Newport area of Northern Kentucky, which is said to be giving generally satisfactory service.

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September 21, 1948, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

To: Mr. John Monohan, Fire Chief, St. Matthews

From: Mr. G. H. Parker, Manager

September 21, 1948

Judge Horace M. Barker  
Jefferson County Court  
Court House  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Judge Barker:

I have hastily read over the copy of the agreement which is to be entered into Friday night, and I shall study it carefully this evening. At this time I have only one criticism, that is, the volunteer companies are assigned territories running to the edge of the county, which in some cases means a distance of probably ten miles.

I believe this is asking too much of the volunteer companies, and I would suggest that they be asked to respond only as far as the limits of the area which is going to be given credit for protection, which is five miles. The county, of course, will respond to alarms beyond the boundaries set up in my recent letter.

I am planning to attend your meeting next Friday evening and would thank you to advise me as to what time I should be there.

Very truly yours,

MANAGER

September 22, 1948, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

To: Mr. John Monohan, Fire Chief

From: Mr. G. H. Parker, Manager

September 22, 1948

Judge Horace M. Barker  
Jefferson County Court  
Court House  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Judge Barker:

A conversation with a volunteer fireman this morning leads me to believe that the reference to five miles contained in the second paragraph of my letter of yesterday may be misunderstood.

In laying out this area, we plotted three mile circles for each volunteer company except Northington, where the distance was reduced because at the present time it is weaker than the other companies.

The National Grading Schedule provides for a three mile response for motor apparatus over improved roads. I felt that because of the unusual conditions existing, including the fact that two fire companies will respond in every case, we could accept the layout which we proposed, even though it meant that some volunteer companies might occasionally have to run up to five miles. There are a few points even a little farther, but they are mostly farm land.

Very truly yours,

MANAGER

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September 24, 194, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

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St. Matthews, Kentucky

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

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September 24, 1948

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Jefferson County Court  
Court House  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Judge Barker:

Mr. Thompson tells me that you had a very successful meeting last night, and he is very hopeful that Anchorage will agree to participate in the plan.

There seemed to be some question as to the territory which had been assigned to Anchorage for protection, and the thought has occurred to me that this question might be raised by some of the other departments.

As you know, Colonel Thompson, in one afternoon, laid out the territories to which each department would respond, so as to have the information ready for you the next morning. In other words, he did not have an opportunity to consult with the different chiefs.

We understand that the territories to which the companies are to respond are only tentative, and that the various fire chiefs will divide among themselves the territory to be protected. As soon as possible, they will agree on some division point along the various roads which will make the assigned territories most accessible to the individual departments.

Very truly yours,

MANAGER



1948

October 1, 1948: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 1948

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Incorporated, held on October 1, 1948, the following Directors were present:

Mr. Fred H. Boss  
Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer  
Mr. John Monohan, Jr.  
Mr. Joseph Zehnder  
Mr. W. Leland Wilson  
Mr. George E. Miller

Mr. John Monohan, Jr. was to see Mr. Tom Dolan about the old minute book of former meetings.

Miss Margaret Marsh was to be notified to mark her calendar to send out notices five days in advance of each meeting to all Directors - the meetings to be held the first Friday in each month.

As there were no special items to be brought up, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

George E. Miller, Secretary

*Joe: Has the old Minute book  
Now in his possession  
12/6/48*

1948


October 1 1948: *The Jeffersonian*:

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Courier-Journal Photo.

OFF TO THE COUNTY FARM go two families made homeless yesterday by a fire at Uncle George's home, Shelbyville Road and Floyds Fork. From left are Rudy Jarvin, George Blackburn, Betty Blackburn, Carolyn Jarvin, Mrs. Floyd Blackburn, Marilyn Jarvin, Mrs. George Jarvin (holding Carlos), Bobby Jarvin, and George Jarvin.

## Fire In Remodeled Garage Makes 29 Homeless, Including 21 Children

### Furniture Loss Set At \$4,100

A fire at Floyds Fork on Shelbyville Road made 29 people homeless yesterday. Of these, 21 were children.

A remodeled garage owned by Uncle George's Orphans Home, Inc., burned when an oil stove exploded in one of four apartments.

Lt. L. W. Nevin of the County Fire Department said the tenants lost \$4,100 worth of furniture. He said he had been unable to estimate the loss to the building.

Two of the families found temporary quarters with relatives. But two others had nowhere to

turn. Police Capt. L. H. Snyder arranged with W. H. Pennycook, County welfare director, to take them temporarily to the County Farm at Jeffersonton. Pennycook said the shelter there could be only temporary and he would attempt today to find homes where they could stay.

The fire began at 1:30 p.m. Two County Fire Department engines, and volunteer units from St. Matthews, Worthington, and Middletown answered alarms.

#### Little Was Saved.

Nevin said the structure burned so quickly that little could be saved. It was only one story and divided by temporary partitions.

Nevin said the families of Joseph Clancy, James Lawson, Floyd Blackburn, and George

Jarvin lived in the four apartments. Jarvin said he had been evicted from a home in Louisville recently because the owner wanted it for his daughter.

The Blackburn and Jarvin families were given temporary shelter in the home.

#### Near Power Line.

Firemen fought the fire under the hazard of a 60,000-volt transmission line of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company in front of the building.

Nevin said there was constant danger that an electric current would travel back down one of the streams of water should any of them touch the wire.

There was no one injured among the tenants. The only loss of life was a small dog.



1948

November 5, 1948: Board meeting:

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was scheduled for Friday, November 5, 1948, but in as much as several of the directors were unable to attend, a meeting was not held.

Respectfully submitted:

*George E. Miller*  
George E. Miller, Secretary

November 14, 1948, The Courier-Journal



THIS NEW \$180,000 building at St. Matthews houses the offices of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Work on the building began last March.

## Farm Group Occupies New Building

### Officials Already Talking Expansion

Amid the inevitable clutter left by construction workers, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation was doing business yesterday in its new \$180,000 building at 126 S. Hubbard Lane, St. Matthews.

When construction started last March on a half-acre site, it was thought that the building would provide ample space for at least five years, but officials of the organization already are beginning to think in terms of expansion. Both the site and the building's construction team will permit an addition when needed.

### Yards Are Filled

There are 4,000 square feet on each of the building's two floors. It is built of reinforced concrete and the sidewalks are faced with buff brick. One spacious room on the second floor will house the federation's executive committee. On the first floor are the offices of the federation's general manager, including director's suite, maintenance room, addressograph and mail room, and the department of information. Two single, fireproof vaults will hold records.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation dates back to 1918, when county federations, founded to meet the farm emergency created by World War I, were brought together in a state organization.

### Fund Started in 1929

In 1929 the fund for the present building was started. Meanwhile, the organization has received quarters in a spacious office building at the Southern stock yards, and at three locations in St. Matthews. In 1947 it had 12,000 members; in 1948 it had 15,000, and most of the membership expansion had occurred in the past five years. Membership has provided all the funds for the building, said Joe Peas, the federation's director of information.

When the federation's constitution is held November 27 to 29, with sessions at the Henry Clay Hotel, the building is expected to be a focal point of interest for delegates. Later an open house is planned for the public.



A FEATURE of the Farm Bureau Federation building is the sliding, curtainlike door for the director's suite. Mrs. Thomas H. Francis, 105 Ridgeway, an employee, shows how it works.

## Kentucky Co-op Leader, Adolph Moser, Dies At 77

Adolph Moser, 77, Middletown dairy farmer, leader in the farm co-operative movement and former president of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, died at 10:30 a.m. yesterday.

He was attending a sale at the Greenwell Farm on Brownsville Road when he suffered a stroke and died immediately.

A native of Switzerland, Moser came to this country when he was 17. His family settled in New Albany. Since 1917 he had lived on his 125-acre dairy farm on Shilohville Road beyond Middletown.

### Named to Dairy Hall of Fame

In addition to being state Farm Bureau officer, Moser was

of directors of the Louisville Prominent Citizens' House, a member of the Middletown Lodge of Masons, the Christian Union Church and Synagogue, a Delta Epsilon chapter, and a Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter.

A pioneer in dairy and other co-operative movements, he was elected to the Dairy Hall of Fame of the University of Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Moser; two daughters, Fred Moser and Edward Moser, New Albany; two sons, M. H. Moser and M. H. Moser, Jr., New Albany.

November 28, 1948, The Courier-Journal

## Police and Fire Needs Call for \$600,063 More

McCandless to Ask Extra Sum Until June 30  
For Pay Raises and Service to **St. Matthews**

Safety Director David A. McCandless wants \$600,063 more for the Police and Fire Departments for the rest of the fiscal year ending June 30.

He gave two principal reasons. One is the obligation to provide police and fire protection to **St. Matthews** if that suburb is annexed. The other is to raise salaries.

McCandless said he would ask the Board of Aldermen for \$357,652 more for police outlays and \$242,411 for fire protection. The Police Department was budgeted for \$1,594,093 at the beginning of the fiscal year and the addition would make its total \$1,951,745. The Fire Department's increase would raise its total for the year to \$1,428,466, including \$1,186,055 already allotted.

### Hearings to Open Wednesday.

City departments normally present budget-revision requests in December. Hearings on these requests will begin Wednesday in the Mayor's office before Mayor Charles Farnsley, the aldermen's Finance Committee headed by Ben F. Ewing, and City Finance Director William Meyers.

McCandless said a fire station and a police substation would be needed for **St. Matthews** if the pending annexation move is successful. The City's proposal to take over the area has been approved by Circuit Court here and is expected to be taken to the Court of Appeals.

Even if annexed, residents in **St. Matthews** sewer district will not have to pay Louisville's sewer-rental fee, but the cost to individuals of that suburb's new sewers hasn't been figured yet, Sam Moss writes on Page 1 of *The Passing Show*. How Farnsley's originality is changing the City is told on Page 17 of the Magazine.

The pay raises are requested on the grounds, first, that the men now are underpaid and, second, that the City is having "extreme difficulty" in getting recruits because the wages are unattractive. However, no pay increases are requested for men with less than one year's service.

The raises asked for the Police Department would lift Class B patrolmen from \$212.50 a month to \$222.50. Class A police, those with two years' service, would receive \$250 instead of \$225. Higher ranks, up to assistant chief, also would get \$25 a month more. The pay for Class C patrolmen, those still in their first year, would remain at \$200.

The same raises are asked for

corresponding classifications of firemen.

The raises would cost, for the last six months of the fiscal year, \$57,465 for police and \$47,430 for firemen.

McCandless also wants to increase the authorized strength of the Police Department by 85 patrolmen, three lieutenants, and three sergeants, and the Fire Department by 18 fire fighters, four engineers, one lieutenant, and three captains. In the six months, this would cost \$111,000 for police and \$33,585 for fire personnel.

### Says Few Rookies Respond.

Sixteen of the new firemen would be assigned to **St. Matthews** and the others to the recently annexed Bowman Field area.

The new policemen would be in addition to the force of 522 policemen and civilians now authorized for the department. McCandless pointed out that present strength actually is 495 because of the difficulty of getting new men.

"When we ask for a police rookie class of 25 men, we are lucky to get 15 or 20," he said. "The main reason is that our police officers still are underpaid, with salaries lower than the average in cities of comparable size. Our force is not up to the F.B.I. standard of one officer for every 500 of population."

The Louisville Area Development Association estimates the

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## Safety Funds Of \$600,063 Asked of City

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population at slightly over 300,000. This would call for a Police Department of 720 to meet the F.B.I. ideal.

### Allows for Policewomen.

McCandless said the requested raises would make the pay of Class A officers equal to the average cities in Louisville's population group.

Other items in McCandless' requests included:

Seven police squad cars with two-way radio, \$14,980.

One hundred policewomen for part-time duty supervising school children at street crossings, six months' salaries, \$25,000; uniforms, \$5,000.

Three police substations for outlying areas, \$135,000.

Building and land for a fire station in **St. Matthews**, \$100,000.

A quad fire-fighting machine and equipment for that station, \$22,500.

For remodeling No. 16 Engine Station at Sixth and Hill, \$25,000. A \$40,000 allotment already made for this is not enough, McCandless said.

Smaller miscellaneous items make up the rest of the budget increases to be requested for the two departments.



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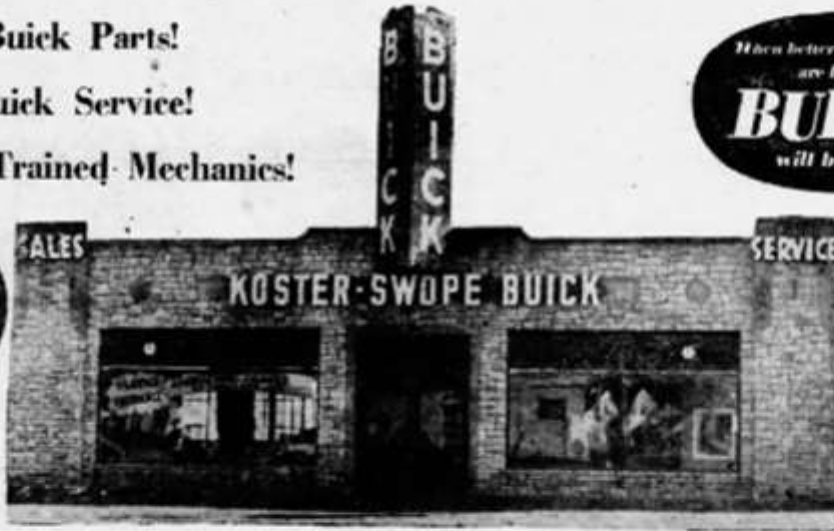
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**Darrell W. Swope, Jr.**

Winner of 22 years in automobile race and service in Louisville, graduate of Louisville schools and the U. of L., served first term in the Navy in World War II.

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December 3, 1948: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 1948

December 3, 1948, *The Jeffersonian*:

**Volunteer Firefighters Begin Back-Up System**

Volunteer Firefighters, Incorporated, are putting into effect this week their new "back-up" system for controlling fires in the Buechel-Fern Creek-Camp Taylor-Oholona area of the County. By cooperating and coordinating their facilities the four volunteer outfits are backing up each other under an arrangement whereby when a fire is reported in one of the communities units in the other communities are alerted and ready to give assistance if needed.

To effect swifter coordination of the activities of the several units, intercommunity telephone calls are handled through a central office at Buechel. The McAfee Funeral Home handles these calls 24 hours each day.

All volunteer fire departments are owned and operated by the property owners of the respective communities. Bill Rice, Buechel, is president of the organized body of Volunteer Firefighters, Incorporated.

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc., was called on Friday evening, December 3, 1948, Mr. John Monohan, Jr. presiding.

Directors present were as follows:

Mr. Martin Kamer  
Mr. Jos. B. Zehnder  
Mr. Jno. Monohan  
Mr. W. Leland Wilson  
Mr. George E. Miller

President Monohan reported on the last meeting with the Jefferson County authorities on the cooperation with the other departments and is endeavoring to obtain a sixth class rate for our district.

This was discussed pro and con and all directors were unanimous in agreeing that we would accept no help from Jefferson County in the way of financial assistance with any strings tied to it.

Mr. Monohan told the Jefferson County authorities that we would not back up anchorage, Jeffersontown, or any other district near by which had a sixth and seventh class rating and we were laboring under an eighth class. The Insurance Bureau quieted him down by saying they would discuss the matter with him privately.

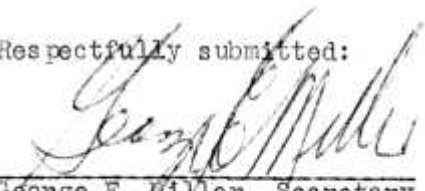
Discussion was made on the annexation and it was suggested that we employ an attorney to advise us as matters were now coming up which needed legal advice. A Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer that the secretary, George E. Miller, consult James T. Robertson and report back if he could be retained on a retainer fee of not over \$500.00 to represent us and then advise us and have him attend our monthly meetings. It was understood that if any litigation came up that he would have to go into court and write up briefs that an additional fee would be paid. This was seconded by Mr. E. Leland Wilson.

The meeting date for the January 1949 meeting was not decided upon, due to the fact that the attorney whom we choose be present at the next meeting and it was agreed that it would be either January 7th or January 14th. It was further agreed that after Mr. Miller notified Mr. Robertson of the choice,

and that he would accept, that Mr. Miller was to phone the directors who were present at this meeting and get their approval before employing this attorney.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
George E. Miller, Secretary.

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December 8, 1948, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

December 8, 1948

Mr. J. E. Hughes  
Farmers & Depositors Bank  
3830 Frankfort Avenue  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEVENTH CLASS GRADING  
FOR ST. MATTHEWS AREA

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the conversation that you had with our engineer, Mr. Clemens, today in regard to improvements that are necessary in order that the St. Matthews areas may secure a seventh class grading.

Ordinarily we would not be inclined to recognize fire protection maintained by a community of this magnitude without some legal representation because of the obviously unreliable and changing conditions that are wholly dependent upon the pleasure of a few public spirited citizens. However, in view of the fact that this movement is sponsored by the St. Matthews Commercial Club, we shall be glad to co-operate with you in the hope that the following recommendations will be fully carried out and at all times maintained. Any consideration based upon the sixth class grading of this area would require that either a water or a fire district be prescribed as provided by Law so that some one in legal authority could be held responsible for the proper maintenance of all fire protective features.

As explained during our conversation, the recommendations apply to the area included in the proposed incorporated area which is also approximately the area that the City of Louisville seeks to annex. It is understood that the area indicated on the blue print that was used in the absence of an up-to-date map of the St. Matthews area will have a few comparatively small additional areas added that are not now indicated on this map, but as a whole, will not increase the over-all area materially.

These recommendations for seventh class grading apply to all dwellings not over 1000 feet by road of a standard fire hydrant, all others will be ninth class. All risks must be accessible to the fire department over paved or hard surfaced roads. The recommendations are as follows:

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December 8, 1948, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

Mr. J. E. Hughes

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December 5, 1948

Water Supply

1. Satisfactory guaranty must be provided that all of the fire hydrants in this area will be kept turned on and properly maintained at all times.  
They must be kept painted, free of any obstructions and inspected at least twice each year, also after use at fires during freezing weather. Parking within 10 feet of hydrants should be prohibited, particularly in the mercantile area.
2. An accurate map showing the area to be protected should be provided. This map should show all fire hydrants, gate valves and water mains. A copy of this map should be posted in the engine house.

Fire Department

1. There should be a well organized department consisting of a chief and at least 18 volunteer men. Both pieces of apparatus must respond to all alarms.
2. The full paid county fire department at Middletown must respond to all alarms of fire in this area except to minor fires such as out houses, grass and weed fires, etc., and satisfactory means for promptly calling this department must be provided.
3. The entire organization must receive a full course of instructions and training in modern fire fighting methods under a capable fire department instructor, and thereafter, the entire organization should hold regular monthly drills with the apparatus.  
In connection with these drills the apparatus should be given the equivalent of at least two miles road test.
4. The apparatus must at all times be properly maintained. Each piece should carry 1200 feet of 2½ and at least 200 feet of 1½-inch hose, at least 3 salvage covers and a full line of minor equipment.
5. Accurate records of all drills and fires should be kept. These records should show the time of alarm, location of property, cause of fire, extent of damage, loss involved, owner of property, etc. The records should particularly show the response of the men, those who respond promptly and regularly and those who are slow to respond.

Fire Alarm

1. The control switch for operating the fire alarm siren in the taxicab office, where all alarms of fire are now received, should be made accessible to the public and this part should be widely publicized and the location conspicuously marked. For night identification an illuminated sign marked "Fire Alarm" would be satisfactory.

The siren should be tested at least once each day, preferably at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Just as soon as these recommendations are fully carried out and we are so notified, we shall make our final inspection, and if everything is found satisfactory we shall list this area for a seventh class grading.

These recommendations, of course, apply only to the area above outlined and do not include the Green Tree Manor area or the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and should this entire area be annexed by the City of Louisville these recommendations, of course, will be subject to revision.

If there is anything in these recommendations that is not quite clear or if we can be of any service to you in connection with them we hope that you will feel free to call upon us.

Yours very truly,

MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:ek



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December 15, 1948, Solicitation Letter:

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is soliciting your subscription for \$3.00 for Association Membership for the next twelve months.

Paid up members of the Association are given fire protection by the Fire Department on call without further charges at any time and as frequently as needed. Non-members, should they be so unfortunate as to have a fire, will be charged for the use of the fire equipment at a maximum rate of \$100.00 for the first hour or any part thereof and \$25.00 for each additional hour thereafter.

Some who have received this letter have been withholding sending their checks due to the annexation proceedings which are now in court. Please bear in mind that it may be six months to three years before we are completely annexed and the City of Louisville places fire equipment in the St. Matthews area to take care of your home. Therefore, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association must maintain this department until such a day as proper equipment and men are furnished by the City, should we be completely annexed, to take care of any catastrophies. We cannot successfully maintain this department without the help of the subscribers.

We urge you to send your subscription in promptly to avoid charge on an hourly basis due to non-payment.

Your subscription may be paid to any of these convenient locations:

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Whitehead-Keaney Drug Store  
3900 Frankfort Ave.

John M. Monohan, Jr.  
President.

We are obligated to serve only those contributing to the support of the Association.

## St. Matthews To Get Lower Fire Rates

Residents of St. Matthews seem to have everything set for a reduction in fire insurance rates. The saving to the property owners of that area promises, it is said, to exceed \$100,000, contingent only on the going ahead with a simple program of recommendations as given by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau.

Leading the drive for cheaper fire insurance for the community is the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce. Cooperating with the Commerce group are members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Among recommendations suggested were additional fireplugs and provisions for paying the water rental on the plugs, a 20-hour training course for volunteer firemen and a fire department of at least 18 volunteers. According to a representative of the Inspection Bureau, none of the recommendations are expensive or difficult to fulfill.

Fire insurance rates based on eighth, ninth and tenth class requirements are: for eighth class, 34c; ninth class, 48c, and 74c for tenth class. Those in one-third of the area involved in St. Matthews, it is said, are paying the tenth class rate. By securing the seventh class rate, the rate would be dropped to 30c.

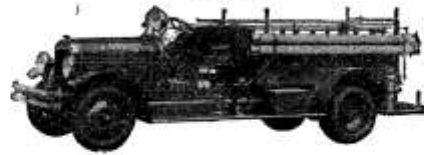
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On the editorial page there is a letter, by Bill Rice, president of Volunteer Fire fighters, Inc., congratulating the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce on the action taken to secure a rate reduction.

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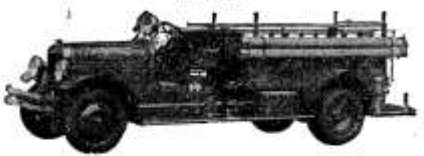
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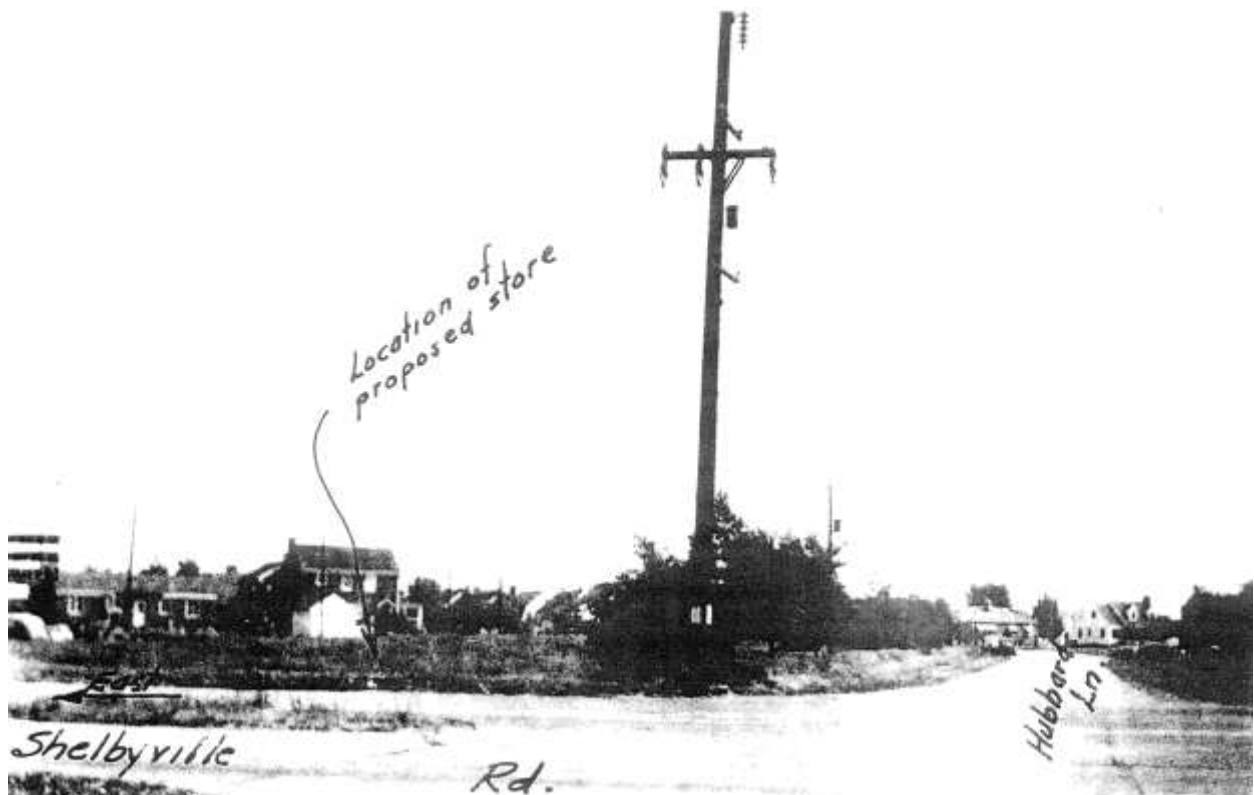
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Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Beargrass Christian Church, April, 1948,  
Site of Webb's Drug Store, June, 1948





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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Frame Eight-Mile house, 1948, ZV 10-48U, Jefferson County Preservation and Archives.



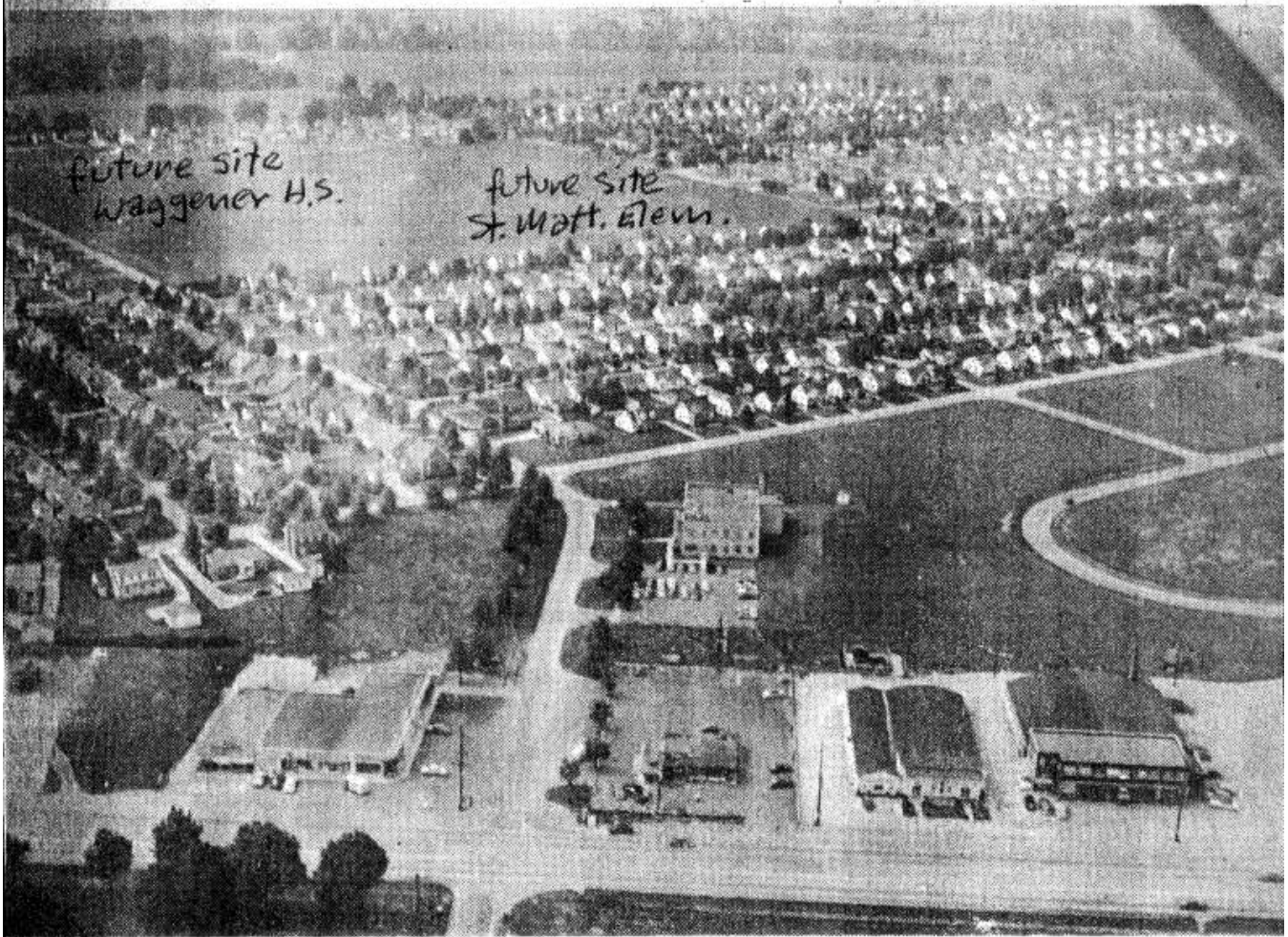
Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Looking east, Frankfort & Lexington Road intersection, June, 1948



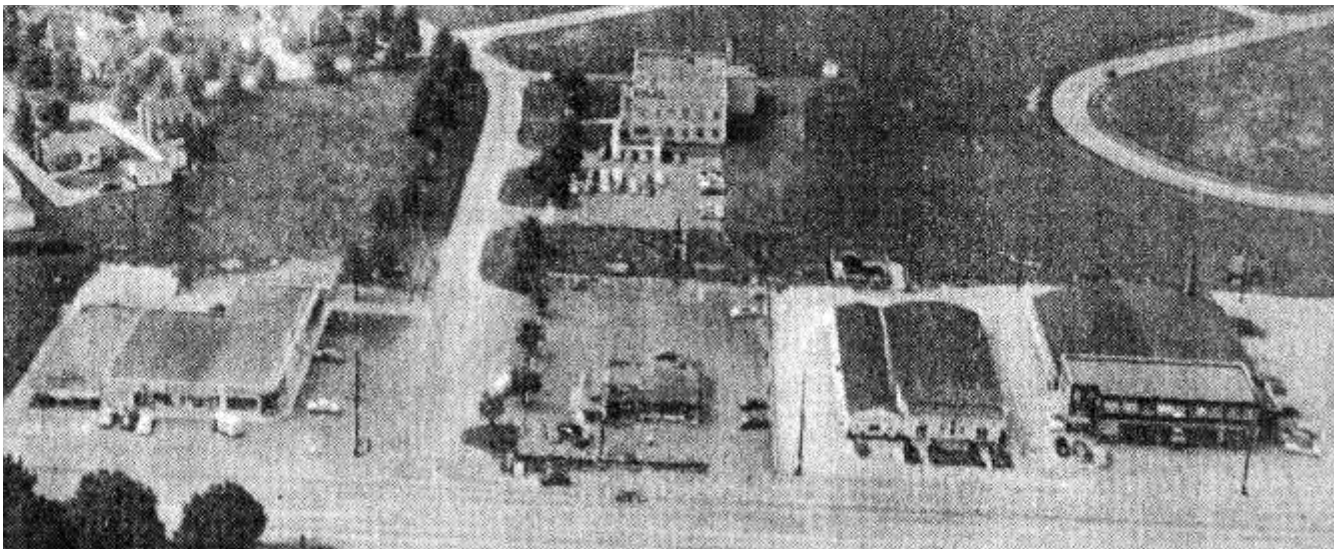
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Courtesy of *The Voice-Jeffersonian*, April 9, 1970:

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1970, THE VOICE-JEFFERSONIAN, SECTION D, PAGE 3



THIS AERIAL VIEW of the Kentucky Farm Bureau office building (center) was taken in 1948. Shelbyville Road, intersected by Hubbards Lane, is in the foreground.



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Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Views of the second Potato Festival were taken by photographer Lin Caufield on 24 July 1948 for Gordon Foods, makers of potato chips. The parade moved east through St. Matthews to LaGrange Road, the backtracked past the East Drive-In to the Arterburn property. Lin Caufield collection, University of



Louisville Photographic Archives.





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Courtesy E. Gar Davis:    Louisville Boat Club



Before the below structure was built.



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**William Leland Wilson**  
**Joseph B. “Joe” Zehnder, start again**

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**John V. Kaster**  
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**Frank R. “Randy” Robertson**  
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**George R. Westwood**  
**R. M. “Dick” Wheeler, Jr.**  
**Robert W. White**  
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January 14, 1949: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON JANUARY 14, 1949

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on January 14, 1949 at 7:30 P. M. by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

The following were present:

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	Mr. Joe Zehnder
Mr. E. Leland Wilson	Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. Fred H. Boss	Mr. John Westwood
Mr. Marty Kamer	Mr. John Westerman
Mr. George E. Miller	

After an informal discussion, the proposition and contract submitted us by the County Authorities was also asked to be passed upon by a leading attorney and Mr. Monohan was instructed to notify the County that we would take no action until after our meeting called for February 4, 1949.

It was also decided by the Committee, which was passed at the last meeting, to employ an attorney and that Mr. Miller should interview Mr. Lawrence Grauman and Mr. Monohan should interview Mr. Charles Kippes, and whoever was decided upon to employ, the committee was to meet and employ this attorney within ten days.

Mr. Fred Boss, the Treasurer, was authorized to purchase \$5,000.00 of U. S. Government Bonds and also to rent a safety deposit lock box at the bank.

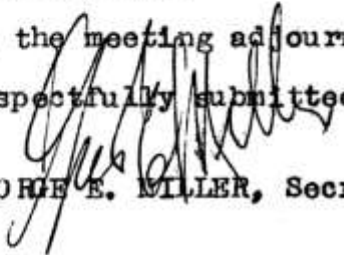
A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that the Association give a party to the firemen, directors, Mr. Hopkins and his two employees who handle the alarm system and all the wives of these men. This party to be during the week of February 14, 1949.

President Monohan appointed Messrs. Joe Zehnder, Marty Kamer and John Westerman to arrange this party and to report back to him before definite decision as to expenses are made.

There was a letter directed to Mr. Miller, the Secretary, from Mrs. Margaret B. March, requesting an increase in salary and also a request to employ Mrs. Grace Boyd-Robertson to solicit new funds. As the meeting was closed at the time this letter arrived, it was deferred until February 4th for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary.



1949

January 14, 1949, Letter:



Mr. George Miller, Secretary  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Mr. Boss has a letter we received from one of our members: those who ordinarily sent in their contributions are not doing so. In order that they may be informed, it will be necessary for me to spend more time on the job. In view of this fact, will you please consider an increase in salary for me for the coming year.

I have discussed with Mrs. Grace Boyd-Robertson the possibility of making a telephone follow-up of the letters soliciting subscriptions.

Rates generally paid for such service are approximately \$1.00 per hour for 20-40 calls; or at the rate of 3 cents a call. If you think this would be a good idea, I am sure Mrs. Robertson would consider 50 cents an hour.

Thanking you for your attention in the above, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*Marquie Marsh*

January 18, 1949, Letter:

Mrs. Thomas P. Hatcher  
Route No. 2  
Stanford, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Hatcher:

Your letter of January 7th with the check for \$3.00 covering fire protection came to the assistant secretary and during my absence from Louisville, she mailed you a receipt and answered your letter, however, since this was directed to my attention, I will endeavor to explain the situation thoroughly to you.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is operated on subscriptions only. There is no employee in this association who receives any pay whatever with the exception of the assistant secretary, who is paid for part time work, the small sum of \$40.00 per month.

It is true that it looks as though we are going to be annexed by the City of Louisville, but it is necessary that we operate until such time as we are completely annexed and the City places equipment like we have to protect this area.

The annexation suit is now in the Court of Appeals. It may be handed down in six months and it may be two years, and, no doubt, it will be another year before the city can build fire houses in this district to take care of our property.

It is very confusing to the residents and property owners in this fire district as from what they read in the newspapers, one would think the city could annex us one day and two days later be giving us all city services.

You may rest assured that we will advise you in plenty of time so that you will not be solicited for any subscriptions if we know that the people are going to have the city protection.

Trusting this letter makes the situation clear, I remain,

Very truly yours,

GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary  
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASS'N.

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# January 21, 1949: St. Matthews Sun, Volunteer Firefighters Report 1948 Activities—

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## Volunteer Firefighters Report 1948 Activities

Reporting this week to the State Fire Marshal, the Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., of Jefferson County gave a detailed account of their activities for the year 1948. They reported an aggregate of 203 runs made on call during the year.

The corporate body of fire fighters include five separate community organizations, at: Buechel, Camp Taylor, Fern Creek, Lake Dreamland and Okolona. Fire losses within their area of protection for the year were estimated in the report to have totaled \$69,275 for the combined areas. The highest number of calls answered was reported by the Buechel outfit, which made 63 runs during the year. The Camp Taylor contingent made 60 runs, Fern Creek 46, Lake Dreamland, 25 and Okolona 15.

Officers reelected to serve the organized volunteers for 1949 are: Bill Rice, president; R. D. McAfee, vice president; William Barnes, secretary; Roy Mothershead, treasurer, and Teddy Travelstead, sergeant at arms.

Several volunteer companies in other sections of the County are not affiliated with the Firefighters, Inc. group. The federation includes the above mentioned five.

## February 4, 1949: Board meeting:

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1949

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The following directors were present:

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. - Mr. Joe Zehnder - Mr. E. Leland Wilson - Mr. Fred Boss - Mr. Louis Schweitzer - Mr. Marty Kassar - Mr. Geo. E. Miller.

Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Joe Zehnder, that the proposition presented by the Chamber of Commerce be tabled and brought up at some future time for an answer.

The President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., was authorized to sign, or not to sign, the agreement with Jefferson County whereby they would allow us \$1,500.00 per year. This authority to sign, or not to sign, was with the understanding that it would be after the advice of our legal counsel, Mr. Lawrence Grauman.

Messrs. Monohan, Zehnder and Miller reported that they had obtained the services of Mr. Lawrence Grauman as attorney to represent the Association. They felt, and the other directors concurred, that we were fortunate to obtain a man with the experience and standing of Mr. Grauman. Mr. Grauman would not set a fee for his work and left it to the directors.

After discussing the matter, it was agreed that since we have no salaried employees, other than the assistant secretary at \$40.00 per month, that at each meeting, for such service as we have had Mr. Grauman to perform for us during the month, a fee would be voted and mailed Mr. Grauman at that time.

The dinner for the directors and firemen and their wives and sweethearts was set for February 15th at 6:30 P. M. at Foeney's Supper Club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

*George E. Miller*  
 GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary.

February 11, 1949: *The Jeffersonian*:

## C. of C. Objectives Are Outlined For Year

Program of the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce for 1949 was outlined in their meeting on February 1st at the Canary Cottage. The Chamber is embarking on a program composed of definite projects designed and intended to improve not only the mercantile interests in St. Matthews, but to add to the civic and cultural growth of the entire community.

As chairman of their respective committees, Miss Barbara Peters, Mrs. Bernie Bowling, J. Ashby

Miller, A. J. Eline, Jr., Stuart Paine, and Howard B. Hunt presented the definite objectives for the year 1949.

President Carroll M. Reid stated the theme of the year's activities was to accomplish closer cooperation between all merchants in the St. Matthews area and to increase the sales volume.

Wales Williamson, of the Civic Concert Service, Incorporated, spoke briefly to the Chamber regarding the initiation of a music concert series for St. Matthews.

J. E. Hughes reported that, in cooperation with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, the success of his committee in securing a reduction in the fire insurance rates for the St. Matthews area is assured. The saving to be effected will amount to between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year for this community. He stated that the Kentucky Fire Inspection Bureau was requiring an illuminated call box and a daily testing of the siren. The Chamber voted unanimously to provide the illuminated call box and appropriate sufficient funds to install a clock which would automatically sound the siren at noon each day for the required daily testing.

The meeting reflected the spirit and ideas of the Chamber through the emphasis of each speaker on close cooperation and vigorous effort toward the success of definite specific projects, all designed for the improvement of the community.

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February 28, 1949, Letter:

The mansion Bellevoir, built for Hamilton Ormsby, was part of an estate known for its dairy cattle and trotting horses in the late 1900s.



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2-28-49

Chief John Monahan,  
St. Matthews Fire Dept.,  
St. Matthews, Ky.

My dear Chief Monahan:

Please accept my very sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation of your Fire Department in assisting with the fire at the Winchester House at Ormsby Village, Sunday night, February 27.

Your promptness and your efficiency were both outstanding.

Sincerely yours,

*H. V. Bastin*  
H. V. Bastin,  
Superintendent.

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

Copy for Mr. John Monahan, Chief  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.

March 11, 1949

March 11, 1949, Letter:

Mr. J. E. Hughes  
Farmers & Depositors Bank  
3330 Frankfort Avenue  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEVENTH CLASS GRADING FOR ST. MATTHEWS AREA

On December 8 of last year we sent you a list of recommendations for a seventh class grading for the St. Matthews area.

This letter and the recommendations were a confirmation of the discussion that we had on this subject with you and the members of your committee representing the St. Matthews Commercial Club, while in our office. As we have had no answer to this letter, we are wondering what progress, if any, has been made towards carrying out these recommendations, and if there is any further information that you may desire in connection with them.

The recommendations involve practically no expense, and we see no reason why they should not be carried out immediately.

If we can be of any service or assistance to you in connection with these recommendations we hope that you will feel free to call upon us.

Yours very truly,

*J. E. Hughes*  
MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:ek

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February 28, 1949, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Fire Damages Old Residence At Ormsby

Fire in a 100-year-old house at Ormsby Village, Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home at Lyndon, yesterday caused about \$4,000 damage and routed a dozen residents.

William A. Blanchard, assistant superintendent of the home, said nobody was hurt. The fire, which started at 5 p.m. from a kerosene stove in the kitchen, damaged only the rear of the house.

The blaze was extinguished by County firemen and the Middletown and **St. Matthews Volunteer Departments**:

The structure, known as the Winchester House, was the first in that section of the county and is at least 100 years old, Blanchard said.

Resident of the house are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ritter and their six children, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. William Horton. The men work on the farm operated by the home.

March 29, 1949, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Fire Rate Hearing Demanded

To the Editor of *The Courier-Journal*:

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We contend that all fire insurance rates in Jefferson County are too high and that this constitutes discrimination against every policyholder in the county; but, notwithstanding this, hundreds of policyholders in this county are being required to pay rates completely out of line with even the existing standards of rates which the insurance companies now have in effect.

For example, hundreds of home-owners in the St. Matthews area, whom the insurance companies have been charging 10th class (basic rate 75 cents) have been entitled to 7th class (basic rate 30 cents) by the insurance rating bureau's existing rules and standards.

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We have asked Mr. Thurman to hold an open hearing for the purpose of correcting this evil. We predict that there will be a mad scramble to reduce rates in the St. Matthews area, so as to eliminate these glaring examples before the commencement of these hearings.

Buechel, Ky.

BILL RICE, President.

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March 17, 1949,  
Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

Copy for Mr. John Monohan

March 17, 1949

Mr. A. J. Eline  
Eline Chevrolet Motor Company  
3914 Frankfort Avenue  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Eline:

FIRE PROTECTION

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the conversation that you had with our Mr. Clemens last Monday when he discussed with you the recommendations that we submitted to your Committee representing the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce in order that the St. Matthews area may receive a seventh class grading.

There seems to have been a misunderstanding among the members of your Committee and others that additional fire hydrants would have to be installed in the St. Matthews area in order to secure the seventh class grading.

While additional fire hydrants in this area are needed and should be installed to adequately cover the area, our recommendations do not include additional fire hydrants.

There also seems to have been a misunderstanding in regards to our recommendation regarding the control switch for operating the fire alarm siren now located in the taxi cab stand. Some seem to have been under the impression that we required a regular fire alarm box. As a matter of fact, we merely recommend that the location of this siren control switch in the taxi cab stand be widely publicized and have a conspicuous sign posted so that the public will know of its location and will know that it is accessible to anyone discovering a fire at any time.

We hope that these misunderstandings are cleared up and that our recommendations will be carried out without any further delay.

As mentioned in our previous letter to Mr. J. E. Hughes of March 11, these recommendations involve practically no expense, and we see no reason why they should not be carried out without any further delay.

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

Mr. A. J. Eline

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March 17, 1949

If we can be of any further service in connection with these recommendations we hope that you will feel free to call upon us.

Yours very truly,

*E. J. Barker*

MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:ek

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March 11, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## County Judge Presents Agreement To Firemen

The Town Council of Jeffersontown heard County Judge Horace Barker outline an agreement proposed to be entered into by the County Fire Department, through the Fiscal Court, and the Volunteer Fire Departments of the County's First District, at the regular meeting of the Council Monday night.

Col. Claud Thompson, head of the County's fire fighting organization was present also at the session. Pointing out that he had come to the town meeting on invitation of members of the Council, Judge Barker said that he was not asking the municipal authorities to enter into the agreement. But if they wanted to do so it would be "all right." He said that he is determined to get fire insurance rates reduced for county residents and if this plan isn't worked out he has another in mind.

The agreement, roughly, seeks to link the volunteer units in the First District with County outfits, operated through the authority of the Fiscal Court under the direction of Col. Thompson. The proposition purports to so correlate the combined fire fighting forces as to equalize the coverage over the entire area. A subsidy is offered by the Fiscal Court to each of the volunteer units of \$1,500, or "maybe \$2,000," in lieu of voluntary contributions which the Volunteers would otherwise probably receive.

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Judge Barker explained that there would be no change in the present status of the volunteer units, but that they would go along, functioning as they now are, with the exception that local boundaries would be designated. These boundary lines would be drawn approximately midway between the Volunteer stations. In case of major fires in one local area, adjoining stations would be alerted to stand by for call if the emergency demanded. All the units would be hooked in to the two-way radio system which is maintained by the County.

Proposed stations for the First District network include Jeffersontown, Middletown, Anchorage, Worthington, and possibly one or two more.

Asked if the Inspection Bureau authorities were in accord with the provisions of the proposed agreement, Judge Barker said that they were. While none of the volunteer units has, as yet, signed, it was intimated that they were considering the proposition favorably.

Barker said that politics had been injected into the matter by a few who were opposed to seeing the agreement successfully carried out. The Judge said that he was very much opposed to the political angle and that political affiliations had been ignored in building the County Fire Department.

One matter under considera-

tion by the Council and which promised difficulty in handling was settled amicably when Mrs. Flossie Yeager, proprietor of the UBSee Food Market, voiced objections which she had come to voice, to paying truck unloading licenses imposed by town ordinance on all trucks, owned by wholesale houses making deliveries to merchants within the Town. UBSEE, being a merchants cooperative, organized under a nonprofit charter, as outlined by I. G. Spencer, manager, who appeared before the Council with Mrs. Yeager, makes it imperative that the storeowner pay the license. Since the matter proved to be highly technical and controversial, Mrs. Yeager agreed to assume responsibility for paying the license, thus relieving the tension and bringing the matter to a happy conclusion.

All members of the Council were present, with the exception of Mrs. Ida Burden, who was confined to her home by illness.

The Council approved the agreement conditionally, permitting fire chief Marshall Floore to enter into the contract, providing that the other units of the District agree to become a party to it.

March 18, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## County Pledged Better Fire Protection, Rates

An "even better" system of fire protection was pledged Jefferson County home owners and business men by Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., by Bill Rice, president of the organization, following a meeting on March 11, when it was reported

loss was held to a minimum of \$69,000 in the six communities protected by volunteer departments.

At the monthly meeting held at Junior Order Hall, Buechel, 77 members were present, representing Buechel, Fern Creek, Camp Taylor, Okolona, Lake and Highview Volunteer Fire Departments and Highview Volunteer Fire Departments. These six Volunteer Fire Departments now have a combined enrollment of 137 active crew members, all of whom pledged themselves to continue mutual assistance for an even better system of fire protection in Jefferson County.

"The total fire loss for the combined large area, protected by these volunteer departments, as reported by the respective chiefs, was only \$69,000. The Camp Taylor Department officially announced that it had recently secured a seventh class insurance rating, which is quite a reduction in insurance for this area.

Richard Oberlin, news director of Station WHAS, was present and was given a miniature fire truck and made a life member of the Volunteer Firefighters as Assistant Chief of all departments. As further recognition of his consideration for the Volunteer Fire Departments, Carter Fields, Fern Creek, presented him with a badge. Maj. Marold Foster, chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau, guest speaker, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on fire prevention, following which two motion pictures on fire fighting was shown by Inspector Merle Brown, of the Louisville Fire Department.

## New Motor Service Company Will Open Door's About April 1

On or about April 1 a new wash, polishing, Simonizing and motor cleanup service will be available for St. Matthews motorists when Dan T. Gray, Jr., and Everett W. Roe, Jr., open the Frankfort Avenue Car Service Company at Cannon's Lane and Frankfort Avenue, opposite Green Tree Manor. The new enterprise will be housed in a 36x60-foot concrete block building with ample parking space and comfortable waiting and rest rooms.

Roe, who resides at 210 Crescent Court, formerly was connected with the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation and General Motors, and was honorably discharged from the Army only last January 31, after having served five and one-half years as a captain. He saw 18 months' overseas service in the European Theater.

Gray is a St. Matthews man and resides at 3920 Fairy Drive. He was associated with his father in the General Machine Company until the business was sold and has been connected with the Hull-Dobbs Company. As a past president of the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club and general chairman of the Potato Festival, he is widely known as a leader of his community.

March 18, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Volunteer Firefighter Groups Prefer Separate Operation Plan

Volunteer fire fighter groups of the area, in acknowledging receipt of a recent letter from Fiscal Court, reiterate their earlier stand for rejection of the proposed plan to join in support and co-operation of the County Fire Department.

In a joint response they repeat their unwillingness on grounds such a move measures up to a hindrance rather than an advantage; that a tie-up

with a changing political set-up might jeopardize gains already made in the fight for lower property risk rates, and in conclusion, an assertion that a contribution by the court was welcome provided no political strings were attached.

The letter, dated March 12, follows:

Jefferson County Fiscal Court  
Fiscal Court Building  
Gentlemen:

The chiefs of our member departments, each received a letter from you dated February 25, 1949, asking that they join in a plan to support the Jefferson County Fire Department. In the second paragraph of your letter you admit that there can be no "Expectation of a reduction in insurance rates" unless the County Fire Department is supported by the volunteer units. As you know, we have believed all along that you would fail to give any real fire protection or to reduce insurance rates with a department such as you are now operating, although you have expended a huge sum of money, while on the other hand our member departments have effected the following rate reductions, based on frame, stucco or brick-veneer homes with approved roofs, Buechel from 74 cents to 30 cents—Camp Taylor 74 cents to 30 cents—Fern Creek

74 cents to 43 cents. Okolona is in the process of obtaining a reduction from 74 cents to 30 cents.

We will shortly secure an additional reduction for both Okolona and Buechel to 22 cents (home owners in these communities will actually be paying a little less than home owners in the City of Louisville.)

If you will refer to your records, you will note that we notified you April 10, 1948, that we did not want to negotiate further on plans of cooperation with your fire department, giving as our reason, that we felt the County Department was a hindrance rather than a help, and that we could accomplish more by having no connections to the County Department, our success in saving lives and property and reducing insurance rates has proved the wisdom of our action. We do not want to jeopardize the gains which we have already made by tying ourselves to a politically controlled unit of the County Government.

Our departments are supported by voluntary contributions and if you care to contribute to fire protection in Jefferson County, any or all of our departments would be willing to accept a voluntary contribution from the Fiscal Court if no strings are attached.

Yours truly,  
Volunteer Firefighters, Inc.,  
Bill Rice, President.



March 29, 1949, The Courier-Journal

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Buechel, Ky.

BILL RICE, President.

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April 1, 1949: *The Jeffersonian*:

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April 8, 1949: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON APRIL 8, 1949

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on April 8, 1949 by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

The following directors were present:

Fred H. Boss  
Louis Schweitzer  
Joe Zehnder

Marty Kamer  
John Monohan, Jr.  
E. Leland Wilson

George E. Miller

Discussion was made as to the charge to be rendered Indian Hills Village for services for the Year 1949. It was decided by all the directors that an invoice be sent them for \$500.00.

Mrs. Marsh is to be instructed to give Mr. John Monohan another list of all business houses on Lexington Road, as the original list became lost, so he can present it at the next directors' meeting and we can agree on the amount of the invoice to be rendered the various firms.

Motion was made by Mr. George E. Miller and seconded by Mr. Joseph Zehnder that Mr. Boss send a check to Mr. Lawrence Grauman for services rendered the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

It has now been decided by all directors that at each meeting, we will agree to set a date for the next meeting. Formerly it was to be the first Friday in each month. The next meeting date was set for Friday, May 13th. Mrs. Marsh has been notified that all directors be sent a notice of this meeting three days in advance.

Motion was made by Mr. Louis Schweitzer that a letter be sent by the Secretary to Mr. Thomas Cooper, Cashier of the St. Matthews National Bank, authorizing the release of \$9,000.00 U. S. Government Bonds now held by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, to the Treasurer, Mr. Fred Boss. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marty Kamer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary.



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April 11, 1949:

Mr. Thomas Cooper, Cashier  
St. Matthews National Bank  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Please note the following excerpt from the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 1949 of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, in which you are hereby authorized to release the said bonds to Mr. Fred Boss, Treasurer of the Association:

"Motion was made by Mr. Louis Schweitzer that a letter be sent by the Secretary to Mr. Thomas Cooper, Cashier of the St. Matthews National Bank, authorizing the release of \$9,000.00 U. S. Government Bonds, or any and all Government Bonds now held by the St. Matthews National Bank for safe-keeping for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, to the Treasurer, Mr. Fred Boss. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marty Kamer".

Copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Boss, which he will present to you when calling for these bonds.

Thanking you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary  
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

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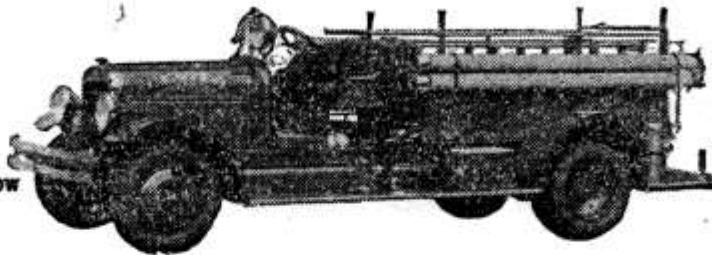
## ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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April 11, 1949:

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
3740 FRANKFORT AVENUE

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

April 11, 1949

Kentucky Inspection Bureau  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Attention: Mr. Clemens

Dear Mr. Clemens:

I wish to take this occasion to thank you for the many courtesies extended to me during the conferences we have had in connection with the 7th class fire rating for the St. Matthews Area.

Following the meeting in your office of April 5th at which time Fire Chief Monohan of the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Department was present, it is with pleasure to attach map outlining area of St. Matthews recommended for 7th class rating.

With reference to what has been done to assure your office that all fire hydrants will be turned on at all times, Mr. Payne of the Louisville Water Company, has agreed to notify Chief of the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Department and the President of the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce of all new installations of fire hydrants as well as to notify the same parties if, as and when any payment on any hydrant becomes delinquent. In addition to this the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce will attempt to get the Treasurers of all existing fire hydrants to place the rental funds on deposit with the Farmers & Depositors Bank of St. Matthews, who has agreed to render service without charge to the Treasurers of all fire hydrants wherein instructions will be issued to the Louisville Water Company to send water bills through as a check whenever said bills are rendered and in this way they can be paid promptly.

We are told that all fire hydrants are inspected twice each year by the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Department.

The St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Department consists of the Chief, Assistant Chief and at least 18 volunteers. Both pieces of apparatus will respond to all alarms within the described area. Furthermore, the County Fire Department will be notified of all fires, except minor fires.

A full course of instructions and training in modern fire fighting methods under Capt. V. A. Beam, is scheduled for the week of June 27th and thereafter the entire organization will hold regular drills with apparatus.

The apparatus will at all times be properly maintained and will carry the necessary 1200 feet of 2½" hose, 200 feet 1½" hose and a full line of minor equipment and salvage covers.

Records of all fires will be kept showing date of alarm, owner and location of the property, cause of fire and extend of damage.

In addition, fire alarm controls will be maintained on front of the fire station and the location will be widely publicized and conspicuously marked. For night identification the alarm will be illuminated. Also the alarm will be tested once each day to see that it is working properly.

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*J. E. Hughes*  
Chairman Rate Reduction Committee

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April 14, 1949, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

Copy for Mr. John Monohan, Jr., Chief  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

April 14, 1949

Mr. J. E. Hughes, Chairman  
Rate Reduction Committee  
St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Hughes:

FIRE PROTECTION - ST. MATTHEWS AREA

We have for acknowledgment your letter of April 11 in which you outlined in detail the extent to which our recommendations for a seventh class grading for the St. Matthews area will be carried out and maintained.

In view of the splendid spirit of co-operation indicated in your letter and your willingness to comply in detail with our recommendations, we shall be glad to co-operate with you to the fullest extent and, to expedite matters, have listed your community for a rerating on a seventh class basis as outlined in our recommendations of December 8, 1948.

We realize that many of the streets in this area have been torn up and may impede the progress of the fire department. We trust, however, that this situation will be corrected and that in connection with any future sewer installations or other work that may require cutting into the streets, due consideration will be given towards fire protection in any section of this area.

The full paid county fire department should be of distinct value to any community, and, as you know, one of our recommendations provides that the full paid county fire department at Middletown be called to all fires in this area. However, we have heard rumors that the county fire department may be discontinued. If this should occur it may be necessary that this matter will have to be discussed with your Committee and perhaps some other suitable recommendations agreed upon.

In order to avoid any further delay we shall be glad to accept the date set by Captain Beam for drilling the fire department organization the latter part of June as this was the earliest appointment he could make because of previous commitments. The fire alarm

controls and markings should, of course, be immediately carried out as outlined in the last paragraph of your letter.

It is understood that this seventh class grading applies only to the St. Matthews area, which is designated on the blueprint submitted with your letter. This is the area that was mutually agreed upon, and any increase or extension will necessitate additional recommendations.

In closing we wish to thank you for your co-operation in this matter, and if, at any time, we can be of any assistance to you in connection with your fire protection problems we hope that you will feel free to call upon us.

Yours very truly,

MANAGER

April 29, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

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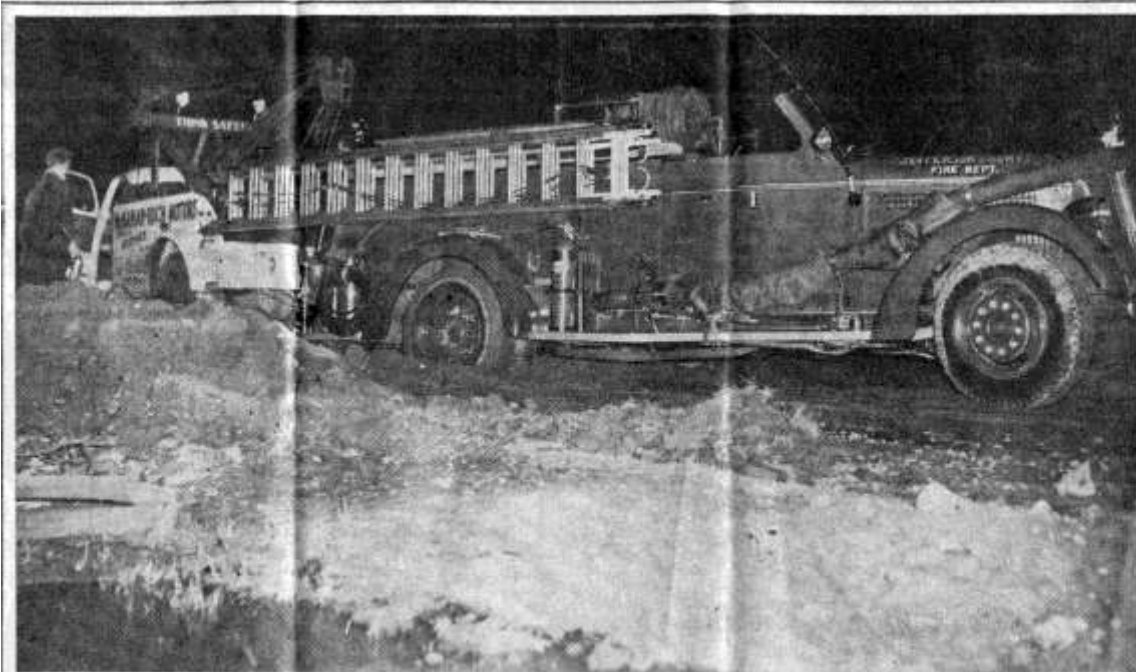
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April 15, 1949, *The Louisville Times*:



By Times Staff Photographer

### County Fire Department Pumper Runs Afoul of St. Matthews Sewers

It required almost two hours and two wrecker trucks to free this county pumper from the goosy mire as it attempted to reach a fire in St. Matthews last night. Answering an alarm from 4024 St. Germaine, Fire Lt. L. M. Nevin and his crew got as far as Norbourne

Boulevard and Sherrin. The fire, a minor one in a garage, was extinguished with a garden hose by neighbors. Two days ago the Fiscal Court ordered no more openings made on the sewer projects until contractors fill existing open excavations.

This pumper was later sold to STMFD and became Engine 1, S1 /8821.



Courier-Journal Photo.

TWO TOWING TRUCKS were summoned before this County fire pumper finally was freed from the mud soup of a St. Matthews sewer ditch on Sherrin Avenue last night.

## Sewer Ditch Mires County Fire Truck; Neighbors Put Out St. Matthews Blaze

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The pumper didn't have a chance. It mired fast in axle-deep mud of the supposedly filled ditch. Both rear wheels sank as far as the construction of the truck allowed into the cut running squarely across Sherrin Avenue. Yesterday's rains may have contributed to the tough going.

One towing truck which came to pull the pumper out succeeded only in almost upsetting itself. Another and bigger towing truck was called to finish the job.

Meanwhile the pumper crew squirted away its 800-gallon cargo of water to get rid of the weight. The pumper from the Middletown station was

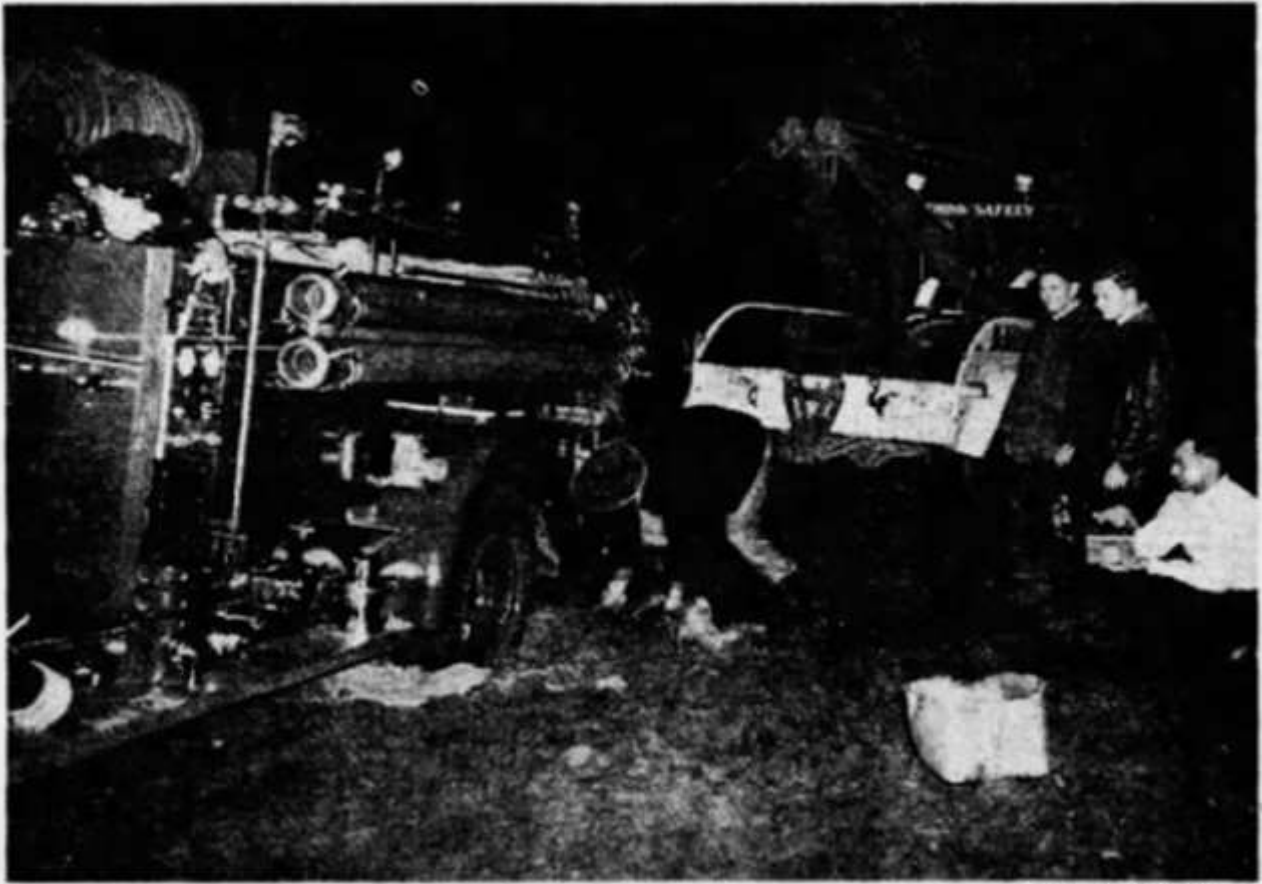
answering an alarm on a fire in a garage at 4024 St. Germaine. Its run was halted by the ditch at Norbourne Boulevard and Sherrin.

The firemen carried portable extinguishers to the garage, but the blaze had been put out by neighbors with a garden hose and buckets, said Lt. L. W. Nevin, in charge of the pumper.

The alarm was given at 8:55 p.m. The pumper was freed from the ditch at 10 p.m.

G. C. Cook, manager of Sanitation District No. 1, which is having the St. Matthews sewers installed, telephoned this statement on the matter to The Courier-Journal:

"The whole incident smells. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department wasn't called. That seems very unusual."



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April 18, 1949, Letter:

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Mr. John H. Monohan, Jr.  
3909 Elmwood Avenue  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

At the last annual meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, wasn't Richard Hurt elected a director?

If so, please phone Mrs. Marsh at once and advise her of his name and address as he has not been receiving a notice of the meetings.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE E. MILLER.

April 29, 1949, Letter:

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KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

Copy for Mr. John H. Monohan, Chief  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

April 29, 1949

Mr. J. E. Hughes, Chairman  
Rate Reduction Committee  
St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Hughes:

#### IMPROVEMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the conversation that you had over the telephone with our Mr. Clemens in regard to the description of the limits comprising the St. Matthews area.

We are now waiting to hear from either you or Fire Chief Monohan in regard to the completion of the improvements in the fire alarm system as outlined in the last paragraph of your letter of April 11 and the revised description of the St. Matthews area.

Just as soon as we receive information that these items have been carried out we shall plan to make our final inspection.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in these matters, we are

Yours very truly,

*E. G. Clemens*  
MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:pw



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May 13, 1949: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS  
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED,  
HELD ON MAY 13, 1949

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on May 13, 1949 by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

The following directors were present:

Joe Zehnder	Louis Schweitzer
John M. Monohan, Jr.	Marty Kamer

George E. Miller

This meeting was really a quiet session as there were no matters of real importance to be passed upon and a general session was held.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that Mr. Monohan arrange a trip to Lexington for the firemen to attend the school for all state firemen. Mr. Monohan was to arrange it so different firemen would go on different dates so the community would be properly protected in case of a fire. He was also directed to expend all expenses for the firemen taking the trips.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Friday evening, June 3rd at 7:30 o'clock.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary

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Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: L & N Railroad Station, March, 1949—  
3937 Frankfort Avenue, May, 1949, Sponsored St. Matthews Little League teams



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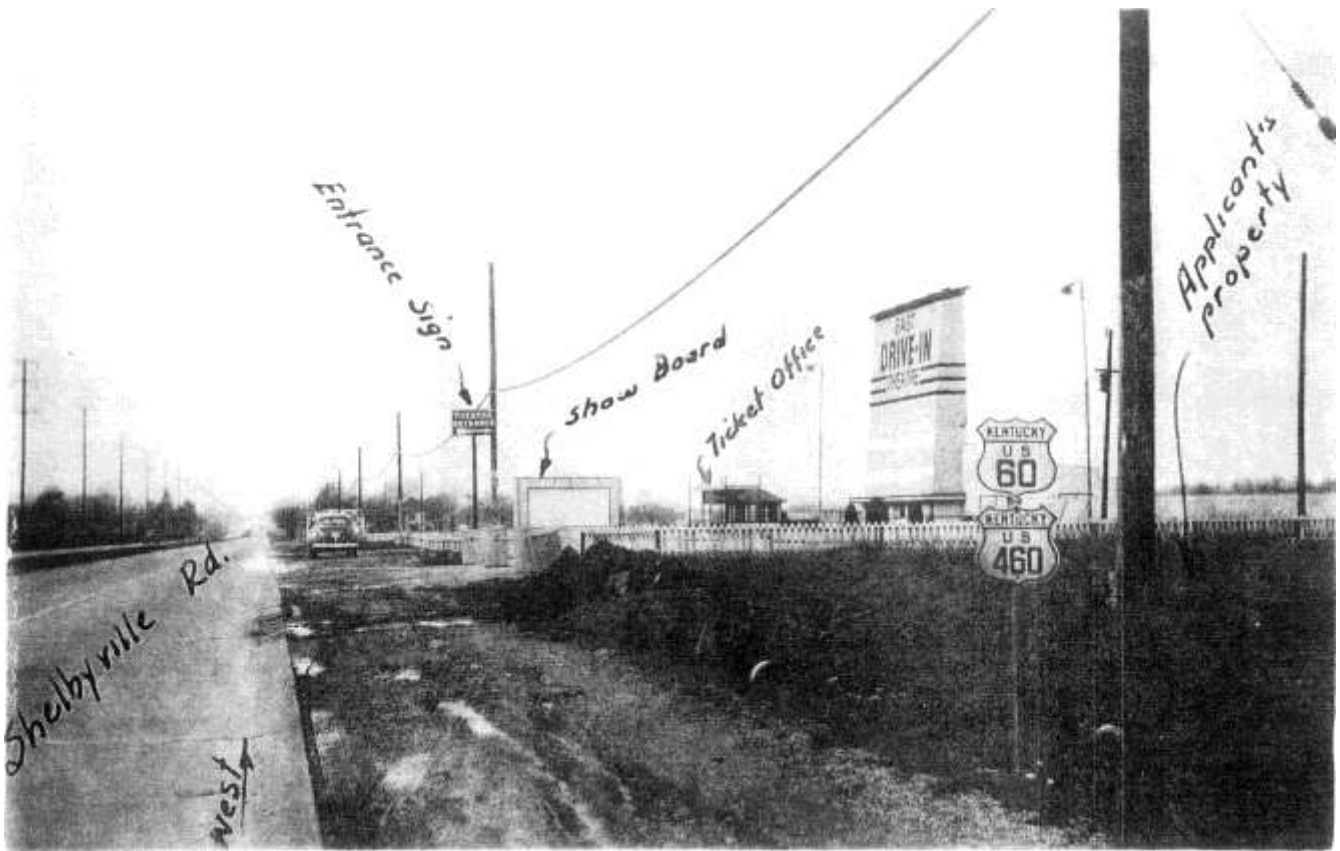
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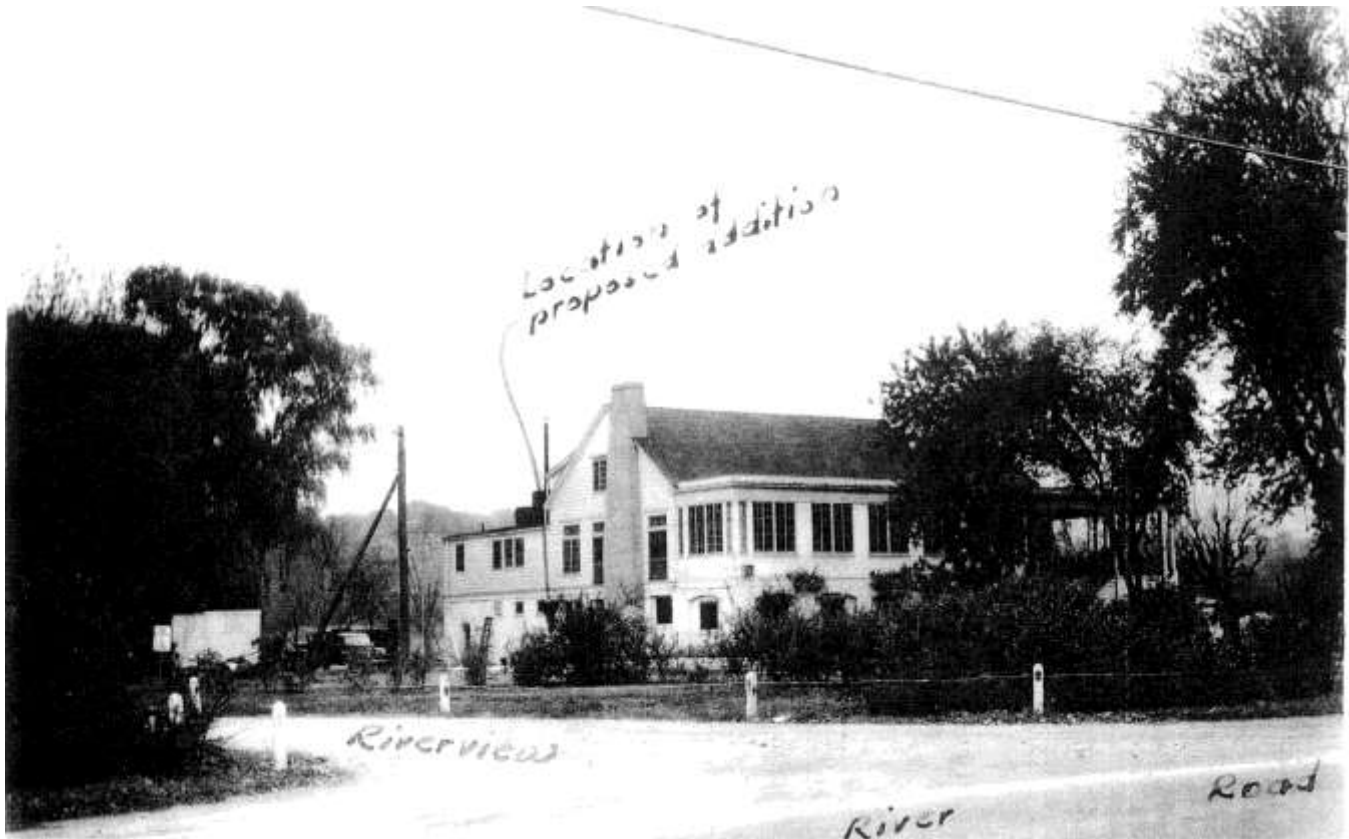


Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Building Pryor's Restaurant, October



1949

Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Louisville, Boat Club. November 1949



Ground Breaking  
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May 20, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:June 3, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Firefighters Meeting Held At Fern Creek

The regular monthly meeting of the Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., was held last Friday at the Fern Creek Graded School, with the usual large attendance of members.

Through the courtesy of the State Fire Marshal's office, a motion picture on fires was shown and W. L. Martin, State Fire Marshal, was present and gave a most interesting talk on arson.

All the Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of all member departments were sworn in as deputy fire marshals by Mr. Martin.

The ladies auxiliary of the Fern Creek Department served a delicious lunch after the meeting. The Fern Creek Department members expressed their appreciation of the splendid cooperation they receive from their ladies.

## County Fire Department Worth Is Debated

Pointing out that no fire insurance rate reductions have resulted from operating the Jefferson County Fire Department during the past two years, two members of the Fiscal Court recommended discontinuing the department this week.

Commissioners Fihe and Lampe, considering the Fire Department a "luxury item," are willing to abolish the service.

The two Democratic commissioners think it would be more profitable to divert the \$32,000 proposed in the budget for fire department maintenance to the County's rights of way fund. This was their attitude, taken at a budget meeting Tuesday.

Col. Claude Thompson, County Fire Chief, informed fiscal court members that volunteer fire fighting units in the County, except those at Worthington, had failed to approve an arrangement, whereby they were to be given a subsidy by the County to fight fires cooperatively in their respective areas.

In attempting to cut proposed budget items for the new year, beginning July 1, so that funds might be provided for purchasing land for Federal and State flood-wall and highway projects the commissioners ran into difficulties. Lampe and Fihe said that the State had indicated readiness to go ahead this year on widening Taylorsville Road, Preston Highway and Grade Lane. Work could start also, it was said, on building a sidewalk at Buechel and raising Bethany Lane above flood level should county funds be allotted to purchase the required land.



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June 16, 1949, Letter:

Mr. J. E. Hughes, Chairman  
Rate Reduction Committee  
St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce  
3740 Frankfort Avenue  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Hughes:

FIRE PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION - ST. MATTHEWS AREA

Upon receipt of the map of the St. Matthews area and the description defining this area as established by you and Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., Chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, we made our final inspection of the fire defenses available for this area and, based upon this inspection and the contents contained in your letter to us of April 11, 1949, we find that we can give a seventh class grading to this area known as the St. Matthews area. This seventh class grading will apply to all dwellings within this area and not over 1000 feet by road from a standard fire hydrant and on made streets. Those within this area over 1000 feet by road from a standard fire hydrant but not over 1 1/2 miles by road from the St. Matthews Fire Department will grade ninth class, all others tenth class. In view of the fact that the maximum distance by road within this area from the fire department is approximately 1 1/2 miles, as indicated on the map submitted, practically all dwellings within this area over 1000 feet by road from a fire hydrant will receive a ninth class grading.

This seventh class grading does not contemplate the protection of any additional area, and it is assumed that the fire department with its apparatus and equipment will at all times be maintained up to the standards which justified this classification and that all of our recommendations submitted in our letter of December 8, 1948, will at all times be fully maintained.

As a brief summary of the recommendations which are still to be complied with, we call your attention to the following:

The entire fire department organization is to receive a complete course of instructions in modern fire fighting methods under Captain V. A. Beam as scheduled for the week of June 27.

The control switch for operating the fire alarm siren in the taxi cab office is to be widely publicized and conspicuously marked with an illuminated sign for night identification.

The fire alarm siren is to be tested at least once each day, preferably at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Parking within 10 feet of fire hydrants should be prohibited, particularly in the mercantile area.

In closing we wish to thank you and Chief Monohan for your wholehearted co-operation in this matter, and we hope that if at any time we can be of any service to you in connection with your fire protection problems you will feel free to call upon us.

Yours very truly,

MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:ek

P.S. - We realize that the installation of sewers in the streets of St. Matthews will of necessity create some obstructions to the response of the fire department, but it is assumed in these recommendations, that reasonable precautions will be taken not to create any obstructions that are not absolutely necessary. Ditches should not be kept open any longer than necessary and properly back-filled as soon as possible. The fire department should be notified by the contractor of any obstructions that may interfere with its response to fires. G.H.P.

## Lampe, Fihe In Statement Why They Favor Discontinuing Fire Dept.

"On the whole, the Jefferson County Fire Department is a luxury the taxpayers of Jefferson County cannot afford." Thus spoke County Commissioners Stuart Lampe and Robert Fihe in a joint statement following introduction of their resolution to discontinue the Fire department under the present setup. The resolution would provide a sum of \$15,000 "to be used for a fire department, not of fully paid firemen, but rather a unit of the County Government which will foster the continued existence of existing volunteer fire departments and coordinate the activities of all fire departments to the end that actual rather than fancied reduction in fire insurance rates will be made available to the residents of Jefferson County."

At a session of the Fiscal Court on Friday of last week a tie vote defeated the move, on the part of Lampe and Fihe, to discontinue the present County Fire Department. County Judge Horace Barker and Commissioner Miles Thacker voted against the proposal, which was to have cut the Department's funds from \$82,100 to \$15,000 for the year beginning July 1. The saving of \$67,100 would have been put in the right-of-way budget.

The Lampe-Fihe statement, setting forth their reasons for offering the resolution, declares that "The County Fire Department as now established is inadequate as a fire-fighting unit," as attested by the fact that the Kentucky Inspection Bureau has "refused any rate reduction whatsoever because of this department." The statement claims that the Fire Department was established against the advice of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau.

It is the contention of the two Democratic commissioners that, "Unless the money saved by this change (discontinuing present fire department) is allocated to the right-of-way fund of the

County such projects as the county section of the flood wall, the Inner Belt Highway, the construction of Taylorsville Road from Jeffersontown to the county line, Preston Street Road, sidewalk at Buechel, building of the Johnson or Grade Lane, construction of a high-water road to enable residents of the southwestern section of the County to escape in time of flood, and many other projects may be hopelessly lost to the people of Jefferson County. We cannot hope to have both these major improvements and the fully paid Fire Department."

The joint statement charges further that, "The County Fire Department, as operated, threatens the existence of volunteer fire departments," because it deceives the people into believing that the County can furnish complete protection, making it unnecessary to support volunteer units. Thus, according to Lampe and Fihe, "Fire insurance rate reductions already obtained by volunteer fire departments in many areas of the County are actually threatened by the continued existence of the County Fire Department."

Concluding this statement, the two commissioners say:

"We strongly urge the establishment of a County Fire Department composed of a minimum number of employees with the function of coordinating the activities of volunteer fire departments, not of competing with them, and to bring about rate reductions in Jefferson County."

In opposing the resolution Judge Barker said that the attitude of Lampe and Fihe is one that "puts dollars above human lives and property."

# St. Matthews Getting Reduced Fire Rates

The Kentucky Inspection Bureau, fire insurance rate fixing and controlling agency in the State, is setting up new, lower rates for St. Matthews residents. The St. Matthews area, whose residents are now paying 8th and 9th class rates, will soon be enjoying 7th class rates as a basis for paying to protect their property against the fire hazard.

It seems that investigations have proven recently that the local conditions that are considered by the rate-making body have justified a lower rate for the St. Matthews area for some time past. Certain moves on the part of local civic leaders, essential to setting in motion the machinery for making rate reductions, had for several months failed to materialize.

But, with the necessary requirements having been met, it now remains only for the inspection authorities to work out certain details to put the new rates in force. And this is being done, it was learned this week. Furthermore, it was also determined that the Okolona area on Preston Highway is also in line for similar fire insurance rate reductions.

The protected area around St. Matthews has also been extended to cover territory adjacent to Shelbyville Road as far south as McArthur Drive, and on the north the district concerned extends to Brownsboro Road. This is the area covered by the activities of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. The efficiency of the Volunteers, their equipment and the water facilities are governing factors in the rate set up.

July 1, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Funeral Rites For Serious Damage Done By Firecracker In Box

Fireworks, especially the firecracker variety, have already created quite a bit of damage over the state, and this community has not gone untouched.

The A. B. Waddill home in St. Matthews was the first place to be damaged by firecrackers, in an explosion that might have caused even more damage. The vandalism wrecked a metal mail box built into the framework of the house, when a heavy firecracker was exploded in it last Friday afternoon.

The explosion was so powerful that it blew off the iron frame of the box, the frame dropping to the ground. On the inside, the metal door of the box was bent and twisted, wallpaper around the frame was torn loose and particles of plaster were blown 10 feet.

The Waddill home is at 3700 Hycliffe and there was no one at home at the time.

Authorities have made an effort to stop the use of fireworks in Jefferson County, but their efforts have been in vain, as there is no law to prohibit their use.

County Attorney Sam Stienfeld said there was no way to withhold permits for the sale of fireworks, as there is no law with which the County could stop the sales. A city ordinance in Louisville prohibits sales there.

It was supposed that celebrating youngsters placed the firecracker in the Waddill mail box, but those who did it are not known.

The explosion could easily have caused a fire that would have burned down the home.

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Lightning struck the main barn of Fairview Dairy, of near St. Matthews, Saturday afternoon, completely destroying the building and burning to death six cows, several tons of hay and farm implements. Mrs. Andrew Such, wife of the director of the dairy, was found unconscious beside a cow she had been milking. The cow was dead. In another part of the barn Joe Collins, a hired hand, was found insensible with part of his clothes burned off. Horses in the barn were rescued. A call for help was responded to by Capt. Steven Aman and his No. 6 Hook and Ladder Company, but shortage of water supply and the long run to the fire made it impossible to save other than near-by property. Mrs. Such revived in about half an hour but Collins was found badly burned about the face and body and he remained unconscious for more than an hour. Andrew Such, dairy operator was in Louisville at the time and knew nothing of the affair until told by returning firemen. He reported the loss at more than \$1,000. Mrs. Mary E. Taylor owned the farm and buildings, Such being a lessee.



# Firecracker Explosion Rips Mailbox In Wall of House

## Postal Officials Probe Blast In St. Matthews

Firecracker vandalism wrecked a metal mailbox built into the brick wall of a **St. Matthews** home.

U. S. Postal inspectors and County police investigated the case yesterday. The explosion of one or two firecrackers Friday afternoon blasted the box at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Waddill, 3700 Hycliffe. No one was there at the time.

The dangerous strength of the fireworks was shown by these results:

1. The iron mail slot and frame on the outside was blown off the wall and dropped to the ground.
2. The substantial metal frame of the mailbox door inside the house was blasted loose, twisted, and severed in one place.
3. Wallpaper around the inside frame was torn loose.

### Plaster Blown Off.

4. Particles of plaster were blown 10 feet across the hallway.
5. A letter in the box was charred.
6. A small electric light in the box was put out.



Courier-Journal Photo.

**FIRECRACKER** damage to the mailbox in her home is shown by Mrs. A. B. Waddill. She is holding the metal plate and slot which was blown off the outside of the house.

The fireworks sales situation in Jefferson County remained unchanged yesterday. County officials decided they had no choice but to permit sales as in the past. Louisville prohibits fireworks by ordinance.

County Attorney Sam Steinfeld advised that permits for fireworks stands could not be withheld wherever they do not violate zoning laws. About 75 permits for temporary stands have been issued since the fireworks season started. It is not known how many are for fireworks. The permits are for the general use of the property and do not state a specific purpose.

### May Have Caused Fire.

County officers told Mrs. Waddill she was fortunate that the damage at her home was not greater. They said a spark from the explosion might easily have set fire to the hall rug, causing a blaze that could have swept the house.

Mrs. Waddill said the explosion was between 3 p.m. when mail was delivered and 5 p.m. when her husband returned home.

She said she presumed children had placed the firecrackers, but had no idea who they were. The Waddills have lived in the house for 10 years and have been on friendly terms with the youngsters in the neighborhood, she said. They have no children living with them.

### Have Been An Annoyance.

Fireworks have been an annoyance along the street for some time. Sewer construction is about to begin there and concrete manhole forms have been left on the roadside. A current sport of the children is to explode firecrackers in these forms, causing an extra-loud, booming report.

Postal Inspector L. H. Wesley said federal law provides a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment up to three years for damaging or destroying mail receptacles.

A remnant of a firecracker about 1½ inches long and half an

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July 1, 1949: Special Board meeting:

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS  
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD  
JULY 1, 1949

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on July 1, 1949 by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

The following directors were present:

E. Leland Wilson	John M. Monohan, Jr.
George E. Miller	Marty Kramer
Joe Zehnder	J. P. Terry

Louis Schweitzer

This special meeting was called for the Directors as the annual meeting for election of officers and directors, under the By-Laws must be held on July 6, 1949, but in as much as the greater number of the present directors would be absent on this date, Mr. Monohan, President, postponed the July 6th meeting until Friday, July 15th at 7:30 P. M.

A notice of this July 15th meeting is to be sent to all directors by Mrs. Marsh.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary

July 15, 1949: Annual Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION,  
INCORPORATED, HELD ON JULY 15, 1949

The Annual Meeting of the Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Incorporated, was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. on the evening of July 15, 1949.

The following directors were present:

Marty Kamer	Joe Zehnder
Louis Schweitzer	George E. Miller
John Monohan, Jr.	

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer that a ballot be cast by the secretary for re-election of all the directors. This was seconded by Mr. Kamer and all the directors were re-elected for a term of one year, as follows:

Fred H. Boss	J. P. Terry
Marty Kamer	Louis Schweitzer
George E. Miller	Leland E. Wilson
John Monohan, Jr.	Joe Zehnder

A motion was made by Joe Zehnder and seconded by Louis Schweitzer that one ballot be cast for the re-election of all the officers.

Mr. Monohan was directed to obtain a new list from the Gas Company so we could send out bills to new residents whom we do not have on our books at the present time.

The next meeting date was set for Friday evening, August 5th with instructions that the assistant secretary send out notices on August 1st.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary.

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## POTATO FESTIVAL OPENS WEDNESDAY

W. H. Baker, publicity chairman for the Third Annual St. Matthews Potato Festival, announced that this year's festival would be the biggest and best yet. It begins Wednesday at 4 P.M., July 20th and continues through Saturday, July 23rd at the Festival Grounds on Shelbyville Road. Baker said: "It's a family affair for a great cause and there will be fun for everyone."

Clowns will be present, rides for the children, free entertainment and fun for the grown-ups. Dazed-dill Don Woods will ascend in a balloon to 1000 feet and jump out in a parachute. This will be free daily between 5 and 6 p.m. There will be truck loads of Gordon's Potato Chips dropped by parachutes each evening. Around 8 p.m. each evening free death defying acts will be presented by the great aerial artists "The Lehnbecks." "Your whole family will want to see these dynamic dangerous acts high in the air. They are spine-tingling and a thrill to see," Baker said.

Free entertainment Wednesday, July 20th and Thursday, July 21st, nights by the famous Georgia Wildcats, with Clayton McMichen on the bandstand. Friday, July 22nd and Saturday, July 23rd, the Golden West Cowboys, featuring their leader Pecos King will be on the bandstand for your entertainment. Another night feature will be a trained dog act, that is a top notch attraction.

There will be rides, games and hundreds of prizes, to make your plans now to attend. The proceeds go for recreation and a community center.

A spectacular flower show will be held Thursday, July 21st, at 2

p.m. You may enter any flower you wish, provided you hurry. Baker announced, because this part of the program is creating a lot of interest since the sponsor, The Women's Club, announced the judges and prizes.

The major prize will be a 1949 Buick; a live baby beef, cactus cut, frozen and stored in a 6 cu. ft. locker is the second prize. The major prize will be drawn Saturday night. Ten other prizes will be awarded with drawings nightly.

Saturday, July 23rd, will be Governor's Day, with Gov. Earle Clements and Lt. Gov. Wetherby invited to participate in the festivities. A gigantic parade will be held Saturday with over 50 cars, trucks and floats. Of course, clowns and a lot of fun goes along with the parade. The route of the parade will be announced within the next few days.

The Man-on-the-Street broadcast through WHAS, featuring the well-known Pete French for Strietmann Biscuit Co., will start Monday, July 18th in St. Matthews. Go over and appear on the broadcast daily at 2:45 p.m.

Plenty of free parking space is available this year. Come early and stay late, because it's the biggest event ever sponsored in St. Matthews. Festival Headquarters are located at the Y.M.C.A., 148 St. Matthews Avenue, Belmont 3282.



Uncle Miran, juggling clown featured daily at the Potato Festival.

## Judge Ford Approves New Shopping Center

A \$500,000 shopping center can now be built on Brownsboro Road since Circuit Judge William H. Field upheld the ruling of the Planning and Zoning Commission on six acres at Brownsboro Road and Rudy Lane. The land involved is owned by Joe Wilhoite, Prospect and John A. Walker, 328 Bonner Avenue. The plans include one-story stores and a large parking lot. The initial questions of the suit were devaluation of home values and increase of traffic problems. The suit was brought by Mrs. Charles Blakely, Mrs. Clifton Reden, William Dressel, J. Paul Keith and John F. Oertel, Robert P. Hubson, attorney for the home owners, plans to appeal the decision of the Court of Appeals.

## Eagles Convention Begins Friday, July 15

The Eagles of Louisville and St. Matthews are planning a big reception for all delegates and visitors to their annual convention beginning Friday, July 15th.

Members will come from the 23 areas of the state to meet at the Kentucky Hotel. The principle speaker will be Mr. M. L. Brown, managing organizer for the Tri-State District. He is well known throughout the country for organizing the Eagles Memorial Foundation. This group helps to support, educate and supply medical aid to all orphaned children of Eagles who gave their lives in the past war. Mr. Henry V. Krauth, Kentucky State President will preside at the meetings.

## Name Your Paper And Win \$100.00

What is the name of your paper? It hasn't one. We are going to ask you to give us a name. A grand prize of \$100.00 is waiting for the person who writes in the winning name. The contest will run for four weeks and at the end of this period four of your local business men will judge the entries and will choose the winning title. In case of duplicate entries the first letter post-marked will win. There is nothing to buy and you will be under no obligation to this publication. Originality will be a determining factor as will adaptability. Everyone has a chance to win. Just write your letter to Advertising Publishers Inc., 219 W. Ormsby, and win a hundred dollars for a summer vacation, a new fall suit or a nice little nest egg in the bank.

## Ampitheater Opens Season This Week

Song of Norway, the life story and songs of Edward Grieg is the opening presentation of the Iroquois Ampitheatre. The all-star cast featuring Robert Shafer, Ralph Magelson and Nancy Kenyon. Song of Norway should be a tremendous hit and start the season off in style. The production is under the direction of Dennis Dufor, with sets by Rolfe Wayne. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

## Methodist Caravan Coming Saturday

Rev. Marvin Whitmer, pastor of the St. Matthews Methodist Church announces the arrival of the Methodist Caravan, coming to St. Matthews, Saturday, July 16th. The caravan's members are Miss Sara Beggs, LaGrange, Ga., Betty Kay Jones, Spartanburg, So. Carolina, Mr. LaNelle Nelson, Baytown, Texas and Mr. William McHachem of Philadelphia, Pa. This group and their leader or adult counselor, Freda Whitfield, a member of the

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## "The Fellow Next Door"

What your neighbor thinks about the sewer situation.

BY JAMES MEACHAM

"My opinion of this whole sewer situation in St. Matthews," said Mrs. C. E. Payne of 754 Browns Lane, "is that whoever signed the contract didn't read it first."

Mrs. Payne, like so many other residents of the St. Matthews area has had her yard covered with dirt, her drainage ditch filled so that her garden washes away whenever it rains, and numerous other inconveniences. The Payne's have received bids ranging from \$238 to \$305 for connecting their plumbing to the main line. "The great difference in the two prices," said Mrs. Payne, "makes me think that some of these contractors are taking unfair advantage of us."

When asked if she thought the contractors had done a reasonably good job under the circumstances, Mrs. Payne declined to reply saying, "I think that's a little out of a housewife's line, but I do not think

that the contractors have been treating the people right."

Mrs. Payne also said that she has never read the contents of the contract or talked to anyone who has. She would like very much to see it made public so the people could see whether or not the contractors were keeping within its limits.

Mrs. Kenneth Worcester of 3500 Dayton Ave. has the following opinion of the sewers: She says, "I think the sewers would be worth anything we have to go through to get them, but the contractors seem to be taking advantage of the situation."

The Worcester's never put in a septic tank when they built their house, as the sewers had been promised in January and they weren't to move in until February. The sewers were completed the last

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## Lexington Junior League Horse Show Closes Saturday

Lexington's Junior League Horse Show is in full swing this week. Always a fine show and a must for exhibitors, Lexington, is even bigger this year. Mrs. Walter Jones is chairman of the show and Mrs. Clarkson Beard, Co-Chairman, Thomas Clark, well-known state fair manager is running the affair. Exhibitors from almost every state in the Union are competing for the \$40,000 in prize money. It is a very big honor each year to "take a show in Lexington." The final night, Saturday, will feature the championship five galloped stake.

## Greetings, St. Matthews

This is the first edition of your community paper and I feel introductions are in order. Your weekly newspaper is published by Advertising Publishers Inc. The active members of this corporation are Clifford L. Slater, who is associated with Slater and Gilroy, Printers, and James K. Van Arsdale, former production manager of the Up-To-Date Distributing Co.

It is your newspaper; we are merely servants of the people of St. Matthews. It is up to you to determine the editorial policy of the paper. The publication will be non-political, non-religious, neither for nor against annexation. We are not sponsored by any organization, but we hope to have the approval of all civic groups. By this policy you know that we have no axe to grind. We would appreciate your opinions on all matters and will publish any letters received on controversial issues as long as they pertain to the welfare of the community and remain within the bounds of good taste. Patronize your advertisers, without their support there could not be a newspaper in St. Matthews.



July 15, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## Controversy Over County Fire Department Is Continued

The controversy concerning the Jefferson County Fire Department, like the proverbial brook, goes on, and on. The various angles of the dispute are many and lead in divers directions, affecting several public agencies, as well as all owners of private property subject to fire hazards in this area.

During the past two years the County has become rather deeply involved financially through the purchase of many thousands of dollars worth of equipment, erection of housing facilities and setting up of payroll and maintenance accounts.

Lower insurance rates are, naturally, one objective when fire-fighting facilities are improved to reduce the fire hazard in any given area. But, as yet, the paid County Fire Department has not effected such result. And that fact is one phase of the matter which is now provoking considerable discussion and particularly so, as between County Judge Horace Barker as head of the Fiscal Court and George H. Parker, manager of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, rate-fixing authority in the State.

In a letter to Parker, dated July 8, Judge Barker insists that the Fiscal Court be given "figures on premiums paid for fire insurance and losses paid by insurance companies annually in Jefferson County." These figures, according to the Inspection Bureau head, are not available. This data, says Parker, is not compiled by his office. But Judge Barker insists that since the Bureau makes rates it should be in possession of these figures.

Calling the "74-cent rate" outrageously high (all county rates are not that high; some are higher) Judge Barker says some property owners cannot afford to carry fire insurance. Calling Parker's attitude arrogant toward the public, in "eating your cake and having it too, in that you have the service of the fire department and have the high cost of fire insurance at the same time," Barker concludes his missive by insisting that "you make available to us the information requested."

In explaining his position, with reference to Judge Barker's re-

quest for the requested information, Parker explained yesterday that his office operates under State statutes that govern the procedure for determining fire insurance rates, based on State experience, divided into classes as set up in the report blank, "recommended by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and adopted by the Kentucky Division of Insurance." Parker pointed out that "State statistics are not broken down into counties or other small units." The law provides that the adjusters "shall not discriminate between risks in the application of like charges and credits."

The situation in municipalities, differing as it does from the rural picture, is handled differently. A town or city, the Inspection Bureau Manager points out, determines the rate class in which it is to be placed by the provision it makes for coping with local fire hazards, such as providing an adequacy of water supply and other facilities possessed for fighting fires.

Cities and towns of Jefferson County, outside of Louisville, have established rates ranging from sixth to ninth class. Anchorage enjoys sixth class rates, along with Shively, which has parts of its area rated sixth while other sections rate as high as ninth class.

Jeffersontown has the seventh class rate. Owing to certain provisions having been met and local improvements made to volunteer fire-fighting equipment and other local facilities in several of the County's towns within the past two years, better classifications have been obtained. Such was the case at Buechel, formerly in tenth class and now in seventh. Both Camp Taylor and Okolona have just recently earned seventh class, which has great advantage over the former tenth class rating. Likewise, owing to the efforts of its local volunteer firemen, Fern

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## CONTROVERSY OVER COUNTY FIRE DEPT.

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Creek has progressed from tenth to ninth class.

Middletown, now under eighth and ninth class rating is expecting seventh class rating, owing to improvements to the local volunteer fire-fighting equipment. Improvements being put into effect will give most of that area a seventh class rating, it is believed.

Since these improved classifications have been secured by virtue of the fact that certain qualifications have been met and facilities added by the local volunteer fire-fighting units, it behooves residents of these several communities to see that the improved facilities are sustained. Should they drop below present standards of efficiency or the firemen's organizations degenerate in quality of service or disband, the classification status would drop and the Inspection Bureau would be forced to put them back into the "unprotected" class, according to Mr. Parker.

		
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## FIGHTING FIRES AND FIGHTING FOLK

Following an interview, last week, with Mr. George H. Parker, head of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, this editor prepared a news story which was printed in our last week's edition. The story concerned the status of fire-fighting facilities in the rural and suburban areas of Jefferson County, as supplied through the County Fire Department and the several volunteer fire departments located in different community centers.

We hold no brief for the Volunteer Firefighters organization. (We do appreciate the fact that the volunteers throughout the County have done a fine piece of work in their respective communities; and have done it without hope for, or realization of, monetary remuneration). Neither are we concerned with the difference of opinion as are represented among the members of the Fiscal Court, as to whether there should or should not be maintained, by the County, a county fire department. Certainly, we have our opinion of the County Fire Department, based on what we have seen as its merits, and have expressed it. And that's that for whatever it is worth.

In the news story printed last week, we were concerned with what we endeavored to give as an impartial presentation of the facts of a controversial situation. And we went to some length to obtain the facts, in our line of duty to our readers, as a medium of the public press. Some said the story was factual and worthy of attention. Others said that we were straddling the issue and concealed the facts. That is usually to be expected—when effort is made to be fair to all concerned.

One thing is clear with reference to the County's fire department. Thus far, it has not been the means of securing a lower fire insurance rate. And, according to Mr. Parker, it never will be, so long as it is no better than it is at present. That is not saying that it hasn't any possibilities of doing good in certain limited areas. It is Mr. Parker's expressed opinion that, as it is today, the County just as well not have any fire department, in so far as concerns any reduction in the rates.

And judging from what it costs now to operate and maintain, to extend its facilities and to make it efficient enough to justify a substantial rate reduction would make of it an unprofitable investment.

Mr. Parker has suggested a plan which might prove feasible. That is to distribute the equipment which the County now has, judiciously among the volunteer outfits, and expand their potential coverage.



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July 23, 1949, The Courier-Journal

## Balloon Hits House, Car In **St. Matthews**

A balloon, used by a parachute jumper at the **St. Matthews** Potato Festival, last night plummeted to the roof of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hausman, Jr., 218 Harris Place, and then slid onto a car in the driveway.

The hood of the car was bent to the motor by the weight of a 50-pound sack of gravel attached to the balloon, County Police Detectives Eugene Scannell and Charles Peyton said.

### Had Just Left Car.

The balloon slid onto the car just minutes after the Hausmans and their two children had left it. They were on the porch of their home when the balloon descended.

The balloon, inflated with hot air, was used by Don G. Wood, parachute jumper. Wood told police the balloon was carried about three blocks southeast of the festival site on Shelbyville Road by a strong wind.

The balloon is supposed to descend gradually as the air cools off. Last night spectators reported it fell rapidly.

## Fire Rates To Come Down In 2 Areas

### **St. Matthews, Okolona** Affected by Revision

Fire-insurance rate reductions on **St. Matthews** and Okolona property within 1,000 feet of fire hydrants will be effective in about a month, George H. Parker said yesterday.

Parker heads the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, insurance-rate-fixing agency.

In **St. Matthews** the rate on property now protected by the Fire Department will drop from 34 cents to 30 cents on each \$100 worth of protection. The rate on property which has been unprotected but will be protected will drop from 74 cents to 30 cents.

In Okolona the rate decrease will be from 74 to 30 cents on property within 1,000 feet of fire hydrants. A 48-cent rate will be effective on property more than 1,000 feet from hydrants.

The drop represents a reduction from eighth to seventh class rates for those near hydrants. The rate cuts are based on service improvements and equipment purchases made recently by volunteer fire-fighting companies in **St. Matthews** and Okolona.



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July 20, 1949, Letter:

July 20, 1949

The St. Matthews Sun  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

Please insert the following news item in your Saturday issue of the Sun:

"The Annual Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Friday, July 15th, at the Fire House and the following directors were elected for the coming year:

Fred H. Boss	J. P. Terry
Marty Kamer	Louis Schweitzer
George E. Miller	Leland E. Wilson
John Monohan, Jr.	Joe Zehnder

Following the election of directors, the following officers were elected:

President	-	John M. Monohan, Jr.	
Vice-President	-	E. Leland Wilson	
Secretary	-	George E. Miller	
Treasurer	-	Fred C. Boss	" "

Thanking you for your attention in the above, I remain,

Very truly yours,

GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.

July 23, 1949, The Courier  
-Journal

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## Boy, 8, and Sister, 4, Hurt As Dynamite Cap Explodes

### Were Playing With Explosive In **St. Matthews**

Two **St. Matthews** children were injured at 12:20 p.m. yesterday when a dynamite cap with which they were playing exploded.

The victims are James Hagedon, 8, and his sister, Patricia Hagedon, 4, both cut and burned on their faces, chests and hands. They were blinded temporarily.

County police said one of the two apparently struck the cap

with a hammer while they were playing on the back porch of the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hagedon, 3920 Willis.

Police found two more of the caps in the Hagedon yard. A search of the neighborhood produced four additional caps, two of them in an automobile. Residents of the area were warned by Capt. Norman Swan to be on the lookout for the caps.

The brother and sister were taken to General Hospital and then to St. Joseph Infirmary. Their condition last night was "satisfactory." Their mother was at home at the time, but Hagedon was out of town.

Police said the caps apparently were left by workers constructing

a sewer. However, Joseph F. Conklin, vice-president of Morrison & Conklin Construction Company, which has been working in the area, said all his company's dynamite caps were accounted for.

#### Company Says Caps Locked.

"The caps looked like they had been in the weather for some time," Conklin said.

He said all dynamite caps and explosives used by the company are kept locked day and night. Two other companies are doing work nearby, he said.

Eight sticks of dynamite with electric detonators inserted were found in the 3900 block on Staebler in **St. Matthews** in May.

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Courtesy *The Voice of St. Matthews*, July 21, 1949:

### Fire Causes Slight Damage to Residence

A fire at the home of R. E. Vaughn caused about \$25.00 damage reported Lt. L. W. Nevel of the Middletown Fire Department. It started in the basement when a sump pump caught fire. It was brought under control before too much damage was caused and two engines from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and one from Middletown answered the alarm.

Courtesy *The Voice of St. Matthews*, July 28, 1949:  
Future Assistant Secretary and Radio Operator for STMFD

### Photos By Lunsford

Your community newspaper proudly announces the appointment of Cecil Lunsford as staff photographer. He has long been a resident of St. Matthews and has taken an active part in all civic affairs. For the past fourteen years Mr. Lunsford has been a professional photographer and at the present time is head of the photo department of the Appliance Center.

*The Voice of St. Matthews*, July 28, 1949:

### Fire Insurance Reduction Means Suggested By Joe E. Hughes

Last week in referring to the Municipal League Rally it seems that Mr. Joe E. Hughes, Vice-President of The Farmers and Depositors Bank made some important suggestions that were misinterpreted by your reporter. Mr. Hughes actually did not say, St. Matthews needs a full time police department nor an up to date fire dept., but he said, "More help is needed from the county or state police in handling the traffic situation as it now exists." He continued, "We have the best volunteer fire department in Jefferson County but the people should appreciate the service now being rendered and cooperate with this organization by first being a member of the St. Matthews Fire Assn. and by protecting their property by installing a fire hydrant if one is not located within a thousand feet of their home."

Mr. Hughes also said, "By so doing these property owners would drastically reduce the fire insurance rates as follows: 10th class rate would be cut from 74 cents per \$100.00 to 24 cents per \$100.00. If your property is ninth class or 48 cents per \$100.00 it would be reduced the same as would 8th class."

He estimated that between 3,500 and 4,000 pieces of property are involved, however no estimate is available on total savings.

Courtesy *The Voice of St. Matthews*, August 11, 1949,

### Water Invades Business District Of St. Matthews

Last Sunday afternoon traffic on Shelbyville Road was brought to a standstill by a heavy down-pour. Water, hub cap deep, covered the business area of St. Matthews. Several stores reported water on the floors but little damage was done. The water could not escape in quantity because the catch basins along this state highway were clogged with debris.

Several sewer cave-ins were caused by the storm. The sewer at Chenoweth Lane and Staebler collapsed, trapping two automobiles. A slight cave-in was reported at Breckinridge Lane and Willis. A sign at the Blue Grass Ford Company toppled, damaging three automobiles.

Lightning struck the home of Melvin Wheeler, 3801 Colonial Drive, collapsing the chimney. Capt. Schone, County Fire Department, 1st District, made a thorough investigation and found little damage. The Wheelers were not at home at the time.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department extinguished a fire on Richland where a transformer ignited.

July 29, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

# New Fire Rates To Save Area \$1,347,000

## Insurance Schedule Took Effect, Monday

City and county residents will save more than \$300,000 annually in fire insurance premiums under a new rate schedule placed in effect in Kentucky Monday.

State Insurance Director Spalding Southall said rate reductions annually will save policy-holders throughout the state more than \$1,347,000.

"This represents the largest single reduction in the cost of insurance in the state ever effected by the Division of Insurance," the director added.

### Farm Rates Cut.

The new rates, applicable to new and renewal policies, provide an average reduction of about 18 per cent on dwellings located in cities, towns, and rural districts. Rates on farm property will be cut about 12 per cent.

George H. Parker, manager of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, a rate-making agency, said rates on frame or brick veneer homes here are dropped from 22 to 18 cents for each \$100 worth of insurance.

More than 90 per cent of the homes in the city and county fall in this category, he said.

Residents in **St. Matthews** and Okolona are promised an even greater rate cut as a result of improvements adopted by volunteer fire departments in the communities.

### Okolona Gets Reduction.

Okolona residents will receive 50-cent rate cuts, from 74 to 24 cents for a \$100 worth of insurance protection.

**St. Matthews** residents whose homes are now within the area protected by the volunteer fire department and are within 1,000 feet of a fire plug will receive similar rate reductions.

This includes most of Richlawn and Norbourne Estates. Rates on **St. Matthews** homes previously within the protected area are decreased from 34 to 24 cents.

Okolona and **St. Matthews** residents farther than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant will pay 40 cents for a \$100 worth of insurance. For Okolona and **St. Matthews** residents not previously in the protection area this represents a reduction from 74 cents. For **St. Matthews** residents previously protected, it means an 8-cent decrease.



July 29, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## All County Shares In Fire Rate Reductions

Kentucky property owners got a break this week, when a blanket reduction in insurance rates was announced by the Division of Insurance at Frankfort. In this county alone, it is figured, the annual savings will exceed \$300,000, including the entire area.

State Insurance Director Spalding Southall said rate reductions will save policy holders throughout the State more than \$1,347,000, annually, representing, according to the Director, "the largest single reduction in the cost of insurance in the State ever effected by the Division of Insurance."

The revised rate schedule was submitted to the Division for review by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, Louisville, of which George H. Parker is head, as representative of the insurance underwriters. The revision affects both city and farm property.

The rate reduction pays tribute, or at least implies as much, to the 200 Volunteer Fire Departments throughout the State for maintaining their efficiency as fire-fighting units in their respective communities. There are less than 20 paid fire departments in the State, two of which (Louisville and Jefferson County) are in Jefferson County.

The new rates, applicable to new and renewal policies, provide for an average reduction of about 18 per cent on dwellings located in cities, town and rural districts. The reduction amounts to about 12 per cent on farm property.

The rate on frame dwellings in the unprotected (rural) areas drops from 74 cents to 62 cents. For small towns subject to ninth class rating, of which Fern Creek area is an example, the rate will drop from 48 cents to 40 cents. Those subject to eighth class will come down from 34 cents to 28 cents. And towns, such as Jeffersonton and Buechel, whose status is seventh class will get a cut from the prevailing 30 cents to 24 cents.

At Okolona and St. Matthews where certain qualifications have recently been met by the local Volunteer fire-fighters, the credit allowed in addition to the blanket reduction will result in a cut from 74 cents to 24 cents on each \$100 of insurance carried.

## Judge Barker Points To Good Record Made

In a radio address Monday night, Judge Horace M. Barker told his audience of the air that he was standing on his own record, in his race for nomination at the primary, to be held August 6.

The judge went into detail on many lines of progress that had been made since he took office, and especially praised the County Police, who he said were doing a magnificent job, but were underpaid. The Democratic Legislature, he said, refused to pass a statute permitting them to be put under Civil Service.

He also spoke of the great amount of road building done under his administration, and pointed out that "our 545 miles of County roads are in the best condition in their history."

In speaking of the Juvenile Court, he said the crowded condition of the Children's Center had been greatly relieved by the opening of Sunshine Lodge, Jeffersonton, and that he had urged the Fiscal Court to provide a similar lodge for colored children.

Judge Barker also had a lot of good things to say about the County Fire Department, which he said was approved for both rural and metropolitan fire fighting by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the National Fire Prevention Association. The prime purpose of the fire department, he said was to save lives and property, and the secondary reason is to reduce fire insurance rates.

The insurance rates are too high, he said, and legal action will be taken, if necessary, "to force the high handed, arrogant makers of these outrageous rates to be fair."

Speaking of the County's modernized accounting system, the Judge said: "Prior to 1946, many merchants would not bid for County business. They never knew when they would get their money." They do not hesitate to bid now, he said, "because they know the bills will be paid promptly."

By this accounting system, he said, "the County gets the benefit of competitive bidding, and also discounts to save thousands of dollars for needed services."

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August 3, 1949, The Courier-Journal

## \$8,000 Fire Razes Garage

Fire blamed on a defective wire in an automobile razed a two-car garage and damaged the home of Frank Von Allmen, Chamberlain Lane, at 5 p.m. yesterday. Damage to the garage and home was estimated at \$8,000 by Carl Chamberlain, head of the Worthington Fire Department.

Chamberlain said an investigation showed the fire spread to the log home when the gasoline tank on the automobile exploded.

Fire departments of Worthington, St. Matthews and Middletown laid 2,000 feet of hose to a lake on the farm of F. P. Nagle to get water to fight the fire. Neighbors and County police carried furniture and clothing from the house.

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



1949 St Matthews Baptist Church, Nanz, Grandview and Macon Avenues. Louisville Metro Archives & Records Center



August 8, 1949, *The Courier-Journal*:

# Storm Heavily Damages Highlands, Crescent Hill, And St. Matthews

## Bowman Field Reports Wind At 52 Miles

Heavy rain accompanied by strong wind and lightning caused extensive property damage yesterday and halted traffic in the Highlands, Crescent Hill, and St. Matthews.

Reports from the Standiford Field weather station and police indicated the full force of the storm missed the South and West Ends of the city.

### Temperature Falls 19 Degrees.

Only .06 of an inch of rain was recorded at Standiford while many times that much poured onto the eastern areas. There also were reports of hail in Crescent Hill, the Highlands, and downtown.

The heavy rain tumbled the temperature over the entire Louisville area from 92 at 3 p.m. to 73 at 6 p.m.

Wind velocity of 52 miles an hour was recorded at Bowman Field by the Kentucky Air Transport, Inc., at 4:45 p.m. An official of the company said the wind caught several of the company's light planes in the air. Two of them were directed to land in Jeffersonville, and others stayed in the air until the storm blew over, he added.

### Chenoweth Lane Caves In.

The storm paralyzed heavy Sunday-afternoon traffic on Shelbyville Road. County police reported scores of automobiles blocked in the St. Matthews shopping area by high water.

St. Matthews residents, already inconvenienced by streets closed for sewer construction, suffered additional trouble and property damage. Many of the streets in the section were flooded, with water reported to be 3 feet deep in some places making them impassable.

A section of Chenoweth Lane near Staebler, torn up for sewer construction, caved in. Two automobiles parked on Chenoweth sank fender deep in mud and water. County police blocked Chenoweth and Breckinridge Lane at Willis, where a minor cave-in was reported.

County police said a truck carrying



Courier-Journal Photo.

HEAVY RAINS yesterday flooded many areas in St. Matthews. Here, Fred H. Lieber, 4024 Norbourne Boulevard, up to his waist trying to unclog a storm sewer near his home, gets helping hand of N. F. Greene, Sr., 4026 Norbourne. With Greene are his son, N. F. Greene, Jr., standing, and Jack Moore, 4030 Norbourne. Other pictures on Page 1, Section 2.

County police said a truck carrying six Negroes overturned during the storm in the 2500 block on Seventh Street Road. Two suffered minor injuries and were treated at General Hospital.

### Lightning Starts 2 Fires.

Lightning caused two fires during the storm. The Fire Department reported a house struck by lightning at 1237 Schiller. Firemen said the fire was confined to the attic.

The St. Matthews Fire Department was called out to a burning electric transformer near 4043 Richland. E. F. Powers, Sr., who lives at the Richland address, said it appeared for a time that the flames would spread to his home.

Forty fire-alarm boxes, 20 in the Highlands and 20 in Crescent Hill, were put out of commission during the storm. Crews were sent out immediately to repair the damage. Falling trees and

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HIGH water flooded the 3900 block on Frankfort in the **St. Matthews** business district during yesterday's storm. The water had started to recede when this picture was taken and traffic, which had been stopped, was moving. Depth the water reached is indicated on the utility pole at right.



**WARNING** children against water-covered cave-ins on Staebler Avenue is County Patrolman Roy Williams, standing next to automobile. Car in background was stuck when a street gave way under it. County police received numerous calls from **St. Matthews** residents whose automobiles were mired after the rain.

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## East End Rainstorm Causes Heavy Damage

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utility poles apparently blacked out the fire-alarm boxes.

A spokesman for the Louisville Gas & Electric Company reported hundreds of homes in the northeast section were without lights after the storm.

More than 150 men were called to work by the company, and most of the lights were returned to normal during the night. The trouble was caused when four 13,000-volt feeders were burned out, the company spokesman explained.

The company assigned 15 men to its telephone switchboard to handle complaint calls after the storm.

C. Hunter Green, district manager for Southern Bell Telephone & Telephone Company, said damaged drop wires (wires running from the poles to homes) knocked out a battery of phones in the Taylor and Belmont exchange. He said two cables were blown down during the height of the wind and rain.

The Louisville Railway Company reported busses on all their lines in operation. The Oak Street line was rerouted at Grinstead Drive and Stiltz when an uprooted tree blocked the street. Other lines were operating behind schedule because of high water and trees in the streets. All of the city underpasses were reported passable.

### 2 Chimneys Blown Down.

Mrs. Hugh Wright, 1291 Willow, reported two chimneys on her home were blown over. One fell to a porch roof and the other came through the roof of the house to the attic. She said water damaged everything in the attic and started to seep to the second floor of the home. Soot in the chimney was washed into the living room, damaging the furnishings. She estimated the damage at several thousand dollars.

At 1293 Willow a section of roof was torn from the home of Miss

Blanche Clerget. She said the upper floor of the home was damaged by water.

Larry M. Broderick, 3605 Lexington Road, said 4 feet of water flooded his garage and basement. At 6 p.m. he said the water still was rising. He said it flooded his automobile and his furnace.

### Indiana Power Cut Off.

Scores of trees were reported down in the northeast section. One automobile parked at University Place and Riedling Drive was damaged when a heavy tree fell across the front of it.

One tree fell across the front of the home of Robert Gebhardt, 104 Claremont. Gebhardt said the tree, about 16 inches in diameter, damaged the roof of the house.

City policemen were assigned to place warning lights and barricades around trees blocking streets and sidewalks.

Electric service in the east end of Jeffersonville was out for an hour and 10 minutes because of the storm. Several high-tension wires were blown down, according to officials of the Public Service Company of Indiana.

Lines were down in Clarksville also. Various sections of the town were without electricity for a short time.

## Taxes Cost Record \$372 Per Person

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amount from what it collects itself.

"Taking account of such transfers, the Federal Government had 69 per cent of all governmental revenue in 1948 for its own purposes, the States 12 per cent, and local Governments 19 per cent," the bureau said.

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## 10,000 Fire Damage Von Allmen Home

Early last week fire damaged home of Mrs. Frank Von Allmen on the Von Allmen Dairy farm. The residence damage was estimated at \$10,000 and antique furnishings also destroyed amounting to an additional \$10,000.

Courtesy *The Voice of St. Matthews*, August 25, 1949,

## Fire Damages Home On Alton Road

A fire Monday afternoon gutted the home of E. A. Bowden, 4020 Alton Road. An attic fan was thought to be the cause of the conflagration. The entire upstairs and roof was damaged by fire and the lower floor was flooded. No one was at home when the fire started and this delayed the report until the flames had spread to the entire second floor. Chief Monahan estimated the damage at \$5,000.

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September 2, 1949: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON SEPT. 2, 1949

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. was called to order on September 2, 1949 by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

The following directors were present:

Fred H. Boss  
Louis Schweitzer  
George E. Miller  
J. P. Terry

Marty Kamer  
John Monohan, Jr.  
E. Leland Wilson  
Joe Zehnder

The Secretary was instructed to draw up a new letter to be used in soliciting dues to the Association.

Mr. Monohan, the President, was directed to obtain the sewer list for the use of Mrs. Marsh to procure new subscribers.

Mr. Monohan was also instructed to work with Mr. Van Arsdale on a publicity program.

Motion was made by Mr. Wilson that Mr. Monohan proceed in getting data, such as cost and trade-in value on our present piece of equipment on a new piece of equipment to replace the one which is nearly eighteen years old. This was seconded by Mr. Kamer.

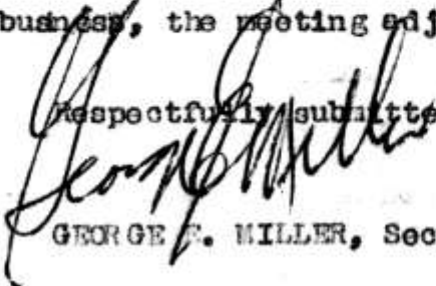
Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder that Mr. Monohan be authorized to buy additional helmets and fire badges needed for firemen. This was seconded by Mr. Schweitzer.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller that Mr. Boss be instructed to buy \$4,000.00 of Government Bonds out of our bank account and place them in our safety deposit box. This was seconded by Mr. Wilson.

The next meeting is called for Friday evening, October 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary.



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*The Voice of St. Matthews*, September 6, 1949:

### Fire Destroys Inn

Fire destroyed the Old Lexington Inn Sunday night. Damage was so great that the building will be torn down and a group of buildings constructed from the Appliance Center to Bauer Avenue. Captain John M. Monohan, Chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department said the fire was of suspicious origin.

*The Voice of St. Matthews*, September 6,

### The St. Matthews Lions Club

will honor the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department with a dinner on Tuesday the 18th of October. This occurrence will take place during Fire Prevention Week.

*The Voice of St. Matthews*,  
September 15, 1949:

### Dept. Begins Subscription Drive

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has started an drive for new subscribers. Residents of St. Matthews along to this fine organization. The membership fee is year for each dwelling apartment residents are for individual apart-

At this date all fires of non-attended by the Volunteer Fire Department will be by the department but a charge of twenty-five will be charged the owner property.

Goal of the Volunteer Fire Department is 5,000 subscribers, resident of this area. Should be mailed to the News Volunteer Fire Assn., 115, Louisville, Ky.

September 2, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
**TURTLE SOUP**  
and bratwurst festival



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September 9, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

September 16, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

STMFD future Board member

## New Fire Alarm System Is Now In Operation

You can now "pull a box" and it will give an alarm of fire in St. Matthews.

Installations of two street boxes in the new fire alarm system have been made, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department John Monohan said this week.

One box, of modern type, is now at 115 Breckinridge Lane, on the fire engine house. Another, at 3823 Frankfort Avenue, is in front of the office of



the Belmont Cab Company, in the heart of the business district.

The fire insurance rate on certain property near enough to a protecting hydrant, has been lowered from 74 to 24 cents on the hundred, and this may be reduced further, it is said, with more equipment and efficiency. Full credit has been given to the St. Matthews Volunteer Firefighters for their part in helping to lower the insurance rates.

The new fire alarm boxes are of the latest design, plainly and conspicuously designated "Fire Alarm," and so lighted at night as to be plainly seen for blocks.

Chief Monohan is likewise proud of the new mobile telephone system which can be used enroute and at fires. This is said to be the first of its kind installed in the state.

George H. Parker, manager of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, announced last week the rate reduction, based upon improvements designated and agreed upon. Joseph E. Hughes, member of the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce rate-reducing committee said it will affect about 4,500 pieces of property in the six square miles of the St. Matthews fire-protection area, and will save property owners approximately \$250,000 a year. More hydrants will be placed as required.

## Grauman Made Campaign Chairman By Democrats

Empowered to set up his own organization for the November election campaign, Lawrence S. Grauman is mapping the Democrats' fight for county offices, which is soon to get under way in earnest. Grauman was appointed to the post Monday by the County Executive committee, after receiving endorsement from the candidates.

A former county attorney, Grauman has been active in Democratic politics here for nearly 30 years. McKay Reed, committee chairman, predicted that the ticket would be elected 100 per cent, under Grauman's leadership.

1949

September 11, 1949, The Courier-Journal



**ST. MATTHEWS** just grew and grew and grew until it now furnishes its residents with all the benefits and all the headaches of suburban life. And **St. Matthews** is still growing, what with new subdivisions springing up around it on all sides except the western side, where it adjoins the City.



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September 23, 1949, Letter:

September 23, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

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Mr. John Monahan, Jr.  
3909 Elmwood Avenue  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear John:

I met Mrs. Marsh in the bank the other morning and she asked me to take up at the next meeting the possibility of the Fire Association purchasing some of the Colonial Federal Savings and Loan Association stock.

I told her we had instructed Mr. Boss to purchase Government Bonds but up to the present time he had not done so. Now, I am not in favor of purchasing Building and Loan Stock.

Also, what have you done about that letter? I have not heard from you. Please call me at my home Saturday morning - TA 1384 - if convenient, as I would like to discuss the matter I mentioned the other day.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE E. MILLER.

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## Founder Of Bank, G. T. Dick, Dies

Chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews National Bank, Gilbert T. Dick, 74, died at 9 a.m., Sept. 15, at Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Dick, who lived at 112 Brown's Lane, was a native of Oldham County coming to St.



G. T. Dick

Matthews in 1906 when he helped to organize the St. Matthews National Bank of which he became cashier. He held that post until 1940 when he was made chairman of the directors.

In addition, Mr. Dick maintained the Dick Insurance Agency and was an elder and chairman of the board of Deacons, Christian Church. A member of the St. Matthews Lodge of Masons, he was formerly on the board of the Christian Church Widows and Orphans Home and Kentucky Military Institute.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Winnie Brown Dick, a daughter, Mrs. Victor Dameron; two brothers, Garnett S. Dick, Prospect, and Norman E. Dick, of Skylight, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Beagrace Christian Church with burial following in Cave Hill Cemetery.

1949

October 13, 1949: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON OCT. 13, 1949

A special meeting was called for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. on the evening of October 13th. The meeting was opened by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr. and the following directors were present:

Fred C. Boss  
E. Leland Wilson  
Louis Schweitzer  
J. P. Terry

Joe Zehnder  
Marty Kamer  
John Monohan, Jr.  
George E. Miller

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder that we interview some prospective persons to secure a regular assistant secretary to replace Mrs. Marsh on a basis of full-time pay. This was seconded by Mr. Schweitzer. A committee of three to call applicants for interview. The assistant secretary is to attend all board meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Boss that an advertisement be run in the Voice of St. Matthews and the St. Matthews Sun to obtain an assistant. This was seconded by Mr. Terry.

The committee appointed to interview the applicants is:

J. P. Terry                      Marty Kamer  
George E. Miller                John F. Monohan, Jr.

A motion was made by Mr. George E. Miller that a committee be appointed to endeavor to locate a lot suitable for a new fire house. This was seconded by Mr. Schweitzer. The committee to report when a location is selected to the Board for approval.

The following committee was appointed:

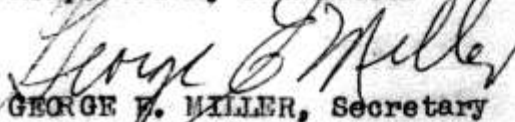
John Monohan, Jr.              J. P. Terry                      Joe Zehnder

Motion was made by Mr. Boss that we withhold purchasing bonds until investigation is made by Mr. Monohan. This was seconded by Mr. Terry.

The next meeting was set for Thursday evening, November 3rd at 7:30 o'clock.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary



1949

October 16, 1949, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Father Dies Fighting Fire At Son's Home

E. D. Wetherton, 62, died of a heart attack yesterday while helping fight a fire in his son's garage at Lyndon Lane and Wood Road.

Wetherton collapsed at 4:45 p.m. while using a garden hose to fight the blaze that finally demolished the garage and a light truck inside it.

Father and son live next to each other. The son, William M. Wetherton, was out of town.

The fire started from a short circuit in the truck, according to John Monohan, chief of the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department**. He estimated damage at \$4,500.

Wetherton had been in business with his son in the Wetherton Tile and Mantel Company at Lyndon for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ganes Wetherton; a daughter, Mrs. Sam Jordan, Puerto Rico; a sister, Mrs. Leila Hodge, and five grandchildren.

DR. A. B. JOHNSON

WESTPORT ROAD EAST OF CHENOWETH LANE.  
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November 3, 1949: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE  
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, HELD ON NOV. 3, 1949

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. John Monohan, Jr. on the evening of November 3, 1949, and the following directors were present:

E. Leland Wilson	Joe Zehnder
Louis Schweitzer	Marty Kamer
J. P. Terry	John Monohan, Jr.
George E. Miller	

Most of the discussion at this meeting concerned the location of a new fire house.

Mr. George Miller was to see Tony Eline about what type of a proposition he would give us on a lot on St. Matthews Avenue.

The next meeting of the Fire Association will be on Thursday evening, December 1st at 7:30 o'clock.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary.

November 3, 1949,  
The Courier-  
Journal

## St. Matthews Publishers Change Name of Firm

The name of Advertising Publishing, Inc., which publishes a neighborhood weekly paper in St. Matthews, has been changed to the **Voice of St. Matthews.**

The charter issued at Frankfort shows the company, with headquarters at 100 Chenoweth Lane, has \$100,000 capital stock. The **Voice of St. Matthews** has a circulation of 5,500 and has been published since July.

Incorporators are Mr. and Mrs. James K. van Arsdale, III, Green Tree Manor, Howard B. Hunt, attorney.

November 4 &amp; 16, 1949, The Courier-Journal

## St. Matthews To Get Lights For Traffic

### Wetherby Tells Of Program At Party Rally

Installation of traffic-actuated traffic-control lights at both the main intersections in **St. Matthews** is planned by the State Highway Department.

This was announced last night by Lieutenant Governor Lawrence W. Wetherby in a talk at **St. Matthews** before the First Magisterial District Democratic Club.

Wetherby said the Highway Department had determined by a survey that **St. Matthews** needed additional traffic controls.

The lights have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible, he said, at Lexington Road and Shelbyville Road and at Chenoweth Lane and Shelbyville Road.

#### Denies Thacker's Claims

"It will be the same system," Wetherby revealed, speaking for the Highway Department, as "the City installed with the Highway Department at Longest and Bardstown Road and Stilz and Lexington Road."

Wetherby also denied at the Democratic rally that County Commissioner Miles R. Thacker, Republican nominee for County judge, saved \$40,000 for the County, as Thacker claimed, by getting the State to put up \$40,000 to buy rights of way to widen Preston Highway.

Actually, Wetherby said, the Democratic members of the Fiscal Court and State Senator Vincent Hargadon called on State Highway Commissioner John Keck after Wetherby made an appointment, and Keck agreed the Highway Department would make the \$40,000 available.



Courier-Journal Photo

IN CASE OF FIRE, this fire hydrant would be pretty useless, says Robert J. Campbell, 115 Heady, Richlawn. Campbell says the hydrant was ripped up and thrown into a near-by yard by men digging sewer ditches in Richlawn and the **St. Matthews** area. Officials of the Thomas J. Sheehan Company, construction firm handling the job, could not be reached for comment last night.




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November 4, 1949: *The Jeffersonian*:

November 11, 1949: *The Jeffersonian*:

## WOULD BE JUDGE



**B. L. Shamburger**  
Democratic Candidate For  
County Judge

### 'Corn Huskin' Contest At Fairdale Nov. 12

On November 12 the people of Jefferson County will be treated to the third annual "Huskin' Bee" sponsored by the County Recreation Board.

Everyone will be able to enjoy a full program of fun and entertainment as the County Board is planning several feature numbers for this all-county event.

The evening will be highlighted of course by the open "corn huskin'" contest. Invitations have been sent out to the surrounding counties to send their champion corn huskers to take part and try to win one of the beautiful trophies offered to the winner and runner up in the contest.

In addition to the main contest such as corn huskin' for the ladies, corn-shelling and basket-filling contests will be offered to those present.

Several acts of entertainment will be offered to those people attending. The last part of the evening's entertainment will be turned into an old-fashioned square dance. Square dancing has become one of the most popular recreational activities in the county. The best callers and string band will be present to assure each and everyone a good time.

Those desiring to enter the open "Corn Huskin'" contest must notify the Jefferson County Recreation office by November 8. This can be done by either calling Clay 2618 or Clay 6671—extension 455, or by writing to the office indicating this desire to enter.

This is one of the big events in the fall recreation program sponsored by your County Board.


Put this date down as a must! Everyone is invited—everything is free except refreshments.

## Winning Streak For The County Democrats

It's all over, including the counting, and the responsibility is now all on one side of the fence. The Democrats were voted in all posts affecting county government, which is due to soon go under a new regime.

The leading county position of County Judge is to be filled by attorney B. L. Shamburger, who will preside over the Fiscal Court. Other county positions down the line will be switched to Democrats who were elected at the polls Tuesday.

### OUR JUDGE-ELECT



**B. L. Shamburger**

Shamburger defeated his Republican opponent Miles Thacker by a margin of over 2,000 votes. Thacker, for the past four years, had been one of the county commissioners. Elected as a new commissioner is Mark Beauchamp, Democrat and former county judge.

Republicans scored one notable success in the election of Freeman L. Robinson as State Senator. Robinson defeated Democrat incumbent Vincent J. Hargaden in the 35th district—county area outside of Louisville.

### GETS SENATE SEAT




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## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

### VOTE FOR

**B. L. Shamburger**

— FOR —



## COUNTY JUDGE

— AND THE —

### STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET

1949

Courtesy [http://www.lyndonfire.com/dept\\_history.htm](http://www.lyndonfire.com/dept_history.htm)

## Lyndon Fire Department Started

The Lyndon Fire Department was formed in November of 1949. Although most of the area at the time was rural farmland, several members of the local community foresaw the need to provide some measure of protection for their neighbors. As a result, the Lyndon Fire Department was officially incorporated in January of 1950. Although they had no equipment, the members began firefighter training with other departments.

In the early years, most money for the department was raised through door-to-door collections, fund raisers and carnivals. The department also charged a 'membership' fee to the residents in the area in order to help defray costs. In the 1970's, the department became a taxing district which generated revenue from property taxes.

As Lyndon firefighters, we are proud of our past. Throughout the years we have steadily progressed in all fields of fire-fighting. Some of our historical highlights include:

- 1950 - Department officially incorporated. First Engine purchased.
- 1951 - Ground purchased to build firehouse.
- 1952 - First firehouse completed. Second Engine purchased.
- 1953 - Subscription service begins, providing income for the department.
- 1954 - Ladies Auxiliary formed. They raised money that was used to purchase a resuscitator and a Scott air pack.
- 1956 - Lyndon purchases third Engine, a surplus piece from the Charlestown, Indiana powder plant.
- 1957 - Department acquires first radios (G.E.) and monitors (Regency).
- 1958 - First 'Quad' purchased.
- 1960 - Fire prevention Bureau organized, led by Capt. Hyatt Hahn and Lt. A. L. Roman. ScotchLite added to coats for visibility in smokey, low-light conditions.
- 1961 - Lyndon purchases another Quad.
- 1964 - Department builds Station 2, at 8414 Westport Road (present location).
- 1966 - Lyndon purchases L-6, a 1,000 gpm pumper from Mack.
- 1968 - Another Mack pumper purchased and placed in service.
- 1970 - Department changes from Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., to Lyndon Fire Protection District, thus ending the subscription service and relying on tax revenue to fund the departments needs.
- 1974 - Lyndon purchases first aerial, a Mack with a 75' AerialScope platform ladder.
- 1977 - Lyndon purchases 4" supply hose and becomes first department in Jefferson County to go to the large diameter hose.
- 1982 - Lyndon places a 50' Mack TeleSquirt in service, becoming Lyndon's 2nd aerial piece. Bunker pants replace 3/4 boots. Volunteers begin receiving run reimbursements.
- 1983 - Station 2 replaced by a fully functional firehouse.
- 1985 - Lyndon hires first career staff, working a 40-hour week to supplement volunteer response.
- 1985 - Another Engine is purchased. Large diameter hose is changed from 4" cloth to 5" rubber hose. 'Stortz' couplings introduced.
- 1986 - Plans are started to replace station 1.
- 1988 - Station 1 is completed and a dedication ceremony is held.
- 1990 - Lyndon purchases another Mack pumper, this one with a foam proportioning system. A First Responder program is initiated, and firefighters begin responding to EMS calls.
- 1992 - Lyndon orders to KME pumpers, the first for Lyndon with automatic transmissions. The name of the department is changed to "Lyndon Fire & Rescue".
- 1996 - Lyndon increases its career staffing, and implements a '24-48' career schedule.
- 1999 - Lyndon celebrates its 50-year anniversary.



Seated-front row, left to right: Foster Harris, Walt Adams, Jody Nolan, Mel Keeling, Shirley Hesp, Bob Ochener, A.W. Borie, H.T. Hahn, Jim Arrington, Fred H. usman, Don White, Al Razor.  
Standing-second row, left to right: Ed Jenkins, Curtis Fry, Russ Pierce, Howard Martin, Al Roman, Buddy Rohman.

November 18, 1949: *The Jeffersonian*:

# Commissioners Study How To Cut Fire Dept.

Speculation as to the future of the County Fire Department has been rife since the election. With a new county judge elect who, before the election, expressed himself emphatically as being against it as a full time public agency, action of the

## DIME DRIVER



**GABE B. TAYLOR**  
Heads Kentucky March of Dimes

Businessman and farmer, Gabe B. Taylor of Greensburg will head the March of Dimes Campaign in Kentucky for 1950. Appointment of Taylor was announced by Neil Dalton, chairman of the Kentucky Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

## Amazon Hockey Players So Far Undeclared

The Jefferson County Recreation Board's Hockey League (Girls), now in its seventh week of play, finds the Amazons the only undefeated team. The standings are as follows:

Team	W	L	Tie	Points
Amazons	6	0	0	8

Fiscal Court as concerns the Department promises to be watched with interest.

The County Fire Department, which costs to operate as it is constituted at present, approximately \$80,000 a year has been condemned, by County Commissioners Stuart T. Lampe and Robert A. Fihe as far too expensive for the results obtained. Both have sought to cut deeply into appropriations for its upkeep, but were opposed by Judge Barker and Commissioner Miles Thacker, whose post is to be filled by Mark Beauchamp.

Both County Judge elect B. L. Shamburger and Beauchamp have said that they favor abandonment of a full-time department. Shamburger has said since the election that he is still of the same opinion but that he wants to study the matter further to determine the proper course to take.

One suggestion offered by Lampe is that the County keep one man on duty at each of its three stations, at all times, to respond to calls from volunteer companies when they need assistance. This would cut the present personnel to about one-fourth of its present numerical strength.

All indications given by members of the new court are that they favor giving to the volunteer departments such assistance as is practical and that is permissible under the functions of that body. Shamburger said that it might be feasible to dispose of the County Department's present equipment by making it available to volunteer departments.

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—of—  
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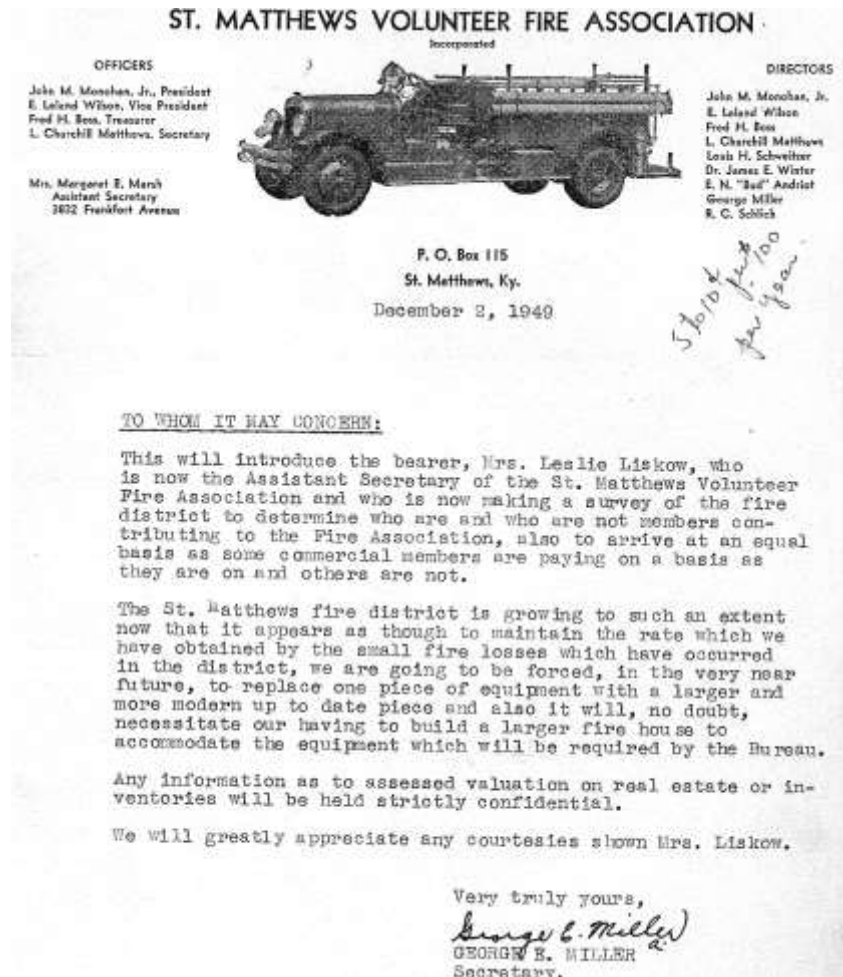
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December 2, 1949, Letter:



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December 2, 1949

Asbury Berman Drug Company  
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that effective January 1st, Mrs. Leslie Liskow of 325 South Hubbard Lane, will pick up the money which has been paid to you for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

Mrs. Liskow has been employed as a permanent assistant secretary of the Fire Association, replacing Mrs. Marsh, who was on a part time basis.

At this time, we wish to express our sincere thanks for favoring us in permitting the people to pay their dues at your store.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE E. MILLER  
Secretary.

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December 1949, Letter:

**ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION**  
Incorporated

<p><b>OFFICERS</b></p> <p>John M. Monahan, Jr., President E. Leland Wilson, Vice President Fred H. Bos, Treasurer L. Churchill Matthews, Secretary</p> <p><b>Mrs. Leslie L. Liskow</b> Assistant Secretary 325 So. Hubbard Ln.</p>		<p><b>DIRECTORS</b></p> <p>John M. Monahan, Jr. E. Leland Wilson Fred H. Bos L. Churchill Matthews Louis H. Schwallier 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.

*YOU OWN PART*

As a subscriber you own part of this Volunteer Fire Department. As it prospers, you prosper. You share in what it accomplishes. Its accomplishment can be increased by the cooperation of all Subscribers.

Our community has grown, and with it our field for service. To stand still is to lose ground that might have been gained. All of us -- officers, employees, directors, subscribers ---- must consider the Fire Department's past success only a stepping stone to a higher position in our field.

We count on you to help increase our Membership. Increased Membership for the Fire Department is one of our immediate objectives. Subscribers can be of service to the Fire Department by recommending it to their friends and neighbors.

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P. O. Box 115  
St. Matthews, Ky.      December 8, 1949.

December 8, 1949, Letter:

The following merchants are willing to cooperate and are willing to pay into the Association: (Not now a subscriber).

- ✓ Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corp., 3716 Lex. Rd., Bel. 2451 (Joe Knust, Owner of bldg. 226 Brown's Ln.)
- ✓ Bittner's Radio & Music Shop, 3822 Frankfort (Tel. Ta. 3546). Feels insurance covers inventory, but wants to cooperate and will pay a fair amount. (Baylor Hickman, owner)
- ✓ Ermann's Bootery, 3904 Frankfort (Ta. 4724) R. E. Whitehead, owner of bldg. Wants to cooperate. Estimated inventory 15,000.
- ✓ R. M. Violette, DDS, 3932 Frankfort - Tel. Ta. 9362. E. J. Eline, owner of bldg. Thinks Eline should pay into association, but asks that we send notice 1st of year and he will consider subscribing.
- ✓ W. F. Randolph, Realtor, 3932 Frankfort - Ta. 0921 - E. J. Eline, owner of bldg. Send letter - will subscribe. No inventory - nothing to lose.
- ✓ Chiropractic Health Center (Home & office - 3932 Frankfort) Drs. Frans & Harriet Berggren - Ta. 1246. D. J. Eline, owner of bldg. Est. inventory 2500.00. Interested in subscribing.
- ✓ Gilbert Mueller, Inc., 4037 Frankfort - Ta. Be. 2475 (Mrs. C. H. Ewing, Anchorage, owner of bldg. Est. inventory 10,000 - wants to subscribe.
- ✓ D. F. Henderson, M. D., St. Matthews Bank Bldg., Ta. 6581. Would like to subscribe as an individual member - willing to pay min. fee. Send letter.
- ✓ Bluegrass Ford Co., 3827 Frankfort (Summers-Hermann, owner of bldg.) Willing to subscribe, but not willing to give out inventory. Thinks assessment should be on floor space. S. L. Bassett, owner of business. Not paying at present.
- ✓ Cross Roads Beauty Shop, St. Matthews Bank Bldg. - Drusilla Boggess, owner of Shop. Will subscribe if not taken care of thru building. Ta. 1793 - 100 Chenoweth Ln.
- ✓ A. Luke Brown, CPA - St. Matthews Bank Bldg. - Would be willing to subscribe for minimum rate.
- ✓ Polly Lee, Gifts - 3740 Frankfort - Ta. 3922 (Taylor owned Bldg.) Est. inventory 3000.00. Would be interested in subscribing - minimum fee.
- ✓ Automatic Sales Co., 3811 Frankfort, W. G. Slater, owner of business. (J.C. Wilken owner of bldg. Has nothing of value in bldg. would be willing to pay minimum assessment.

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✓ The Wheeling, 3828 Frankfort - Send letter. 10<sup>00</sup>

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December 8, 1949: Board meeting:

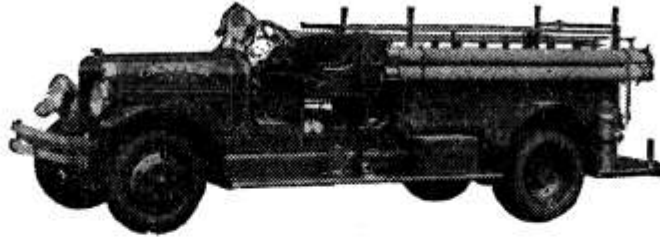
## ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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P. O. Box 115  
St. Matthews, Ky.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC., HELD DECEMBER 8, 1949.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr., and Directors present were as follows:

Martha Kamer  
Geo. E. Miller  
John Monohan Jr.  
Fred H. Boss

Joe Zehnder  
Louis H. Schweitzer  
L. Leland Wilson

Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Tony Eline was in Florida and was not expected to return until week of December 19th, at which time Mr. Miller expected to see him regarding property for new fire house.

The Directors agreed to meet at 1 PM on the 12th of December to inspect property owned by Dr. Flemming; this as a possibility for new fire house.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that if survey in City of Richlawn does not show \$300.00 or better being subscribed by residents (est. 120 homes @ \$3.00 each) that their Mayor be called for a meeting to work out a satisfactory assessment.

Mr. Miller made a motion that Messrs. Monohan, Terry and Kamer be appointed on a committee to decide on boundry of district that St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is to cover. Motion seconded by Mr. Sweitzer.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, Jan. 5, 1950 at 7:30 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George E. Miller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"



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December 12& 13, 1949, The Courier-Journal



HELPING his wife across a cave-in in front of their home is T. J. Baurle at 203 Heady, Richlawn, yesterday afternoon. Heavy rains early yesterday caused many streets in the **St. Matthews** area to cave in where sewers were recently installed. Baurle had to drive his car through a neighbor's yard to reach the street.



MEASURING the depth of a cave-in in Spring Hill Road in **St. Matthews** yesterday are, left, Benedict Finzer, 4030 Spring Hill Road, and Earl Potts, 4028 Spring Hill Road. Potts couldn't reach the bottom of the hole with a yardstick.

## Episcopalians Set Quota



AXLE-DEEP in a cave-in is this 32-foot trailer-truck on **St. Matthews** Avenue. The driver, C. E. Drew, 217 W. Breckinridge, had to wait 2 hours yesterday afternoon for a wrecker to remove the truck. Many street cave-ins, resulting from recent sewer installations in the **St. Matthews** area, made traffic hazardous over the week end.

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December 15, 1949, Letter:

December 15, 1949

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.  
3909 Elmwood Avenue  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

I will appreciate it if you can meet with me and representatives of the other Volunteer Fire Departments on Monday, December 19, 1949, at 401 Louisville Trust Building. If you cannot be present, please send one representative from your department.

As you know, it is my plan to make some drastic changes in the County Government's participation in fire protection in Jefferson County.

I will need your advice and assistance in this matter. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you can see your way clear to meet with us to discuss the future of fire protection in Jefferson County.

Very truly yours,

B. L. Shamburger

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December 16, 1949, *The Jeffersonian*:

## COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESSURE

There are indications that the matter of continuing and expanding the politically managed County Fire Department is being agitated and is receiving attention again. More pressure is, obviously, to be brought to bear upon newly elected members of the Fiscal Court to retain the fire fighting agency in full force.

County Judge elect B. M. Shamburger is committed to the position that the County Fire Department is not worth what it costs to maintain, having given expression to such policy during the election campaign. It is the opinion of the engineers of the Inspection Bureau that such position is justified from the experience of the Department since its organization. It would thus appear that Judge Shamburger should have no reason to change his mind since the election. County Commissioner Stuart Lampe has consistently fought the continuance of the Department, as it is, since he became a member of the Fiscal Court.

We understand now that a petition is being circulated to retain the Department. With this we are not surprised. Neither should we be surprised if hundreds of names were secured on the petition. Political officeholders and appointees are rolling up in numbers year after year. And with all of their connections, they can present a formidable front. It is possible for them to corral enough signatures to make no little impression upon members of the Fiscal Court.

It is to be hoped, however, that the good judgment of the Court will prevail against this, just another appeal for

government aid, regardless of its cost to the taxpayer, so long as it makes a few jobs.

This county has developed, from a nucleus of small units, a network of fairly efficient (as a whole) community fire fighting groups in the Volunteer Firemen. That they could use some assistance from the County in correlating their forces, and some limited finances to match local contributions, is not to be denied. But this certainly doesn't add up to any \$100,000 a year county appropriation to maintain a County department. Not by any means.

December 24, 1949, *The Courier-Journal*

## O'Bannon Home Burned

Fire destroyed the interior of the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Zaring, O'Bannon, Ky., at 8 a.m. yesterday. Fire Departments of Jefferson County, **St. Matthews**, Anchorage, and Worthington answered the alarm. Zaring said he didn't know how the fire started. Damage was not estimated.



## LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROTECTION AREA OF STMF (1940's)

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of Frankfort Ave. and the east line of the City of Louisville: Thence southeast with the east line of City of Louisville and continuing with the line of the City of Louisville to the point of intersection with the center line of Garmon Lane and Grandview Ave.; Thence southeast with the center line of Garmon Lane to the point of intersection with the center line of Beauchamp Road; Thence southeast with the center line of Beauchamp Road; and the center line of Beauchamp Road if extend southeast to a point in the north line of the right of way of the Inner Belt Highway (Henry Watterson Freeway); Thence north east with the north line of the Inner Belt Highway to the point of intersection with the west line of Artorburn estate and the east line of the Monahan estate; Thence northwest with the line common to Artorburn and Monahan estate to the point of intersection with the east line of R. W. Marshall and the west line of Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion; Thence north 1960' with the line common to R. W. Marshall and Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion to a point in the south line of the right of way of the Louisville & Shelbyville Highway U. S. 60, said point being 1050' east of corner to long and 550' west of corner to Artorburn; Thence north to a point in the north line of the right of way of the Louisville & Shelbyville Highway U. S. 60, said point being 1174.00' east of east line of Sage Road and also being the south east corner of James J. Butler estate and the east line of the City of Beechwood Village; Thence north east with the line common to James J. Butler estate and City of Beechwood Village 2075.79' to a corner; Thence north east with line common to City of Beechwood Village, the James J. Butler estate and the Artorburn estate 1228.20' to corner; Thence northwest with the line of the City of Beechwood Village 866.89' to a point in the south line of the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville R. R.; thence southwest with the line common to the City of Beechwood Village and the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville R. R.; 1890' to the point of intersection with west line of Beechwood Road if extended; Thence northwest with the west line of Beechwood Road if extended and the west line of Beechwood Road 2045' to a point in the north line of the right of way of Westport Road; Thence north east with the north line of the right of way of Westport Road 681' to a point of intersection with line common to R. W. Hite and Poeburn Subdivision; Thence east with line common to R. W. Hite and Poeburn Subdivision 658.83' to corner; Thence northwest with line common to R. W. Hite and Poeburn Subdivision 272' to corner; Thence northeast with line common to R. W. Hite, Schwartz, 676' to corner; Thence northeast with line common to R. W. Hite, Greenbriar Subdivision and 948' to a point in the east line of Merrifield Subdivision and west line of J. Hildenbrand if extended; Thence northwest with the east line of Merrifield Subdivision and west line of Hildenbrand if extended and the east line of Merrifield Subdivision and the west line of Hildenbrand 4385' to a point in the north line of right of way of the Brownsboro Road, said point being 475' east of the east line of Rudy Lane; Thence southwest with the north line of right of way of Brownsboro Road to the point of intersection with line common to Zachary Taylor National Cemetery and Blakely; Thence northwest with line common to Zachary Taylor National Cemetery and Blakely to southeast corner to Lampton; Thence northwest with line common to Lampton and Blakely to southeast corner to Smithfield Subdivision; Thence northeast with line common to Smithfield Subdivision and Blakely 769' to the northeast corner to Smithfield Subdivision and Rupp; Thence southwest with line common to Smithfield Subdivision and Rupp 1568' to the center line of Blankenbaker Lane; Thence north with the center line of Blankenbaker Lane 355' to the point of intersection with the northeast line of Indian Hills-Cherokee Unit #4; Thence northwest with the north line of Indian Hills-Cherokee Unit #4 and the north line of Indian Hills Developing Co. to the point of intersection with the northeast line of the City of Indian Hills; Thence continuing northwest with the line of the city of Indian Hills to the

point of intersection with north line of Rolling Fields Section #5; Thence with north line of Rolling Fields Section #5 and the north line of Rolling Fields Section #8 to a point in the center line of Swing Lane; Thence with the center line of Swing Lane to the point of intersection with the east line of the City of Louisville; Thence with the east line of the City of Louisville and continuing with the line of City of Louisville to the point of beginning.



## Committee Needed To Handle Fireplug Funds

Persons interested in having fire plugs installed in their neighborhoods should form a committee to make arrangements and collect the money necessary, J. E. Hughes, member of a Chamber of Commerce Committee which is working to have St. Matthews fire insurance rates reduced, said today.

Hughes said that charges for installing plugs run from \$400 to \$500 and installation can be done by any one of a number of contractors. Water rental which amounts to about \$30 per year can be collected and deposited in the bank which will take care of the payments, he added.

More fire plugs were one of the requirements of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau which last week said that with compliance to their recommendations St. Matthews would be eligible for seventh class fire insurance rates. Most householders now pay eighth and ninth class insurance rates and a reduction would bring an estimated saving of \$150,000 to home owners of St. Matthews.

## Volunteers Shun County Fire Bid

### Department Scorched; Insurance Cited

Jefferson County's Fire Department today came in for a blasting from Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., representing five suburban communities, which refused a proposed affiliation with the County organization.

"We have believed all along that you would fail to give any real fire protection or to reduce insurance rates with a department such as you are now operating, although you have expended huge sums."

This quotation is from a letter the volunteers sent to the Fiscal Court answering one proposing the tie-in.

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The County wants its department "backed up" by the others, who would cover definite territories. The County would supply a central alarm headquarters.

"We do not want to jeopardize gains we have made by tying ourselves to a politically-controlled unit of the County Government," the letter says further.

The communities involved are Buechel, Camp Taylor, Fern Creek, Okolona and Lake Dreamland. They cite insurance rate reductions in their areas. They state, too, that they would be willing to accept aid from the Fiscal Court provided no strings are attached.

Courtesy Marty Kamer: Unknown date but should be 1949 because that is when we got 7th class rates.

## Fire Rates Cut Near for St. M. Annex

Home and business owners in the St. Matthews area newly annexed by Louisville soon will be getting a reduction in their fire insurance rates.

The lower rates will begin as soon as the Louisville Board of Aldermen approves a fire protection agreement worked out between the Louisville Fire Department and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

City Consultant Roy Owsley announced the agreement today. He said it will be submitted to the aldermen Tuesday, with approval expected.

### Volunteer Firemen Kept

Under the agreement, the St. Matthews Fire Department will continue to serve the area. Louisville will pay \$330 a month for this service.

In addition, units from either the Louisville Fire Department stations at Frankfort and Frank or Taylorsville Road and Dutchman's Lane will answer all one-alarm fires in the area.

In the event of a two-alarm fire, units from both of these stations will cover the area as well as units from the station at Bardstown Road and Maryland.

This additional protection will bring the area within the schedule of fire insurance rates covering the City of Louisville.

The new rates will be effective immediately upon Board of Alderman approval of the agreement for those homes and businesses within the approved maximum distance of fire hydrants.

City Works Director W. W. Sanders said additional fire hydrants would be installed in the area within three months so that the same rate schedules would apply for the entire area.

## Third-Class Rates Due

The area is now classed as seventh rate for insurance coverage on residential property. The new rates will be third class.

Under rates set by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, it now costs 26 cents per \$100 of coverage for frame dwellings with approved roofs. The new rate will be 18 cents per \$100. The seventh-class rate for contents of dwelling is now 31 cents per \$100 of insurance. The new rate will be 22 cents per \$100.

Thus, for \$10,000 worth of insurance on a frame house and \$2,000 coverage on the contents, the yearly premium will drop from \$32.20 to \$22.40.

The rates for commercial buildings are set up differently. Insurance officials said that the rates on a brick building will be cut by about 35 per cent and the rate on the contents will go down about 15 per cent.

For frame business buildings, the rate will drop about 25 per cent on the structure itself and about 20 per cent on the contents.

The agreement was worked out between Louisville Fire and administrative officials, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and State insurance and fire aides.



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Clock No.	Name of Employee	Date 19	Social Security No.	Witness*	With- drawal Date
21	James O'Neal 218 S. Bayley Res-Ta-6889 Bus-Be-4251		Small	W. T. Tully 523 Breckenridge Lane Res-Ta-5374 Bus-HI-9126	
X	W. E. Medina 3946 Massie Ave Res-BE-4279 Bus-WA-4257		Off in Home Corps	William C. Bridges 3112 Dr. Smith Res-Ta-3352 Bus-TH-9217	
out	Tom Nelson Redman M-4 Green Lee Manor TA 1881 if not answer only TA 1160-		X	W. E. T. W. W. W. TA 1643 BE 1841	
	Philip Ray Resch 212 Blanche Calvane Ta 0181 3934 Frankfort Ave Be 1171		Sept 1953	Richard Harvey Schultz 4028 Alton Rd Be-2010	
	Raymond C. C. C. C. 1064 L. L. L. L.	8	Oct 1953	W. E. T. W. W. W. TA 8616 BE 9072 Bus AM 1005H	

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	Pete Blackwell Box 216 Middletown Note 218 - 884R Day 28217	3/5		
	Paul L. Dawson 213 Exchange TA-1037	12/15/53		
	Walter N. Fletcher Jr. 830 Packard Ave MA 6453W TA 5262			
	Clarence Hicks Apt J-1 - Seigninory Cafe to Village Low Ky. 11/1/53 38.6 248			
	Franklin F. Loma 5709 Northman Blvd Ja 1380			
			John Carr 4701 Brownbore Road Ja 3852	3/9/54
			57pm W. W. River 120 Michigan Phon BE 1386	
			Billie Smith Jr. 3806 Cleveland Ave TA 3458	
			Phil. J. J. J. J. J. BE 2885E AT (Home)	
			George C. Halberlin 222 Chenoweth Lane Ja 1814 (Home)	
			Albert R. Halberlin 222 Chenoweth Lane TA 1814 Home	

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Clock No.	Name of Employee	Date 19	With- drawal Date
1/15/54	Melvin Shrode 429 Bates Ave Home	7/15/54	
✓	Patrick J. Grimes Jr. 227 Owen Ave BE 2035	7/15/54	
7/21/54	James C. Luper 214 Stables Ave. BR 6817	7/21/54	
10/12/54	Dan J. Sullivan Jr. 310 Lotus Way TA 5309	10/12/54	
X	Wm T. Beeson 4108 Stoneview Dr BE 7563 BE 4251		
		Social Security No.	Witness
		3361	3/5/53
		157	7/1/53
		TA 6367	1/20/55
		Robert F. Turner out 203 Ashland Rd Be 7858 Resigned	8/16/55
		Cl. Fred Barmyer Box 44 R #10 Lyndon TW 3-3545 Home TW 6-1421 Business	12/20/55
		William T. Wilson Jr. 322 N. Bonner Ave. Louisville (?) Ky Be 8158 + TW 6-1908 July 1956	



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Clock No.	Name of Employee	Date 19	Social Security No.	Witness*	With- drawal Date
	James E. Dille 1028 S. Shelby St. Louisville, Ky. TW-7-2874 - <sup>10/4-1971</sup>		Robert P. Wathen 513 Cornell Pl. TW-3-7864		Not 7 <sup>th</sup>
	Gene Harnick 105 STABLER TW-3-5211		Arthur Moore Jr. 2709 Grandview Ave. TW-5-5236	Out	New Value 1/5
	Robert Louis McGrath 209 Ashland Road Feb 1-1956 TW-3-7848		Eugene C. Klapshoe Jr. 582 Fairview Rd. TW-6-1236		Aug 6 1957
	Robert S. French 218 Braintons		Robert C. Walling 127 Fairview Rd. TW-5-9596		June 25-59
	Robert C. Brenzel 3718 Grandview Ave. TW-3-3813		Oscar C. Wallum Jr. 4027 Mycliffe Ave. TW-6-8762		11 March 1958
	Aug 1955 S. Wm. Haffler 3525 Dayton Ave		Albert G. Andriot Jr. 4035 Maone TW-5-0235		11 March 1958

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<i>cut</i>	Robert Wild 527 E. Carandis BUSINESS TA 3546	MA 7515	HENRY W. McCoy 3539 N. H. Z. AVE Bee Phone TA 0353	TA 0463 Sept. 1950	
	John T. Foster 204 B. B. Wood 3715 S. W. 1st Ave. Taylor 5177 Bel 7188		WALTER S. FREDERICK JEFFERSONTOWN Ky 57525 Business ta 353		
<i>Aug 1949</i>	Dennis R. R. Cignell 108 Wiltshire Ta. 9830		Raymond Crabtree 1064 Siskspur ave NO PHONE		
<i>cut</i>	Ben F. Kuchenski 106 Wiltshire ave. Ta. 2635		James F. Bueyzel 3718 Shonchew Ave TA 3813		
	Edward Foley 217 Fairmeade Rd Ta 1677 1/20/42		Daniel Clark 3915 Massie ave TA. 4189		
	James O. Gentry 236 Clonmore Dr. Ta 2933 Ta 2900		George Stoll 4048 Massie Ave TA 8359		

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Clock No.	Name of Employee	Date 19	With- drawal Date
act	Stuart Speckter 3014 Lubbock Rd. CH 5725 805. 4021 FRT AVE. Be 2441		Walter R. Zabel Be 2555
act	Rudolph Linsbach Jr. 3815 Shawnee Ave Be 1641		Cesar Voigt 209 Ridgeway Ja 7907
	Robert W. White 213 Ring Rd. Ja 0504 Ja 1817		R. M. Whaley Jr. 3722 Knight Road TH 8829
act	Jim Wright 412 Meridian Ave Ja 3910		Hubert Gordon 4429 Blenheim R.D.
	Thomas A. Baker 2425 Warner Ave Ja 7352		X CHARLES DONAHER 220 CLOVER LANE BE 5927
			Wally L. Wernert Washburn Ave TA 5559



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Clock No.	Name of Employee	Date 19	UI Security No.	Witness*	With- drawal Date
Cent	Don. Cottle 209 Buckenridge Lane BE 1031 Edward P. Sullivan 142 Buckenridge Lane TA 3037			JOSEPH A. LENTZ 208 PRODUCE AVE. BE. 1456 J. L. Martin Jr 4022 <del>Mendover Ave</del> TA 9995 414 Mendover Ave	
Cent	J. C. Reed Pleasant Manor 2-7 Ta 9705 Allan M. Snally 3831 Elmwood Ta 5241			FRANK R. ROBERTSON 3419 WARNER BE 1562	
Cent	Harold Carter Jr 3930 Elmwood Ave TA 2490			J. L. Martin Jr <del>Cent</del> 421 Mendover Ave Ta. 0995	
Cent	Morris Blakey 3830 Elmwood Ave TA 9684 Ruth Hammer 254 <del>Buckenridge</del> TA 9604			J. C. <del>Reed</del> 148 <del>Mendover Ave</del> TA 7456 Jack Henshaw 3909 <del>Elmwood</del>	

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	<del>John H. [unclear]</del> <del>N. [unclear]</del> <del>TA 3775</del> V.F. John H. Westerman 4219 [unclear] Rd. <del>TA 3775</del>		
	Joseph [unclear] 15 [unclear] St. TA 3775 AT		
	Fred Woolton 4016 St. Bernard Court aut TA 8761 Charles C. [unclear] 175 [unclear] Lane Ta. 6205		
	John A. [unclear] 3904 [unclear] Ave. Ta. 6988 Martin A. [unclear] 1935 4103 [unclear] Rd. Ta. 4331		
	Jack [unclear]		
	John H. [unclear] 13804 [unclear] Ave. TA 347 [unclear] 3420 [unclear] Ave. TA 6678 W. C. [unclear] [unclear] & [unclear] Ta. 9860		
	Weller P. Mayer P-2 [unclear] Manor TA-2442		
	James E. Sauer 222 N. Hubbard Ln. TA 4798		
	Byron S. Martin 201 [unclear] Ave. Ta. 6651 aut.		

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Clock No.	Name of Employee	Date 19	Social Security No.	Witness*	With- drawal Date
119	Richard L. Hunt 3913 Massie Ta 3794			J. Derry <del>372</del> <u>119</u> <u>372</u> <u>119</u> <u>372</u> TH 3525	
	Henry R. Kennedy 4428 Norbourne Blvd. Ex. Tayler 5991			Raymond S. Wilson 417 Breckensridge St. Ta 2238	
	W. C. Ketchum 4027 Haffner Rd. Ta 4626			W. R. Hunt 3913 Massie Ave TA 3794	
	J. W. Jensen 307 Pradner Ave Ta 0184				1935
	John M. Monahan Jr. 3809 Elmwood Ave Ta 7302 April 1937				
	Carl R. Meisner 3835 Armond Rd. Ta 6809				
	George Westwood 208 Exchange Ave				



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No.	Name of Employee	Date 19	Witness	Withdrawal Date
25	<i>W. B. Bouch</i> <i>M. Steinmann</i> <i>100 Browns Lane</i> <i>TA 7103</i>			
	<i>O. R. Sands</i> <i>John F. Westerman</i> <i>305 Produce Ave</i> <i>Ta 4816</i>		✓	✓
	<i>12/22/42 Edward C. Foley</i> <i>4027 Hillsboro Rd.</i> <i>Ta. 1626</i>			
	<i>6-17-43 John W. Jensen</i> <i>309 Produce</i> <i>Ta 0184</i>		✓	✓
	<i>Jim Branciger</i> <i>142 Chamberlath Lane</i> <i>Ta 5991</i> <i>Henry R. Kennedy</i> <i>R#6 Lou Rd 4448 Northern Blvd</i>		✓	✓



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	Paul H. Dillman	10 Jan 58
	127 Fairfax Ave	8 July 58
	TW 3-3810	
	John J. Elliger	
	3907 Marine Ave	
	TW 6-9717	4 Aug 58
	Paul Cramer	
	TW 5-9529	
	1411 Maple Trail	
	11 March 1958	
	RE Kaster	
	TW 3-5177	
	3715 GRANDVIGOR AVE	
	Conall C Beard	
	TW 6-9352	
	4500 Shelbyville Rd	

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### 1940 to 1949:

3/10/1940 Jeffersontown School, flames through the roof.  
12/20/1940 P. Willett Hagan home at 3710 Davis avenue had several thousand dollars of damage from a fire.  
1/3/1941 Large dairy farm of Robert C. Tway, at Plainview Dairy Farms on Hurstbourne Lane near Shelbyville Road.  
2/21/1941 The home of E. W. Cunningham, on Dorsey Lane was destroyed.  
3/14/1941 The home of P. M. Russell at Pewee Valley was destroyed. Two story frame residence.  
2/6/1942 Judge Humphrey's home at 4095 Massie Avenue. Quick stop prevented much damage.  
3/6/1942 A blaze at White castle was quickly brought under control.  
11/13/1942 The home of Alan Chanell, 162 Whitshire avenue was heavily damaged.  
6/11/1943 Lightning struck the home of Clyde Branham, 3937 Gilman Avenue damaging the upstairs.  
11/1943 St. Matthews Motor Company, Frankfort Avenue & Chenoweth Lane, 17 cars destroyed in \$75,000 fire.  
1/14/1944 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.  
4/7/1944 Apartment fire at 3511 Lexington Road owned by J. A. MacMilan suffered fire damage.  
12/29/1944 Home of Dr. J. A. Ohlson, 229 Cornell Place suffered fire damage.  
5/11/1945 A & P Food Market at Lexington & Wendover Avenue was destroyed by fire.  
1947 Chamberlain Company of America, warehouse  
August 1949 4020 Alon Road, \$5,000 damage to E. A. Bowden's home. Second floor.

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