

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1950 — 1952

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

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

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1950

The population of Jefferson County was 482,285 representing a gain of 25% in the last decade

Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department: In 1949 meetings were held in Lyndon about forming a fire department. Action was taken and about 15 men showed interest in being firefighters.

In order to be somewhat familiar with the basics of firefighting, the Lyndon Volunteers asked St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department to take on the task of training them at the St. Matthews Fire station on Breckinridge Lane.

The Lyndon Volunteer Fire department Association was incorporated on March 15, 1950. In May their first piece of fire apparatus was delivered. The first “fire house” was in front of the then, Keeling Super Market, with a tarpaulin being used as its “house.”

The St. Matthews Fire Department, securing a pumper from the discontinued County Fire Department, agreed to lend the use of Betsy, their 1931 Seagrave pumper to Lyndon. Thus the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department was on its way. More on their history under 1949



Marty Kamer: Born in Louisville in 1918. He joined the Kroger Company while still in school, and became manager of the Kroger store at 3717 Lexington Road. He joined the department during 1935 and has served the department as firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Major and Assistant Chief from 1956 to 1964 when he retired from the department. He became a Board member in 1948 and served until 1964. He was re-elected to the Board in 1971. He reactivated as a volunteer firefighter again in the mid-1970's. In 1977, he was hired along with Mike Davis and Sam McCune as the first three paid firefighters with St. Matthews. His responsibilities included that of Fire Marshal and he was promoted to the rank of Major for the second time in his fire department tenure. He eventually retired as a paid firefighter, but remained as a volunteer Marshal. He finally retired completely from the department in 1995 after 58 years of service to the community. He enjoys the status of Lifetime Membership.

The need for a fire department in our area became apparent in the early 1950's. Prior to the formation of Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department Inc., the only fire protection came from the St. Matthews Fire Department miles away.

Those in the community who recognized this need formed a small but industrious group who slowly gathered momentum and money. Most of the effort required going door-to-door, and by September 25, 1951 the first list of contributions and pledges was documented. A total of 101 citizens gave from \$500 to \$50 to help get the fire department off the ground.

John Lang became our first fire chief, a Ford Pirsch pumper was ordered, and construction began on the first fire house at 6417 River Road, about 200 feet south of the Harrods Creek Bridge. By the Fall of 1952, Station One was completed mostly by firefighters own labor. This small, two bay garage still stands today and is being used by an individual as a refurbishing business. If you look closely, "Harrods Creek Fire Dept." is slightly still legible above the bay doors. Open house for the new station was held on June 6, 1953.

On February 25, 1964, James Ross Todd was elected chief. Under his leadership, Harrods Creek became a taxing district to insure payment from all property owners served by the volunteer firemen. No longer would our volunteer firemen have to solicit contributions for support.

In May of 1969, Ross Todd asks Terrell Dickey, Jr. to take over as chief. In the same year, H-7 a Hahn was purchased a named in memory of Ross Todd.

May 1970, Our original fire truck, H-1, a Ford Pirsch is sold to Lexington VFD, IN. May 1972 Jack Dayton elected chief. 1974 April 3, tornado hits area. In November Leonard Heydt is appointed chief. July 1, 1977 First run from new (present day) Station One at 8905 U.S. Hwy 42.

The 1980's brought on many new fire apparatus as we replaced our aging original equipment. In March of 1984 we purchased a GMC E-One Rescue/Brush Truck assigned Unit 1279. On January 25, 1985 we put into service Unit 1232, an E-One Hurricane 1250 GPM pumper, and on February 16 of that year Unit 1256, a Hendrickson / Grumman / Snorkel 1250 GPM squirt joined our family.

August 1, 1985 marked the day our first boat went into service. Unit 1222 was sold to New Albany Township V.F.D. on February 23, 1987. And "Quad 4," Unit 1244, was sold to McCulloch F.D. June 27, 1988. An addition was added to Station One in the Summer of 1992.

Harrods Creek Fire Department continues to grow into the 21st Century with the purchase of two Spartan / 3D pumpers and a Spartan / 3D / Nova Quintech articulating aerial apparatus in the mid 1990's. We began an EMS response program March of 1996 to fill the increasing role that fire-fighting continues to take in emergency medicine. Our volume of fire runs was 562 and 274 EMS runs in 1998, showing higher numbers each year. This is compared to only around 50 fire runs a year when we began in the 1950's.

If you live in our area, you can be part of a fire department which is always taking on new challenges in innovative and exciting ways striving to be the best at what we do.

1950

Courtesy, <http://www.hcfd.org/Historynew.htm>

Harrods Creek Fire Department Started



June 6, 1953. Open House for our first fire house at 4617 Upper River Road.



June 6, 1953 at Open House. THE ORIGINAL HARRODS CREEK FIREFIGHTERS. Behind them is Engine 1, a 1950 Pirsch pumper on a Ford commercial chassis- 500 GPM 3 stage Hale pump with a 500 gallon booster tank.

1954 FLEDGE CARD 1954

**HARRODS CREEK
VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPT.**

ANSWER OUR CALL IN FIFTY FOUR - WE WILL ANSWER YOUR
CALL FOREVERMORE

() CHECK ENCLOSED \$ _____

() FIREHOUSE OPEN SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 10 A.M TO 5 P.M.,
TO RECEIVE PLEDGES AND VISITORS.

() HAVE PREVIOUSLY PLEDGED FOR 1954.

() HAVE REPRESENTATIVE CALL _____

SIGNATURE _____



1950

Courtesy, <http://www.prpfire.org/history/index.htm>
Started

Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department

**PLEASURE RIDGE PARK
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

www.prpfire.org



Before our department was formed in February 1950, this area was covered by the Jefferson County Fire Department which consisted of three districts with one pumper in each district. Southwest Jefferson County was considered district three. The County donated its third district pumper to the newly formed Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department to use as its only apparatus. The vehicle was stored in a Quonset hut that was shared with the Jefferson County Police where the present Southwest Government Center is located at 7219 Dixie Hwy. The department covered an area of approximately 35 square miles, from the cities of Louisville and Shively to the north, Third Street on the east, Ashby Lane to the south and the Ohio River to the west. These boundaries remained basically the same until we merged with the South Dixie Fire District in 2004.

In October of 1950, a taxing district was formed and our name was changed to the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District. We purchased our first new pumper, a 1952 Pirsch, in January of 1952 for \$9270.63. Our first fire station was built at 5417 Valley Station Rd in 1955 and was named Station 2. It was built to better cover the southern part of the district that was experiencing rapid growth. Station 2 is still in operation to this day, although it has had to have some additions built on over the years to accommodate expansion. Station 1 was built in 1958 at 4500 Kerrick Lane and the Quonset hut was finally abandoned. Station 1 also housed the district headquarters and the Chief's Office.

As the area grew, so did the number of fire stations. In 1963, Station 3 was added on Terry Rd to cover the western part of the district. Station 4 was built on Cane Run Rd in 1964 to cover the north and western areas. Station 5 was built in 1976 to cover the north and eastern areas. Finally Station 6 was built in 1992 as a regional training center and fire station for the new Riverport area. During this time, our two busiest firehouses, Stations 1 and 3, had new and bigger stations built to accommodate more equipment. The current Station 3 was completed in 1981 next door to the original station. Along with a new Station 3, a separate Headquarters was built at 8504 Terry Rd. The old Station 1 was razed to make room for the current one which was completed in February 1992.

Over the years, as technology advanced so did the means by which our firefighters were alerted to a fire. Originally calls were answered and dispatched directly by our radio room which was located in the original Station 1 on Kerrick Lane. It was modestly furnished with a tube type base radio and desk top microphone in the corner of the room. A flex line with all the streets in the district sat on a metal chair. A mag-needle telephone on the wall was used to activate the roof sirens. During the day, a dispatcher was on duty in the radio room. At night, calls were answered at Chief Ernie Bohler's house on Rose Farm Dr. His wife, known as "Ma" Bohler, answered the phone and dispatched the calls over a base radio located in their house. When a call was received, the dispatcher would key the microphone open and would give three short blasts with a bicycle horn to alert the firefighters at home who used open monitors to receive the calls. At the same time, the roof sirens were activated to alert any personnel who were not at home that there was a fire. Once at the firehouse, the dispatcher would give the type and location to the apparatus. This procedure remained the same until the 1980's when we started using fire pagers similar to what are still in use today.

The radio room moved out of Station 1 in 1983 and into the new Headquarters on Terry Rd. PRP continued to dispatch their own runs until August of 1987 when the dispatchers were transferred to the first career engine and the Louisville Fire Department, who under contract dispatched all the 21 County Fire Departments. Finally, in the middle 1990's, the system which exists today took shape. All calls for service and dispatching of County Fire Departments were transferred to the Jefferson County Police Telecommunications Center at 768 Barret Ave.

When the dispatch personnel were transferred to the career engine, we became what is known as a Combination Department. We now have two career engine companies with five members each to augment the volunteer force Monday through Friday from 6:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. when most volunteers have to work their regular jobs.

As we enter the new Millennium, we have been looking forward to anticipate the future needs of the communities we serve. The district, over the past few years has been replacing its fleet of fire apparatus. Along with this, our training division has constructed a multistory drill tower to provide more advanced training to our personnel. In 2004, we merged with the South Dixie Fire District and hired our first 24-hour career crew. We are doing this to better serve our community for the next fifty years.



1950

Courtesy, http://www.southoldhamfire.com/index_files/Page491.htm
Department Started

South Oldham Fire De-

The South Oldham Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1950. The original Fire Station, located at 6412 Railroad Avenue, was built in 1950, by volunteers. Their first apparatus (5423) was a 1950 Chevrolet, with a 500gpm Midwest pump. The Department still has this apparatus and it is completely operational and is used as a parade piece only. The Department still has the original building and it is used for storage.

The original dispatching was done from the Stoess Hardware Store & the Stoess Funeral Home.

The original funding was from subscriptions.

A fire taxing district was created in the 1970's, to provide a more stable and reliable source of revenue. We cover approximately 25 square miles.

In 1976, a centralized emergency dispatch center (Oldham County Dispatch - OCD) was started.

South Oldham was the first fire department in KY to have 5" hose.

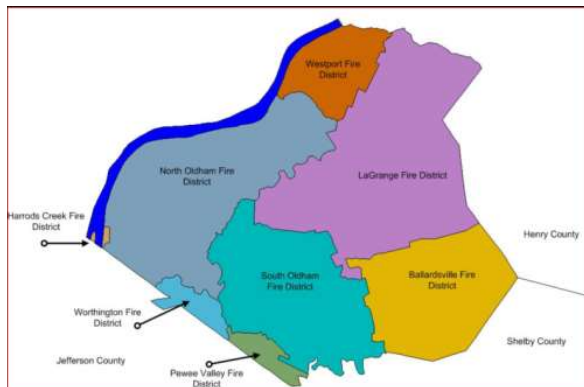
A new fire station was built in 1979, located at 6710 West Highway 146. This was used until 2002, and is currently used as an Oldham County Government Center Branch Office.

A part time (weekday) paid staff was started in 1996, to supplement the volunteers.

With an ever growing run volume, growth of the community and expanding needs for the fire department, a new and modern fire station was completed in 2002, located at 6310 Old LaGrange Road, here in Crestwood. This building should serve the Department and Community for many years to come.

Again, with increasing run volumes and daily responsibilities, the Department started its first 24/48 hour shift paid firefighters in September of 2006.

In October 2009, the Fire District became proactive and purchased land in the Brownsboro Community area, for a future fire station to, one day, better serve that area of our Fire District, as the anticipated development in that area increases.



Original Firehouse
6412 Railroad Avenue

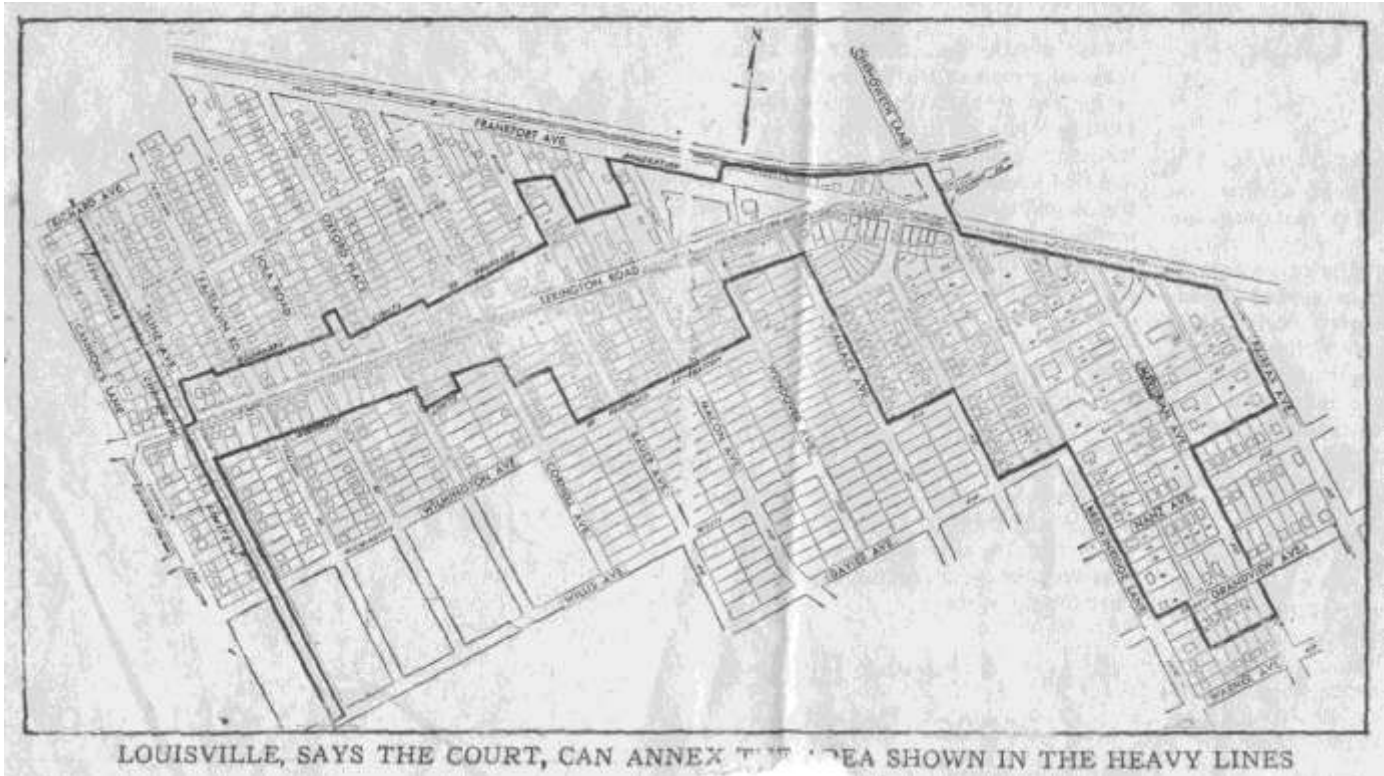


Early Volunteers

1950

Courtesy Marty Kamer:

Unknown articles but believed to be from the early 1950's.



Five Firemen Go Back To School

Five members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department left Tuesday morning for Lexington to begin classes in the Kentucky Fire School at the University of Kentucky.

They were: Assistant Chief Marty Kamer, Jack Monohan, Ronnie Florence, Bobbie Brentzl, and Harvey Schultze.

The school session lasts for three days and the volunteers will return Friday. It consists of lectures on various fire-fighting techniques and is divided into four divisions—one given each year.

At the end of each session, the volunteers will receive a certificate showing they have completed that particular phase of the school. Then, at the end of the four years, they will receive a diploma.

Monohan President Of Fire Association

John Monohan, Jr., has been re-elected president of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

Other officers elected Wednesday at the St. Matthews Fire Department, 120 St. Matthews Avenue, are vice-president, Martin Kamer; treasurer, Fred C. Boss, and secretary, George E. Miller. W. Leland Wilson and George E. Miller were elected to four-year terms as directors.

St. M Fire Unit to Get \$3,000 More

The City of St. Matthews will pay the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department approximately \$11,300 this year for fire protection, an increase of about \$3,000 over last year.

Mayor James H. Noland said the price is based on 10 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation. This year, he explained, it will cover rented business houses, apartments, and homes. Previously, renters had to pay for their own fire protection.

The City Council enacted an ordinance fixing the maximum salary of the chief of police at \$4,800 a year; captain of police, \$4,400; sergeant, \$4,000; patrolman with more than six months' service, \$3,600, and patrolmen under six months, \$3,000.

Noland said the City has a captain and three patrolmen, and has no intention now of hiring a chief or sergeant.

These Are Good Friends Indeed

There is a certain feeling of civic pride when we see the men of our town taking such an active interest in the welfare of fellow citizens. Such was the feeling when the fire alarm sounded last Monday.

From every corner of the business area raced businessmen to help a neighbor in distress. Cars with sirens and red-lights stopped in front of the station house and out jumped the men-of-action. In less time than it takes to tell, the modern equipment of this up-to-date fire department was on the way to another fire

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This seems to be a trivial matter. Everyday throughout the country, fire departments are doing the same thing. What makes the operation so amazing is that these fellows are DONATING their time and efforts absolutely without any compensation. They are risking their very lives to save ours. Any hour, day or night, these fellows are on call, not only in St. Matthews, but anywhere in the county that they are needed.

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When we see unselfishness like this, it makes us forget all the callous, scheming people who have but one person in mind, themselves. We sometimes become so used to the duties that these fellows perform that their unselfish actions are taken for granted. Not until we are personally affected does their job become known. It is a real feeling of security to know that while we sleep, there are men of courage ever ready to answer the call of danger and protect neighbors they don't even know. They only know that a fellow human being is in need, and these are friends INDEED.

1950

Courtesy Marty Kamer: Doris Simpson was Assistant Secretary from 1950 to 1953 so this letter is from that time period.

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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

It has come to our attention that you are now a resident of the Fire District which we cover and we are quite sure that you want to contribute to the association as through our efforts giving you this protection we are able to hold your insurance rates down.

We trust you will send your subscription of to help us maintain the service which we are now giving. We know if you were unfortunate enough to have a catastrophe you would not want to be billed and we would not like to charge you the minimum rate for an emergency run.

Our success depends on your co-operation and other residents of this area.

Trusting your check will come forward, we are

Yours truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

John M. Monohan, Jr., President
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"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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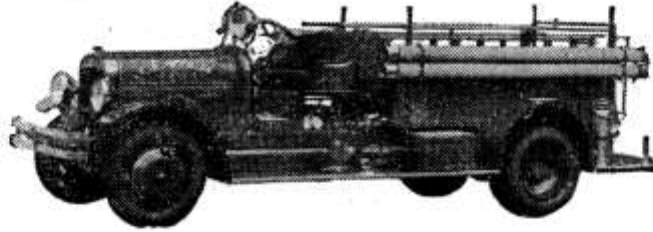
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The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is soliciting your subscription for \$3.00 for Association Membership for the next twelve months.

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JOHN M. MONOHAN, JR., President.

We are obligated to serve only those contributing to the support of the Association.

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January 5, 1950, Board meeting:

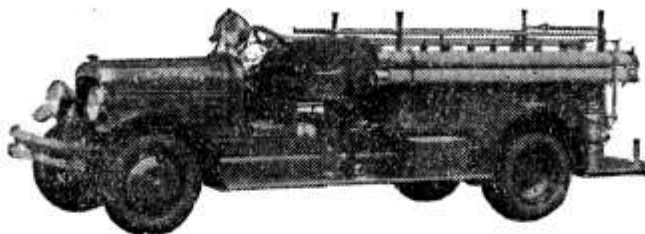
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Mrs. Margaret B. Marsh
Assistant Secretary
3832 Frankfort Avenue



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION,
INC., HELD JANUARY 5, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr.,
and Directors present were as follows:

Marty Kamer
Geo. E. Miller
John Monohan, Jr.

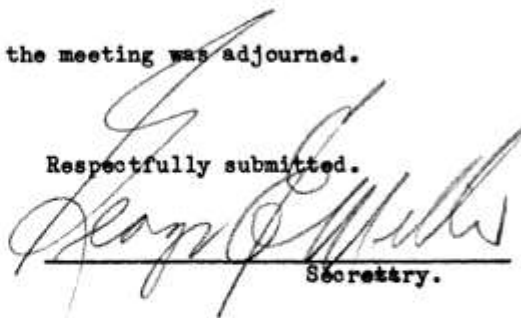
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At this meeting a discussion was had regarding the Dr. Flemming property
on St. Matthews Ave. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr.
Kamer, that an offer of \$18,000, (and as high as \$19,000, if necessary)
be made for this property.

The next meeting for the Association was set for Thursday, February 9th,
1950 at 7:30 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.


Secretary.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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January 6, 1950, Solicitation Letter:

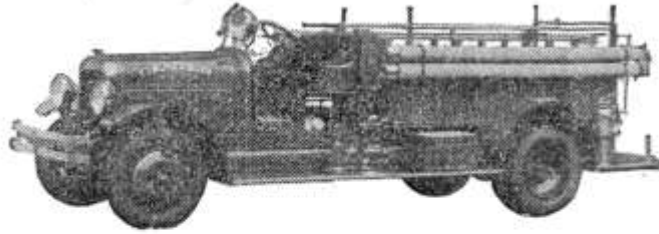
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St. Matthews, Ky. Jan. 6, 1950

Polly Lee, Gifts
3740 Frankfort Ave.
Louisville, Ky.

*Please transfer this subscription
to Schoen Gift Shop (Mrs. Virginia Schoen)
3740 Frankfort Ave.*

*Mrs. Schoen takes over May 15, 1950.
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January 12, 1950: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Feeney's Tavern Burned to Ground; Damage Estimate Placed At \$22,000

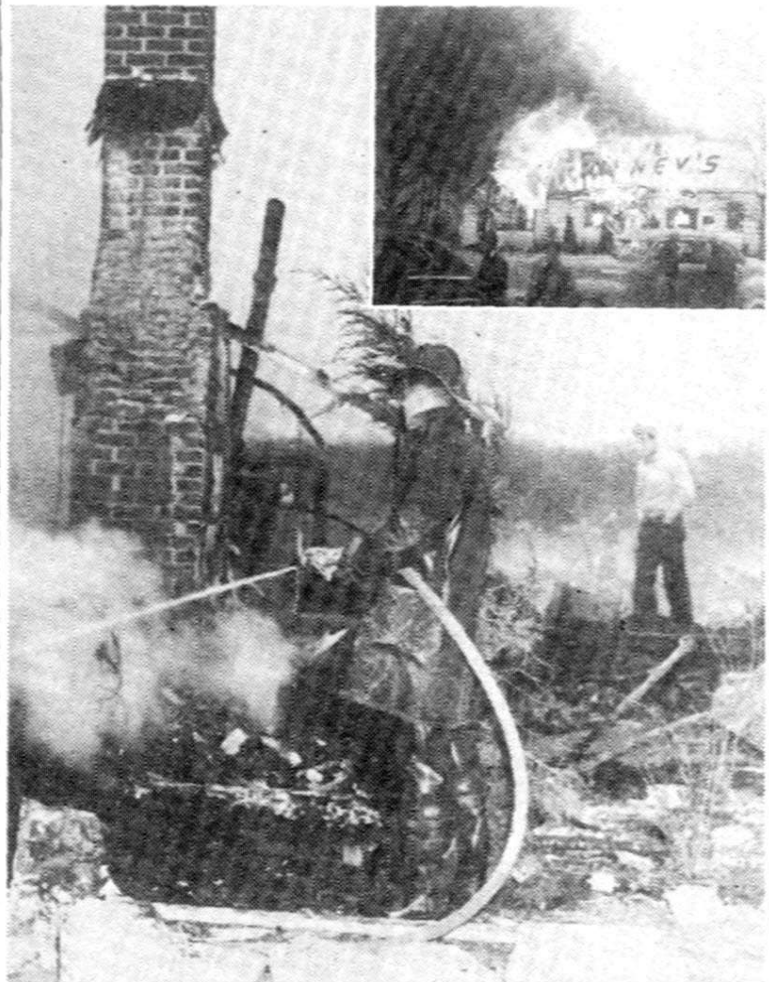
Damage estimated at approximately \$22,000 was caused when fire following an explosion Monday morning razed the one-story frame building occupied by Feeney's Bar, Shelbyville Road at LaGrange Road. Jefferson County Fire Department Engine Companies No. 1 and No. 2 from Middletown and from Newburg Road, a company from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and a Middletown volunteer company fought the blaze with six lines of hose.

Sweeping rapidly through the bar and dance hall the flames were believed to have started from the furnace in a utility room. Thomas Peak, a Feeney employe, said he was walking past the utility room when he heard an explosion and flames and smoke immediately shot out the door.

Capt. M. K. Schone, County Fire Department, said reports submitted estimated damage at approximately \$12,000 to liquor stocks and fixtures and \$10,000 to the building. Charles Feeney, part owner, said he also lost \$375 he had just finished counting on a table. He said he rose to help fight the blaze and could not get back to the table. The building was leased to Feeney and A. E. McQuady by Rudy and Marie Kirchdorfer who are in Florida.

JANARY 12, 1950

PICTURES TELL STORY OF BLAZE



Large Photo by Basil Willis, inset by A. J. Brazelton

1950

January 12, 1950: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Feeney's Tavern Burned to Ground; Damage Estimate Placed At \$22,000



January 10, 1950, The Courier Journal

MORNING, JANUARY 10, 1950.

Feeney's Bar and Dance Hall Destroyed by \$12,000 Fire

Feeney's Bar, Shelbyville Road at LaGrange Road, was destroyed by fire at 9:45 a.m. yesterday, causing damage estimated at \$12,000 to liquor stocks and fixtures.

The flames, believed to have started from the furnace in a utility room, quickly spread

through the bar and dance hall. The County Fire Department and firemen from **St. Matthews** and Middletown put six lines of water on the one-story frame building.

Damage to the building was not estimated. Charles Feeney, part owner, said he also lost \$375 he had just finished counting on a table. He said he jumped up to help fight the fire and couldn't get back to the table.

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Britain's Guardian Of Money Draws 2,500 at Sermon

London, Jan. 9 (AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is believed to be the first layman to have preached at an ordinary service in St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral in its 240-

January 13, 1950: *The Jeffersonian*:

Expect Fiscal Court To Abolish Fire Dept.

While taking no immediate action at Wednesday's meeting, members of the Fiscal Court indicated that they would vote to abolish the Jefferson County Fire Department. Created in 1948, the department has been under fire practically ever since.

County Commissioners Stuart Larne and Robert A. Plhe have fought since 1948 to cut the department to a skeleton force and to leave the rural protection-against-fire job in the hands of volunteer units. The Volunteers have proven their competency, it was argued by R. D. McAfee and others who went before the Court Wednesday, in the recognition they have received from the State Inspection Bureau, in securing insurance rate reductions.

At the hearing, E. H. Weyler, secretary of the Kentucky Federation of Labor, and Walter Freeman, president of the Associated Fire Fighters of Kentucky, argued to keep the department intact. Although they claimed it costs little in proportion to its benefits, the Commissioners showed that, without further additions of personnel or equipment, maintenance costs are \$75,000 a year. The initial cost of stations and three pumps totaled nearly \$300,000. With the three fire stations in operation the department did not serve to reduce the insurance rates.

County Volunteer companies, through their president, Bill Rice, and McAfee, their attorney, proposed that the County abolish the paid firemen and concentrate, instead, on building up volunteer units. With such a plan there would be a "coordinator" to assist communities in organizing volunteer companies and to insure an over-all coverage of fire protection for the County.

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT A MISTAKE

Conclusive evidence was offered Wednesday, at a hearing before the Fiscal Court, to show that Jefferson County's paid fire department is a "white elephant." This expensive "arm of public service" has never earned its keep.

Regardless of whatever might have been the intentions of its creators, its creation was, obviously, a mistake. And if a mistake, why squander more and more funds to continue it at the expense of much needed services along other lines? The County Commissioners made it plain that to provide more fire stations with increased personnel is utterly impossible.

Members of the Fiscal Court, availing themselves of experience gained by volunteer firemen, information supplied by officials of the State Inspection Bureau and their own first-hand investigations will, doubtless, find a solution to the County's fire protection problem. In fact, it seems that they have a plan already formulated.

One thing has been proven, beyond the shadow of a doubt, since the County Fire Department was created. That is that a paid county department and the local volunteer units are incompatible. The people will not support both a paid county outfit, sufficient to do the job as required, and the local volunteers. It has been evident for months that contributions to the volunteers, with taxpayers' money going to maintain a paid department, would not keep them alive for very long. And this in the face of the fact that the present paid department is far from adequate.

County Fire Department Dies; Police To Use Stations

Fiscal Court's Vote Wipes Out 31 Jobs; Equipment Will Be Stored Until Sold

The County Fire Department goes out of existence today. Fiscal Court yesterday abolished the jobs of the 30 men and Chief Claud Thompson. The three Fire Stations at Pleasant Hill, Newburg, and Middletown will be used as Police Stations. The equipment will be stored until sold.

The County owns the stations and three fire trucks. The trucks cost about \$12,000 each.

No Hard Feelings

"There are no hard feelings," Chief Thompson said. "I feel that the people of Jefferson County know the department has given them a much-needed service."

The four members of the Fiscal Court decided to put full responsibility for fire protection on volunteer units. A co-ordinator will be named later to help establish new units. If possible, some financial assistance may be given. This may require a change in the County Fire Department Law.

The court order said the department as operated could bring about no reduction in insurance rates and the County was unable to finance a department that would.

In addition, it said, the County department was destroying volunteer companies that had secured rate reductions. One volunteer company, at High View, has folded up. There are now fire companies without paid men at Fern Creek, Lake Dreamland, Worthington, Buechel, Camp Taylor, Middletown, Okolona, Jeffersontown, and St. Matthews. Shively has a paid City department and Anchorage a City department with some paid membership.

Storeroom, Garage Consolidated

About \$36,000 of the County Fire Department's \$80,000 allotment for the present budget year

is unspent. This will be transferred to a fund to buy right of way.

The County Fire Department has been a source of controversy for two years. Two Democratic members of the Fiscal Court sought since early in 1948 to cut it to a skeleton force. Two Republican members blocked this until the court became all Democratic January 2. A group of labor spokesmen last week pleaded to save the department.

Fiscal Court also voted yesterday to consolidate the County Storeroom with the County Garage and named Thomas Thomas as clerk at the garage and storekeeper.

A Simple Rule to Cool A Burning County Issue

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protection. When it comes to decide between the two systems, then, the matter of respective costs is to be considered. The evidence shows that a paid fire department in the county would be many times a greater consumer of public funds, when equipment, station houses and payrolls are counted up.

This, of course, assumes that there would be comprehensive protection, with all parts of the county covered. For obviously both systems cannot be maintained: a paid fire company in one location, volunteers in another. The very inducement for volunteer service would be removed under a plan of discrimination or selection like this, and the county would have a pretty piecemeal or inadequate system indeed. One argument, to retain the paid department for the jobs it provides, as advanced by union spokesmen, seems to us to miss both the point and the public interest.

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January 14, 1950: The Jefferson County Fire Department was disbanded by Fiscal Court after less than 4 years of operation.

The *Voice* reported a \$22,000.00 fire that completely destroyed the Tavern Bar & Grill. There was an explosion in the boiler room which led to the fire. Two County units, one St. Matthews unit and one Middletown unit fought the blaze with six hose lines.

The house of Mrs. Alex Farnsley, aunt of the Mayor of Louisville, was damaged by fire. A child playing with matches on the second floor was believed to have been the cause. The entire second floor and attic were gutted. Damage was estimated to be \$10,000.00. The home was located at 255 Chenoweth Lane.

Courtesy *The Courier-Journal*, January 16, 1950:

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Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*, January 19, 1950:

Court Abolishes Fire Department

Members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and other similar units throughout Jefferson County today were solely responsible for fire protection beyond the Louisville city limits after the Fiscal Court abolished the County Fire Department.

The Court's action resulted in the dismissal of Chief Claude Thompson and 30 men employed at the three county fire stations located at Pleasure Ridge, Newburg and Middletown. These stations will be used as county police stations and the fire equipment stored. The stations and three fire trucks costing approximately \$12,000 each are owned by the county.

The court said the department as operated could bring about no reduction in insurance rates and the county was unable to finance a department that could. In addition it stated that the county department was destroying volunteer companies that had secured rate reductions.

Courtesy *The Jeffersonian*, January 20, 1950:

County Fire Houses To Become Police Stations

The Jefferson County fire stations of Middletown, Newburg and Pleasure Ridge Park, are being converted into county police stations. Discontinuance of the Jefferson County Fire Department last Saturday marked the end to a controversy which has been _____ for the last two years.

The County, unable to equip and maintain sufficient numbers of stations so that each unit should not have too much ground _____ proved to be unable to _____ lower insurance rates, or to substantially reduce the fire hazard, it was concluded. Just what step the Fiscal Court will take right away to assist the volunteers to increase their efficiency other than to appoint a coordinator to direct consolidation of their services, has not been announced

Fire Chief Claud Thompson, reacting to the Court's order to abolish the Fire Department, said, There are no hard feelings. I feel that the people of Jefferson County know the department has given them a much-needed service.

At the meeting Wednesday the Fiscal Count appointed R. Davis McAfee as coordinator to work with the present Volunteer units and to assist to establishing new local departments.

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January 26, 1950, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

January 30, 1950, Letter:

Fire Dept. Weighs Purchase of Trucks

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association has under consideration purchase of certain fire equipment formerly used by the Jefferson County Fire Department, abolished earlier this month by the Fiscal Court. The equipment includes three fire trucks costing approximately \$12,000 each.

Fred H. Boss, treasurer, said plans called for the court to be approached to determine under what prices and terms equipment might be purchased. He also said that the department is seeking to secure property for the construction of a new fire house.

The treasurer revealed this information as the Association began its annual drive for subscribers. The fee is \$3.00 annually. 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 are charged for the use of the fire equipment at a maximum rate of \$100 for the first hour or any part thereof and \$25 for each additional hour thereafter.

He then referred to the Court of Appeals decision balking Louisville's annexation attempt and emphasized that responsibility for fire protection in St. Matthews rests solely on the shoulders of the Volunteer Department.

Boss pointed out that the Association has approximately 2,500 members, and that great savings to property owners have been made possible through reductions in insurance rates.

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January 30, 1950

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assoc.
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

We will not be in a position to participate at the present time.

Very truly yours,

Wm. F. Koch
Wm. F. Koch, Pres.
McMahan-Koch Motors, Inc.

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Fire Dept. Names Four New Officers

Two new captains and two new lieutenants were on duty in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department this week following their appointment by Chief John Monohan.

The captains are J. P. Terry and John Westerman and lieutenants are Red Westerfield and Marty Kamer.

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February 4, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:

A Case for Volunteer County Fire Fighters

COUNTY JUDGE BOMAN SHAMBURGER's order abolishing the County Fire Department has aroused a torrent of protest from citizens living in neighborhoods formerly served by the three fire stations. Understandably, these people object to the loss of their only fire protection, and some have threatened political reprisal if the County does not re-establish the fire department. Judge SHAMBURGER, however, has announced that he will stick by his original plan, and for our money his reasons for doing so make sense.

Actually, Judge SHAMBURGER's decision was made for him by a lack of money. It was not influenced by the argument between volunteer and paid fire-fighting units, or a preference for one system over the other. The county had to choose between a system of volunteer units which were already in being, or an enlarged system of county-supported, full-time fire-fighting companies which could take the place of the volunteers. Since it could not afford the full-time system, the choice was automatic.

Before they were closed by Judge SHAMBURGER's order, there were three fire stations in the county, at Pleasant Ridge, Newburg and Middletown. These stations cost the county \$150,000 to build, \$35,000 to equip and \$75,000 to operate annually. And, of course, they furnished protection to but a small part of the county. To give equal protection to all county residents would have required establishment of approximately 20 stations, at an initial cost of almost \$1,000,000, not including equipment (another \$250,000) or operating expense (at least \$750,000 a year). Even if the County could find this much money, it is doubtful that it would be justified in spending it on such a program. For nine volunteer fire companies are already furnishing to a large part of the county services which would be the purpose of an expanded county fire department. And they are doing this without cost to Fiscal Court.

But the volunteers have notified Judge SHAMBURGER that they could not continue to operate in competition with full-time companies. Either the County Fire Department goes, they said in effect, or we go. For, they point out, county residents will not pay volunteers for protection as long as they can hope to receive county service for no more than taxes. Citing the case of St. Matthews, where they managed to get fire insurance rates reduced for residents under their protection, the volunteers declare they can do the job for the entire county providing they can get the co-operation of the Fiscal Court.

This is a hard argument to beat. So is the contention of Judge SHAMBURGER that people living in the more sparsely settled county, and paying relatively lighter county taxes, can hardly expect the same services as people who pay city taxes. If county residents want fire protection, their best bet would seem to be with the volunteers. And members of Fiscal Court have already shown an interest in a plan for selling their present fire equipment to volunteer companies and otherwise giving these companies all the help possible.

February 8, 1950, Letter:

RECEIVED
3509 A CRANFORD AVE.,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

February 8, 1950.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass.,
P.O. Box 115,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of January 5.

When your representative first called on us we told us that our subscription for association membership would be \$1.00. In your letter of January 5 the fee is quoted as \$1.00. Mr. Lewis and I have talked this matter over and our position is this. Our insurance rate for our inventory here is very old due to the fact that we do not have adequate fire protection. As far as the building is concerned, that, of course, belongs to Mr. Eline. In view of these facts, we have decided that \$5.00 is more than we can afford to invest at this time. However, if your first-quoted membership of \$1.00 will be acceptable, we will be glad to join with you. As you know, we are just starting in business and it is necessary for us to "stretch our pennies" but we also want to be as co-operative on civic matters as is possible for financially to be.

Please let us hear from you concerning this.

Sincerely,

EDWARD

By Dorothy W. Dummer

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February 9, 1950: Board meeting:

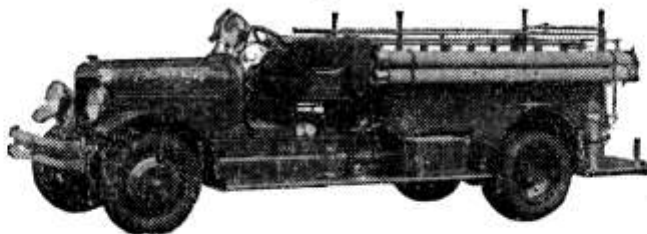
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.,
HELD FEBRUARY 9, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr.,
and Directors present were as follows:

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| Mr. John Monohan, Jr. | Mr. Geo. E. Miller |
| Mr. Fred Boss | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. Joe Zehnder |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. Marty Kamer |

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Zehnder, that the next meeting be held March 8th, at 7:30 PM at Mrs. Liskow's home, 325 So. Hubbard Ln.

A further discussion regarding the Dr. Flemming property, considered as being purchased for a new fire house, was had, and it was decided to let our offer of \$18,500 -- which had been rejected for the entire property -- rest for the present.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer, seconded by Mr. Miller, that a bill in the amount of \$274.52, covering new motor for fire truck, be paid the Bluegrass Ford Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Terry, that we bid \$4000.00 for the pumper at Middletown; or, in event we lose that one, make a bid of \$3000.00 for the one at Second District.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Boss, that a charge of two per cent (2%) of valuation of tax assessments be made on real estate holdings in St. Matthews business district.

A suggestion was made that officers, firemen and wives be given a party in the near future. Mr. Zehnder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, that Mr. Monohan, Mr. Terry and Mr. Westerman be appointed as a committee of three to decide on the time and place.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

Respectfully submitted

[Signature]

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February 13, 18 & March 8, 1950: Letter:

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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky. February 13, 1950

Drummond,
3928 A Frankfort Ave.,
Louisville 7, Ky.

Attention: Dorothy W. Drummond.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 8th: We are quite sure you can appreciate the position in which the Fire Association is placed in trying to arrive at the proper amount each business house should pay for services rendered. Our set rate is 2 per cent of the valuation of your inventory. We feel safe in assuming that your inventory, should you be invoiced at 2 per cent, would be much larger than the small fee of \$2.00.

We trust, after giving this your further consideration, you will feel justified in subscribing to the amount we have quoted.

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

GBM/LL

Secretary.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

THOMAS P. TAYLOR, JR.
832 W. JEFFERSON STREET
LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

March 8, 1950

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I have recently received from you a request for a subscription for your Association.

I fully appreciate what your Association has done for the community of St. Matthews and I am willing to co-operate with you; however, I feel that I am entitled to more knowledge of your financial activities than I have.

would you be kind enough to send me your financial statement, budget, total amount of money to be raised, and any pertinent data concerning the use to which money raised will be put.

Yours very truly,

TPT/t

T. P. Taylor, Jr.

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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky. February 13, 1950.

Mr. A. J. Eline
c/o Eline Chevrolet Company
3616 Frankfort Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Due to the fact we find it expedient to purchase better and more adequate equipment, which makes it necessary to purchase a larger fire house, the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Association have met with a number of real estate owners in this district to determine a fair amount of subscription that each should pay.

In order to arrive at a fair and equal basis, it was decided to solicit 2 per cent of the valuation of tax assessment of the property involved, which was agreeable to property holders called on. We are, therefore, confirming this with attached subscription in the amount of \$325.40, and trust you will find it convenient to cooperate with us.

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

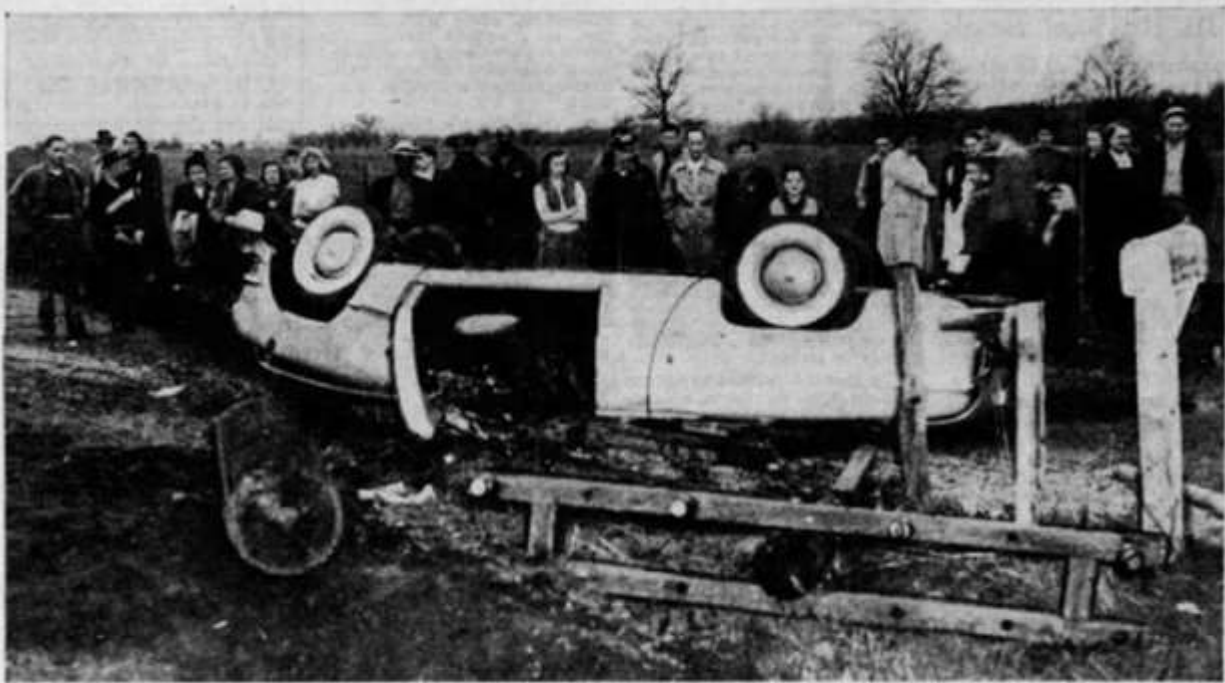
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Secretary.

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1950

February 14, 1950, The Courier-Journal, in 2023, STMFD would respond to this are. EDITED



SEVEN YOUTHS WERE HURT WHEN THIS CONVERTIBLE HIT UTILITY POLE AND OVERTURNED

7 Hurt When Convertible Shears Off Utility Pole and Overturns Near Here

4 Are Injured In Other Mishaps

Seven youths were injured when a 1950 Ford convertible overturned on LaGrange Road at Lakeland Road at 4:15 p.m. yesterday.

The injured:

Miss Betty Hart, 19, of 909 Keswick Boulevard, admitted to Jewish Hospital with a broken right leg. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Hart.

Says He Lost Control

Harry L. Bassett, 19, of 4022 St. Ives Court, the driver. He is the son of Shirley L. Bassett, owner of the Bluegrass Ford Company, Inc. **St. Matthews,** and Mrs. Bassett.

Don Edward France, 17, of 4018 St. Ives Court, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. France. He was treated at General Hospital for head and shoulder injuries.

Ray H. Stoess, 18, Anchorage.

Miss Joan Dettlinger, 18, of 1928 Duker.

Kenneth Hoke, 21, Anchorage.

Gene Murphy, 18, of 737 Algonquin Parkway.

All were in the convertible. All except Miss Hart and France were treated at General Hospital for cuts and bruises.

County police said Bassett reported he lost control of the automobile on wet pavement. The car ran off the right side of the road, sheared off a utility pole, struck another pole, and overturned.

Pinned Under Car

The top of the car was down, and all of the occupants except France were tossed clear of the wreckage, police explained. France was pinned underneath. The other boys lifted the convertible and freed him.

According to Bassett, the party was returning from Anchorage High School where they had watched basketball practice. Bassett said he and France are students there.

The broken utility pole caused an hourlong blackout in An-

chorage, Lyndon, and at Central State Hospital, Lakeland, the Louisville Gas & Electric Company reported.

Four persons were hurt in three other motor accidents here and near by last night.

Car Hits Guard Rail

A Lakewood, Ohio, couple were injured seriously at 8:30 p.m. when their automobile hit a guardrail on U. S. 42 in Oldham County, half a mile east of the Jefferson County line.

Summers W. Dickenson, 65, suffered a fracture of the right leg and a head injury, and his wife, Naomi, 63, also suffered a head injury. They were taken to General Hospital by Jefferson County police, who said the car, driven by the husband, went out of control on slippery pavement.

William Reinhart, 81, of 800 Oregon, suffered a broken right arm and a back injury at 7:17 p.m. when an automobile struck him as he was crossing Dixie Highway near Bernheim Lane. County police said the driver was James E. Hayes, 843 S. 28th. He

Column 2, back page, this section

March 9, 1950, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Wishing to compliment the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for their extremely rapid service the Village Hostess tells about a personal experience in the following sentences:

Returning home about nine o'clock last Thursday night, I noticed a strong odor of gas. Testing the furnace and water heater with a match, I found a small leak in a connection on the heater. While trying to tighten the tap with a wrench, I loosened it instead. The small flame which I had ignited with the test, shot dangerously high all around the place where the flow of gas could have been cut off. An attempt to cut off the gas near the meter was

futile, as there was no valve with a handle of any kind. Being alone and feeling sure that it would only be a matter of minutes before the intense heat would ignite a wooden partition nearby, I called the Volunteer Fire Department of St. Matthews and my next door neighbors, the B. J. Stehlins. With a long handled pair of pliers and a leather glove Mr. Stehlin was able to turn off the gas flow at the appliance. We called the Fire Department to cancel the call but they were already on the way arriving within five minutes after the first phone call under the guidance of our Fire Chief, John M. Monohan, Jr. and our Fire Captain, John F. Westerman.

Was I ever glad that I had recently sent in my check for three dollars, the yearly dues that all residents of St. Matthews are asked to pay to the Volunteer Fire Department? For a non-member that run would have cost twenty-five dollars. My hearty thanks to our Volunteers, and to Mr. W. B. Lear who takes all the fire calls from those phoning TAYlor 4411. Mr. Lear is the dispatcher for the Belmont Cab Company and he sets off the siren which calls the men from their homes or places of business, to their duties as firemen who protect our lives and property. So lets all remember to:—

1. Pay our three dollar dues to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept. yearly.
2. Call TAYlor 4411 in case of a fire.
3. Appreciate the rapid service we receive from our neighbors, the Volunteers.

This story also has a moral. Amateurs, especially women, shouldn't think of themselves as being emergency plumbers.

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March 9, 1950, Board meeting:

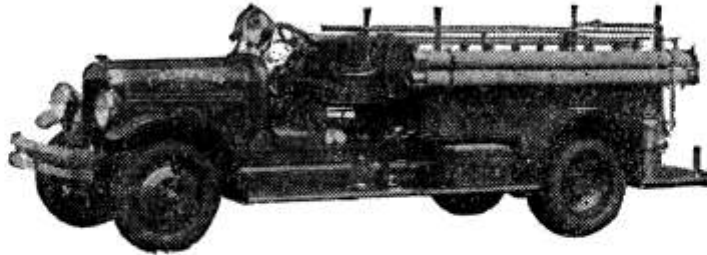
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION,
INC., HELD ~~February~~ MARCH 9, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by President John M. Monohan, Jr.,
and Directors present were as follows:

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| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. W. Leland Wilson |
| Mr. John Monohan, Jr. | Mr. Joe Zehnder |
| Mr. Geo. E. Miller | |

No definite decisions or motions were made at this meeting. Further
discussions were given to:

Property of A. J. Eline for erection of fire house:

Addition to fire house on present property:

Party to be given Officers and Firemen - and wives -
in near future, at which time notice will be given.

The next meeting will be held April 6, 1950, at 325 So. Hubbard Ln.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.

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March 20, 1950, Letter:

March 23, 1950, The Courier-Journal;

March 20, 1950

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

On December 17, 1949, we moved to a new house located at 4107 Plymouth Road. Our subscription was paid June 1, 1949, on our property at 4208 Brunswick Road. Please advise if this subscription will be transferred to new location, and bill us at this location this year.

I might also add that Mr. Emil Goff who purchased the house at 4208 Brunswick Road is new to St. Matthews and may not be acquainted with our subscription plan.

Yours truly,
Miss Garland H. Branch

4107 Plymouth Road

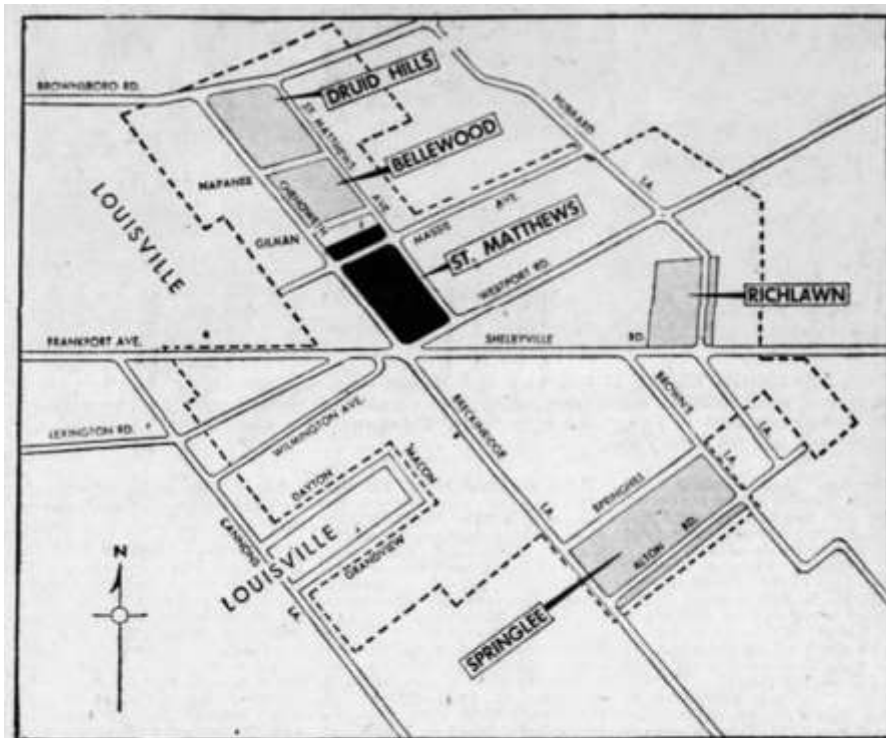
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6th-Class City Of **St. Matthews** Is Incorporated

A sixth-class city of **St. Matthews**, consisting of $3\frac{1}{2}$ blocks north of Westport Road, between Chenoweth Lane and **St. Matthews** Avenue, was incorporated yesterday.

Circuit Judge Lawrence F. Speckman signed an order creating the city. James H. Noland, 3937 Kennison, petitioner for incorporation, said the new city would welcome adjacent areas that wish to be annexed.

Recently the City of Bellewood was incorporated in the **St. Matthews** area. Incorporation of a third small city in the area, Springlee, is pending.



Courier-Journal Map

DOTTED LINE encloses area which City of **St. Matthews** (black), incorporated Wednesday, seeks to annex. Exceptions (gray) are Richlawn and Druid Hills, two older Cities in the **St. Matthews** community; Bellewood, recently incorporated, and Springlee, which has asked a City charter. The annexation would take in the **St. Matthews** Sewer District, except for the other Cities and a tiny area already in Louisville.

March 23, 1950, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

The City of St. Matthews was born officially yesterday. Without opposition the Jefferson Circuit Court granted incorporation of the new city composed of a one-half square mile area north of Westport Road between Chenoweth Lane and St. Matthews Ave.

Granting of the incorporation marked another victory in the fight of residents of the St. Matthews area for self government. The City of Bellewood earlier had received incorporation rights.

Faced with stumbling blocks created by the recent incorporation

of tax lush areas which it desired to annex the City of Louisville received a preliminary report on the estimated cost of police and fire protection in the seven areas which it contemplated taking over. Roy Owsley, city consultant, reported that these services would cost Louisville an initial outlay of \$530,000, plus \$213,000 annually for operating expenses and maintenance.

City Fire Chief John Krusen-klaus estimated that a proposed new fire house for St. Matthews would cost \$171,000 plus \$61,000 annual operating expenses.

Springlee Petitions

A petition for incorporation of the City of Springlee, encompassing an area between Browns Lane and Breckinridge Lane was filed in Jefferson Circuit Court by five residents on behalf of themselves and 219 others. The area includes parts of Meridian, Sherrin, Spring Hill, Hillsboro, Alton and Brownlee.

The action was filed by Robert C. Fritz, 4032 Spring Hill Road; Olan J. Hill, 4018 Brownlee Road; Henry Mashburn, 4029 Alton Road; Charles E. Payne, 734 Browns Lane, and Deitsell Bement, 4024 Hillsboro Road. The petitioners asked that they be named to serve as trustees until the next election. It asked further that Robert A. Livingston be named police judge; Fred L. Hassenpflug, marshal, and Mrs. Doris S. Bush, assessor.

Livingston be named police judge; Fred L. Hassenpflug, marshal, and Mrs. Doris S. Bush, assessor.

The petition stated the area with 273 registered voters is about 1,759 by 1,263 feet, has expensive roads and other improvements and without some means of supervising these the residents will suffer loss.

Bellewood Incorporates

In another court action Circuit Judge Lawrence F. Speckman signed a judgment incorporating the sixth class City of Bellewood.

BELLEWOOD OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE



Voice Photo by Basil Willis

Attorney C. Maxwell Brown (right) is pictured swearing in W. T. Porter (left), and Lamar D. Roy, Jr., as trustees of the newly incorporated City of Bellewood. Porter was elected chairman of the board.

ST. MATTHEWS IS INCORPORATED

March 1950, Fire Run Reports

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Date 3-2-50 Box _____

A. M. _____ P. M. 10

Location 111 Wilson Rd.

Building was _____ Story _____

Ins. on Building, \$ _____

Companies _____

Ins. on Contents, \$ _____

Companies _____

Originated on _____ Floor _____

Owner _____

Occupant _____

Used as a _____

Cause Hot Water Heater

Mrs R N Vance

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19 ⁵

Date 3-4-50 Box _____

A. M. _____ P. M. 7:20

Location Brown's Lane

Building was 1 Story Garage

Ins. on Building, \$ _____

Companies _____

Frame Garage

Ins. on Contents, \$ _____

Companies East Breetonbridge

Originated on _____ Floor _____

Owner _____

Occupant Mrs Carter

Used as a By

Cause Chris Geoghegan

unknown

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Date 3/22/50 Box _____

A. M. _____ P. M. 5:10

Location _____

Building was House Trailer

Ins. on Building, \$ _____

Companies H. G. Barns

Ins. on Contents, \$ _____

Companies _____

Originated on _____ Floor _____

Owner Lynn E. Jones

Occupant H. B. Jones

Used as a _____

Cause Oil Heater

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March 31, 1950, *The Jeffersonian*:

April 13, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:

Bill Is Passed To Assist Fire Fighters

A bill which was sponsored by several Jefferson County officials was passed in the Legislature at its last session which would enable the Fiscal Court to give assistance to local volunteer fire departments. County Judge Boman L. Shamburger said Thursday that he and his associates are working on a plan, which they hope to make feasible as applied to the various fire fighting units in the County.

On a basis of matching funds, the county government will probably be in position to assist in the maintenance of fire fighting facilities for the protection of property in the County outside of Louisville, so long as local units are kept up to a given standard.

Fire Destroys 2 Barns, Shed In Browns Lane

Two large barns, a shed, and equipment were destroyed by fire at 2:45 p.m. yesterday on the farm of Thomas S. Monohan, Browns Lane. The damage was estimated at \$12,000. Cause was unknown. The **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department** sprayed water on other buildings to prevent additional damage.

April 28, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:



CONVERTIBLE CRASH KILLS ONE AND INJURES ANOTHER

Shelbyville Road Crash Kills **St. Matthews** Man

John Russell, III, Dies as Car Overturns; Sports Writer James Lilly Critically Hurt

The crash of a speeding car which ran off Shelbyville Road last night killed one man and injured another as they were returning here from Keeneland Race Course.

John Russell, III, 25, of 3915 Brookfield, **St. Matthews**, died instantly of a skull fracture.

James M. Lilly, 29, a Louisville Times sports writer, was brought to General Hospital in critical condition with a skull fracture.

The accident occurred near Eastwood, about 15 miles east of Louisville.

Good friends, the two men had spent the day at the race track near Lexington. Jefferson County Police were called to the accident at 7:58 p.m. They made this report:

Lilly had driven his convertible down one hill on U. S. 60 and was going up another. The road curved left and the car, traveling at a high rate of speed, went over the right shoulder, rolled over several times, and stopped atop a wire fence, 30 feet from the road. Russell was killed instantly by a skull fracture. His body was found about 100 feet from the car.

Russell was graduated from the University of Kentucky last February.

Three Eastwood residents, who arrived at the scene before police, took Lilly, who was unconscious,

from the car and to General Hospital. They were James L. Rice, John A. Paulter, both former County policemen, and Joe St. Charles.

Chief Deputy Coroner Joseph Murphy identified Russell from cards in his wallet. The body was taken in a County patrol car to General Hospital.

Russell, who wanted to be a sports writer, had been accompanying Lilly on assignments. Lilly was not on assignment at Keeneland, however. Before graduating from the University of Kentucky last February, Russell had spent four years in the Army, serving in the European Theater.

Russell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucy Russell, the daughter of Gordon Miller, head of the Miller Paper Company, and their two daughters, Lillian, 8, and Susan, 2. His mother, Mrs. LeWright Browning, Ashland, Ky.; his stepfather, LeWright Browning, Huntington, W. Va.,



JAMES M. LILLY
Injured in auto crash

and his stepfather, Miss Ellen Browning, Ashland.

Lilly, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Lilly, lives with his parents at 1302 Castleswood Dell. He attended the University of Louisville before joining the Army Air Force in 1942 and serving three years in the European Theater as a technical sergeant.

He was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1948 and worked briefly in the public relations department at Joseph E. Seagram & Sons before joining The Times staff on March 9, 1948. Lilly worked several months as a police reporter and then turned to sports.

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May 4, 1950, Board meeting:

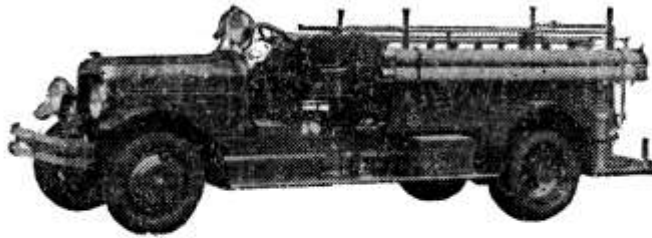
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION,
INC., HELD AT FIRE HOUSE THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr., and Directors present were as follows:

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| Mr. John Monohan, Jr. | Mr. Marty Kamer |
| Mr. Fred Boss | Mr. Joe Zehnder |
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. Louis Schweitzer |

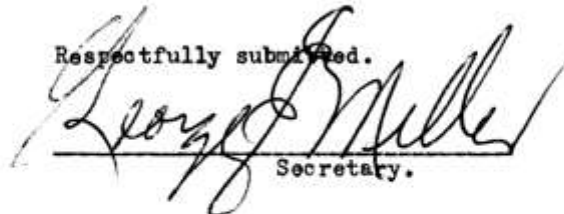
Mr. Louis Schweitzer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Joe Zehnder, that necessary changes be made in By-Laws and Incorporation; also, that terms of Directors as described by Mr. Monohan be put into effect, i.e., "Directors term shall be staggered so that two Directors shall be elected each year for a period of four (4) years".

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Boss, seconded by Mr. Zehnder, that the Treasurer of the Association be bonded for Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

The next meeting will be called by the President, Mr. John Monohan.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Zehnder, seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.


Secretary.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

Rain Damage to County Roads Alone Put at \$50,000; **St. Matthews** Hard Hit



USED TO COPING with some surface water in the basement, Mrs. Eugene Volz, 122 MacArthur Drive, said the two small pumps were swamped when backwater from the sewer poured in. A heavy gasoline pump helped out.

Valuable Topsoil on Farms Lost as City Dwellers Fight Flooded Basements, Streets

Nearly 4 inches of rain which fell in the Louisville area Tuesday night and yesterday caused damage estimated at \$50,000 to County roads. Garden crops also were hard hit.

In addition, basements were flooded, hundreds of automobiles stalled in water-choked streets and mudholes, telephone service was disrupted, and streets were littered with refuse.

Some 300 telephones in the area beyond Hubbard Lane in **St. Matthews** were out of order late yesterday because of water in manholes. C. Hunter Green, district manager of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, said he expected all of them "to be cleared" today.

Road Surface 'Rolled Up'

James B. McTamany, County road engineer, estimated the \$30,000 damage to County roads. Water overflowed the 60-foot bridge at Pope Lick and Rehl Roads and caused "the rolling up" of 75 feet of bituminous road surface at the bridge approaches. On North Hubbard Lane where the surface had been cut in 25 places for sewers the water washed out the cuts to 18 inches below the surface. Crushed stone was placed in the depressions. The high water stopped traffic on Watson, Gardiner, and Bassford *Main* *Lanes*.

The heavy downpour was especially disastrous to many **St. Matthews** householders who were connected with the **St. Matthews** Sanitary District sewer.

Small Pumps Drowned Out

gallons of surface water per day per person, he said.

"It is unfortunate this heavy rain came just now," Sherrill said. "It's hard to be patient when water is in your basement—but if they will bear with us a few months everything will be fine."

Couldn't Get Car Out

One of the largest puddles in **St. Matthews** was at the intersection of Wallace and Wilmington. John Lapsley, 481 Wallace, who said the water was 3 feet deep early yesterday morning, was holding up a sewer cap to let the water drain into the sewer. He stopped occasionally to determine if the drainage was causing water to back into his basement. Because of the high water he could not get his automobile out to go to work—and several children in the area were enjoying a holiday from school.

They thought it was raining rabbits at the W. S. Clark home, 413 Prosser. The water apparently had rained out a nest full of tiny rabbits who were stretched out stiff on the paving stones. The six rabbits, about 3 inches long, were brought in the house and put in the oven. The warmth brought them to life.

Magazine Idea Endorsed

Small Pumps Drowned Out

Used to coping with surface water in basements, the residents were helpless when the sewer water began to back up into the basements. In several instances the small pumps used to siphon off the surface water were "drowned out" when the sewage poured in.

Hard hit were residents of MacArthur Drive. Mrs. Eugene Volz, 122 MacArthur Drive, said she had been "fighting water since 2 a.m." The small pumps couldn't handle the load when water began seeping around the plugged basement drains and through the pipes of the laundry tubs.

"This is the second time this has happened since we connected with the sewer," she said. "But it is much worse this time. We aren't going to put up with it any longer." A large gasoline pump was in use to carry out the water which had reached a depth of 26 inches.

Plans to Sell Out Quick

Mrs. Volz suggested a picture be taken of a neighbor's basement. She said the pressure of the water had crumpled the concrete floor. "Don't you take any pictures here," said the neighbor. "We're going to sell this place as quick as we can, and a picture won't help."

brought them to life.

A pig was rescued by Fred T. Rehla, 1955 Mellwood, who waded through deep water to save it from drowning. He said that neighbors' chickens, dogs, and two ponies also had to be saved.

Southern Area Hard Hit

Police said the southern Louisville area near Southland Boulevard, Strawberry Lane, and Old Third Street Road, especially, had numerous flooded basements and water-filled streets. Also hard hit by water were the 4300 block Second, the 3000 block Floyd, the 500 block Dresden and the 3700 block Norbourne Boulevard. The Preston Drive-In Theater was closed last night because of water damage to the generator.

Early yesterday morning the wall of a house at 644 S. Eighth collapsed, apparently weakened by rain. The occupants were unhurt. They are H. C. Roney and his wife, second floor, and Mrs. Ruthert's Grandy and her son Charles, 13, first floor.

The heaviest rain fell between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Tuesday with showers continuing throughout the night and yesterday. The prospect is for further showers. The Louisville and the Henderson-Owensboro areas had the heaviest rains that fell along the lower Ohio River Valley. Dam 44, about 40 miles west of Louis-

ville.

A pump was carrying out the water from the basement of the J. S. Pollack residence at 116 MacArthur. "It wasn't like this in Cleveland," said Pollack. "There you pay one property tax that takes care of everything but your water bill. We are paying 14 taxes, more or less, here—and what do we get? We ask for help and get a lot of buck-passing. Those sewer people are not qualified for their jobs—that's obvious. But we were forced to connect with the sewer."

All damage done to basements connected with the sewer is covered by liability and property insurance of the contractor, said Miles O. Sherrill, principal project engineer in the office of Maurice L. Miller, consulting engineer of the **St. Matthews** Sanitary District.

There are a "lot of bugs" to be got rid of in a large new sewer system, Sherrill said. He said several "blockages" had been eliminated recently and "we are now in the process of making such repairs." He gave assurance that the sewers were "oversize" and entirely capable of caring for the load of surface water as well as sewage. Provisions had been made for carrying off 190

44, about 40 miles west of Louisville, had 6.37 inches of rain; Corydon, Ind., 5 inches and Shelbyville, Ky., 4 inches. At Corydon the streets were flooded with up to 8 inches of water which washed into business houses.

Heavy Topsoil Loss

J. E. Stanford, executive secretary of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, said the rain was the most damaging to topsoil of any he has seen during his seven years in Kentucky. There was considerable injury to crops which are halfway up—but the biggest loss was the soil washed away from freshly plowed ground, he said.

Roads between Jeffersontown and Taylorsville and Fisherville were closed by County police. They said Rush Run at Fisherville was so far out of its banks, it was necessary to close the roads temporarily.

The Kentucky Highway Department said KY 53, the Shelbyville-Mount Eden Road, and KY 55, the Shelbyville-Eminence Road, were impassable.

Ruling Indicates City Can't Touch Water Fund

Frankfort, Ky., May 10 (AP)—

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May 15, 1950, Letter:



Mr. Wm. Bullitt
"Osmor Place"
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Through oversight we solicited your subscription to the St. Matthews Volunteer Association for the year 1950.

Since the recent establishment of the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Association we no longer service the territory in which you reside and are, therefore, returning your check #2406 in the amount of \$50.00.

It is our understanding Lyndon has ordered adequate equipment which should be in their hands at a very early date, and until that time we shall be pleased to give you whatever aid you may require.

We certainly appreciate your generous subscriptions in the past, and wish to remain

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Asst. Secretary.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

May 19, 1950, The Jeffersonian:

May 16, 1950, Letter:



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
FRANKFORT, KY.

May 16, 1950

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Mr. John M. Monahan
3909 Elmwood
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter of May 9 in which you state that the Fiscal Court of Jefferson County is going to advertise for bids to sell 3 pieces of fire equipment from the fire department that was discontinued in January, 1950 and you desire to know whether or not the City of Louisville is eligible to bid on said equipment.

There is nothing in the statutes to prevent the City of Louisville from bidding on the above mentioned equipment. Under the provisions of KRS 95.260 the Department of Public Safety may purchase necessary equipment for the Fire Department and, of course, the City Buyer of the City of Louisville has the authority to purchase necessary supplies and equipment for the various departments of the City under the provisions of KRS 91.120.

Very truly yours,

A. E. FUNK
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By *Walter C. Hardman*
Walter C. Hardman
Assistant Attorney General

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SAT., MAY 13
-- OF --
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Come in. Let us show you the NEW Westinghouse LAUNDROMATIC Automatic Washer with the exclusive **WEIGH-TO-SAVE** Door.

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PRIZES AND GIFTS

1950

May 22, 1950, Letter:



The Schoen Gift Shop
3740 Frankfort Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Attention: Mrs. Virginia Schoen.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with request of Folly Lee of the 16th, we have transferred the subscription of Folly Lee, Gifts to the Schoen Gift Shop; this in the amount of \$5.00, to and including Jan. 1, 1951.

We sincerely trust your business in St. Matthews will prove a great success, and if we can help you in any respect, kindly do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Asst. Secretary.

June 21, 1950, The Courier-Journal;

Several thousand dollars worth of damage was reported by Phillip Schaad, Jr., after lightning struck the second floor of his home on Lime Kiln Lane near the intersection of U. S. 42. The roof and second floor of the house were burned. Volunteer firemen from **St. Matthews** Column 3, back page, this section

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

Hour's Rain Pours Floods Into Streets

Continued from First Page
and Worthington put out the fire.

Flames leaped from the stove of Mrs. T. L. Gardner, 1938 Trevilian Way, when lightning hit wires.

Other homes, where lightning caused minor damage, were those of George Klausing, 1371 S. 28th; Millard Essex, 2023 S. 16th; E. Davis, 3542 Southwind, and William King, 52 Hill Road.

AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION OF THE
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE
ASSOCIATION.

This certificate of amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of St. Matthew's Volunteer Fire Association,

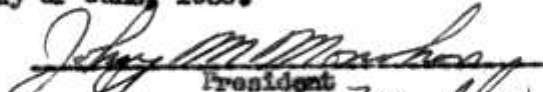
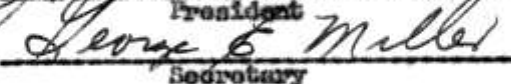
WITNESSETH: That the undersigned, being the President and Secretary of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Kentucky, the Articles of Incorporation being recorded in the office of the County Court Clerk of Jefferson County, Kentucky, and the Secretary of State at Frankfort, Kentucky, do hereby certify that a majority of the members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association who were present and voting at a meeting duly called upon notice of the specific purpose to amend Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation, as hereinafter set out, which meeting was held at the fire house of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association on Thursday, May 4, 1950, consented that the Articles of Incorporation be amended by striking out Article VII of the original Articles of Incorporation and substituting a new Article VII so that Article VII shall read as a whole as follows:

ARTICLE VII

The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by a Board of eight Directors who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation on the second Wednesday of July, 1950 and the second Wednesday of each July of each year thereafter in the office of the corporation in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

The Directors shall be classified with respect to the time for which they shall severally hold office, by dividing them into four classes to be known as Classes A, B, C, and D. Of the Directors first chosen, Class A shall consist of two Directors each to hold office for one year, Class B shall consist of two Directors, each to hold office for two years, Class C shall consist of two Directors each to hold office for three years, and Class D shall consist of two Directors each to hold office for four years. At each annual election, beginning with the second Wednesday of July, 1951, the successors to the class of Directors whose term shall expire in that year, shall be elected to hold office for the term of four years so that the term of office of one class of Directors shall expire in each year; but each Director of whatever class shall hold office until his successor shall have been elected or qualified, or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed. Except with respect to their respective terms of office, all Directors shall have equal powers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the President and Secretary of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a corporation, have hereunto signed their names this 26th day of June, 1950.


President

Secretary

STATE OF KENTUCKY }
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON } Sec.

I, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, certify that on this day the foregoing instrument of writing was produced to me in said State and County and was acknowledged and delivered by John M. Monahan, President, and George Miller, Secretary

1950

June 26, 1950: AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION BR-71 p-431, 432

of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a corporation, parties
thereto, to be their act and deed.
WITNESS my hand this the 26th day of June, 1950.

Karl Stant
Notary Public, Jefferson County, Kentucky
My commission expires

Notary Public, Jefferson County, Ky.
My commission expires Dec. 11, 1951

ORIGINAL COPY
FILED AND RECORDED

DATE JUL 14 1950

George L. Hatcher
SECRETARY OF STATE OF KENTUCKY
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

BY M. N. A.

June 19, 1950, Fire Run report

| | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Date | <u>6/19/50</u> | Time | <u>5:40 AM</u> | Alarm by Phone or Box No. | |
| Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type | | | | | |
| Time Arrived | <u>5:42</u> | Time Dismissed | <u>6:05</u> | | |
| Hours of Service | | Miles Traveled | | | |
| Kind of Building or Property | | | | | |
| Street Address or Location | <u>500 Brook Lane</u> | | | | |
| Owner | <u>Catholic Church</u> | | | | |
| Occupied by | <u>Allen Moore</u> | | | | |
| Purpose Used for | Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____ | | | | |
| Part of Building Where Fire Started | <u>Bedroom</u> | | | | |
| Cause | <u>Unknown</u> | | | | |
| Extinguished by | B—Booster | No. of Hydrants Available | | | |
| | C—Chemicals | Hours Pumpers Worked | | | |
| | H—Hydrant Streams | Size and Feet of Hose Used | | | |
| | P—Pumper | Size and No. of Ladders Used | | | |
| | S—Sprinklers | Gallons of Chemicals Used | | | |
| INSURANCE RECORD | | | | | |
| Buildings | Contents | | | | |
| Estimated Value | | | Estimated Value | | |
| Insurance Carried | | | Insurance Carried | | |
| Estimated Loss | | | Estimated Loss | | |
| Insurance Paid | | | Insurance Paid | | |
| SPECIAL NOTES | <u>Allen Moore</u> | | | | |
| Signed | <u>J. Perry</u> | | | | Officer in Charge |
| Form No. 144—Cahns & Bro., Clifton, N. J. | | | | | |

1950

June 26, 1950: AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION BR-71 p-431, 432

This certificate of amendment to the articles of Incorporation of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF

the President and secretary of
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire
Association, a corporation,
have hereunto signed their
names this 26th day of June,
1950.

John M. Monohan, Jr.,
President George E.
Miller, Secretary.

Jefferson County Fiscal Court
Louisville, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has furnished proof in the form of an affidavit, filed by one of its officers, that it has expended for fire protection more than \$450.00 in its district and requests a contribution from the county, on the matched fund basis heretofore agreed upon, covering the last quarter of the current fiscal year ending July 1, 1950.

I, therefore, recommend that the request be granted and that the sum of \$450.00 be paid to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. McAfee, Coordinator,
Jefferson County Volunteer
Fire Departments.

RDM/mlc

I certify that an affidavit has been duly filed with me showing an expenditure in excess of \$450.00 by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Clerk, Jefferson County
Fiscal Court.

June 28, 1950:

1950

June 29, 1950, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order at 7:30 P. M. on June 29, 1950. The directors present were:

Mr. John M. Monohan
Mr. Fred C. Boss
Mr. George E. Miller
Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. Leland Wilson
Mr. J. P. Terry
Mr. Marty Kamer

Mr. Monohan advised that he had signed the agreement with the County where we are to receive \$1,800.00 per year as long as we match that amount in expenditures to maintain the fire department.

A new amendment to our by-laws was drawn up by our attorney, Mr. Lawrence Grauman, and this amendment is to be filed today, June 30th. This amendment staggers the term of office of the eight directors, as follows:

- Class "A" to consist of two directors for a period of one year.
- Class "B" to consist of two directors for two years.
- Class "C" to consist of two directors for three years.
- Class "D" to consist of two directors for four years.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that we forward a check for \$35.00 to Mr. Lawrence Grauman, together with a letter of thanks for his services.

Mr. Monohan was authorized by the Board to purchase fire clothing outfits for four or five more men, said men having been approved by Mr. Monohan and Mr. Terry.

Motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry that we purchase two 30 Pound Dry Powder Ansul Extinguishers complete for the two pieces of equipment.

The ticket for the election of Directors at the yearly meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:30 P. M. at the Firehouse, will list the following names and they will be voted upon by members of the Association:

| | |
|---|---------|
| Class "A" - Leland Wilson
George E. Miller | 1 Year |
| Class "B" - J. P. Terry
Marty Kamer | 2 Years |
| Class "C" - John Monohan
Jos. Zehnder | 3 Years |
| Class "D" - Louis Schweitzer
Fred C. Boss | 4 Years |

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Boss.

Respectfully submitted:

George E. Miller
Secretary

It was agreed to hold a yearly meeting at the Firehouse on Wednesday, July 12, 1950, at 7:30 P. M.; also, at the same time to have a special meeting for election of Directors on new plan submitted herein.

G. E. M.

1950

June 29, 1950, Board meeting:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

Incorporated

3900 FRANKFORT AVENUE

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

Expenditures of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Inc. for Fire Protection during the last quarter of the current fiscal year ending July 1, 1950.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| R.E.Whitehead (rent) | \$150.00 |
| Eureka Fire Hose Co. | 172.78 |
| Blue Grass Motor Co. | 272.52 |
| St. Matthews Hardware | 26.85 |
| Telephone Co. | 78.35 |
| Louisville Gas Co. | 36.33 |
| The Seagrave Corp. | 17.45 |
| Robt. L. Schmitt Co. | 10.75 |
| Orr Safety Equipment Co. | 8.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 773.03 |

President

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)Set.

I, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, certify that on this day the foregoing instrument of writing was produced to me in said State and County and was acknowledged and delivered by John M. Monohan, Jr. President of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a corporation, party thereto, to be his act and deed.

WITNESS my hand this the day of June, 1950.

Notary Public, Jefferson County, KY.
My commission expires

1950

June 30, 1950, *The Jeffersonian*:

A Friendly Greeting From the Officers, Directors and Employees
THE FARMERS AND DEPOSITORS BANK -- ST. MATTHEWS, KY.
 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

These Are The Folks That Serve You At This Friendly Bank - - A St. Matthews Institution
 --- Serving St. Matthews, Louisville, and Jefferson County



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Reader:

Listed below are a few of the many fine services offered by our friendly bank of service. Read them carefully -- the suggestions may help you -- or least we are showing you what our bank is doing and how we are best serve our friendly and customers.

- * The place to keep your money is in this progressive Farmers and Depositors Bank. This depends in part on the service we give to the largest bank in the Eastern States. Each account is insured up to \$10,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- * We maintain low interest rates on all deposits. We also maintain low savings accounts, and especially in our low interest on checking accounts.
- * If you want a balance or cash loan which we demand at a high rate of interest, we will give you the money from our cash reserve -- not all the debt and reduce your monthly payments.
- * We feature new automobiles at low rates and this will save you considerably money, too. You can also save this bank monthly.
- * You can get a vehicle deposit loan for \$100 a week.
- * The place to keep your money is in this progressive Farmers and Depositors Bank. This depends in part on the service we give to the largest bank in the Eastern States. Each account is insured up to \$10,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- * We maintain low interest rates on all deposits. We also maintain low savings accounts, and especially in our low interest on checking accounts.
- * If you want a balance or cash loan which we demand at a high rate of interest, we will give you the money from our cash reserve -- not all the debt and reduce your monthly payments.
- * We feature new automobiles at low rates and this will save you considerably money, too. You can also save this bank monthly.
- * You can get a vehicle deposit loan for \$100 a week.



WE SPECIALIZE IN OPENING
 NEW ACCOUNTS ON
 SATURDAY MORNINGS
 New Car Loans - Bank Rates

July 2 & 7, 1950, Fire Run Reports

Date 7/2/50 Time 6:20 Alarm by Phone or Box No. 10

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived 6:25 Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property _____

Street Address or Location Harrods Creek

Owner Mr. Jones

Occupied by _____

Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No L

Part of Building Where Fire Started _____

Cause Use of matches

Extinguished by {
 B-Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES Mrs. Jones

Signed W. Perry Capt Officer in Charge

Form No. 146-Celma & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date 7/7/50 Time 6:15 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed 8:00

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property 2 Story Home

Street Address or Location 240 Channah Lane

Owner Mrs. Jamieson

Occupied by Jamieson & Gaskett

Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No L

Part of Building Where Fire Started upstairs

Cause _____

Extinguished by {
 B-Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
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SPECIAL NOTES Mrs. Jamieson

Signed W. Perry Capt Officer in Charge

Form No. 146-Celma & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

1950

July 5, 1950, Letter:

July 8, 1950, The Courier-Journal

July 5, 1950

Mr. Lawrence Grauman
425 W. Liberty Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Grauman:

We are attaching hereto a check for \$35.00, payable to your order and we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the legal services you have been giving us.

This check is not in proportion to the amount you usually receive for such services, however we do appreciate what you have done and the other members of the Board of Directors join me in thanking you.

Very truly yours,

George E. Miller, Secretary
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASS'N.

GRM/amm
Encl: 1

\$10,000 Fire Hits Farnsley's Aunt's Home

Damage Is Confined To Upper Floors

Fire caused damage estimated at \$10,000 to the home of Mrs. Alex T. Farnsley, 260 Chenoweth Lane, yesterday. Mrs. Farnsley is the aunt of Mayor Charles Farnsley.

Damage was confined to the second floor and attic of the 14-room brick home. Chief **John Monohan**, Jr., of the St. Matthews Fire Department, estimated the damage.

The fire was discovered in a bedroom at 6:15 p.m. The St. Matthews department sent two pumpers. The crew of one laid 2,100 feet of hose to a plug, while the other used the water it carried.

The Louisville Fire Department sent a pumper which used water from a cistern behind the house.

1950

July 12, 1950, Board meeting:

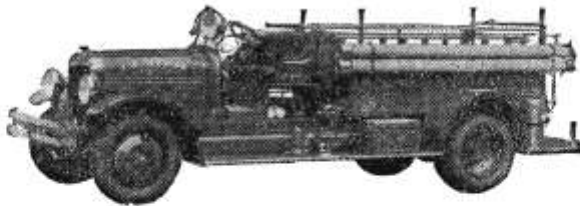
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

Incorporated

OFFICERS

John M. Monohan, Jr., President
E. Leland Wilson, Vice President
Fred H. Boss, Treasurer
L. Churchill Matthews, Secretary

Mrs. Margaret B. Marsh
Assistant Secretary
3832 Frankfort Avenue



DIRECTORS

John M. Monohan, Jr.
E. Leland Wilson
Fred H. Boss
L. Churchill Matthews
Louis H. Schweitzer
Dr. James E. Winter
E. N. "Bud" Andriot
George Miller
R. C. Schlich

P. O. Box 115

St. Matthews, Ky.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC., HELD AT FIRE HOUSE WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., and the following Directors were present:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. | Mr. Marty Kamer |
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. L. H. Schweitzer |
| Mr. J. P. Terry. | |

Considerable discussion was given to the Incorporated Areas of St. Matthews and the payments of their fire association subscriptions. Springlee Area particularly was mentioned as their representative had approached Mr. Monohan regarding an arrangement for their Town. A motion was made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, that a charge of \$3.00 per house, less 8%, be made to Springlee which, at the present time, constitutes approximately 169 houses.

A further motion was made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that a minimum charge of \$375.00 be made for any Incorporated Area.

The election of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, to carry out any business to the second Wednesday in July, 1951, was held and the following were nominated and elected, one vote being cast:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. Joe Zehnder |
| Mr. G. E. Miller | Mr. J. M. Monohan, Jr. |
| Mr. J. P. Terry | Mr. L. H. Schweitzer |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. Fred Boss |

A motion was made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, that the terms of office for the eight Directors be staggered as follows:

Class "A" - Mr. W. Leland Wilson and Mr. Geo. E. Miller, whose term shall be for a period of one (1) year;
Class "B" - Mr. J. P. Terry, and Mr. Marty Kamer, whose term shall be for a period of two (2) years;
Class "C" - Mr. Joe Zehnder and Mr. J. M. Monohan, Jr., whose term shall be for a period of three (3) years;
Class "D" - Mr. L. H. Schweitzer and Mr. Fred Boss, whose term shall be for a period of four (4) years.

Election of Officers, one vote being cast, was as follows:

| | | |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|
| President | - | Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. |
| Vice President | - | Mr. W. Leland Wilson |
| Secretary | - | Mr. Geo. E. Miller |
| Treasurer | - | Mr. Fred Boss |

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 3, 1950 at 7:30 P. M. at the firehouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

1950

Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, 1950 Aerial View of St. Matthews Triangle showing Wallace Center under construction. R. G. Potter Collection, 5236, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, 1950 National Oil Corp. service station pumping Conoco gasoline on Snellville Road east of Meridian, which runs diagonally in the background, 1950 ZV1 35-50U, Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives.

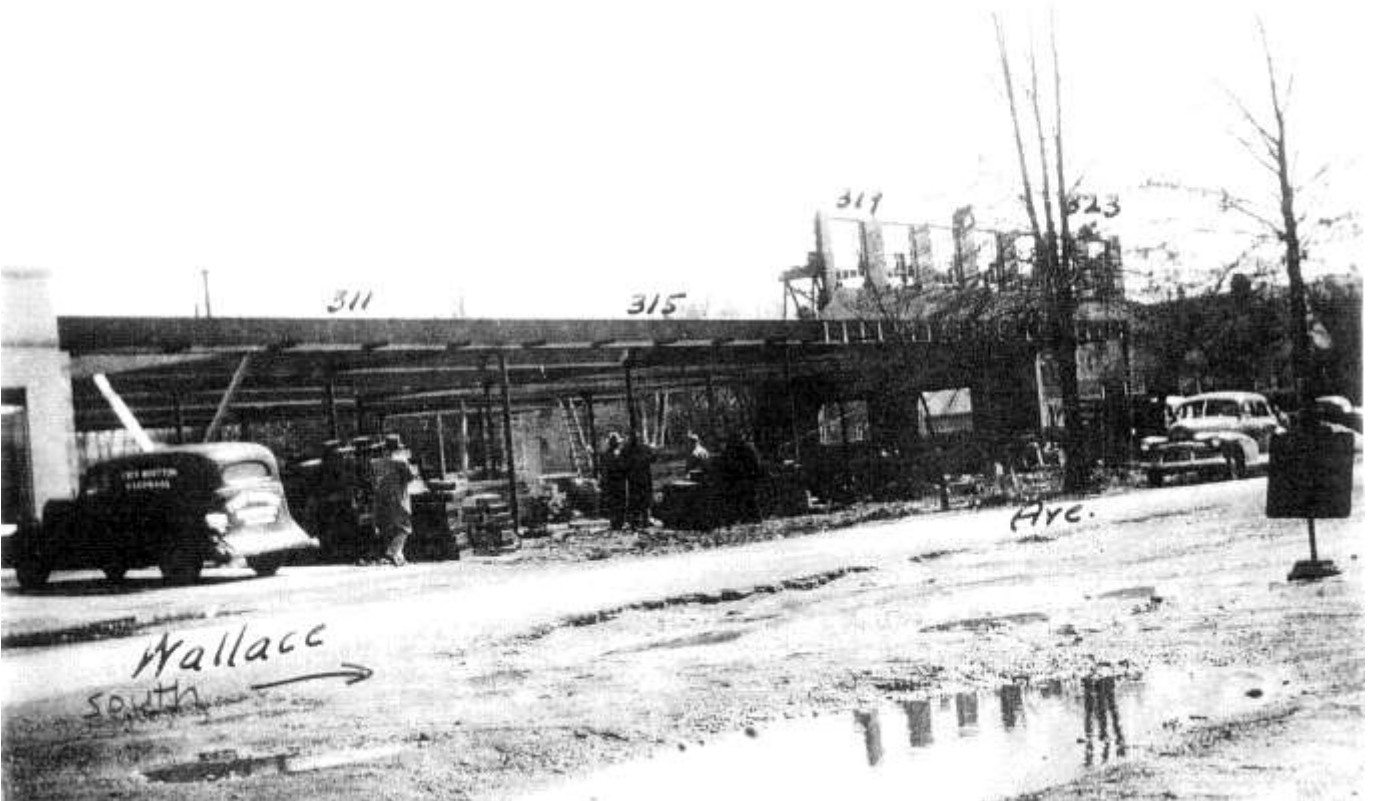


1950

Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Old Covington Arterburn residence in 1950 before development took place along Shelbyville Road. ZV40-5OU. Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives.



Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: March , 1950, Current strip stores



1950

Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: July, 1950



Courtesy *The Voice of St. Matthews*, April 20, 1950: 4 Page —Advertisement It's Time To Unite All Of Our Forces To Protect and Develop St. Matthews This photo accompanied article



1950

Courtesy The Voice of St. Matthews, The Voice-Jeffersonian, April 9, 1970:
History Articles!! This photo was included

Various



July 13, 1950, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

July 17, 1950, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS SPEND EVENTFUL WEEK

John Monahan, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Dept. says that his crew may have to demand overtime if the fire alarm doesn't stop ringing. The home of Mrs. Alex Farnsley, Louisville Mayor's aunt, was severely damaged by fire last Friday. It was started by a child playing with matches on the second floor. The entire second floor and attic were gutted and damage was estimated at \$10,000 by Chief Monahan.

Saturday night Luther Lyle, night merchant policeman and several Sear's employees discovered smoke pouring from Smithers Super Mkt. at 3741 Lexington Rd. The Volunteers were able to quickly extinguish this fire. It was confined to a stock room and little damage resulted. Mrs. Louis Smithers was very gracious in her thanks to the merchant policeman, Sears employees and Volunteers in their quick action that prevented a serious conflagration.

Fire Department Elects Officers

The annual meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Association was held last Wednesday night at the Fire House on Breckinridge Lane.

The following directors were named: John M. Monahan, Jr., W. Leland Wilson, Fred C. Boss, Lewis Schweitzer, George E. Miller, J. P. Terry, Joe Zehnder and Marty Kamer.

1950

July 14, 1950, *The Jeffersonian*:

St. Matthews School of Music
4136 Frankfort Ave. TA. 3242 Near Hubbards Lane
INSTRUCTION IN
• Voice, Piano, Accordion, Violin, Band and Orchestral Instruments. Accredited Teachers.
Mrs. Madge Terry-Lewis
Owner and Teacher of Piano and Pipe Organ

ANNUAL PICNIC
— OF —
V.F.W. POST 1170
— • —
Saturday, July 15
2 P. M. TILL ?
— AT —
113-115 NORTH SHERRIN AVENUE
ST. MATTHEWS
• MANY VALUABLE PRIZES AWARDED
• PONY RIDES FOR THE KIDDIES

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR BOOTH
— AT THE —
POTATO FESTIVAL
Furniture and Appliance Center
INCORPORATED
COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS
SALES AND SERVICE
3712-14 Lexington Road St. Matthews, Ky.

July 21, 1950, *The Jeffersonian*:

COME ALONG!
RIDES GAMES
AND PRIZES
IT'S THE
FOURTH ANNUAL
**ST. MATTHEWS
POTATO FESTIVAL**

PRIZES EACH NITE
JULY
19 - 20 - 21 - 22
FREE ADMISSION

**FUN**
FOR YOUNG
AND OLD

FREE ADMISSION
JULY
19 - 20 - 21 - 22
PRIZES EACH NITE

QUEEN PARADE SATURDAY 4 P.M.
Festival Grounds: Shelbyville Road Next to Drive-In Theatre

★ Listen to the delightful music of Pee Wee King and his Golden West Cowboys . . . Clayton McMichen and his Georgia Wildcats . . . Free exhibits and prizes and awards . . . pony rides . . . tilt-a-whirl ferris wheel and a dandy merry-go-round.

★ It's a community affair sponsored by these eleven St. Matthews civic organizations: Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Auxiliary, Grangehouse P.T.A., V. F. W., St. Matthews Woman's Club, American War Mothers, and the Eagles.

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

READY AT NOON
SAT. AUG. 5
RAIN OR SHINE


READY AT NOON
SAT. AUG. 5
RAIN OR SHINE

**GENUINE
Turtle Soup and Bratwurst
SUPPER**
BETHEL CHURCH LAWN - ST. MATTHEWS
AUSPICES BETHEL MEN'S CLUB
BUY IT BY THE BOWL! BUY IT BY THE GALLON!

1950

July 19, 1950, Letter:

LAWRENCE S. GRAUMAN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
425 W. LIBERTY ST.
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

July 19, 1950

Mr. R. D. McAfee
Louisville Trust Building,
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Dave:

As you know, I live in St. Matthews, and our area is serviced by the St. Matthews's Volunteer Fire Association.

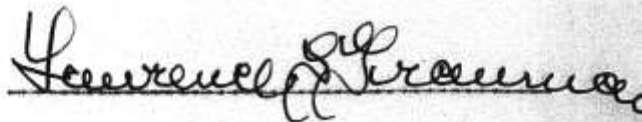
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President of the Association, is very much interested in his Association bidding on the fire equipment which the Fiscal Court is authorizing to be sold.

There have been many many new houses erected in the unincorporated area of the County which are served by the St. Matthew's Fire Department and, if they could purchase this equipment, it really would enable them to expand their present adequate service. If the County is going to sell this equipment then why should there be any delay in offering it for sale?

Can't you get behind this matter and see that the public^{is} given an opportunity to bid on this equipment without further delay?

Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



LSG:ER

cc: Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.
Box 115, St. Matthews, Ky.

1950

August 3, 1950, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
HELD AUGUST 3, 1950 - THURSDAY EVENING

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on Thursday evening, August 3, 1950 by the President, Mr. John Monohan. The following directors were present:

J. P. Terry
John M. Monohan
W. Leland Wilson

Marty Kamer
L. H. Schweitzer
Jos. Zehnder

George E. Miller

There was quite a lengthy discussion on our intention to purchase the piece of equipment which the County has loaned us to use while our piece of equipment is in the repair shop.

It was agreed that Mr. Monohan and Mr. Miller would ask Attorney Louis Grauman to arrange a meeting before the Fiscal Court immediately after we receive requests for bids on this loaned equipment and endeavor to obtain a fair price to buy this piece of equipment.

Motion was made by Louis Schweitzer and seconded by Joseph Zehnder that we buy one chance on a Buick Automobile for each volunteer and each Director in order to help out the Lyndon Fire Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Kames that Mr. Monohan be authorized to purchase watches for John Cawthon and Raymond Wilson as gifts as they are leaving for the Armed Forces on August 28th and it was also agreed that the same procedure would be followed for any volunteer who goes into the Armed Service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

As there was no specified date set for the next meeting, the President will be notified to advise the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Liskow, if Thursday, September 7th is okeh.

Respectfully submitted:



George E. Miller, Secretary

1950

August 3, 7 & 30, 1950, Letters:
August 11, 1950, *The Jeffersonian*:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

Incorporated
3600 FRANKFORT AVENUE
ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

Aug. 3rd, 1950

Kentucky Inspection Bureau,
Stark's Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

Confirming our conversation in your office Monday afternoon, the St. Matthews Fire Department wishes to extend the boundaries for 7th. class rating within 1000' of a standard fire hydrant to include the following described territory:

Beginning at a point in the center line of Hubbard Lane, 200' northwest of the north line of Rudy Lane, thence northeast and parallel to the north line of Rudy Lane 2200' to a point of intersection of the southwest line of Beechwood Road if extended, thence southeast with said line as extended and the southwest line of Beechwood road 4000' to a point in the south line of the Louisville & Nashville R.R. right of way, thence south 2915' to a point in the south line of Lol

JACK MILLER

MEMORANDUM

ROBT. L. MILLER

FROM
GEO. E. MILLER
4511 NORDDAUNE BOULEVARD
LOUISVILLE, KY.

August 7, 1950

Dear Mrs. Liskow:

Herewith are the minutes of the last meeting. Please stop by my house and pick up the minute book. Also, communicate with Mr. John Monahan and see if September 7th is agreeable as the next date for our meeting and if so, send out the notices at the usual time.

George E. Miller
George E. Miller. a

August 6, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*

AY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1950. SECTION 1

IN THE HEART OF ST. MATTHEWS...
...The Wallace Building...
Nearing Completion



LIMITED SPACE STILL AVAILABLE
Air Conditioned Offices from \$40.00
Store Rooms from \$80.00
Wallace Ave. at Wilmington in St. Matthews
Agent At Building Phone HI 4531

Camp Taylor To Have New Fire Department

To receive sponsorship from both city and county is the newly approved Camp Taylor Volunteer Fire Department. The Fiscal Court Wednesday gave that body's approval to the new setup which is to take the place of the old volunteer department, which was disbanded when Camp Taylor was taken into Louisville.

The new Camp Taylor Fire District, including all the Camp Taylor area and additional territory north and east to the Poplar Level and Old Shepherdsville Roads, is larger than the old one.

R. Davis McAfee, co-ordinator of volunteer fire units and the County, said the Kentucky Inspection Bureau had proposed an increase in insurance rates in the Camp Taylor area but had withdrawn the proposal on the basis of protection offered by the new organization. Sixth- and seventh-class rates will be enjoyed by those residing in the area, it was said.

August 6, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fire destroyed the large country home of Dr. John Walker Moore, retired dean of the University of Louisville Medical School, on a Blankenbaker Lane hilltop yesterday.

Starting in the attic around 3 p.m., the fire slowly consumed the entire 12-room house while firemen and neighbors vainly tried to fight it with an inadequate water supply. Dr. and Mrs. Moore were at home when the fire broke out.

Mrs. Moore said the family was uncertain of the cause. The entire wood-shingled roof was afire before fire-fighting equipment could reach the scene.

House Was Insured

Practically all the furnishings were saved by firemen and scores of neighbors and friends who flocked to the scene — many in bathing suits and tennis clothes — from nearby estates and from private clubs along Upper River Road.

Mrs. Moore was unable to estimate the cost of the damages. The house was insured. One of the fire fighters estimated that the house, solidly built of Kentucky field stone in 1925, would cost more than \$70,000 to build today.

Two engines from the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association** with tank capacity of 685 gallons, plus a pumper from Louisville Engine Company 21, tried to stop the fire. No fire hydrants or cisterns were available.

The only water besides that in the trucks came from a 1-inch line supplying the house. While three hoses played on the house, it slowly disintegrated, leaving only the walls.

No One Injured

None of the family were injured. They planned to stay temporarily with friends. Fifteen barrels of packed wedding presents, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Moore, Jr., were in the attic. They were a total loss.

A loss estimated at \$10,000 by the Reynolds Metals Company was added yesterday to damage caused when fire swept through a Mengel Company timber-stor-

age yard at 11th and Ormsby Friday afternoon.

The Mengel damage was estimated at \$50,000. The gutted Reynolds building was the company's old plant No. 2 at 1301 S. 12th. It was used for storage of machinery.



NEIGHBORS FLOCKED to rescue practically all the furniture from Dr. John Walker Moore's Blankenbaker Lane home, destroyed by fire yesterday. With an inadequate supply of water, firemen fought the blaze in vain.

1950

August 1950, Fire Run Reports

Date 8/24/54 Time 3:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
Kind of Building or Property TRUCK
Street Address or Location #42 E BARBOUR LANE
Owner Green City Industries
Occupied by 985 Springsville
Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
Part of Building Where Fire Started Truck - Paper +
Cause rage
Extinguished by { B-Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
INSURANCE RECORD
Buildings _____ Contents _____
Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
SPECIAL NOTES _____
Signed Westermon Officer in Charge
Form No. 146—Calvin & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date Aug 5 Time 3:10 Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone
Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
Kind of Building or Property _____
Street Address or Location BIRKENBROOK LANE
Owner JOHN WALTER MOORE
Occupied by SRHS
Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
Part of Building Where Fire Started REEF
Cause Accidental
Extinguished by { B-Booster ☒ No. of Hydrants Available _____
C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
INSURANCE RECORD
Buildings _____ Contents _____
Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
SPECIAL NOTES Total Loss
No Water Available
Signed John M. Moore Officer in Charge
Form No. 146—Calvin & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

August 18, 1950, *The Jeffersonian*:

Buechel's New Fire Fighting Unit Puts Volunteers Among Best

Fighting fire, with nozzles that shoot straight spray and fog at the same time, is going to make it a little easier for members of the Buechel Volunteer Fire Unit to "keep things from going up in smoke" around town. It is the only one of its calibre and kind in Kentucky.

The newly acquired Pirsch fire truck for Buechel, equipped with 1,300 feet of 2½-inch hose and 200 feet of 1½-inch hose is designed to give the fire-fighting group plenty of power around a fire. The fire unit is also equipped with a 300-foot ¾-inch high-pressure booster line. Total cost of the truck and equipment — \$8,385.

Financial arrangements are to be handled through public subscriptions, Chief Bill Rives says. Contributions of individuals, businesses and organizations will go to defray costs.

Manufacturers of the truck, Peter Pirsch and Sons Co., Kenosha, Wis., designed this modern unit which combines high-pressure fog and standard service streams in one compact unit. The pump, it is claimed, takes full advantage of every ounce of hydrant pressure that is delivered to it. The truck was purchased from John C. Simmons, Buechel sales representative of the Pirsch company.

BUECHEL GETS NEW \$8,385 FIRE TRUCK



The newly acquired Buechel volunteer unit's fire truck, above, greatly increases the "fire power" of the fire-fighting group. Straight spray and fog are simultaneous possibilities of the new unit. The truck, which cost \$8,385, will be paid for by public subscription.

1950

August 30, 1950, Letter:

JEFFERSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

BOMAN L. SHAMBURGER
COUNTY JUDGE, CHAIRMAN
MARK BEAUCHAMP
ROBERT A. FINE
STUART E. LAMPE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 30, 1950

EDWIN H. STIERLE, CLERK
JOSEPH G. HENNESSEY, AUDITOR
JAMES E. TIERNEY, TREASURER
HARRY D. DAUB,
PURCHASING AGENT

Chief of Fire Department
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Chief:

The invitation to bid on the fire equipment owned by Jefferson County has heretofore been sent to you. If you desire to buy one of the advertised pumpers or any of the equipment, special consideration will be given to your bid, if you agree to use the equipment within the boundaries of Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

HARRY D. DAUB
County Purchasing Agent

R. D. McAFEE

P.S. So that there will be no confusion, the pumpers are to be sold STRIPPED.

August 31, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*: Edited

The court agreed to consider a plan for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department to buy a fire truck from the County on installment payments. Three trucks and other equipment formerly used by the disbanded County Fire Department will be sold September 6.

August 31, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*: Edited

Election Aide Tells Court Any Pay for Job Adequate

Clifford T. Coomes yesterday told Fiscal Court he will be satisfied with anything the court wishes to pay him for his services as a County election commissioner.

However, the court put off until next Wednesday any action.

The court, which fixes pay of the two paid election commissioners, has budgeted \$2,400 for them in the 1950-1951 fiscal year. This probably will be split up to pay each commissioner \$600 for his work in the primary and the same amount for his services in the general election. A new commission is appointed between elections.

Fred Minshall, in a story on the Op-Ed Page, wonders why elections cost the County so much.

The court notified the commissioners of the ceiling on their pay established by the new budget and invited them to attend yesterday's meeting if they wished to discuss their compensation.

In response, Coomes wrote a letter saying he and another member, James P. Miller, "had hoped bills for services now before the court would be paid."

The commission reported it had

27 meetings in preparing for and holding the August 5 primary. Under a now-discarded plan of paying each commissioner \$35 per meeting, the compensation of each would have been \$945.

In an opinion yesterday, County Attorney Lawrence Duncan told the court he believed R. Davis McAfee, co-ordinator of community firemen, cannot employ at County expense an assistant to act as a lawyer. This aide would press a drive to obtain cuts in fire-insurance rates for areas served by the volunteer fire units.

Fiscal Court signed an agreement with the Middletown Women's Club permitting the club to use former County firemen's quarters in operation of a nonprofit kindergarten.

The court agreed to consider a plan for the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department** to buy a fire truck from the County on installment payments. Three trucks and other equipment formerly used by the disbanded County Fire Department will be sold September 6.

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September 6, 1950: Letter: Bid on Future S1.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

Incorporated

3900 FRANKFORT AVENUE

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

September 6, 1950

Fiscal Court of Jefferson County
Louisville, Kentucky

SUBJECT: BID NO. A-424

Gentlemen:

We wish to make the following bid for Truck No. 1, Model 66 EB, Serial No. D 0855 as made by the Seagrave Corporation, Columbus, Ohio, together with all the listed equipment, hose ladders, etc. which are now on this apparatus which you have so kindly loaned us during our emergency.

For this apparatus and equipment, we offer the sum of FIFTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$5,500.00) CASH.

In as much as it is necessary for us to build a new fire house or an addition to our present house, providing the present owner will permit us to do so, we wish to offer an alternate bid in case the above bid will not be accepted.

assign We offer that the Honorable Court agree on an amount that would be suitable to them and to ourselves, this said amount to be paid from the allowance from the County until said amount is paid in full, we to send to the County these funds as they are allotted to us for fire protection.

It is our understanding that in the past the County on previous bids has adopted the policy to permit any bidder who has submitted a bid to raise the bid at the time the bids are opened, if they so desire.

Thanking you for your kind consideration and trusting we will be awarded this equipment which is desperately needed, we are,

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

John M. M... ..
President
George E. Mella
Secretary

1950

September 7, 1950: Board meeting:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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L. Churchill Matthews, Secretary

Mrs. Margaret E. Marsh
Assistant Secretary
3832 Frankfort Avenue



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R. C. Schlich

P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC., HELD AT FIRE HOUSE THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. John M. Monahan, Jr., and the following Directors were presents:

Mr. W. Leland Wilson Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. Marth Kaner Mr. Joe. Zehnder
Mr. John Monahan, Jr.

No definite decisions were made at this meeting.

A general discussion was had regarding the Area of Richlawn, and it was suggested that Mr. Monahan advise their representative that a charge of \$3.00, less 8%, be made for residences and 25¢ for each vacant lot, for fire protection.

A date of Thursday, October 5th, was agreed on for next meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary.

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"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

September 11, 1950

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 115

St. Matthews, Ky.

September 11, 1950

M. Dr. John Walker Moore
Blankenhacker Ln., - Route #1
Louisville, Kentucky.

For Services Rendered

For responding to fire at 3:10 P.M. August 10, 1950 - - - - - \$100.00

You men did a splendid job in saving furniture, etc. - and we are deeply grateful to you for coming. If we had had water, I know our loss would have been very much less -

1950

September 13, 1950:

September 13, 1950.

Jefferson County Fiscal Court
Louisville, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. R. D. McAfee to clarify our bid on the No. 1 Pumper heretofore submitted, our bid is \$5500.00 for said pumper as advertised and explained in Mr. McAfee's letter dated August 30, 1950.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

BY

John M. Monohan, Jr.
President

Jefferson County Fiscal Court
Louisville, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I have been instructed by the Committee appointed by the Court to, and I hereby recommend that the offer of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for the No. 1 Pumper be accepted.

Very truly yours,

R. D. McAfee
Co-ordinator

RDM/mic

September 14, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*: September 21, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:
EDITED

Home Damaged Heavily by Fire
The home of Kenneth Smith, Jr., 117 Blankenbaker Lane, was damaged by fire last night. Smith estimated the damage at \$10,000. The **St. Matthews Fire** Department made the run.

Calls for New Bids

3. Called for new bids on three pumpers and other equipment of the abandoned County Fire Department after Fayette County officials said terms of the bidding had not been made clear to them.

September 27, 1950, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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E. Leland Wilson, Vice President
Fred H. Bess, Treasurer
L. Churchill Matthews, Secretary

Miss Margaret E. Mack
Assistant Secretary
1811 Prosper Avenue



EXERCISERS

John M. Monohan, Jr.
E. Leland Wilson
Fred H. Bess
L. Churchill Matthews
Lewie H. Schuchter
Dr. James E. Winger
C. H. "Bud" Anderson
George Miller
K. C. Siskin

P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky. September 27, 1950.

Mr. Geo. Miller, Secretary
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Association
4015 Forbourn
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Miller:

Since our telephone conversation on the 20th regarding my position with the Fire Association I have found we will be in our new home by November 1st.

As we are unable to obtain any promise of a telephone before February and since I will not have transportation, I believe it wise that I resign my position at once to give you time to obtain a replacement immediately and allow me to help her become familiar with the work.

In any event, my services will not be available after November 1st.

Respectfully,

Miss John Monohan
Asst. Secretary

L/E

CC: Mr. John Monohan, President
2908 Elmwood
Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Monohan:

Our new home is in the Lincolshire Subdivision, and since Mr. Liskow is no longer traveling quite so much, the car is at my disposal very little. Therefore, it seems advisable that I give up my work.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

McKinley Protests

Fayette bid \$5,576 for one pumper on which the **St. Matthews Fire** Company bid \$5,500. McKinley protested when he learned the pumper would be sold to St. Matthews. New specifications for the bidding will state that Jefferson County fire units will have preferential treatment.

1950

September 1950, Fire Run Reports

Bill mailed 11/2/50 # 307

Date Sept 13 Time 10:40 P.M. Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property 117 BLANKEN BAKER RD

Street Address or Location _____

Owner ROBERT H. SMITH JR

Occupied by SAME

Purpose Used for RESID Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____

Part of Building Where Fire Started LIVING ROOM

Cause UNKNOWN

Extinguished by ☒ B-Booster ☐ No. of Hydrants Available _____
☐ C-Chemicals ☐ Hours Pumps Worked _____
☐ H-Hydrant Streams ☐ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
☐ P-Pumper ☐ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
☐ S-Sprinklers ☐ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES _____

Signed J. M. Mondhan Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calra & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date Sept 14 Time 12:25 Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property _____

Street Address or Location 3943 STAMLER AVE

Owner STANLEY KOLCH

Occupied by SAME

Purpose Used for RESID Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____

Part of Building Where Fire Started LIVING ROOM FURNITURE

Cause CIGARETTE IN FURNITURE

Extinguished by ☐ B-Booster ☐ No. of Hydrants Available _____
☐ C-Chemicals ☐ Hours Pumps Worked _____
☐ H-Hydrant Streams ☐ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
☐ P-Pumper ☐ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
☐ S-Sprinklers ☐ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES _____

Signed J. M. Mondhan Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calra & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date Sept 27 Time 5:15 Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property 2 Room Newbore

Street Address or Location PURVIS ROAD

Owner F. L. CRABTREE

Occupied by VACANT

Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____

Part of Building Where Fire Started _____

Cause UNKNOWN

Extinguished by ☒ B-Booster ☐ No. of Hydrants Available _____
☐ C-Chemicals ☐ Hours Pumps Worked _____
☐ H-Hydrant Streams ☐ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
☐ P-Pumper ☐ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
☐ S-Sprinklers ☐ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES F. L. Crabtree

Signed J. M. Mondhan Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calra & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

1950

October 2, 1950, Letter:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

Incorporated

3900 FRANKFORT AVENUE

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

Oct. 2nd. 1950

Kentucky Inspection Bureau,
Stark's Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

The St. Matthews Fire Department agrees to extend it's boundaries for 7th. class rating within 1000' of a standard fire hydrant to include the area as outlined on map furnished your office and further described in a letter dated August 3rd. 1950. The St. Matthews Fire Department will respond to all alarms of fire within the above mentioned area with two engines properly manned and to protect it in the same manner as it's now existing area. The St. Matthews Fire Department wishes that the credit be extended as soon as possible as it is extending it's services to include the area.

Yours very truly,

President

1950

October 5, 1950: Board meeting:

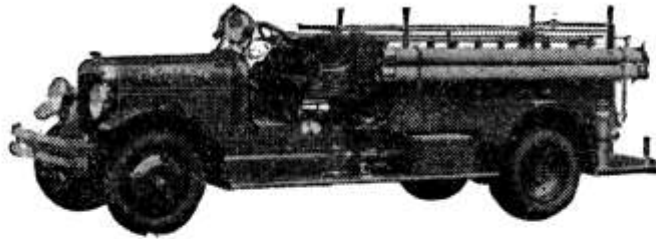
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC., HELD AT FIRE HOUSE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., and the following Directors were present:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. |
| Mr. Fred Boss | Mr. L. H. Schweitzer |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. Jos. Zehnder |
| Mr. Geo. E. Miller | |

Mr. Monohan notified the Directors that Mrs. Liskow was resigning as Assistant Secretary, due to the fact she was moving from this vicinity.

A Mr. Boone, appointed by Jefferson Fiscal Court as coordinator for the Fire Association met with the Directors for a discussion regarding the purchase of some equipment now in the Fire House on Breckenridge Lane.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


George E. Miller, Secretary

1950

October 9 & 15, 1950, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

G. H. PARKER, MANAGER.

October 9, 1950

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
3900 Frankfort Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION AREA - EXTENSION

We have for acknowledgment your letter of October 2 in which you inform us that the St. Matthews Fire Department has agreed to extend its boundaries for protection to include the areas outlined in your letter to us of August 3, 1950.

In view of the information contained in your letter of October 2, we shall be glad to extend credit for this extended service to these new areas just as soon as we can prepare the necessary maps and other data that are necessary, which we plan to do just as soon as the work we now have on hand will permit.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter and hoping that the foregoing is satisfactory to you, we are

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker
MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:ek

R. DAVIS McAFEE, Attorney

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, INC.

BUECHEL, KY.

October 15th, 1950.

BILL RICE, President
PAYTON WESTERFIELD, First Vice President
J. M. GRIER, Second Vice President
WM. BARNES, SR., Secretary
W. E. RIVER, Treasurer
J. FRANK VOGT, Sergeant at Arms

Mr. John Monohan, Chief
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
Louisville 7 Ky.

Dear Chief Monohan:

Your department's application for membership in our Association was presented at our meeting held, October 13th and we are indeed happy to advise you that it was accepted.

Please advise the names of the three men you wish to serve as Directors. You will be notified of our next meeting, at which time we hope to welcome you as a member personally.

Yours very truly,

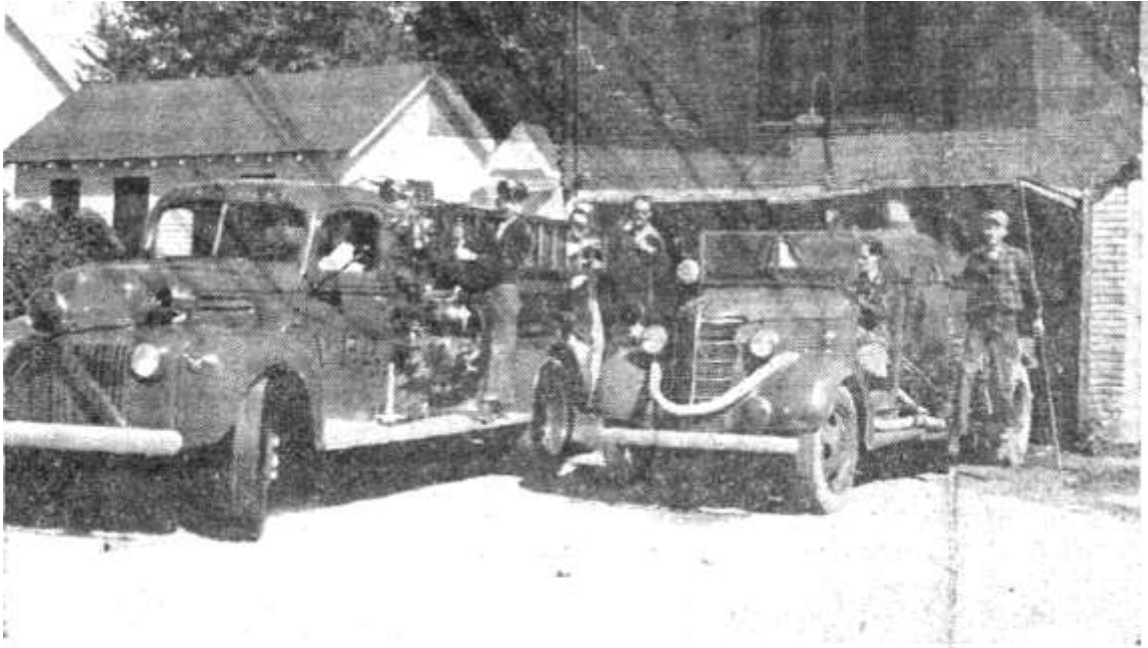
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS INC.

Bill Rice
President

1950

October 15, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:

Volunteer Fire Departments Cut Insurance Rates



TAKING OFF for a Fire Prevention Week drill are members of Lake Dreamland Volunteer Fire Department. Members built the firehouse in the background and also built on a truck body the fire-fighting equipment at left. The two trucks hold about 1,200 gallons of water.



RUSHING the hose to the "blaze" are, from left, Fire Chief Teddy Travelstead; Assistant Fire Chief Bill Hartlage; Fred Herp, charter member, and Franklin Hartlage.

1950

October 15, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:

Volunteer Fire Departments Cut Insurance Rates

County Gives Financial Aid To Local Units

By MARION PORTER

There's something about a volunteer Fire Department that generates a sense of

neighborliness along with a spirit of adventure.

That unites members into a strong fraternity whose common enemy is fire.

That induces members to leap out of a warm bed on a cold winter dawn when the siren sounds and go fight someone else's fire without financial reward.

But the volunteers have been rewarded indirectly. A reduction

in insurance rates. Through the efforts of the volunteers, some communities have reduced their rates from 74 to 24 cents a hundred.

The Lake Dreamland Volunteer Fire Department is one of several working toward a rate reduction. For a Fire Prevention Week observance, the department made a dry run a few days ago to Cane Run School. And Mrs.



Courier-Journal Photos

CANE RUN SCHOOL co-operates in the Dreamland volunteers' drill. In a few moments the 660 children are out of the building and stand by in orderly rows to watch the Fire Department in action. Six rings of a bell on an intercommunication system give the fire alarm.

Volunteer Fire Departments Cut Insurance Rates

L. D. Wellington, school principal, put on a fire drill.

The combined operations went off without a hitch. A telephone call to the firehouse, built by the volunteers, and the trucks leaped away to the school. One of the trucks, the fire-fighting part, also was built by the volunteers. The two trucks carry about 1,200 gallons of water—and they are equipped to pump more from a creek, a well, or a hydrant.

Fire Chief Teddy Travelstead, a refrigerator engineer, left his business to take part in the practice run. About a half-dozen more of the 40 badge-wearing volunteers left their work for the occasion. There was Bill Hartlage, assistant chief, who operates a service station, and Franklin Hartlage, who runs a farm nearby. Fred Herp, who works at night, put off going to bed to attend the drill. Herp is the only charter member of the department which, he recalled, was formed one "good-time Sunday afternoon in the good old home-brew days."

Prefers Automatic Signals

Mrs. Wellington is not too pleased with the alarm system at Cane Run. She prefers an automatic signal to the present inter-communication system which does not reach the rest rooms or outdoors. However, the 660 orderly children were out of the building in a few minutes and watched while the volunteers dashed toward the happily mythical fire. The older children scooted down the spiral fire escape "for 5 cents a ride."

Above the firehouse is an apartment occupied by Earl Wilkerson. Through a complicated arrangement with Wilkerson, involving rent and care of the trucks, Wilkerson is responsible for someone always being there to answer the phone and turn on the siren. The first volunteers

to arrive take the trucks—the others follow in their cars and take up their assigned duties.

Funds for expenses are raised through picnics, dances, and solicitations. Householders in the area are being asked for a \$3 contribution. The Jefferson County Fiscal Court helps, too.

County Matches Funds

A recent law permits the County to match funds with the community starting or maintaining a Fire Department. The County will match as high as \$1,500 toward a truck and each year will donate \$1,800 for maintenance of the department if the community contributes a like sum.

Any community interested in starting a Fire Department is asked to get in touch with Daniel B. Boone, employed by the County to co-ordinate the Fire Departments.

Volunteer Fire Departments languished a while back when the County began setting up its own Fire Departments. "Let the County do it," was the attitude of the volunteers. A subsequent Administration considered the plan impractical and too expensive. The equipment was too elaborate for muddy lanes and inadequate water supplies. Now the County gives financial support to the volunteers, who best know the peculiarities of their communities.

The County had established three units. St. Matthews has the equipment from one, and Pleasure Ridge from another. The third unit is in storage. These two departments are among those that have had their insurance rates reduced to seventh class—or to 24 cents a hundred. Pleasure Ridge also is the first to establish a fire district in Kentucky, Boone said. This means it assesses a tax against residents to support the volunteer Fire Department.

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October 21, 25, & 31, 1950, Letters:



Mrs. Gladys E. Baines
1111 Creek Road
S E 28
Jefferson County, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

Confirming our recent telephone conversation: Mr. Monahan, our President, advises us that in accordance with a tentative agreement with the Jefferson County Fiscal Court our boundary for fire protection extends only to the north side of Taylorsville Road. Therefore, you would now be served by the Bushel Fire Association, and your subscription would be payable to that office.

Very truly yours,
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

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"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

Incorporated
3900 FRANKFORT AVENUE
ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

Oct. 25th., 1950

Kentucky Inspection Bureau,
Stark's Bldg.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

Confirming our conversation in your office Tuesday morning, the St. Matthews Fire Association will prepare the necessary maps of the area north of and adjoining Brownsboro Road and/or U.S. Highway 42 beginning at City of Louisville's east boundary and extending eastward to Zachary Taylor National Cemetery; the map to include the following: Rolling Fields, section 1 and section 2, Indian Hills Main Unit and Cherokee Unit and Brownsboro Park Subdivisions; the map to include location of fire hydrants, approved roads and distances to fire station.

Upon completion of these maps they will be submitted to your office for comment.

Yours very truly,

President

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

G. H. PARKER, MANAGER

October 31, 1950

Mr. John M. Monahan, Jr., President
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
3900 Frankfort Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monahan:

INDIAN HILLS, ROLLING FIELDS
SECTIONS 1 AND 2 AND OTHER
FIRE PROTECTION AREAS

We have for acknowledgment your letter of October 25 confirming our recent conversation in our office regarding the fire protection of the areas north and adjoining the Brownsboro Road.

Upon receipt of the maps which you agreed to provide showing the areas which your volunteer department proposes to protect, we shall be glad to discuss this matter further with you.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in this matter,
we are

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker

MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:ak

October 22, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:

This will become the Kinglan Subdivision off of Rudy Lane. A street called Old Stone Lane will go to the old Rudy hose.

Development Of Old Homes Recommended

Semonin's address reminds that the old Rudy family farm, east of **St. Matthews**, has changed hands, and plans for a subdivision around it have been sketched.

FEW SIGHTS attract the eye and efforts of real-estate developers more than an old farmstead with its acres "ripe for development."

Louisville and Jefferson County are dotted with fine old houses, and others not so fine. All were once the centers of farms or estates, but many are being engulfed or surrounded by new (and usually smaller) subdivision houses.

And the process must continue as long as Louisville continues to expand, and as long as landowners have "excess land," said Paul J. Semonin, Louisville realtor, in an address here last week to the Kentucky Real Estate Association.

Typical Homestead

"Do some thinking about these old places," he advised realtors from all parts of Kentucky. "You can sell somebody on the idea of developing that land. Usually the owners of this excess land will want to develop it themselves."

Typical of old homesteads around Louisville is the old Rudy home place east of **St. Matthews**. The original house was built around 1790, with thick stone walls. Later generations added to it, expanding it into a three-bedroom home with two wings.

Once a 1,600-acre farm, the site had dwindled to 48 acres

Cast Structures Cut Labor Costs In Small Houses

DEVELOPED by a Danish



The old Rudy family farm, east of **St. Matthews**, has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. Craig P. Hazlet. Lawrence G. King may turn 40 acres of land around it into a new subdivision. The thick-walled house is 160 years old, but needs very few changes.

Courier-Journal Photo by Al Bush

when Lawrence G. King bought it in the mid-Thirties. Last Friday, King, who is retiring from the managership of a calculating-machine company here, sold the house and eight acres surrounding to Mr. and Mrs. Craig P. Hazlet, of 3603 Basswood Lane, who may move in next month.

The old house, eight acres and several outbuildings sold for in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

King is keeping the 40 acres surrounding the interior tract for possible future development. Tentative layouts for a subdivision already have been sketched.

Such a house as the old Rudy place is rather rare these days. Reminders of its 160 years are all around—the thick walls, the great iron farm bell lying on the grass, the root cellar under one wing, the sunken, tree-lined private road from Rudy Lane, with a stone fence rambling along one side.

The L-shaped old house with its white doorway and old blue glass faces east, framed by two maples. The south wing has an

old-fashioned parlor. To the north of the center hall is the family living room, with a great stone fireplace. West of the center hall and living room are a dining room and screened porch. Farther west is the kitchen and a two-car garage wing, shaded by a persimmon tree 6 feet around at the base.

Upstairs, there are three bedrooms on two levels. A small frame structure in the west yard will be remodeled as a studio for the Hazlets' daughter, who teaches art at Anchorage School.

About the only other change planned by the new owners is removal of some ivy which now hides most of the beautiful old stonework.

G. C.

the door that folds
like an accordion



moderfold

Need More Room?
Need More Closet Space?

MODERNIZE YOUR HOME

ED G. SILVER
WA 8191

413 1/2 S. First Louisville 2, Ky.

LUMBER

PAINTS
HARDWARE
BUILDING SUPPLIES



**GRADED, CRUSHED
STONE**

October 26, 1950, *The Courier-Journal*:

Police Radio May Be Put In Fire Trucks

County Would Provide For Community Units

Fiscal Court may equip community fire companies in the county to use the County's police-radio facilities.

The court yesterday requested estimates of the cost of putting two-way radios on some or all of the fire trucks used by volunteer firefighters.

At the same time, the court called off plans for immediate sale of three pumpers formerly used by the now-inactive County Fire Department.

The pumpers will be kept by the County for rental to volunteer units which have breakdowns of equipment or which may have other reasons to need the trucks. Military priorities have made it almost impossible for fire companies to get new trucks, the court was told.

Needed for Backup System

The new radio facilities were requested by Daniel B. Boone, director of the County fire services; R. Davis McAfee, co-ordina-

County Pays \$15,000 To End Floodwall Suit

Fiscal Court decided yesterday to pay Josephine Huber \$15,000 in her floodwall suit. A Circuit Court jury awarded her that amount after the County appealed a County Court award of \$12,000. County Court commissioners originally appraised the land at \$8,850.

tor of volunteer units, and Bill Rice, Buechel, president of the county Volunteer Firefighters' Association.

Boone said the radios were needed chiefly for a backup system being worked out by the community companies. Under this plan, one district could dispatch a truck to a neighboring area for stand-by duty if the latter is using all its equipment to fight a big fire.

Rice pointed out that radio facilities could have prevented the crash of a Lake Dreamland fire truck which killed Earl J. Wilkinson October 15. The truck was answering a call to a fire which was put out by County police shortly after the men left their fire station. Police radio would have turned the fire truck back, thereby averting the crash, Rice said.

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November 2, 1950, Board meeting:

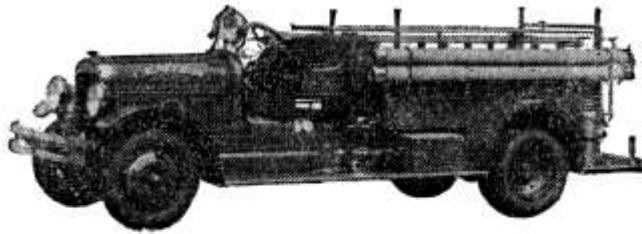
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

Incorporated

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John M. Monohan, Jr., President
E. Leland Wilson, Vice President
Fred H. Boss, Treasurer
L. Churchill Matthews, Secretary

Mrs. Margaret B. Marsh
Assistant Secretary
3832 Frankfort Avenue



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John M. Monohan, Jr.
E. Leland Wilson
Fred H. Boss
L. Churchill Matthews
Louis H. Schweitzer
Dr. James E. Winter
E. N. "Bud" Andriot
George Miller
R. C. Schlich

P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC., HELD AT FIRE HOUSE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by the President Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., and the following Directors were present:

Mr. W. Leland Wilson
Mr. L. H. Schweitzer
Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

The President told of the agreement of following towns to pay in a lump sum for their particular area:

| | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Springlee | Indian Hills |
| Richlawn | Beechwood Village |

Mr. Monohan asked Mrs. Simpson to contact several storage companies to see if a list of recently moved people into the St. Matthews area could be obtained.

The area east of Hubbard's Lane to the Playground has had a reduction from 44¢ to 24¢ (per \$1,000).

Mr. Monohan read a letter accepting this organization into the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7.

Respectfully submitted,


George E. Miller, Secretary

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"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

52 Cattle, Barn Are Destroyed In Farm Fire

**Pleasant View Loss
Estimated at \$50,000**

Fifty-two head of Guernsey dairy cattle were burned to death in a fire that razed a barn and two silos on the Pleasant View Dairy Farm, Westport Road near Alta wood Court, at 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

Henry Huettig, who owns the farm with his brother, Ernest, estimated the loss at \$50,000. The cattle were valued at \$15,600. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

The brothers said they first saw the blaze about 7:30 from their homes. The residences are about 100 yards from the barn.

Cause Is Undetermined

The barn "suddenly burst into flames," Henry said, "and we both rushed to the barn to free the cattle."

But by the time the brothers reached the barn, the fire, which apparently had smoldered some time, had completely enveloped the wooden building, trapping the cattle. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

Volunteer firemen from Lyndon, St. Matthews, and Worthington battled 2 hours in an effort to put out the fire before it could destroy the barn and silos. The silos were filled with feed.

Other Buildings Not Damaged

A pasteurizing plant and several outbuildings near the barn were not damaged.

Henry Huettig said he and his brother would continue the business despite the loss. They plan to contract with other dairies to supply milk to their customers.



Announcing New Location

— of —

RIGGS MOTOR CO.

INCORPORATED

4021 FRANKFORT AVE.

HERE THE RESIDENTS OF ST. MATTHEWS
WILL FIND DEPENDABLE FORD SERVICE ON
ALL MAKES OF CARS.



GRAND OPENING



See RIGGS' beautiful new home for FORD today!
Open house all day . . . 4021 Frankfort Avenue!

Come on out today to your St. Matthews FORD headquarters!
Inspect RIGGS' new showroom, RIGGS' complete service facilities
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"PAPPY" MONTGOMERY AND HIS GEORGIA WILDCATS will be
on hand from 2 till 5 with music for your entertainment.

NEW FORD GIVEN FREE!

At 8 tonight, RIGGS will give away ABSOLUTELY FREE a new '31
FORD! Just register today for this big draw prize . . . you don't
have to be present at the drawing to win! Bacon, ham and other
draw prizes given every half hour during the day. COME IN TODAY!
FORD . . . You can pay more, but you can't buy better!

See RIGGS used cars at the downtown automobile center . . . 8th
and Broadway, The Brightest Spot on Broadway, next to Sears!

RIGGS

MOTOR CO.

4021 Frankfort Avenue 8th and Broadway Downtown
Your St. Matthews Ford Dealer Used Car Center—Next to Sears
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Buy your Karl Ruby Appreciation Night tickets at RIGGS!

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November 6, 1950, Letter:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

Incorporated

3900 FRANKFORT AVENUE

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

November 6, 1950

Volunteer Firefighters, Inc.

P.O. Box 75,

Buechel, Ky.

Dear Sirs;

I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the St. Matthews Fire Dept. to Volunteers Firefighters, inc. for its acceptance of our Dept. into its Association.

The names and addresses of the three men requested by you are as follows

John M. Monohan Jr.
3909 Elmwood Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Chief of Dept.

J.P. Terry
119 Ridgeway Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Capt of Dept.

Martin A. Kaemer
4103 Hillsboro Rd.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Lieut. of Dept.

Yours very truly

Chief of Dept.

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November 17, 1950:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU
G. H. PARKER, MANAGER
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

November 17, 1950

To Local Agents

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION AREA EXTENDED

The unincorporated community of St. Matthews has extended its Fire Protection area at various points, which are described as follows and are indicated on the attached diagram:

1. North easterly along the L. & N. R. R. right-of-way from the present limits to the southeast line of Beechwood Road, including the area between the present limits and Beechwood Road and extending northwesterly from the L. & N. R. R. right of way to 200 feet northwest of the northeast line of Rudy Lane.
2. Eastwardly along the Shelbyville Road to a point 510 feet east of the east line of Sage Road, including the incorporated community of Beechwood which extends northwardly from the Shelbyville Road to the L. & N. R. R. right of way.
3. South from the south line of Shelbyville Road, a distance of 740 feet from a point 230 feet east of the east line of Sage Road to a point in the east line of Fairbanks Subdivision or the east line of the J. M. Monahan estate.
4. South easterly from Beargrass Creek an average distance of approximately 1500 feet, between Brown Lane and the east line of the J. M. Monahan estate, which line is approximately 150 feet north east of, and parallel with, the north east line of Alcott Road extended, thereby including the Monahan estate.
5. South east of Horsebarns Boulevard to a point 200 feet north west of the northwest line of Plymouth Road, and extending from the center line of Breckenridge Lane to 400 feet southwest of the southwest line of Thompson Avenue.
6. Southwest from the center line of Breckenridge Lane a distance of 850 feet extending from 300 feet northwest of the northwest line of Plymouth Road to 200 feet southeast of the southeast line of Brown Lane.

All dwellings within this newly established St. Matthews Fire Protection Area accessible to the St. Matthews fire department over paved roads and within 1000 feet by road of a standard fire hydrant, located within this new area, or the area which is in the city of Louisville, not exposed by mercantiles, special hazards, churches and schools are to be rated by you as seventh class, using Table No. 2 of the Kentucky Dwelling Schedule of July 25, 1949.



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Dwellings over 1000 feet by road of a standard fire hydrant but inside this new area and not over 1 1/2 miles over paved roads from the St. Matthews fire department are to be rated by you as ninth class, using Table No. 4 of the same schedule. All others grade tenth class. The Standard Foundation and Flue Clauses must be filled out in every case unless substandard conditions exist, in which event the proper charges must be made.

The specifically published rates on dwellings do not contain a Foundation or flue charge, and if in order, they are to be added by you.

When credit is allowed for protection within this new St. Matthews fire protection area, one of the following fire protection clauses must be attached.

FIRE PROTECTION CLAUSE "A"

(For Seventh Class Risks)

In consideration of the rate of premium at which this policy is written, it is made a condition of this policy, that at the inception date of this policy, the property is located within the St. Matthews Fire Protection area and that it is not more than 1000 feet over paved road from a public fire hydrant located within the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area or the area which is in the city of Louisville.

FIRE PROTECTION CLAUSE "B"

(For Ninth Class Risks)

In consideration of the rate of premium at which this policy is written, it is made a condition of this policy, that at the inception date of this policy, the property is located within the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area and that it is more than 1000 feet over paved roads from a public fire hydrant located within this area, or the area which is in the city of Louisville, but it is not over 1 1/2 miles over paved roads from the St. Matthews fire department.

The rates on the mercantile risks and dwellings exposed by them will be published.

The new rates will not affect existing policies. They may be canceled and rewritten as provided for on Page 77 of the Rule Book.

Yours very truly,

G. H. PARKER,

MANAGER

November 25, 1950, Fiore Run Report

Nov 25 Time 3:30 AM Alarm by Phone or Box No.

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type

Time Arrived Time Dismissed

Hours of Service Miles Traveled

Kind of Building or Property

Street Address or Location 510 HAZEN

Owner M.D. CRULL

Occupied by Same

Purpose Used for Res Spread to Other Buildings: Yes or No

Part of Building Where Fire Started

Cause Match on Refrigerator

Extinguished by B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available

C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked

H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used

P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used

S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used

\$15.00

INSURANCE RECORD

Buildings Contents

Estimated Value Estimated Value

Insurance Carried Insurance Carried

Estimated Loss Estimated Loss

Insurance Paid Insurance Paid

SPECIAL NOTES

Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge

Form No. 148-Cairns & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

1950

December 7, 1950: Board meeting:

The Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Thursday evening, December 7, 1950 and was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan. Those present were:

Marty Kaser
John Monohan
George E. Miller

Fred Boss
Louis Schweitzer

Routine business was discussed and approval was made for Mr. Monohan to obtain from Mr. Boss, the Treasurer, a check for \$12.50, payable to John Westerman for a pair of trousers which are to replace the ones torn while on a fire run. Mr. Schweitzer stated that he recollected that authority had previously been given Mr. Monohan in such cases to approve expenses to replace damaged clothes of the volunteer firemen and would not have to be brought up before the Board to be authorized. Mr. Miller is asking Mrs. Doris Simpson, the Assistant Secretary, to look up back minutes to verify this authorization.

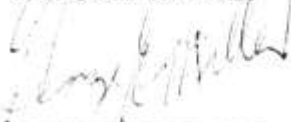
The main reason for calling this meeting and terming it an important one was the building and location of a new fire house. Mr. Monohan explained what Mr. Whitehead wanted if we stayed in the present fire house and made the addition at our own expense. He wanted \$125.00 per month, giving us a five-year lease and would not commit himself at that time if it would be renewed for another five years. He was also expecting the addition to the building to become his at the end of the lease. This was booed out by all the Directors as they did not intend to be held up by Mr. Whitehead. (Jesse James).

Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that Mr. Monohan and Mr. Miller meet with Mr. Eline to proceed with negotiating for a building on Breckinridge Lane and they were authorized to go as high as \$110.00 per month for this building.

There being no further business and the weather being cold, the meeting adjourned.

Notice the Boards feeling of Mr. Whitehead who owned the present fire station.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Secretary

Fire Volunteers Get Radiophone

Equipment to Be Put

on 9 Trucks

Installation of Southern Bell radiotelephone equipment on nine volunteer fire department trucks was authorized by the Fiscal Court.

The request came from Daniel B. Boone, director of County fire services, who said the installation would cost about \$225 and monthly rental would be approximately \$150. The phones will be used for interdepartmental communication, Boone said.

The court decided to place new locks on chains across entrances to Court Place, which runs from Fifth to Sixth behind the Courthouse, to limit the number of automobiles parked there.

The court was told congestion would block Fire Department equipment in case of a blaze. There are eight parking spaces. Yesterday 28 automobiles were parked in the area.

Salary of Fiscal Court Clerk Edwin Stierle was increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000 and that of Emil Norheimer, Criminal Court supervisor of delinquent parents, from

Delinquent parents, from \$3,600 to \$4,000.

\$3,000 Fire Hits Home On Wolf Pen Road

Fire caused \$3,000 damage to the home of William Sheehan, Wolf Pen Road, at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Cause of the fire was unknown. It started on the second floor of the two-story frame home and damaged three rooms. Volunteer firemen from St. Matthews, Worthington, and Lyndon fought the flames. The loss was covered by insurance.

Mrs. Everett 49th Fatality In County In '50

Mrs. Mabel W. Everett, 36, who was injured Friday when struck by an automobile in St. Matthews, died at 6:50 p.m. yesterday at General Hospital.

Deputy Coroner W. T. Kammerer said she died of a skull fracture and a compound fracture of the left leg.

Her death was the 49th traffic fatality in Jefferson County outside Louisville this year. There were 32 during the corresponding period last year.

Mrs. Everett was struck while crossing the street in front of her home at 525 Breckinridge Lane. She was returning from work at the Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot, where she was a typist.

The driver of the automobile, Ralph E. Willoughby, 17, of 1832 Fleming Road, was charged with assault and battery and reckless driving.

Survivors of Mrs. Everett include a daughter, Mrs. Carla Fay Wills; a son, Richard W. Everett; her mother, Mrs. Pansy Prather; a brother, Gordon Prather, Lexington, and three sisters, Mrs. C. W. Kircher, Mrs. T. J. Cochran, Fort Mitchell, Ky., and Mrs. Burford Nickel, Charlestown, Ind.

December 22, 1950, *The Jeffersonian*:

County Volunteer Fire Units Get Radio Telephone Service

Jefferson County fire-fighting facilities will be augmented through a resolution passed at last week's meeting of the Fiscal Court providing for radio telephone communication service for community volunteer fire trucks. The intercommunicating system will enable the several departments to contact each other at all times making it possible for one outfit to summon aid from another when an emergency occurs.

The wireless system is an added service which members of the court feel should add much to the general efficiency of the overall, county fire protection plan. Since the scope of this new service is county-wide and interrelated, the installation and maintenance expense will be borne by the County.

Volunteer fire units in the County are eligible to receive maintenance aid from the Fiscal Court, according to a plan now in operation. Local units in the several communities, when prop-

erly qualifying, may receive support based on quarterly allotments aggregating up to \$1,000 per year. To qualify, however, a volunteer department must match the county money with funds raised in the local community.

A wrong impression seems to have gotten out in some localities, since it is reported that some residents of the County have the idea that all volunteer fire departments are being fully supported by the Fiscal Court. Court commissioners point out that such impression is entirely erroneous.

The volunteer units are supported on a co-operative basis and are supposed to provide a community and intercommunity service of fire protection as designated by the county authorities.

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1950 or 1951: Testing fire hose along Westport Road, look west along the side of the old train station. Al Haeberlin on hose, Jack Monohan standing.

December Fire Run Reports

Date: 12/18/50 Time: 2:45 P.M. Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property _____
 Street Address or Location _____
 Owner: Al Haeberlin
 Occupied by: _____
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No ☒
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause: Oil Spill
 Extinguished by: \$100.00
 B—Booster No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C—Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H—Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P—Pump Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S—Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Building _____
 Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES
 Signed: Al Haeberlin Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148—October 8, 1948, Edition, N. J.



Date: 12/14 Time: 12:05 Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property _____
 Street Address or Location: 1235 North Avenue
 Owner: F. L. FLORE
 Occupied by: STAIR
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No ☒
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause: Unknown
 Extinguished by: \$35.00
 B—Booster No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C—Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H—Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P—Pump Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S—Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Building _____
 Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES
 Signed: Al Haeberlin Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148—October 8, 1948, Edition, N. J.

Date: 12/19 Time: 2:00 P.M. Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived: 2:05 P.M. Time Dismissed: 2:10 P.M.
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property _____
 Street Address or Location: 1235 Colonial Dr.
 Owner: E. M. McCarthy
 Occupied by: Garage
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started: Garage
 Cause: _____
 Extinguished by: \$25.00
 B—Booster No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C—Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H—Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P—Pump Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S—Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Building _____
 Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES
 Signed: E. M. McCarthy Officer in Charge
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Date: 12/11 Time: 11:40 P.M. Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property _____
 Street Address or Location _____
 Owner: _____
 Occupied by: _____
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause: _____
 Extinguished by: \$15.00
 B—Booster No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C—Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H—Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P—Pump Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S—Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Building _____
 Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES
 Signed: _____ Officer in Charge
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Date: 12/10 Time: 1:24 P.M. Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property _____
 Street Address or Location _____
 Owner: Dr. H. H. H. H.
 Occupied by: Dr. H. H. H. H.
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause: Unknown
 Extinguished by: \$15.00
 B—Booster No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C—Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H—Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P—Pump Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S—Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
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 Insurance Paid _____
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 Signed: Al Haeberlin Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148—October 8, 1948, Edition, N. J.

1950

Sample Fire Reports from 1950:

Date 6/19/50 Time 5:40 AM Alarm by Phone or Box No. 3
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1st
 Time Arrived 5:42 Time Dismissed 1:05
 Hours of Service 1 Mile Traveled
 Kind of Building or Property 500 Fresh Lane
 Street Address or Location Catholic Church
 Owner Allen Moore
 Occupied by Allen Moore
 Purpose Used for Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No No
 Part of Building Where Fire Started Recess
 Cause Unknown

Extinguished by B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available 1
C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked 1
H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used 1
P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used 1
S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used 1

INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value Estimated Value
 Insurance Carried Insurance Carried
 Estimated Loss Estimated Loss
 Insurance Paid Insurance Paid
 SPECIAL NOTES Allen Moore

Signed J. Perry Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148-Culver & Son, Clinton, N. J.

Date 7/5/50 Time 6:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. 3
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1st
 Time Arrived 6:32 Time Dismissed 1:05
 Hours of Service 1 Mile Traveled
 Kind of Building or Property 500 Fresh Lane
 Street Address or Location Catholic Church
 Owner Allen Moore
 Occupied by Allen Moore
 Purpose Used for Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No No
 Part of Building Where Fire Started Recess
 Cause Unknown

Extinguished by B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available 1
C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked 1
H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used 1
P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used 1
S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used 1

INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value Estimated Value
 Insurance Carried Insurance Carried
 Estimated Loss Estimated Loss
 Insurance Paid Insurance Paid
 SPECIAL NOTES Allen Moore

Signed J. Perry Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148-Culver & Son, Clinton, N. J.

Date 7/15/50 Time 1:15 Alarm by Phone or Box No. 3
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1st
 Time Arrived 1:17 Time Dismissed 8:02
 Hours of Service 1 Mile Traveled
 Kind of Building or Property 2 Steng House
 Street Address or Location 240 Cambridge Lane
 Owner Max Lander
 Occupied by Max Lander
 Purpose Used for Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No No
 Part of Building Where Fire Started Upstairs
 Cause Unknown

Extinguished by B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available 1
C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked 1
H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used 1
P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used 1
S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used 1

INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value Estimated Value
 Insurance Carried Insurance Carried
 Estimated Loss Estimated Loss
 Insurance Paid Insurance Paid
 SPECIAL NOTES Max Lander

Signed Max Lander Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148-Culver & Son, Clinton, N. J.

Date 8/24/50 Time 3:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. 3
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1st
 Time Arrived 3:32 Time Dismissed 1:05
 Hours of Service 1 Mile Traveled
 Kind of Building or Property 744 E. BARBOUR LANE
 Street Address or Location Green City Industries
 Owner 785 Springs Lane
 Occupied by 785 Springs Lane
 Purpose Used for Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No No
 Part of Building Where Fire Started Recess
 Cause Unknown

Extinguished by B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available 1
C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked 1
H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used 1
P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used 1
S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used 1

INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value Estimated Value
 Insurance Carried Insurance Carried
 Estimated Loss Estimated Loss
 Insurance Paid Insurance Paid
 SPECIAL NOTES Wesley Moore

Signed Wesley Moore Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148-Culver & Son, Clinton, N. J.

Date Aug 5 Time 3:10 Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1st
 Time Arrived 3:12 Time Dismissed 1:05
 Hours of Service 1 Mile Traveled
 Kind of Building or Property 744 E. BARBOUR LANE
 Street Address or Location Green City Industries
 Owner 785 Springs Lane
 Occupied by 785 Springs Lane
 Purpose Used for Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No No
 Part of Building Where Fire Started Recess
 Cause Unknown

Extinguished by B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available 1
C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked 1
H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used 1
P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used 1
S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used 1

INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value Estimated Value
 Insurance Carried Insurance Carried
 Estimated Loss Estimated Loss
 Insurance Paid Insurance Paid
 SPECIAL NOTES Total loss
No Water Available

Signed John M. Moxley Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148-Culver & Son, Clinton, N. J.

Date 8/13 Time 10:40 PM Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1st
 Time Arrived 10:42 Time Dismissed 1:05
 Hours of Service 1 Mile Traveled
 Kind of Building or Property 117 BLANDEN DAKER
 Street Address or Location 117 Blenden Baker Lane
 Owner Heath H. Smith, Jr.
 Occupied by Heath H. Smith, Jr.
 Purpose Used for Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No No
 Part of Building Where Fire Started Living Room
 Cause Unknown

Extinguished by B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available 1
C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked 1
H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used 1
P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used 1
S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used 1

INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value Estimated Value
 Insurance Carried Insurance Carried
 Estimated Loss Estimated Loss
 Insurance Paid Insurance Paid
 SPECIAL NOTES Heath H. Smith

Signed Heath H. Smith Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148-Culver & Son, Clinton, N. J.

OFFICIAL RECEIPT
 ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 Incorporated
 P. O. Box 115 St. Matthews, Ky.
 Received of Kenneth M. Smith, Jr. Nov. 17 1950
 Address 117 Blenden Baker Lane
For fire run 9/13 at 10:40 P.M. 50th
D. Simpson

1950

Sample Charges for Fire Runs:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 March 14, 1950 194

M. John Gordon Bagule
 Glasgow, Kentucky

For Service Rendered

For response to fire at your home Feb. 1, 1950 ----- \$25.00

*Apr 10 1950
 Says paid with 2 cases whiskey*

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 March 14, 1950 194

M. I. SIDNEY JENSEN COMPANY
 506 WEST JEFFERSON ST.,
 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

For Service Rendered

For response to fire February 19, 1950 at home
 occupied by W. S. GREAL and owned by MR. MURLAN,
 located at PROSPER, KENTUCKY ----- \$25.00

*OK
 2908
 4/14/50*

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 July 18, 1950 194

M. Mrs. Anne Jones
 Harrods Creek, Kentucky

For Service Rendered

FOR RESPONSE TO FIRE JULY 8RD, 1950 ----- \$25.00

*Call - Mrs. SIV - 209
 7/19 will send check*

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 Sept. 11, 1950 194

M. Salvation Army
 316 West Chestnut St.,
 Louisville, Kentucky.

For Service Rendered

For responding to fire at 217 Iola Ed., St. Matthews,
 at 8:20 P.M. August 25, 1950 ----- \$25.00

22 17/6/50

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 September 11, 1950 194

M. Mr. John Walker Moore
 Blankenbaker Ld., - Route #1
 Louisville, Kentucky.

For Service Rendered

For responding to fire at 8:10 P.M. August 10, 1950 ----- \$100.00

OK 9/27/50

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 September 11, 1950 194

M. Queen City Industries
 885 Spring Grove Ave.,
 Cincinnati, Ohio.

For Service Rendered

For responding to fire on truck, August 24, 1950 ----- \$25.00

(This occurred on U.S. 42 at Barboursin., Jefferson Co., Kentucky.)

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 September 11, 1950 194

M. Queen City Industries
 885 Spring Grove Ave.,
 Cincinnati, Ohio.

For Service Rendered

For responding to fire on truck, August 24, 1950 ----- \$25.00

(This occurred on U.S. 42 at Barboursin., Jefferson Co., Kentucky.)

*OK
 Paid - Dec 7/1950*

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
 P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 Oct. 12, 1950 194

M. Mrs. Ann Jones
 Harrods Creek, Ky.

For Service Rendered

For response to fire at your home July 3, 1950 ----- \$25.00

RECEIVED

Hold

OK

*Payon
 RR 47302
 Fire - Clump*

1950

Sample Charges for Fire Runs:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
P. O. Box 115 St. Matthews, Ky.
December 1 1950

M. Queen City Industries
985 Spring Grove Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

For Services Rendered

For responding to fire on truck, August 24, 1950 - - - \$25.00

(This occurred on U.S. 42 at Barbour Lane, Jeff. Co., Kentucky)

2nd NOTICE

OFFICIAL RECEIPT
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated

Queen City Industries St. Matthews, Ky.
P. O. Box 115
985 Spring Grove Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio Recd. 7 1950

Received of Durrows Garage - Paducah, Ky.

Address for fire on truck Aug 24, 1950

Twenty-five and no \$25.00
\$ M.O. for 25.00 D. S.

1950

1950 Roster:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
3900 Frankfort Ave. TA 7302

1950

DIRECTORS

John Monohan
W. Leland Wilson
Fred Boss
Geo. Miller
Joseph Zehnder
Louis Schweitzer
Martin Kamer
J. P. Terry

| | |
|------------|------------------|
| President | 3909 Elmwood |
| Vice-Pres. | 504 Bauer |
| Treasurer | Lyndon, Kentucky |
| Secretary | Indian Hills |
| | 201 Meridian |
| | 227 Cornell Pl. |
| | 4103 Hillsboro |
| | 115 Ridgeway |

MEMBERSHIP

John M. Monohan
R. C. Herdt
J. Westerman
J. P. Terry
M. Kamer
G. Westwood
M. Blake
J. Beierle
G. Stoll, Jr.
A. McNally
D. Engnehl
J. Cawthon
R. Robertson
H. McCoy
J. Kemp
E. Foley
C. Hahn
J. Sauer
B. Martin
J. Brentzel
R. Wilson
W. Meyers
J. Reed
J. Kaster
W. R. Mertz
J. Wright

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Chief | 3909 Elmwood |
| Asst. Chief | 3913 Massie |
| Captain | 4219 Alton Road |
| Captain | 119 Ridgeway |
| Lieutenant | 4103 Hillsboro |
| Lieutenant | 208 Exchange |
| | 3830 Elmwood |
| | 3804 Gilman |
| | 4048 Massie |
| | 3831 Elmwood |
| | 108 Wiltshire |
| | 3804 Grandview |
| | 3419 Warner |
| | 3539 Nana |
| | 120 Sherrin |
| | 217 Fairmeade |
| | 221 Hubbard Lane |
| 222 Hubbard Lane | |
| | 201 Staebler |
| | 3602 Warner |
| | 417 Breckinridge Ln |
| | P-2 Greentree Manor |
| | Greentree Manor |
| | St. Ives Court |
| 3913 Massie | |
| | St. Ives Court |

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Board Of Directors

**Fred C. Boss
Marty A. Kamer
George E. Miller
John M. Monohan Jr.
Louis H. Schweitzer
James "JP" Terry
William Leland Wilson
Joseph B. "Joe" Zehnder**

Officers

**1950 Chief John M. Monohan Jr.
Assistant Chief Richard C. Herdt
Captain James "JP" Terry
Captain John F. Westerman
Lieutenant Marty A. Kamer
Lieutenant George R. Westwood**

Firefighters

**C. Fred Baringer
John A. Beierle
Morris "Jughead" Blake
John H. Cauthorn
Daniel Clark
Raymond Crabtree
Denny Engnehl
Ed Foley
Charles H. Hahn
W. Rich Herdt
Robert W. "Bob" Hild
John W. "Bud" Jansen
John V. Kaster
Joseph L. "Joe" Kempf
Joe A. Lentz**

**Byron S. Martin
Henry L. McCoy
Welles P. Meyer
J. C. Reed
Frank R. "Randy" Robertson
Paul B. Sauer
George J. Stoll, Jr.
Robert P. Wathen
R. M. "Dick" Wheeler, Jr.
Raymond K. "Ray" Wilson
Jim Wright
Melchior R. "Melch" Zehnder**

1,200 Firemen Needed Here For Defense

Volunteer Registration To Begin Tomorrow

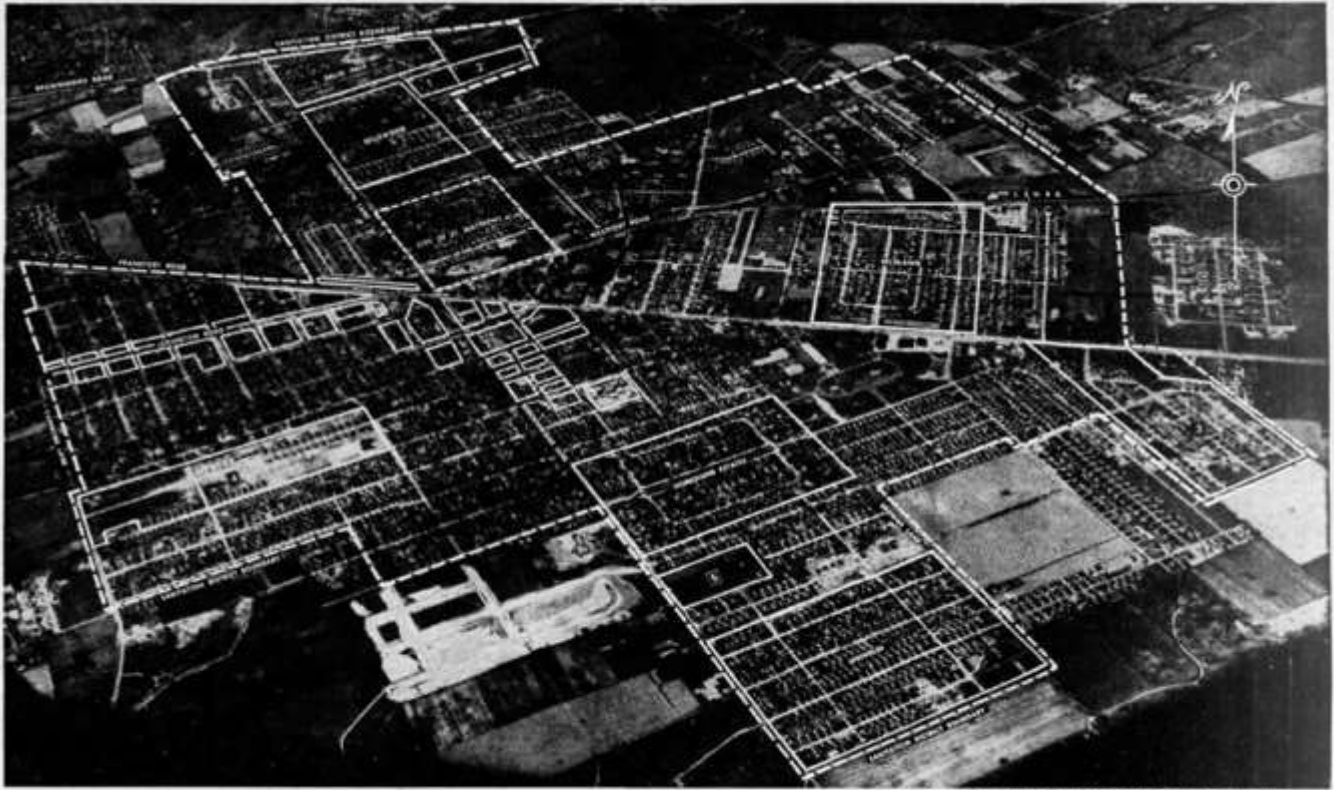
Directors of civil defense in Louisville and in the rest of Jefferson County yesterday called for 1,200 volunteer auxiliary firemen.

Registration begins tomorrow. Police Capt. A. E. Kimberling, Louisville director of civil defense, asked 500 volunteers to sign up at Fire Department headquarters, 12th and Jefferson. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., tomorrow through Friday.

Daniel B. Boone, County director of civil defense, asked 50 volunteers for each of 14 communities. Registration will take place at fire stations in Worthington, Middletown, Anchorage, St. Matthews, Buechel, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Camp Taylor, Okolona, Pleasure Ridge, and Lake Dreamland. At Harrods Creek, volunteers will register with Thomas Paine; at Fairdale with Arthur Shacklette, and at Crestwood with Milton C. Stoess.

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January 21, 1951, The Courier-Journal



Solid white lines on this aerial photo of the City of St. Matthews are boundaries of excluded areas. Five of the areas are towns, all named on the photo. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are Boneywood, Stonebridge and Fairview subdivisions, respectively. Each plans to incorporate separately. No. 4 is Nant subdivision, part of Louisville, although it is in the sanitation district, whose boundary is the outer broken line. No. 5 is the "de-

annexed" land of Dan Chitwood. Inner broken lines show the City of St. Matthews in its 31½-block status before annexing most of the surrounding sanitation district. The smaller excluded areas are business-district lots.

The 3½-block city that took in 2½ square miles is laying plans for a City-manager form of government. Tax bills are being mailed out. Various boards are in the planning stage. And all this despite the fact that the town doesn't even know yet whether the Court of Appeals will uphold its ambitious annexation.

January 30, 1951, The Courier-Journal—edited

Brown Raps Statements On St. Matthews Roads

Residents of the newly expanded City of St. Matthews should not be alarmed by "propaganda statements" about their roads, Maxwell Brown, City attorney, said last night.

Trustees To Meet Feb. 7

He said plans are under way to set up a board of equalization to handle tax-assessment complaints; start a garbage-collection service; provide additional fire-fighting facilities to supplement the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department; give police protection, and take over payment of water rent on fire hydrants.

The Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at its new headquarters, 145 St. Matthews Avenue, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 7.

January 21, 1951, The Courier-Journal

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STMFGD later used this as a training fire



Courier-Journal Photo by Thomas V. Miller, Jr.

This unpretentious building is the City Hall of Kentucky's largest sixth-class city, St. Matthews. The town recently annexed enough territory to give it a population of between 15,000 and 20,000. A story about its governmental plans is on Page 3.

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January 12, 1951, *The Courier-Journal*:

January 19, 1951, *The Jeffersonian*:

Two Families Homeless From River Road Fire

A two-story, frame apartment house on River Road near Riverside Beach was destroyed by fire at 10:15 a.m. yesterday. Firemen said a defective flue caused the blaze. Loss was not estimated. **St. Matthews volunteers** and an engine from Louisville went to the scene. Police said the families of F. E. Starkey and Stanley Hooper lived at the address.



February 8, 1951: Board meeting:

February 27, 1951, Fire Report

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

John M. Monahan, Jr., President
E. Leland Wilson, Vice President
Fred H. Egan, Treasurer
L. Chester Matthews, Secretary

Mrs. Margaret S. Marsh
Assistant Secretary
3012 Franklin Avenue



DIRECTORS

John M. Monahan, Jr.
E. Leland Wilson
Fred H. Egan
L. Chester Matthews
Louis H. Schweitzer
Dr. James E. Walter
E. M. "Bud" Anklevist
George Miller
R. C. Schick

P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC., HELD AT FIRE HOUSE THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 1951.

The following Directors were present:

Mr. Geo. E. Miller
Mr. Marty Kemer
Mr. John M. Monahan, Jr.

Without a quorum present no definite decisions or motions were made.

The next date for a meeting will be March 8, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. E. Miller
Secretary
by Doris Simpson, Ass't. Sec.

2/27/51 *County Jail*

Date 2/27/51 Alarm by Phone or Box No. County Jail

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property _____

Street Address or Location U.S. Gov. Hospital

Owner _____

Occupied by _____

Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____

Part of Building Where Fire Started Roof

Cause _____

Extinguished by

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| B—Booster | No. of Hydrants Available |
| C—Chemicals | Hours Pumps Worked |
| H—Hydrant Streams | Size and Feet of Hose Used |
| P—Pumper | Size and No. of Ladders Used |
| S—Sprinklers | Gallons of Chemicals Used |

INSURANCE RECORD

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Buildings | Contents |
| Estimated Value | Estimated Value |
| Insurance Carried | Insurance Carried |
| Estimated Loss | Estimated Loss |
| Insurance Paid | Insurance Paid |

SPECIAL NOTES

Signed *L. K. Empl* Officer in Charge

Form No. 144—Calumet & Sons, Milford, N. J.

1951

February 20, & March 6, 1951, Letters:

4911 Lightfoot Road
Louisville, Kentucky
Feb. 20th, 1951.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.,
115 Breckinridge Lane,
St. Matthews, Ky.

Gentlemen:-

I live at the above address which is just outside the city limits of Louisville. Do I fall within the range of your operations? There is a fire hydrant right in front of my house.

If I could expect to get service, please let me know what it costs to join up. A return addressed postcard is enclosed for the convenience of a reply.

Yours very truly,
James C. Courtney
James C. Courtney.

JCC:MMW.

answered 3/13/51
(5)

March 6, 1951

City of Richlawn
Office of City Clerk
134 Ready Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Gentlemen:

The St. Matthews Fire Department inspects, flushes and lubricates the five fire hydrants located within the boundaries of the City of Richlawn three times each year.

Very truly yours,

John M. Monohan, Jr.

JMM:ds

March 8, 1951: Board meeting:

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on March 8, 1951 and the following directors were present:

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. John Monohan | Mr. Louis Schweitzer |
| Mr. Leland Wilson | Mr. Marty Kaser |
| Mr. Joseph Zehnder | Mr. George E. Miller |

The meeting was called to order by President Monohan and it was immediately agreed upon by all the directors that we send a basket of flowers costing \$10.00 to Mrs. Boss at St. Anthony's Hospital.

Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson that Mr. Monohan be given authority to purchase one thousand feet of 2 1/2" hose and five hundred feet of 1 1/2" hose in as much as we could not get delivery until July and August and it would be the last time to buy with brass fittings.

Discussion was taken regarding the possibilities of getting a new fire house which Mr. Monohan and Mr. Miller were authorized to negotiate for at the previous meeting. Mr. Monohan was authorized, if he could bring this deal to a close, to sign this lease for \$125.00 per month for a period of five years with an open clause that it be renewed for an additional five years without bringing this back to the Board for approval.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
George E. Miller
peey

February 21, 1951, The Courier-Journal

Fire Station For Lyndon Is Approved

Zoning Board Delays Action At Okolona

The City-County Planning and Zoning Commission yesterday authorized construction of a fire station for the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department. It deferred action on like construction at Okolona.

The Lyndon firehouse will be on Violet Avenue between Lyndon Lane and Lynhurst Drive, just off LaGrange Road. The commission gave its approval by zoning two lots for "special use."

Action on the proposal to build an Okolona fire station on Preston Highway was delayed for two weeks to give opponents and proponents a chance to appear together at a public hearing. Both sides have been heard separately by the commission.

March 2, 1951, *The Courier-Journal*:

25 Small Children Exit Safely As Fire Hits Nursery School

Twenty-five small children were led out safely when the Country Nursery School, 428 Cannons Lane, caught fire at 9:45 a.m. yesterday.

The fire was confined to part of the basement and the kitchen of the two-story, brick building. Its cause was not determined. Apparently it started in the basement.

Robert Lee Patterson, a butler, discovered smoke in the kitchen and he and his wife, a cook, notified Mrs. A. B. Sawyer, Jr., who operates the private school.

Mrs. Sawyer and the Pattersons assisted the teachers in taking children from the building. Approximately 25 other pupils were playing outside at the time. Their ages range from 3 to 5.

The alarm was answered by the **St. Matthews Fire** Department and three pieces of Louisville fire equipment.

The structure, also the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, is

located on a 20-acre farm and is owned by the Catholic School of Maryville, Ky.

Mrs. Sawyer was unable to estimate the damage. She said the school will remain closed while repairs are made.



Courier-Journal Photo

DAMAGE to the basement of the Country Nursery School by fire is examined by Louisville Fireman Joe Gaines.

1951

March 10, 1951:

March 14, 1951, *The Courier-Journal* edited

**St. Matthews
Trash Work
Pledged Soon**

**Trustees Board
Hopes Collection
To Start April 1**

The City of St. Matthews last night pledged to try to begin free garbage service April 1.

Brown said the City eventually hopes also to absorb the \$3-a-year contributions made by citizens to the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department**.

At the recommendation of Brown, the Board postponed for 30 days action on an ordinance proposing the sale of a franchise to the Louisville Gas & Electric Company for \$50.

March 1, 1951, Fire Report

Date 3/1/51 Time 9:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service 1 1/2 Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property Nursing School

Street Address or Location 428 Lexington Ave

Owner Samson

Occupied by _____

Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____

Part of Building Where Fire Started _____

Cause _____

Extinguished by _____

B—Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____

C—Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____

H—Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____

P—Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____

S—Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

Buildings Calvary City Contents _____

Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____

Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____

Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____

Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____

SPECIAL NOTES _____

Signed _____ Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calumet & Co., Chicago, Ill.




O. L. GORE
30 French Ave. Phone 1144
WINCHESTER, NEW YORK

PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT
OF
THE BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY
(NOT INCORPORATED)

Factory: Akron, Ohio

20 N. Wacker Drive
CHICAGO 8, ILL.

Telephone FRanklin 2

Let New Bi-Lateral Hose Thickness
The Bi-Lateral construction absolutely prevents pin holes in the lining.
The rubber will never crack or leak, no matter how old the hose may be; it will last equal with the jacket.
Bi-Lateral construction makes it the most hose in most apparatus.
The most flexible hose constructed; moves over in curved in a limited space.
This hose does not require frequent repairs.

We assemble by a single continuous operation why hose manufacturers have tried for long years to secure by piecing together rubber and fabric.

We have adopted the BUCKER RING Coupling as standard. This superior to the pin lug coupling.

St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. Date March 10, 1951
St. Matthews, Ky.

The BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY, of Chicago, hereby agrees to furnish the follow brands of Fire Hose:

| No. Feet | Internal Diameter | Brand | Jacket | Per Foot | Pressure |
|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| 1000 | 2 1/2 | Duraphox | Double | 2.10 | 600 L |
| 500 | 1 1/2 | Duraphox | Double | 1.55 | 600 P |

PRICES F.O.B. St. Matthews, Ky.

This hose is to be constructed under the Bi-Lateral patented diaphragm improvement, containing the reinforcement at the points of fold, which will eliminate elasticity and greatly prolong the life and service of hose. This construction prevents the premature deterioration of the rubber during storage on the apparatus, when fire, and renders the hose much more pliable.

This hose will be coupled in 50-foot lengths with genuine BUCKER RING (Registered Trademark) COUPLINGS or any other coupling desired.

This hose is warranted free from defects in material and manufacture and to stand the number of psi water pressure named above, at time of delivery. The BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE COMPANY.

By O. L. Gore

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

Date 3-10-51

Your proposal is hereby accepted for the following:
1000 Feet of Duraphox Brand 2 1/2 inches internal diam.
500 Feet of Duraphox Brand 1 1/2 inches internal diam.

and the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. hereby agrees to pay the sum of \$1975.00 Dollars for said material.

Payable 290 30 days: 60 day net It is agreed that if this account is paid the date it is due, it is to draw interest for the additional time at the rate of six (6%) percent.

(Signed) For the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn.

2 1/2" Louisville Thread
1 1/2" U.S.T.

SEAL

1951

North Oldham Fire Department—Courtesy—<http://www.nofd.org/>

Started early 1951

What would you do if you called the fire department and nobody came??

Some citizens learned the answer to that question early in 1951 in Skylight, in Northern Oldham County when a barn loaded with corn burned to the ground. A call was made to the LaGrange City Fire Department who refused to respond outside of the city limits. Neighboring communities of Harrods Creek and Westport did not have fire departments at the time. South Oldham Fire Department in Crestwood was just getting started. Other area fire departments were much too far away to respond.

Reacting to this devastating fire, the people around Skylight decided to establish a volunteer fire department. An organizational meeting was held at the Liberty School. At that meeting it was agreed to ask residents of the area to contribute money for a volunteer fire department. Their contributions would be in proportion to the number of buildings on their farms. These contributions ranged from \$25 to the smallest farms to \$400 for the largest ones.

About 50 farmers signed up for the department and only a few declined. The organizers decided that following the initial contribution, each property owner would be asked to make a small annual contribution of \$5 to \$10. The new department also would receive \$400 per year from the Oldham County Fiscal Court. The original area covered by the department “ran about 3 or 4 miles north and south of Highway 42 and 6 to 7 miles in each direction from Skylight. This method of funding for the NOFD remained basically unchanged until the Fire Protection District was created in 1976.

The original, founding Board of Directors of the NOFD consisted of Harry Nelson, President, Douglas Potter, Secretary-treasurer, directors Charles Bottorf, Raymond Wilborn, Robert Clore, William Fallis, F.T. Clausen, John Robert Bottorf and C.W. Brickley.

The original fire station on Axton Lane just south of US42 was constructed in 1952 at a cost of \$2,200 for materials. Labor was almost free, as the construction was done by inmates from the LaGrange Reformatory who were paid 12 cents a day. The first fire apparatus was a 1937 Chevrolet with a pump and a tank, purchased used from the Buechel Fire Department of Jefferson County. The department only used this truck for a short period of time.

A 1951 Ford chassis was purchased and the pump and 500 gallon tank from the Chevrolet were mounted on it. A wooden hose body was installed. This truck remained part of the NOFD fleet until it was sold in the mid 1990's. It is presently owned by the Oldham County Historical Society.

The first method of dispatch was a railroad engine bell donated by the L&N Railroad. The bell was mounted on a pole near the fire station. In case of fire, John Leet, the first Fire Chief, who lived near the station, took the call on his telephone and went to the station to sound the bell alerting the volunteer firefighters who lived close enough to hear the alarm. This alarm system survived only a few years.

Although the department was inexperienced and had minimal equipment, they were effective as shown by two articles that appeared in the Oldham Era on Friday, August 22, 1952. They read: “A truck of the American Chemical Company of Cincinnati was partially destroyed by fire Monday when it caught fire at the junction of U.S. 42 & KY 53 north of LaGrange. The North Oldham Volunteer Fire Department headed by Harry Nelson prevented a complete loss. The truck was loaded with bleach in gallon bottles. One tire on the dual wheels blew out and the blaze was caused by friction when the two tires rubbed against each other. The department prevented the spread of the blaze to the motor and gas tank. Traffic on the highway was blocked until the fire was extinguished.”

“A fire which started in the woods on the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Everette Shearer on Highway 42 burned over 20 acres of brush and undergrowth Tuesday morning before it was extinguished. The North Oldham Volunteer Fire Department answered the call and stopped its further spread. The origin of the blaze, which for sometime threatened barns and other nearby buildings, is unknown.”

Although records describe the area covered by the department as running “about 3 or 4 miles north and south of Highway 42 and about 6 or 7 miles in each direction from Skylight” run log entries show runs as far away as LaGrange and Westport.

A new 1957 International fire engine went into service late that year. This chassis was purchased and the pump and tank from the '51 Ford were transferred to it. A 1000 gallon tank was then mounted on the 1951 Ford. The department now had two fire apparatus. The new engine made it's first run on December 26, 1957, responding to a car fire on Buckeye Lane.

NOVFD experienced major fires on occasion in the early days. On January 11, 1957, LaGrange was called to assist with a structure fire in a roadside motel court. An entry in the log on November 18, 1959 describes a barn fire where “both engines were used”. On March 19, 1960 fire destroyed an “old school house at Goshen, took both engines.” Some of the runs that are more familiar to us today are not new to the NOVFD, such as a false fire alarm in Oldham Acres on October 28, 1960.

The North Oldham Volunteer Fire Department operated with very limited funds, usually only \$2,000 to \$3,000 of revenue per year. This continued well into the 1960's. A financial report from the annual meeting of 1967 shows total revenues of \$2,900, expenditures of \$2,400 and total assets of \$13,000. The department was still funded by soliciting annual subscriptions of \$5 to \$10 from property owners. Those that paid were called “members.” If the department responded to a fire at a “member's” property the service was provided free. If the response was to a “non-member's” property they were billed between \$100 and \$200. Property owners were encouraged to subscribe to the department by mail drives and calls from the board members.

In the late 1960's the North Oldham area began to change. Growth brought on by people migrating from Louisville/Jefferson County to Oldham County resulted in new subdivisions and posed a challenge to the fire department. The NOVFD still operated just two fire trucks from the Skylight station, yet the development was occurring 7 to 8 miles west, near Prospect. As a result, the area's Insurance Rating was Class 10 and response times were lengthy.

As the NOFD moved into the 1970's, it was becoming apparent to Chief George Carter that the department needed to make significant changes in order to serve a growing area and improve the insurance rating. He knew that additional apparatus, equipment, firefighters and a second station would be needed to meet the demands of the growth.

In 1974, Chief Carter purchased a third fire apparatus, a 4 wheel drive Ford truck with a small tank, a pump and hose, to be used for brush fires and a quick response to other types of fires. The department struggled to pay for this truck and it is said that Chief Carter himself, mounted a door-to-door campaign to raise the money to buy it. This truck remained in service until it was sold in July, 2001.

North Oldham Fire Department—Courtesy—<http://www.nofd.org/> Started early 1951

The Axton Lane fire station was expanded to house this truck and make room for a future new pumper.

The Chief and the Board realized that the old “membership” method of funding was no longer adequate. In 1975, talk of forming a fire protection district shifted into action.

The drive to establish the fire protection district shifted into high gear with the circulation of petitions. The district was created in February, 1976. The original members of Board of Trustees are John Hampton, Frank Lyons, Martha Oliver, Hugh Crouch, Gilson Guyton, Norman Dick and Robert Hoops. The new district collected \$23,256 in tax revenue for 1977. By 1980, that had jumped to \$51,869 as a result of all the growth in the area.

With guaranteed revenue for funding, the department, under the leadership of Chief George Carter, purchased a new Ford/E-One fire engine in 1977 for \$32,000 and began efforts to build a second fire station in Goshen. This would be essential in order to reduce the insurance rating from Class 10 to Class 9.

It was about this time that the department began training EMT's to respond to injury vehicle accidents and medical emergencies. Up to this point, South Oldham and LaGrange provide ambulance service to North Oldham's district. While their EMT's were very capable, response times were too long. North Oldham Fire Department's initial EMS efforts were first responder EMT's who went to the scene and provided care until South Oldham or LaGrange arrived.

There were difficulties in funding construction of another fire station and purchasing another new fire engine for that station, even with the new fire district revenue. A fund drive was conducted in 1978 to raise funds to build Station 2 and purchase a new pumper at a combined cost of \$133,000. Initially, the fund drive was disappointing. Finally, sufficient funds were raised and the remainder borrowed to build the station and buy a 1979 Ford/Darley pumper.

With the opening of Station 2 and the arrival of a new pumper, the majority of the fire district was now within 5 miles of a fire station. The department finally had two Class A pumpers. That, along with other improvements finally resulted in the insurance rating being improved to Class 9.

In 1981, long time Chief George Carter turned the reins of the department over to new Chief Lewis Nugent. Richard Nugent became the Assistant Chief. Chief Nugent continued to expand the department to keep up with the rapidly growing community. Under his leadership, the department bought hydraulic rescue equipment (jaws-of-life), expanded Station 2 in 1984, obtained a certificate of need and activated ambulance service in 1985 and improved the department's insurance rating to Class 6 in 1988. In 1989, the original Axton Lane fire station was replaced by a new Station 1 at 8615 W. U.S. 42. In 1990, the department accepted delivery of it's first diesel powered apparatus with a crew cab, a Ford/Grumman 1250 GPM pumper. This new pumper cost \$105,000.

One of the most significant changes in the department occurred under the direction of Chief Lewis Nugent and Assistant Chief Richard Nugent. On April 30, 1990, the NOFD employed it's first paid firefighters. Six part-time firefighters made up the original “day staff.” Rich Nugent was among the original day staff employees. The remainder were full time firefighters with the Louisville Fire Department. The original program provided two paid firefighters at the station weekdays from 8AM to 5PM, to maintain equipment, care for the building and grounds and provide a guaranteed response to runs during the daylight hours when most of the volunteers are at their regular jobs. One original day staff member, Louisville Fire Captain Scott Hogan, is still employed at NOFD.

By 1991, the Fire District's revenue had grown to \$162,000. Fire/EMS run volume was approaching 200 per year. The department continued to plan for future growth and the accompanying demand for services.

Lewis Nugent stepped down and Chief Phil Schaad took over in 1994. Chief Schaad continued to plan for future growth. He added additional apparatus, including a new brush fire unit and ambulance, improved the department's communications equipment, made the switch to large diameter supply hose, expanded the day staff and added the department's first full time day staff supervisor, Captain Michael Morgan. He also began to plan to improve the department's insurance rating.

During the 1990's the department lost two members with the death of retired Chief George Carter and the tragic loss of Sergeant Chris Combs in an accident. Station One in Skylight is dedicated to Chief Carter. The ambulance and the flagpole at Station 2 are dedicated in memory of Sergeant Combs. Both of these dedicated firefighters and friends are sorely missed.

In 1996, Phil Schaad stepped down and David Wade became Chief. He served in that position until 1999. During his term, the department hired an additional full-time firefighter and promoted Captain Morgan to Assistant Chief/Administrator. The department also hired a part-time administrative assistant. Chief Wade continued to update apparatus and equipment. Two 1996 Freightliner/Monroe 2000 gallon tankers were delivered in 1997 at a cost of \$105,000 each. In 1998, a new KME pumper was delivered at a cost of \$234,000.

In the spring of 1999, Chief David Wade stepped down. Assistant Chief/Administrator Michael Morgan resigned to take a Chief's position with another department. Deputy Chief David Stoltz was appointed interim Chief. After a great deal of consideration, the Fire District Board made the decision to hire a full time Fire Chief. This was a significant change for a department whose membership had always elected their Chief. Chief Stoltz's leadership during this period was superb and instrumental in making the transition to a paid chief a smooth one.

In September, 1999, Richard H. Albers became NOFD's first paid full-time Fire Chief. His background included 28 years fire service experience in paid and volunteer fire departments. He most recently served as Fire Chief for Florence, KY from 1990 to 1999. He began his fire service career as a volunteer with St. Matthews Fire Dept. and joined the Louisville Fire Dept. in 1977.

The new Chief continued to expand services and plan for the future. The department has recently acquired new, high-tech equipment including a thermal imaging camera, new lightweight breathing apparatus, new state of the art protective gear for firefighters and new rescue/extrication equipment. In July, 2000, the Board of Trustees approved the Chief's request to expand employee staffing levels

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North Oldham Fire Department—Courtesy—<http://www.nofd.org/> Started early 1951

to guarantee 6 personnel on duty per day, Monday thru Friday from 8AM to 5PM. All other hours are staffed entirely by volunteers.

In October, 2000, NOFD hired a full-time Training and Fire Prevention Coordinator. Donald A. Dahl was selected from a group of highly qualified applicants.

In 2000, we expanded our scope of services to include fire and rescue service on our 11-mile stretch of the Ohio River. NOFD operates a fire/rescue boat which is located at the Rose Island Yacht Club. Our original “fire” boat was a 21’ cabin cruiser donated to the department by NOFD Captain Kris Krohn and his wife Joni. The boat was modified to fit its new role, outfitted with water rescue and EMS equipment and a 250 GPM fire pump, hose and foam.

As river activity continued to increase, repair and maintenance costs on the original fireboat began to soar. Additionally, serious reliability and safety issues began to become evident with the old craft. In 2008, the Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of a new fire/rescue boat, specifically designed for our mission with a focus on safety, simplicity of operations and speed.

In addition to water rescue and river firefighting, NOFD has initiated a fire and life safety inspection program. The Chief of the Department is “deputized” by the Kentucky State Fire Marshal. This allows NOFD inspectors to operate with the same authority and resources of the State Fire Marshal. Inspections were initiated in August, 2001. The goal of this program is to ensure that all properties subject to public entry are maintained according to state fire codes and life safety standards.

The expanded services of the NOFD have been achieved through the commitment of the Board of Trustees to provide the best possible service to the community. The North Oldham Fire Department currently operates two fire stations, 3 engines, 2 quads, 1 quint, 2 tankers, 1 brush fire unit, 1 technical rescue unit, 1 utility vehicle, 1 28’ fire rescue boat, 1 14’ john boat, and a 14’ enclosed trailer containing our breathing air refilling system, rehab and command post equipment. We are staffed by 3 full-time, 20 part-time and 53 volunteer firefighters and EMT’s.

In June, 2002, NOFD took delivery of a new Quint fire apparatus with a 2000 GPM pump and a 75’ aerial ladder, built by Seagrave Fire Apparatus of Clintonville, WI. It cost \$514,300 and is assigned to the Goshen Fire Station.

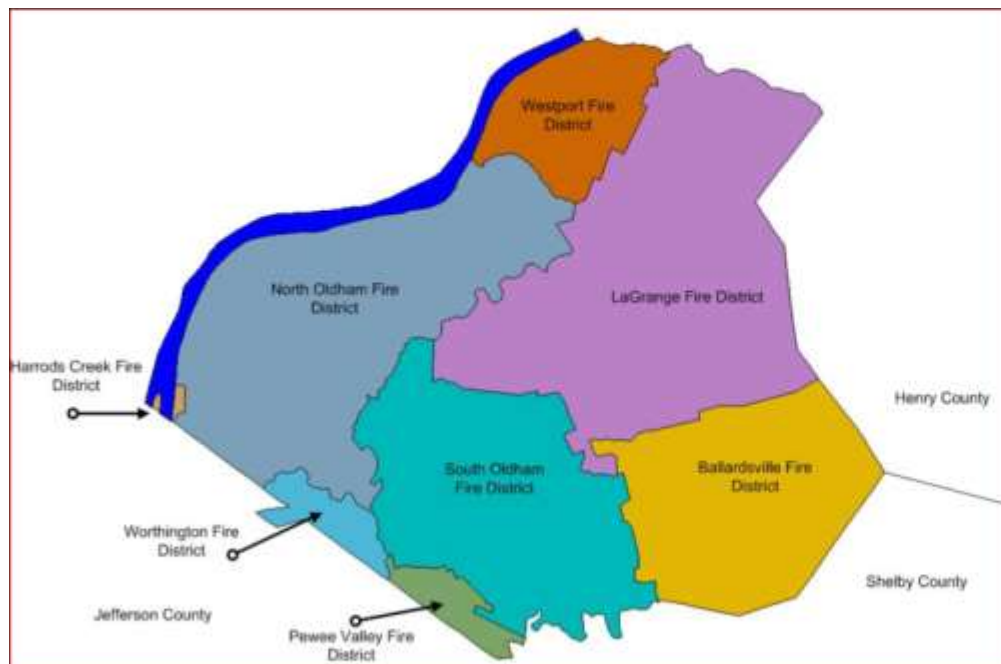
In July, 2004, the Board of Trustees approved the Chief’s request to expand paid firefighter staffing levels to no less than 6 personnel on duty per day, Monday thru Friday from 6AM to 6PM. All other times are staffed entirely by volunteers.

In April of 2007, NOFD took delivery of a new “Quad” fire apparatus for the Skylight Station. The truck was built on a Spartan Gladiator fire apparatus chassis by Custom FIRE Apparatus Company of Osceola, Wisconsin and cost \$457,300.

Many improvements in the department over the last several years paid off in late 2005 when the department was evaluated by the Insurance Services Office. We were successful in obtaining a lower fire insurance classification for the district. Effective April 1, 2006, our Public Protection Class was lowered from Class 6 to Class 5.

In August, 2003, the Fire District began construction of a new headquarters fire station to replace the old Station 2 on KY 1793.

We are proud of the accomplishments of all the members of the NOFD as well as all who have served before. The citizens of Skylight planted a seed in 1951 and it has grown steadily for more than 50 years. We look forward to the next 50 years with excitement and enthusiasm. We are proud to be “Neighbors serving our Community.”



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April 12, 1951, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH.

The Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order by President John Monohan on Thursday evening, April 12, 1951 at 7:30 o'clock.

The following directors were present:

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| Mr. Jos. Zehnder | Mr. Leland Wilson |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. John Monohan |
| Mr. Fred Boss | Mr. George E. Miller |

Mr. Boss reported on the collections thus far this year. We are ahead \$670.42 for the first three months of 1951 in comparison with the same three months of 1950.

The entire meeting was taken up with a discussion on trying to locate a lot suitable for building a new fire house. Mr. Zehnder was appointed to communicate with the Arctic Ice Company to endeavor to get enough ground leased on the Westport Road for a fire station.

Mr. Monohan was to continue his discussion with Mr. and Mrs. Eline in regard to a location on Willis Avenue.

Mr. Kamer was appointed to communicate with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company regarding the lot in back of the bank on the corner of Chenoweth Lane and Westport Road.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary.

April 29, 1951, *The Courier-Journal*:

Barn Roof Burned

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a small section of the roof of a vacant dairy barn at Beauchamp Road and Cannons Lane at 10:30 last night. The building is owned by J. Graham Brown. Firemen from the Louisville and **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Departments** put out the fire.

April 20 & 29, 1951, Fire Report

Date 4/20/51 Time 12:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
Kind of Building or Property _____
Street Address or Location Cannons Lane & Beauchamp Rd
Owner Mr. J. Graham Brown
Occupied by _____
Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
Cause Wreck
Extinguished by { B—Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
C—Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
H—Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
P—Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
S—Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
INSURANCE RECORD
Buildings _____ Contents _____
Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
SPECIAL NOTES _____
Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge
Form No. 146—Calnes & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date April 28 Time 10:40 Alarm by Phone or Box No. P
Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-3
Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
Kind of Building or Property BARN
Street Address or Location OFF BEAUCHAMP Rd
Owner J. GRAHAM BROWN
Occupied by _____
Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
Part of Building Where Fire Started 9
Cause _____
Extinguished by { B—Booster E No. of Hydrants Available _____
C—Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
H—Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
P—Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
S—Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
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Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
SPECIAL NOTES _____
Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge
Form No. 146—Calnes & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

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May 22, 1951 Fire Report

Date 5-22 Time 8:45 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Small Home
 Street Address or Location 720 Birch Lane 120
 Owner John Newbach
 Occupied by _____
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause Smoking by lighting
 Extinguished by { B-Booster No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
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 Buildings _____ Contents _____
 Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES _____
 Signed Misty Kerner Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148—Calum & Bro., Clinton, Mo.

June 1, 1951, Fire Report

Date June 1 Time 4:10 PM Alarm by Phone or Box No. P
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-3
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Dairy Barn
 Street Address or Location Beauchamp Road
 Owner J. Graham Brown
 Occupied by _____
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause _____
 Extinguished by { B-Booster B No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings _____ Contents _____
 Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES _____
 Signed Monohan Officer in Charge
 Form No. 148—Calum & Bro., Clinton, Mo.

June 4, 1951, The Courier-Journal:

Auto Smacks 2 Gas Pumps, Starts Blaze

A small fire was started at the Bierman Service Station, 4035 Frankfort Avenue, at 2:45 p.m. yesterday when an automobile struck two gasoline pumps and knocked them down. The St. Matthews Fire Department put out the blaze in a few minutes.

W. H. Millard, Jr., 117 Heady, owner of the Independent Oil Service Company, which operates the station, estimated damage at \$1,200.

County police said the accident occurred when the driver of the car, a 15-year-old girl from Indianapolis, lost control as she was pulling into the station.

Owner of Car Arrested

Roscoe Price, 58, Indianapolis, owner of the car, was arrested on charges of destroying private property and knowingly permitting an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle. The girl was charged with delinquency.

Price said he and the girl were returning to Indianapolis after a visit with his relatives in Somerset, Ky. He said the girl had been driving only a short time before the accident.

June 6, 1951, The Courier-Journal:

Brown Farm Has 5 Fires In 11 Months

Fires have been discovered five times in the past 11 months in abandoned buildings on a Cannons Lane farm owned by J. Graham Brown, John Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, said yesterday.

The latest of the fires occurred Saturday night in an old dairy barn where another fire had been discovered early the day before. Monohan said all the fires except one have been in the same barn. The other one was in a brick building once used as a home.

Monohan said damage has been negligible because "none of the buildings are worth much." He said it is believed the fires were started by children. "We don't think these fires have any connection with the present strikes" at Brown's two downtown hotels, the Kentucky and the Brown, Monohan said.

1951

June 7, 1951, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on the evening of June 7th. The following directors were present:

Mr. W. Leland Wilson
Mr. Joseph Zehnder

Mr. John Monohan
Mr. George E. Miller

There was not a sufficient number of members for a quorum, however different matters were discussed - the Annual Meeting for Election of Officers and the Two Directors, which meeting, according to the by-laws, is set for the second Wednesday in July, therefore the next monthly meeting will be on July 11th.

Mr. John Monohan was instructed by Directors Zehnder and Miller to notify the volunteer firemen that some sort of entertainment had been approved for them and that they should get together and decide the type of entertainment they desire and the date. The month suggested by the Directors is the month of July.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



George E. Miller, Secretary

June 15, 1951, Letter:

GEO. E. MILLER
13 West Wind Road
Taylor 1384

LOUIS H. MILLER
3828 Ormsd Road
Taylor 9889

ROBT. L. MILLER
3826 Ormsd Road
Taylor 2325

MILLER SALES COMPANY

625 Fehr Ave. Louisville, Ky.
WABASH 6158

June 15, 1951

Mr. John N. Monohan, Jr.
3909 Elmwood Avenue
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear John:

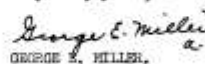
The next meeting according to the by-laws is to be July 11th.

The two directors who are up for re-election or re-placement are -

Mr. W. Leland Wilson
Mr. George E. Miller

I am instructing Mrs. Simpson, when sending out the notices to the directors for the July 11th meeting, that she show the names of the two who are up for re-election or re-placement and be sure that we have a full Board there.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE E. MILLER

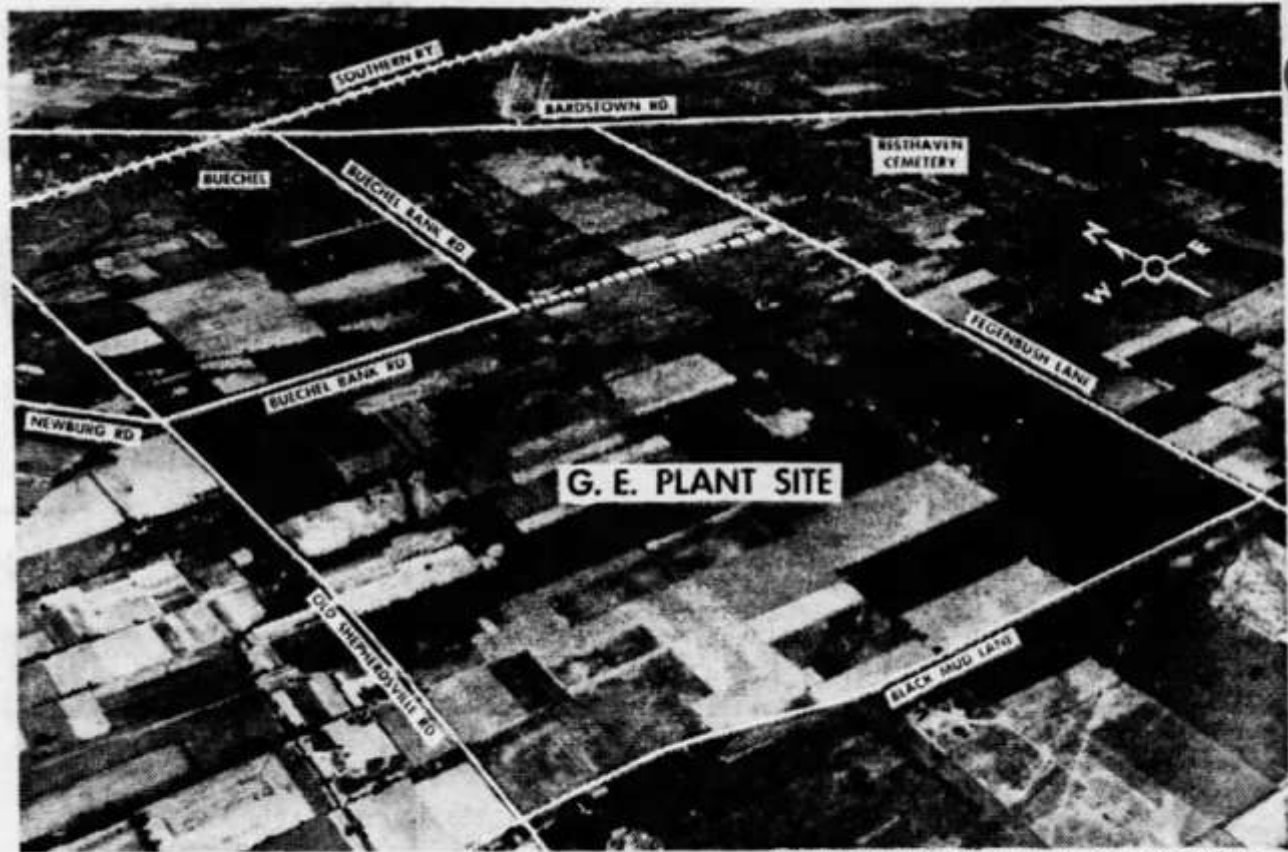
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June 22, 1951, The Courier-Journal

The building of the new G. E. plant in Louisville, caused a huge expansion in population and everything else in Jefferson County



Courier-Journal Air Photo by Barney Cowherd

With the General Electric plant coming in, Buechel must have a plan for its future or court chaos. Bardstown Road must be made four-lane, with a railroad underpass. To the southeast of Buechel Bank is an excellent site for a shopping and community center. More through roads and very strict zoning should be included in the blueprint.

St. Matthews, will mushroom into a jam-packed, confused small city, burdened with problems, lawsuits and antagonisms.

1951

Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Twin Elms Court, now 4520 Shelbyville Road. Caufield and Shook Collection 257897, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, CSO-263582, Brownsboro Road & Chenoweth Lane.

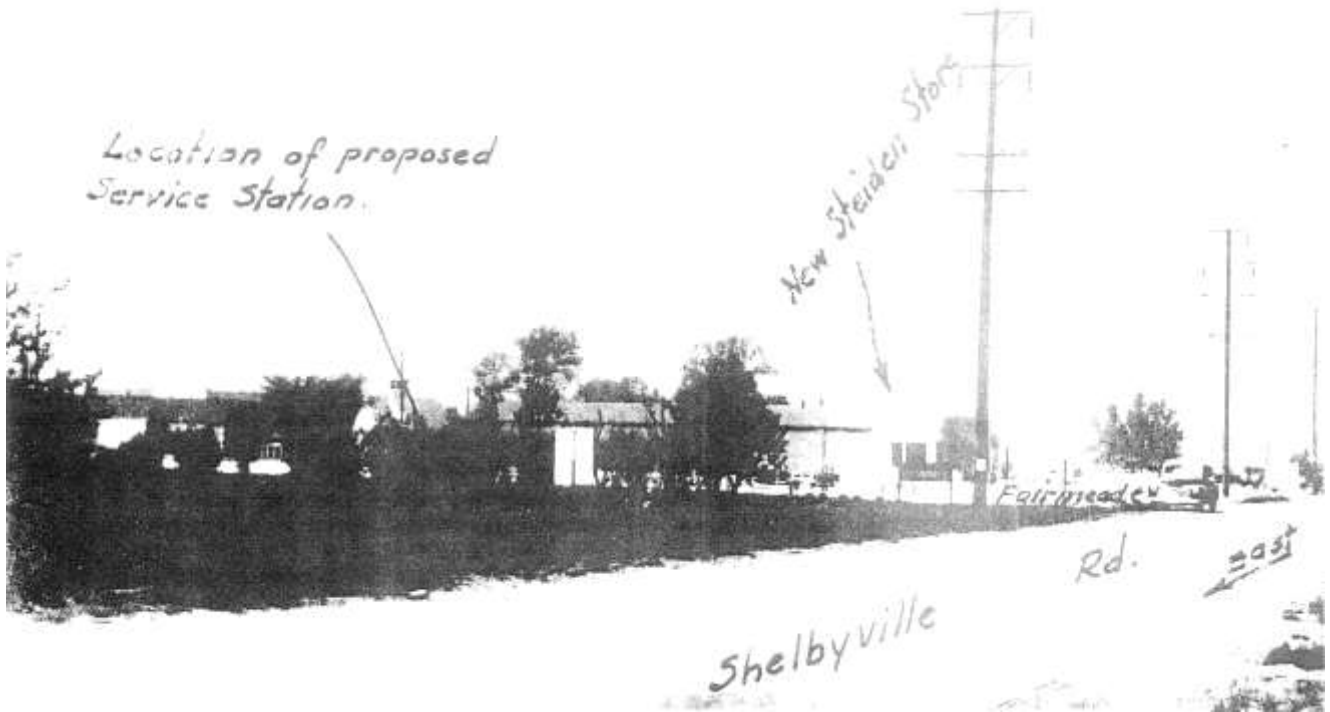
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Courtesy, Clinton E. Ring, neighborhood of Kinglan off of Rudy Lane, 1951. In front of the old Rudy Place. The Ring family home being built.



1951

Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: May, 1951, Service Station opened by Robert "Bob" Schulten (died 2008), who sold to Al Ring, becoming Al Ring's American Service



Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Pookman Drugs on corner, canary Cottage on down the block, September , 1951



July 3, 1951, *The Jeffersonian*:



Courtesy Sidney Eline Jr., Eline Realty Company:
1951 Potato Festival, that was sponsored by Gordon Chips

1951

July 11, 1951, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE
ASSOCIATION, HELD ON JULY 11, 1951 at 7:30 P. M.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr., on July 11, 1951 at 7:30 P. M.

The Directors present were:

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| John Monohan, Jr. | Prestiss Terry |
| E. Leland Wilson | Marty Kamer |
| Fred Boss | Louis Schweitzer |
| George E. Miller | |

The directors whose term expired were E. Leland Wilson and George E. Miller.

After some discussion, Mr. Schweitzer nominated both Mr. George E. Miller and Mr. E. Leland Wilson for re-election for four years. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Boss and there being no dissenting votes, Mr. George E. Miller and Mr. E. Leland Wilson were elected for another four years.

Nominations were in order for a Process Agent to serve for a period of one year. Mr. John Monohan, Jr. nominated for re-election Mr. Prentiss Terry. This was seconded by Mr. Schweitzer and approved by all present.

As all officers were up for election, the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr. was nominated by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson for Vice President, was nominated by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Boss.

For Treasurer, Mr. Boss was nominated by Mr. Monohan and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer.

For Secretary, Mr. Kamer was nominated by Mr. George Miller. There being no second, Mr. Miller was nominated by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry.

For Chief of the Fire Department, Mr. Monohan was nominated by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Wilson.

All officers being duly elected, the next matter to be discussed was the business for the coming year.

It is hoped that collections will now pick up very substantially due to the fact that the City of St. Matthews being thrown out of power by the Court of Appeals.

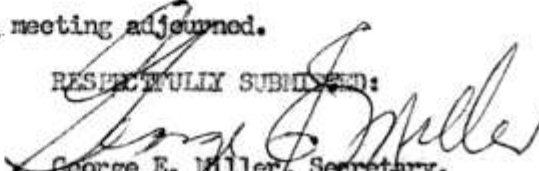
The next order of business was the future new fire house. Mr. Miller was to contact Mr. Walter Wagner regarding a piece of property which he owns.

Mr. Monohan was to see about some property on Willis Avenue and Mr. Terry was to see about a piece of property on St. Matthews Avenue with Mr. Reid.

The Treasurer reported that all outstanding bills were paid and that the audit was now being made by the auditor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary.

1951

July 24 & August 3, 1951, Letters:

July 24, 1951

Kentucky Inspection Bureau
Starlin Bldg.
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Sirs:

Confirming our conversation in your office the property located on the south side of U.S. 42 and/or Brownsboro Road, east of and adjoining the Masonic Widows & Orphans Home east line and known as the Variety Millwork Company is located within the boundaries of the St. Matthews Fire Department protective area. The Above mentioned millwork company is not located within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant located within the boundaries of the protective area.

Yours very truly,

John M. Monahan, Jr.

JMM:ds

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.
G. H. PARKER, MANAGER

August 3, 1951

Mr. John M. Monahan, Jr., Chief
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monahan:

VARIETY MILLWORK COMPANY

We have for acknowledgment your letter of July 24, in regard to the Variety Millwork Company which you consider as being within the boundaries of the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area.

We note what you say in regard to the fact that this risk is not located within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant located within the boundaries of the protected area, and shall be governed accordingly.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in this matter and the information contained in your letter, we are, with best personal regards,

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker
MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:al

August 9, 1951: Board meeting:

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on August 9, 1951 and the following directors were present:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. Prentiss Terry |
| Mr. Leland Wilson | Mr. Marty Kemer |
| Mr. John Monohan | Mr. Joseph Zehnder |
| Mr. George E. Miller | |

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the President, Mr. John Monohan, be authorized to offer for us \$9,500.00, or if not accepted, to offer \$10,000.00 for the property at 117 St. Matthews Avenue - 50 x 150 feet.

If this is not accepted, he is to offer \$9,500.00 for property at 129 St. Matthews Avenue - 50 x 128 feet.

This motion was agreeable to all present.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller.

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August 16 & 17, 1951, Letters:

August 16, 1951

Planning and Zoning Commission
Jefferson County
Fiscal Court Bldg.,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

The Jefferson County Fire Program hereby applies for a Special Use Permit for the construction of a Fire House to be used by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department on St. Matthews Avenue. The Fire House will be located on a lot 50' x 150' on the lot known as 117 St. Matthews Avenue. This lot is now zoned D-1 Commercial.

The present Fire House located at 115 Breckenridge Lane is not large enough to hold the three fire trucks that this Department is required to have in order that the fire insurance rates now existing can be maintained. The property on which the new fire house is to be built is located in a commercial zone and is in the same general location as the old fire house.

It is respectfully requested that the Commission grant a Special Use Permit to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept. to build a Fire Station on a lot located at 117 St. Matthews Avenue.

Very truly yours,

Daniel B. Boone
Director, Jefferson County Fire Program.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROGRAM

D. BOONE
DIRECTOR
FISCAL COURT
JAMES E. L. HARRISON
SECRETARY
ROBERT E. FINE
WARDEN
MARTIN B. HARRISON
WARDEN

ROOM 404
FISCAL COURT BUILDING
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY
CLAY 6871 SS 211

THOMAS E. BOONE
DIRECTOR

August 17, 1951

Dear Chief,

Mr. S. B. Boone and myself in conjunction with the Fiscal Court decided that now is the time to bring some action for a public hearing on fire insurance rate reduction in Jefferson County. Some time ago, the Kentucky Inspection Bureau has been requested to reduce all fire insurance rates in Jefferson County because of the volunteer fire departments. There was no action taken on this request and we feel that we should take some sort of action to obtain a hearing before the Insurance Commissioner in Frankfort in the very near future.

We would like to meet with the Chiefs of each department Tuesday night, August 21 at the Bechtel Fire House at 8:00 P.M. It is imperative that each department be represented by some member of the department that is fully acquainted with the operation of the department and will know what are the fire losses in your area. We will need some data on your fire losses and the length of the runs, etc., to be able to convince the Insurance Commissioner that an insurance reduction is in order, hence we would like each Chief or a representative to be there in order that you might be fully acquainted with the information that it will be necessary for us to obtain from you. So please make arrangements to attend this meeting.

I have talked with Judge Chambers and Mr. Lampe and August 23 at 8:00 P.M. will be the time of the meeting to discuss our new contracts in the Fiscal Court Building. I will send you a notice of this meeting next week.

Very truly yours,

Daniel B. Boone
Director

DBB:AF

Zoning for new fire station at
117 St. Matthews Avenue

Zoning Approval for
117 St. Matthews Avenue

August 23, 1951, The Courier-Journal

Request to establish a fire station on the easterly side of St. Matthews Ave., approximately 215 feet north of U. S. Highway 60 (Sheetsville Road) fronting northwardly on St. Matthews Avenue 50 feet and extending to a depth eastwardly of 120 feet, as a "special use" under Section 13 of the zoning regulations. The said proposed adjustments to said plan may be inspected in the office of the Planning and Zoning Commission, 302 Fiscal Court Building. JOHN M. HENNESSY, Chairman. THOMAS JAMES, Director. A. J. REGNERI, Secretary.

LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

JOHN M. HENNESSY, CHAIRMAN
S. E. FINDER, VICE CHAIRMAN
ARTHUR R. KERRY, JR., M. D.
T. D. LUCKETT
GEO. P. SUMMERFIELD
E. F. WHITE, JR.
CHARLES FARNSLEY, MAYOR
B. L. SHANKS, DEPUTY JUDGE
HERMAN T. MOORE, DIRECTOR OF WORKS
J. B. METAMORY, COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER



302 FISCAL COURT BUILDING
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

Sept. 7, 1951

THOMAS JAMES
DIRECTOR

A. J. REGNERI
SECRETARY
EARL HUSTON
ENGINEER

EDWIN E. HOFFMAN
COMMUNITY PLANNER
WILLIAM C. BEATTY
SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

CLAY 6871

Mr. Daniel B. Boone
Director, Jefferson County Fire Program
Fiscal Court Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

In re: Docket No. 9-87-51

Dear Mr. Boone

The Planning and Zoning Commission at a meeting held on Sept. 6, 1951, approved the request to establish a Fire Station on easterly side of St. Matthews Ave., approximately 215' north of U. S. 60, fronting northwardly on St. Matthews Ave. 50' and extending to a depth eastwardly of 120', as a "Special Use" under Section 13 of the Zoning Regulations.

Very truly yours

A. J. Regneri
Secretary

AJR:1

Volunteer Fire-Fighters' Unit Is Planned at Harrods Creek

Organization of a **Harrods Creek** Volunteer **Fire** Department which will start operating about January 1 was announced yesterday by a citizens' committee.

Plans call for the purchase of a fire engine and construction of a firehouse at Harrods Creek. John Lang, Harrods Creek, has been elected acting fire chief.

A member of the committee said \$19,000 for the department has already been pledged in public subscription. An additional \$2,500 is being sought.

More than 300 homes in an area that includes Prospect, Glenview,

and the Blankenbaker Lane section will receive protection from the department. Lang is accepting applications for volunteers to join the department.

Permit Granted For Firehouse At Harrods Creek

The City-County Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals yesterday granted the **Harrods Creek** Volunteer **Fire** Department permission to construct a firehouse.

The building is to be erected on the east side of River Road, about 200 feet south of Harrods Creek Bridge.

Land designated for the building was classified for special use by the board.

The board also granted permission to Arthur J. Voss to erect a sign in front of his drugstore at 1400 Central, and to John J. Shaughnessy, 1115 S. 43d, to add to a store building.

1951

September 1951: The department bought the property at 117 St. Matthews Avenue from the Estate of Mr. Elwanger for \$9,500.00.

September 30, 1951: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1951.

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called on Sunday, September 30, 1951 at which Mr. John Monohan, President, presided.

The following directors were present:

Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer
Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. E. Leland Wilson

Mr. John Monohan
Mr. George E. Miller
Mr. Jos. Zehnder

Mr. Prentice Terry
Mr. Fred Boss

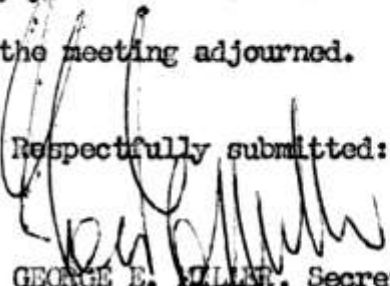
This meeting was called especially to review the blue prints for the new fire house, however they were not ready and could not be seen at that time.

Another special reason for calling this meeting was in regard to the bidding on the piece of fire equipment being offered by Jefferson County and now in our possession.

Motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that we give \$5,500.00 for this equipment and pay for it on terms.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:


GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary.

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October 23, 1951, & November 5, 1951, Fire Report

Date 10/23/51 Time 11:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Residence
 Street Address or Location 3922 Broadfield
 Owner Wm. H. Hargrave II
 Occupied by John
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause Unknown

Extinguished by {
 B-Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES Mrs. Wm. Hargrave II

Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calms & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date 11/5/51 Time 10:15 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Residence
 Street Address or Location Jackman Hill Road
 Owner Wells
 Occupied by _____
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause _____

Extinguished by {
 B-Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
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| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES Mrs. Sue Wells

Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calms & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

November 21, 1951 Fire Report

Date 11/21/51 Time 9:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Residence
 Street Address or Location Syme Road
 Owner New Home Under Const
 Occupied by _____
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause Salamander

Extinguished by {
 B-Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
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| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES [Signature]

Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calms & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date 11/21/51 Time 11:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Residence
 Street Address or Location Clayton Lake Lane
 Owner M. J. Huff
 Occupied by _____
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause _____

Extinguished by {
 B-Booster ✓ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumps Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
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| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES Mrs. Carol Huff

Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calms & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

1951

October 1953:

This was an extremely important day in the history of STMFD. Alan Douglas Ring “Al” and family moved from Bridgeport, Connecticut. Al joined the department in 1964 was active a firefighter until 1990. He served in many capacities during this time form training officer, PIO, Lieutenant, Captain, Major and President of the Board of Directors. From 2009 to Present am the Departments historian and archivist. That’s about 52 years of service.

Just kidding and having fun!!!

My first fire truck



First STMFD fire I watched from front window, January 1, 1956. Walsher

October 31, 1954, The Courier-Journal

Bacon's Plans Store In St. Matthews

Million-Dollar Project Facing Delay of Year

J. Bacon & Sons, Kentucky's oldest department store, is planning to build a \$1,000,000 store in St. Matthews.

Harold S. Johnson, president and general manager of Bacon's, announced the project yesterday. He said construction work may not begin for another year.

The store will be on the north side of Frankfort just west of St. Matthews Avenue. Two stories and a basement—36,000 square feet of floor space—will be built at first. Other floors will be added as needed, Johnson said.

Bacon's already has acquired a 10-year lease, with option to buy, on property fronting on Frankfort. It now is owned by the Henry Bauer estate. It has 160 feet of frontage and runs back about 200 feet.

Bacon's will get possession on January 1, 1953, under terms of the contract. If materials are available and Government building restrictions permit, the firm may get possession earlier, Johnson said.

Negotiating for More Land

Now occupying the property are Sanders Cleaners, 3937 Frankfort; a Spur Distributing Company service station, 3939 Frankfort, and a two-story frame residence adjoining the service station.

Bacon's is negotiating for pur-



DEPARTMENT-STORE SITE . . . J. Bacon & Sons plans to build a department store on property now occupied by the cleaners, service station, and two-story residence, above, on Frankfort near St. Matthews Avenue.

chase of 36,500 square feet of vacant property at the rear of the Bauer property. The transaction is expected to be closed tomorrow. Merchants Ice & Cold Storage Company now owns the tract. The company will continue to operate its ice plant on adjoining property.

Johnson said he did not yet know what type structure the new department store would be. It will be air-conditioned and will have a moving stairway to the second floor.

The store will carry a "complete line of quality merchandise for the entire family in the popular and better - price range," Johnson said. The store also will have merchandise for the home, with the possible exception of furniture.

There will be parking facilities for at least 200 cars at the rear.

75 Employees To Be Needed

Johnson estimated it would take about 75 new full-time employees to operate the store.

Some experienced employees will be transferred from Bacon's downtown store at 332 W. Market.

Bacon's began operating in Louisville and Kentucky 106 years ago. It is associated with Mercantile Stores Company, which has members throughout the nation. Besides the downtown store, Bacon's has a branch junior-department store in Jeffersonville, an appliance store at 2738 Dumesnil, and an appliance-furniture store at Elizabethtown.

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November 5, 1951:

*check rec'd
11/5/51 and
credit made
3 Simpson*

ALL - SHOWS TO
B. GREENBAUM
BROWN, GREENBAUM & ELDRED
BROWN, GREENBAUM & ELDRED
BROWN, GREENBAUM & ELDRED

LAW OFFICES
BROWN, GREENBAUM AND ELDRED
CENTRAL HOME LIFE BUILDING
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

TELEPHONE
AREA 5-20
ALL IN BRIDGE ST.
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY
BROWN, GREENBAUM & ELDRED

BROWN, GREENBAUM & ELDRED
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Mr. John Monohan

November 5, 1951

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Fielden Woodward who is on the new committee. If there is anything that we can do to assure obtaining the lower rate, kindly advise Mr. Woodward or myself.

I feel that enough time has passed and sufficient conditions have been met to give us the lower rate and I do not believe any longer delay is justified.

Very truly yours,

Marshall P. Eldred
Marshall P. Eldred

MFR/mlk

cc: Mr. Fielden Woodward
200 Travels Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

cc: Mr. W. H. Steel
109 Travels Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Mr. John Monohan
Chief
St. Matthews Fire Dept.
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

I enclose herein my check in the amount of \$5.00 payable to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association covering the listing of my house at 110 Travels Road.

While I am no longer a member of the Executive Committee of the Cherokee Home Owners Association, an association of all the home owners in my subdivision, yet I am taking the liberty of writing you about fire protection and fire insurance rates because of the work I have heretofore done in this matter. As you recall, both Mr. Steel and I have conferred with you from time to time in connection with fire protection in our subdivision. We have had conferences at the Kentucky Inspection Bureau where we were promised more than a year ago a reduction in our fire insurance rates if the St. Matthews Fire Department would agree to extend its protection to us. At that time all the houses in Cherokee unit of Indian Hills were within a three mile radius of the St. Matthews Fire Department Engine House and within 1,000 feet of the fire plug. At that time you indicated to us that if you could obtain a third piece of equipment, we would be placed on your preferred protection list.

It is now my understanding that the St. Matthews Fire Department has obtained this additional equipment. I further understand that you contemplate moving into a new building which will be even closer to our subdivision than your present location.

I have examined the contract entered into between the St. Matthews Fire Department and the Jefferson County Fiscal Court and I have discovered that our subdivision is within the territory covered by that contract, which, as I understand, obligates you to give us the protection which, in turn, will permit us to obtain a lower fire insurance rate. Considering all these facts, I cannot understand why we have not yet obtained this lower rate and I will appreciate a reply from you indicating when we may expect to obtain this relief.

November 8, 1951, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION - NOV. 8, 1951

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Meeting was held on Thursday evening, November 8, 1951 and the following directors were present:

J. Leland Wilson
John Monohan, Jr.
Mr. George E. Miller

J. Prestiss Terry
Joseph Zehnder

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Monohan, Jr., President.

Mrs. Simpson was to be instructed to obtain all assessments at the Court House on all business property in the St. Matthews area, starting at Bauer and going out beyond the Bowling Alley and all pieces which have been constructed on the streets off Lexington Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder that the assessment rate be 10¢ per \$100.00 on valuation, with a minimum of \$20.00. This motion was seconded by Mr. Terry.

Motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that Mr. Monohan and Mr. Miller handle the piece of fire equipment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

George E. Miller, Secretary

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November 13, 1951: Bid on County Fire Truck, to become STMFD S1

November 13, 1951

Fiscal Court
Jefferson County,
Louisville, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

We are submitting herewith our bid for the Truck No. 1, which we now have in our possession in the St. Matthews area.

We wish to bid for this truck the sum of FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,500.00) and we are going to explain our situation as we want to have the privilege of making an alternate bid if necessary.

We will be forced to pay for this equipment on the installment basis. I think the Court knows that at the present time we have purchased ground on St. Matthews Avenue and are now accepting bids on the erection of a new fire house which is absolutely necessary that we have.

It is also necessary that we maintain three pieces of equipment to hold the rates which we have obtained in this area from the Insurance Bureau.

We propose to pay for this equipment on a basis of \$1,500.00 Cash and \$1,000.00 per year until it is paid. If our revenue should be such we will pay it off in larger amounts.

We are endeavoring to take in two or three sections additional territory which is not covered at the present time and which Mr. Boone is acquainted as the people in this section have prevailed upon him and the Fire Association in order to get a better rate.

We now make runs to Ormsby Village, Kentucky Children's Home, Central State Hospital, Jefferson County Garage and the Quarry.

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We trust this will all be considered in accepting our bid as it is necessary that we have this piece of equipment and we trust the Court will arrange it so that it will remain in our possession.

Thanking you for the kind consideration shown us in the past, we are,

Yours truly,

John H. Monahan, Jr.

JH:ds

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November 14, 1951: Jefferson County Fire Truck become STMFD S1:

Louisville, Kentucky

November 14, 1951

\$3,000.00

For a valuable consideration, we promise to pay to the order of the JEFFERSON FISCAL COURT, Louisville, Kentucky, \$3,000.00, in three annual installments of \$1,000.00 each, beginning November 14, 1952, payable at the Jefferson County Fiscal Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

This being the only note mentioned in a mortgage of even date from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department to the Jefferson County Fiscal Court.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By _____
John Monahan

CHATTEL MORTGAGE

THIS CHATTEL MORTGAGE, made and entered into this 14th day of November, 1951, by and between THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., hereinafter called the MORTGAGOR, and the JEFFERSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT, hereinafter called the MORTGAGEE.

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the herein-after mentioned loan, the MORTGAGOR hereby conveys to the MORTGAGEE, the following goods and chattels, situated in the State of Kentucky, County of Jefferson, and more particularly described as follows:

One (1) Seagrove Truck, 750 O.P.M.
19 Model No. 66 E B
Serial No. D-0855
195 Kentucky License No. _____

The MORTGAGOR covenants that it is the lawful owner of said property described above; that it is free of all encumbrances and that it has full right and power to mortgage same.

PROVIDED that this conveyance is made for the following purposes and upon the following conditions:

(1) The MORTGAGEE has sold to the MORTGAGOR the hereinabove described property. The MORTGAGEE having made a \$1,500.00 down payment leaving a balance of \$3,000.00 still due and owing to the MORTGAGOR.

(2) The MORTGAGEE has this day executed a note payable to the MORTGAGOR in the amount of \$3,000.00. This note is payable three(3) years from date hereof.

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November 14, 1951: Jefferson County Fire Truck become STMFD S1

November 15, 1951, The Courier-Journal
Edited

(3) The MORTGAGEE covenants to pay at least \$1,000.00 each and every year until the full amount of the note is paid,

(4) This note shall bear no interest whatsoever, however should the MORTGAGEE fail to perform subsection (3) above, the MORTGAGOR may in its discretion declare that portion of the note which is unpaid, due and payable, and may proceed to take possession of the hereinabove described property and sell same in the manner prescribed by law in order to pay first the expense of such foreclosure and secondly the remaining principal on said note.

(5) The MORTGAGOR further covenants that until said note is fully paid, it will keep the property herein conveyed insured against loss by fire and windstorm to the extent of the remaining principal on said note.

(6) The MORTGAGEE shall not attempt to sell or otherwise dispose of the property herein conveyed so long as this mortgage remains in effect.

NOW, should the mortgagor well and truly pay off and discharge the note aforesaid and perform all the covenants and stipulations of this instrument, the mortgagee shall release this mortgage on the request and at the expense of the mortgagor,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signature of the mortgagor the day and year first above written.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.

State of Kentucky }
County of Jefferson }

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this date the foregoing Mortgage was produced to me in said County by John Monahan, Fire Chief, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, party hereto, and acknowledged and delivered by him to be his act and deed.

The Testimony Whereof, witness my signature this _____ day of February, 1952.

My commission expires _____.

Notary Public, Jefferson County,
Kentucky

3 Fire Trucks Sold

The court sold three trucks of the former County Fire Department. Volunteer Fire Departments of St. Matthews and Pleasure Ridge bought two for \$4,500 each and the volunteer unit of Jeffersontown bought the other for \$4,000. They were the only bidders.

County Auditor Joseph G. Hennessey submitted annual audits of the First and Second Magisterial Districts. Second District receipts increased \$7,260 over the previous year and expenses were up \$4,781, for a net gain of \$2,479 for the County. First District receipts rose \$422 and expenses increased \$5,608, for a net loss of \$5,186 to the County.

The court approved a proposal by which the County would be given funds to buy land for the Carrie Gaulbert Cox Park on River Road.

P. A. D. Director To Be Signed

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November 14, 1951, 750 G.P.M. Seagrave Fire Truck, Model No. 66 E B Serial NO. D-0855, total cost \$4,500.00.



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December 22 & 28, 1951, Letters:

December 22, 1951

Mr. John Monohan, Jr.
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Chief,

Reference is made to a telephone bill for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department which amounts to \$52.50. This amount has been owed to the Fiscal Court since May, 1951.

Will you please attend to this matter at once as the Court has been after me to attend to this for some time.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL B. BOONE
Director

December 28, 1951

Mr. Marshall Eldred
Kentucky Home Life Bldg.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Eldred,

In reply to your letter of November 5 concerning the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, I wish to report that I have contacted Chief John Monohan, and was informed this morning that the maps covering your subdivision are being prepared and the rates will be forth coming in the immediate future.

I would appreciate you keeping in touch with me and notifying me of the progress that is being made. If you don't get some affirmative action in the next two (2) weeks please let me know and I will take the necessary steps to obtain same.

Very truly yours,


DANIEL B. BOONE
Director

DBB:JW

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December 30, 1951, *The Courier-Journal*:

SECTION 4 THE COURIER-JOURNAL, LOUISVILLE, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1951



These "before-and-after" photos show how the Jefferson Island Salt Company has altered the old potato warehouse at 126 N. Matthews Avenue (right) to turn it into a very modern headquarters building. Indiana limestone with green trim is the basic motif. Air-conditioning, inset cabinets are only two of many special features of the inside.

Salt-Company Project Lifts St. Matthews Avenue's Face

REPORT OF a new department store—and J. Burns and Sons plans now—the biggest thing that has hit St. Matthews Avenue in years is the recently converted office building of Jefferson Island Salt Company.

Since the company bought and remodeled the building, values in the neighborhood have gone up; congestion along the busy street has built up, and parking space is harder to find.

Lunchroom Included
Most visitors change, however, is the fancy limestone-front, two-story addition to the old potato warehouse which the salt firm bought in 1936 for \$25,000. It has changed the look of the whole street.

The entire building has been air-conditioned. The front addition contains an up-to-the-minute set of executive offices, painted and carpeted, with colorful trim. The basement contains a kitchenette and lunchroom for employees to use on rainy days.

Altogether, the building has a large conference room, four large general offices with filing cabinets inset in the walls, nine private offices, a full top floor filled with old records (available for future expansion of offices when needed), a large vault in the basement, plus a handsome entrance lobby and a second-floor "executive locker."

All this is a far cry from the company's old quarters, which it rented for 25 years in the Columbia Building, according to President Jack Bayless.

"We had wanted a home of our own for the business; we wanted to be out of smoke and noise. It's more cheerful here, and more convenient for most of the employees," Bayless said. Those who don't drive to work are usually certain of bus seats, since they're traveling against rush-hour traffic between Louisville and St. Matthews. And drivers have less traffic to fight.

Parking is easier for employees and visitors, since the firm owns a small strip alongside the building and another at the rear. However, neighbors report that parking in the entire neighborhood is easier for employees and visitors, since the firm owns a small strip alongside the building and another at the rear.

Elegance is the word for the interior of Jefferson Island's new office building, a remodeled potato warehouse. Vice-President Keith W. Reavis displays a sales map.




The "new" building even has a kitchenette and lunchroom. Miss Tully Seamer, left, 1233 Hurst, and Miss Margaret Lally, who lives at 304 Ewing, prepare refreshments.

St. Matthews Avenue's Face

hood has tightened up since J.I.'s arrival.)

As for costs, they came to \$13.62 a square foot excluding the land, and \$14.32 including the land. This is not far different from what new-office construction costs these days. But J.I. has a number of extras: air-conditioning by zones, the vault, expensive paneling and file recesses usually not found in standard office buildings.

Values Start Up

Edd Gregg was the architect for the job. And Thomas Moon of the contracting firm of Hays "no particular problems on the job; Gregg had it all worked out ahead of time."

As a result of its experience and Nicoulin reports there were last summer with the delights of air-conditioning here, the firm is now planning to air-condition the offices at its mines on Jefferson Island, Louisiana.

Bayless says that no sooner had the company moved in than real-estate values along St. Matthews began rising.

"Maybe we should have bought more property than we needed, and benefited from the rise—but we're not in the real-estate business," he commented.

Post Buys Site

Brokers familiar with the street report a stirring of sales in the area since Jefferson Island's arrival. Even more of a stimulus was provided, however, with the recent announcement that J. Bacon and Sons will—regulations permitting—build a large department store at the **St. Matthews Avenue**-Shelbyville Road intersection a block down the street.

Real-estate man Robert Burton, who handled the recent sale of a white frame cottage at No. 131 opposite the Jefferson Island

building, commented, "The actual values here have gone up. The only thing that could have increased the prices on these 25-year-old cottages was the combination of the salt company, Bacon's, plus the build-up in traffic with more people coming into the neighborhood to work."

Another cottage on a 50-foot lot is under option to an undisclosed third party; and the St. Matthews Fire Department bought a third recently at an indicated price of \$9,500 from Mrs. Betty Ellwanger through the Fielding Dickey firm.

The corner property owned by Zachary Taylor Post, American Legion, also is expected to go on the market eventually. The post has purchased for \$25,000 a five-acre portion of the William Meisner farm on the south side of Shelbyville Road, with 350 feet frontage just east of the Sinking Fork of Beargrass Creek. Its move will await suitable change of zoning, plus sufficient

funds, and may be two or three years away.

On Friday, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a zoning change right across the street from the Jefferson Island building partly as a result of J. I.'s arrival. Most of the east side of **St. Matthews Avenue** was rezoned from commercial to light-industrial.

One of the reasons for the change, said property owners, was that outfits like Bacon's and J. I.—commercial operations—had taken up much of the light-industrial zone. Hence more commercial zone was needed to offset the loss.

Problem of Noisy Halls In Dormitories Solved

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 29 (U)—In designing new dormitories, officials at Knox College started with the premise that the human animal, especially the young male of the species, is noisy.

Corridors in men's dormitories generally are not the quietest places on the campus.

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Civil Defense Fire Department Personnel Census

CIVIL DEFENSE FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CENSUS

| | |
|--|---|
| County of <u>JEFFERSON</u> | City, Village or Township of <u>ST MATTHEWS</u> |
| Name of Department <u>ST MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER F.D.</u> | Fire Call Phone No. <u>TAYLOR 4411</u> |

Total Number of Members belonging to Department THIRTY

Number of full paid Firemen NONE Part paid Firemen NONE Volunteer Firemen ALL

Number of Members (average) answering calls in daylight 14 TO 20

Number of Members (average) answering calls at night 20 TO 25

Number of Active Members in Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Police, Inhalator, Rescue Squads, and Ambulance Service. _____

Number of Members trained in Fire Prevention Work NONE

Number of Members in Rescue work and handling Rescue equipment ALL

Number of Members trained in First Aid work 25%

Number of Members who have First Aid Certificates NONE

Number of Members trained to use Gas Mask Equipment ALL MEMBERS

Has your Department practiced Relay Pumping? YES

Is the Chief in the community at all times? AVAILABLE AT ALL TIME - 75% of the Time IN THE COMMUNITY

If answer is No, who has charge while Chief is away ASST CHIEF OR CAPTAINS

Is Chief full paid? NOT PAID Chief's Home Phone No. TAYLOR 7302

Are Assistant Chiefs full paid? NOT PAID Asst. Chief's Home Phone No. 773794

Number of Members trained in Fire Police work NONE

This information is furnished by: JOHN M. MONAHAN JR Title CHIEF

Date of Report DEC 14. 1951

Chief's Name JOHN M. MONAHAN JR Department ST MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Jefferson County Agreement with SMMFD:

THIS AGREEMENT between Jefferson County, Kentucky, acting through its
Fiscal Court, party of the first part, and St. Matthews Volunteer Fire
Department

party of the second part;

1. The party of the second part agrees to give fire protection to citizens of Jefferson County living or owning property within the boundaries of the hereinafter described district.

2. The party of the second part agrees to maintain a fire department which qualifies for at least ninth class according to the rules of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau.

3. The party of the second part agrees to maintain a crew of at least twelve (12) fully trained firemen:

4. The party of the first part agrees to give financial assistance to the party of the second part on a matched fund basis not to exceed Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00 per year, payable quarterly. Funds are to be matched dollar for dollar for money actually raised by the party of the second part and expended for fire protection. The party of the second part is to furnish proof to the Clerk of the Fiscal Court that it has raised and expended said money to be matched, and is to furnish such proof as required by the Fiscal Court that said money was actually raised and spent for protection, including an audit of its books and records which will be submitted to the Fiscal Court on or before June 30, 1952.

5. The party of the second part now owns and operates one(1) approved pumper and agrees to acquire one (1) additional approved pumper to be used outside the boundaries now being protected by the party of the second part.

6. The party of the first part agrees to match funds for money actually raised and spent for the purchase of said pumper above mentioned, not to exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)

7. The party of the second part agrees at all times to have at least one pumper and a full crew within the boundaries of the hereinafter described district.

Jefferson County Agreement with SMMFD:

The description of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
shall be:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of Frankfort Avenue and the East boundary line of the City of Louisville; thence South with East boundary line of the City of Louisville to its intersection with Taylorsville Road; thence East with Taylorsville Road to its intersection with Brown's Lane; thence Northeast with Brown's Lane to its intersection with Lowe Road; thence continuing Northeast with Lowe Road to Wm. Marshall Bullitts Oxmoor Farm's west line; thence North west with Wm. Marshall Bullitts Oxmoor Farm's west line to its intersection with Louisville and Shelbyville highway (US60); thence West with said highway to its intersection with James J. Butler's East line; thence Northwest with James J. Butler's East line and said line extended to its intersection with Louisville and Nashville R. R. Co. right of way; thence with Louisville and Nashville R. R. Co.'s right of way to its intersection with Irwins Bloom's West line; thence Northwest with Irwins Bloom's West line; to its intersection with Westport Road; thence East with Westport Road to its intersection with the East boundary line of Merrifield Subdivision if extended; thence East with the East boundary line of Merrifield Subdivision if extended and the East boundary line of Merrifield Subdivision to its intersection with Brownsboro Road; thence North to the intersection of Blankenbaker Lane and River Road; thence West with River Road to its intersection with Mocking Bird Valley Road; thence South with Mocking Bird Valley Road to its intersection with the East boundary line of the City of Louisville; thence South with the East Boundary line of the City of Louisville to the point of beginning.

STATE OF KENTUCKY }
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON }SS

Witness, this _____ day of _____, 1951, the signature of
Stuart E. Lampe, County Commissioner of Jefferson County, Kentucky, thereunto
duly authorized by a resolution of the Jefferson County Fiscal Court, passed on
the _____ day of _____, 1951, and the signature of _____
_____ duly authorized by the Board of Directors of the
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

By: _____
STUART E. LAMPE, COMMISSIONER

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By: _____

1951

Undated letter to All Fire Chiefs:

LETTER TO ALL FIRE CHIEFS

Dear Chief:

In checking on the radio telephone service it has come to my attention that on several occasions the different departments have suffered difficulties in getting the operators. Would you please keep a log of your daily call to the operator, as to how long it takes to get her to answer. Would you please forward me a copy of your log in order that I might take up with the telephone company on service that is being rendered us.

The County Police have reported to me that on two occasions they have tried to contact different trucks after they have left the station and the operator reported the phones were not turned on. Would you please caution your men to turn on the telephone as soon as the truck starts because a turn around call might save a life. Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated.

Will you please give me a memorandum if your telephone is in operation and when installed.

I would appreciate an early reply,

Very truly yours,

Daniel B. Boone
DB/MB

1951

Sample Charges for Fire Runs:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
P. O. Box 115 St. Matthews, Ky.
January 9 1951

M. Mrs. A. Breaux Ballard
Glenview, Kentucky

For Services Rendered

For response to fire,-----\$25.00

*Paid 1/12/51
D. Simpson*

OFFICIAL RECEIPT
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
P. O. Box 115 St. Matthews, Ky.
Jan. 12 1951

Received of Mrs. B. Breaux Ballard
Address Glenview, Ky.
For response to fire \$25.00
\$ D. Simpson

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
P. O. Box 115 St. Matthews, Ky.
January 9 1951

M. Mr. E. L. Floore
3535 Norbourne Blvd.
Louisville 7, Ky.

For Services Rendered

For response to fire, December 19, 1950-----\$35.00

*Paid 2-2-51
D. Simpson*

OFFICIAL RECEIPT
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
P. O. Box 115 St. Matthews, Ky.
2-2 1951

Received of E. L. Floore, Jr.
Address 3535 Norbourne Blvd.
For Fire Run Dec. 19-1950 \$35.00
\$ D. Simpson

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
P. O. Box 115 St. Matthews, Ky.
January 20 1951

M. Mr. John Hoppf
1004 Rutherford Ave.
Louisville, Ky.

For Services Rendered

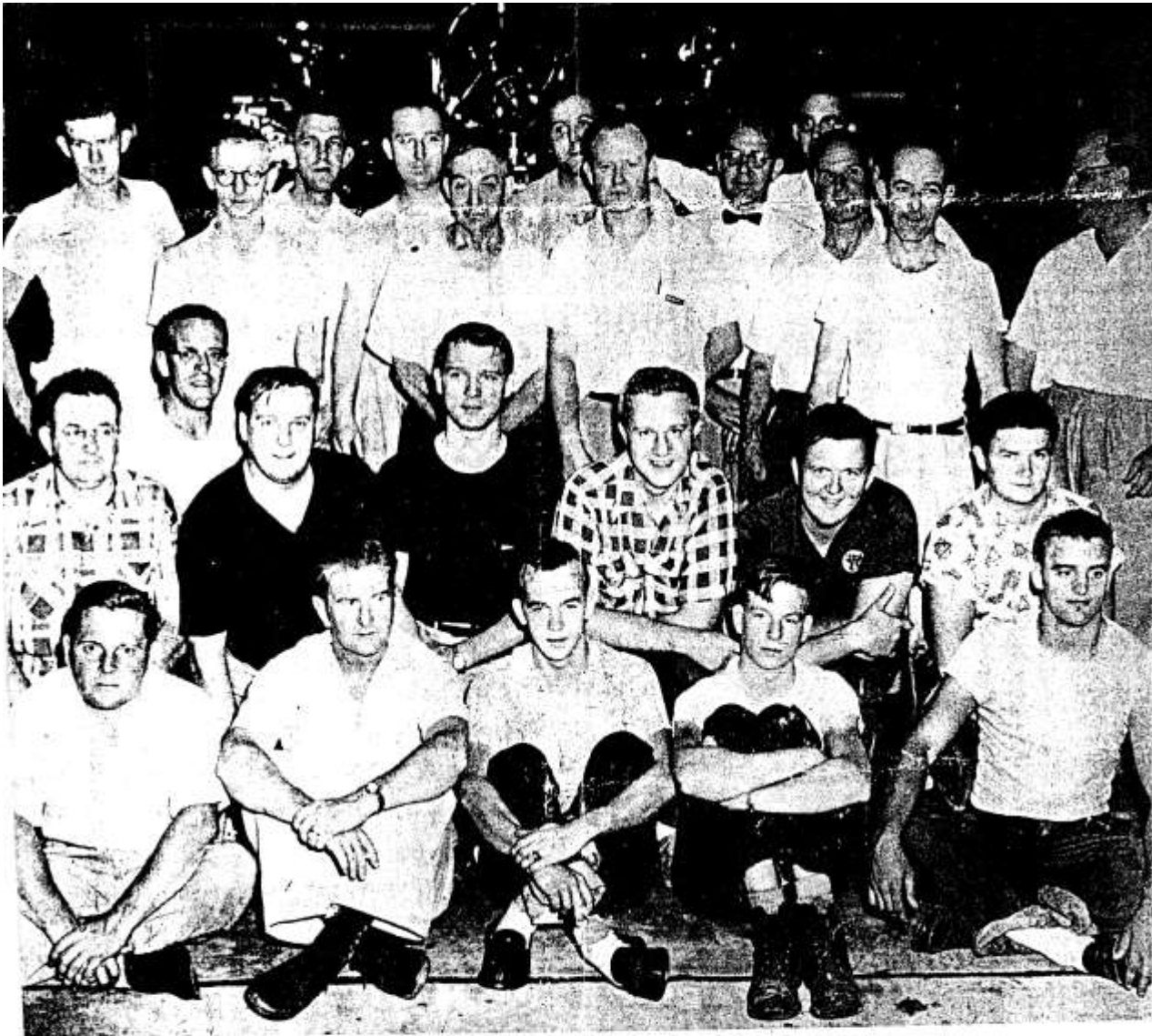
For responding to fire on car, December 27, 1950-----\$15.00

(This occurred at Oxford and Frankfort Aves. at 11:40 P.M.)

END NOTICE

1951

1951 or 1952: We believe this picture is from this era.



**MEMBERS OF THE ST. MATTHEWS
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Fire Prevention Week -

Top Row, Left to Right: William Medina, Jim Weixler, Wells Meyer, Unknown, Unknown, Melch Zehnder, John M. Monohan, Jr., Dick Wheeler, Jack Monohan, Ed Foley, Marty Kamer, Joe Kempf.

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Allan McNalley, George Westwood, Pete Blackwell, Marty Rueff, Al Haerberlin.

Middle Row Left to Right: Phil Schneider, Billy Smith, Jr., Dan Sullivan, Jr., John Kaster, Denny Engnehl, Bob Brenzel, Melvin Schrode.

1951

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1952

Courtesy <http://www.ballardsvillefire.com/index.htm>

Ballardsville Fire Department Started

Established in 1952 in Oldham County Kentucky, we have been proud to serve our fire district with excellence in emergency service for over fifty years. Thank you for visiting with us.



Courtesy Chief Don Wittry, Fairdale Fire District:

Fairdale Fire Department Started

THE HISTORY OF FAIRDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fairdale Volunteer Fire Department was organized in September of 1952. It was started by people of the community holding meetings to determine the need for fire service. These folks determined they could cover a radius of 3 to 5 miles from the center of Fairdale. The human resources were volunteer members of the community.

The Fire House which is located in the center of Fairdale was started in September 1952 and finished in November 1952. It was built by members of the community giving their time and labor.

The first truck was delivered November 10, 1952. In 1953 a jeep was purchased and equipped for fighting field fires.

In 1955 a second fire truck was purchased which is a 500 gallon Seagrave. In 1959 another jeep was purchased for fighting field fires.

In those early days the fire department is governed by a Board of Directors which consisted of ten members. The Department is operated from membership of property owners who pay annual dues for fire protection. The Fire Department has a total of two fire trucks and two jeeps. It is operated by a Central radio, a base station, each piece of fire equipment is radio equipped and radio receivers in most firemen's homes.

The Fire Department is operated by a Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, 3 Engineers, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Fire Marshals. The Department has a force of 39 men.

With the name "Penile, Fairdale, Coral Ridge, Auburndale, Third Street Road Volunteer Fire Departments, an identity crisis is inevitable. Forced to house the original fire truck in a private garage on Third Street Road until the completion of the new fire station in Fairdale only added to the confusion.

The fire department began as a membership organization and remained funded with citizen donations for over twenty years.

In September 1976 the Fairdale Fire Department moved from the original Manslick Road location (Fairdale Feed & Hardware) to a new fire station on Mitchell Hill Road. The original location where Charlie Siemens donated land for a fire station in 1952 became an auction house before morphing into the hardware store it once neighbored.

In 1995 the need for a second station was recognized by the Board of Trustees and was constructed at 3rd Street Road and the Outer Loop. The dedication ceremony to open the station was held October 11, 1996.

By year 2000, the Fairdale fire district grew to over 20,000 residents within this 33 square mile fire district and run volumes exceeded 700. Such run volumes dictated to the Trustees that the department move up to the next level of service with full time firefighters.

On April 1st, 2000 the first paid chief was hired. By August 1st, 2000 the first career firefighters were hired and scheduled for nine hours a day five days per week. Today Fairdale Fire Department is staffed with around-the-clock career, volunteer, and part-time firefighters from neighboring fire departments and they respond with EMS as first responders. Run volumes have grown to over 1500 per year.

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Courtesy Chief Don Wittry, Fairdale Fire District:

Fairdale Fire Department Started



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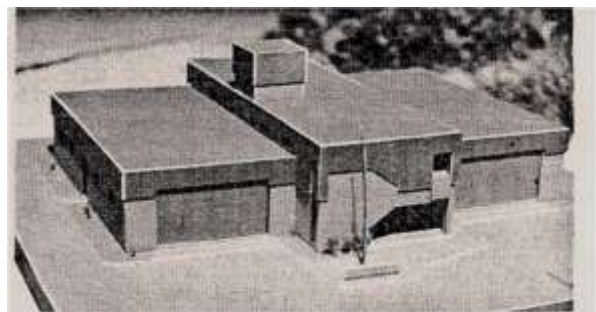


Photo by Danny Hammers

A photograph of the Model of the new Fairdale Fire Station shows how the new fire station will appear when it is completed.

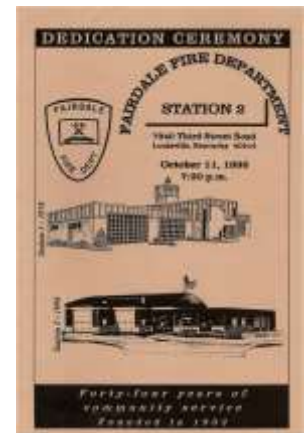
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Mr. Merit was the STMFD Attorney.

The City of Beechwood and Fairmeade were started.

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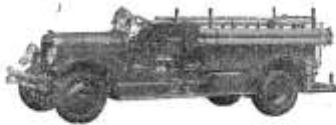
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

January 4, 1952

City of Beechwood Village
Office of the Mayor
4507 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association does hereby agree to respond to all alarms of fire within the now existing boundaries of the City of Beechwood Village, Jefferson County, Kentucky for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 1952 and ending December 31, 1952 for the sum of \$5.00 per dwelling and \$0.25 for each vacant lot. A discount of 5% will be allowed if paid during the month of January. Payment to be for the now existing 142 dwellings and 34 vacant lots for the total sum of \$438.00, a discount of \$24.55 allowed if paid during January, making a net bill of \$397.45.

Yours truly,

John M. Monahan, Jr.
President

Accepted City of Beechwood Village

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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

January 4, 1952

City of Richlawn
Office of City Clerk
124 Handy Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association does hereby agree to respond to all alarms of fire within the now existing boundaries of the city of Richlawn, Jefferson County, Kentucky, for a period of one (1) year beginning January 1, 1952 and ending December 31, 1952. For the sum of \$5.00 per dwelling and the sum of \$1.00 for all vacant lots. A discount of 5% will be allowed if paid during the month of January. It is understood that payment be for the 134 dwellings for the sum of \$668.00 and \$1.00 for all vacant lots, making a total of \$668.00. A discount of \$44.94, if paid in January, making a total and net bill of \$500.96.

Yours truly,

John M. Monahan, Jr.
President

Accepted City of Richlawn.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

Builders Spend \$3 Million Here

New Homes Account For Most of Total

Greater St. Matthews spent about \$3,000,000 improving itself by way of building or fixing homes, commercial buildings, and roads in 1951.

The great bulk of the money was spent on single family residences. 267 were built here at a cost of \$2,753,650, according to applications filed with the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commissions. Altogether 328 applications were filed during 1951 for constructing new buildings or improving old ones, at a total estimated cost of \$2,979,495. In addition, three cities and two road districts repaired streets at an estimated \$67,936.30. Spring-ice city repairs, not quite completed, will cost around \$29,000, Trustee H. H. Mashburn has announced.

The City of Richland finished a \$10,000 job of black-topping the 100 and 200 blocks of Gibson, Dan Allen and Heady, and sealing Taggart Drive and Leydyard Road in May. An additional \$1400 was spent for drainage.

Cherrywood City spent an es-

timated \$3000 repatching the 4000 blocks of 1-land Road, Brookfield Ave., Elmwood Ave., and Gilman Road, the 400 block Clover Lane, and the 300 and 400 blocks of Cherrywood.

Warner Avenue Road District No. 3 repaired the 3000, 3700, and 3800 blocks on Warner Avenue last month at a cost of \$16,377.50. And, Builing Fields Road District last summer built \$14,150.00 worth of streets on Club, Country Swing and Hainwood Lanes.

The building figures are only estimates, and very often inaccurate estimates, Wendell M. Wilbur, assistant zoning enforcement officer, cautioned last month. He said contractors were apt to estimate a little high to get better prices for homes built, while individuals building their own homes estimated a little low in hopes of keeping taxes down.

A complete breakdown:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| New roads and repair | \$ 67,936.30 |
| 267 single family residences | 2,753,650.00 |
| One school | |
| Residential improvements, additions | |
| Commercial buildings | 149,343.60 |
| Commercial improvements, additions | 3,300.60 |
| TOTAL | \$3,047,431.20 |

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January 4, 1952: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



BETTER FIRE PROTECTION—Here are the men who protect life and property in this community—the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. The boys are posing with their newest and best truck, recently acquired from Jefferson County Fiscal Court. It's a 1947 Seagrave with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute, 250 better than both the older trucks. The present firehouse on Creekside Lane, holds only two trucks, so one of the older ones is

stored away in Lyndon, until the new firehouse going up on St. Matthews is completed some time in March. Sitting at the wheel of the truck is Fire Chief John Monohan. The others are Assistant Chief Richard Herdt, Captain J. P. Terry, Captain John Westerman, Lieutenant Martin Kamer, Lieutenant George Westwood, Ed Foley, R. C. Herdt, Jim Brenzel, John Cauthorn, Jim Sauer, Ray Wilson, Joe Kempf, Morris Blake, and Charles Hahn.

Left to right bottom, standing: Ray Wilson, Joe Kempf, Marty Kamer, Rich Herdt, John Cauthorn, Rich Herdt, Sr., Charlie Haun.

Left to right at the top: John Westerman, George Westwood, John Monohan, Jr., Jim Sauer, Ed Foley, Jim Brenzel, J. P. Terry, "Jughead" Blake.

Apparatus S1.

1952

January 4, 1952, Fire Report

Date Jan 9 Time 10:00 Alarm by Ph 10 or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property _____
 Street Address or Location 402 Plymouth Rd
 Owner IRVIN HOUERER
 Occupied by Under Construction
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause Salvander
 Extinguished by { B-Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C-Chemicals _____ Hours Pumpers Worked _____
 H-Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 P-Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S-Sprinklers _____ Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings _____ Contents _____
 Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES X Irvin Houser
111 Ave
130 Ky
 Signed Louis B. Ky Officer in Charge
 Form No. 146—Calusa & Bros., Clifton, N. J. Member

State Okays St. Matthews Traffic Changes

Left Turns And Parking Banned In Busy Spots

Changes Go Into Effect Next Week For Trial Period

Several St. Matthews parking and traffic changes for a "trial period" were approved yesterday by the State Highway Department.

Highway Engineer D. H. Bray recommended, and Commissioner W. P. Curlin approved, the following changes:

- 1—No left turns from Shelbyville Road into Breckinridge Lane or Chenoweth Lane.
- 2—No parking on the south side of Shelbyville Road from Lexington Road to Breckinridge Lane.
- 3—No parking on Shelbyville Road from Breckinridge-Chenoweth to St. Matthews Avenue.
- 4—Set up left-turn lanes from Shelbyville Road into Willis and St. Matthews Avenues.
- 5—Synchronize the traffic lights at Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue with the one at Breckinridge Lane and Shelbyville Road to permit traffic to move faster.

Bray said the changes would go into effect with the understanding that if they were not satisfactory, his office would try something else. The usual "trial period" is around 90 days.

Traffic Division Director W. P. Ringo said the new traffic signs would go up sometime next week. Until construction crews can cut away parts of the islands in the center of the highway to make left-turn lanes, he plans to set up sand bags for that purpose.

The changes were recommended by State Engineer Tom Galloway at a meeting in County Judge E. L. Shamburger's office December 20. He drew up the plans at the request of a committee headed by John B. Ratterman, Jr., representing the People's Committee of St. Matthews, St. Matthews Rotary, St. Matthews Kiwanis, and St. Matthews Lions.

Ratterman said Tuesday that compliance with the new regulations would have to be largely voluntary. The county police are short of officers to enforce the rules strictly.

Judge Shamburger said he might be able to provide a policeman for a while until the people are familiar with the new rules. He declared, however, that any decision must wait until he can call a meeting with the traffic committee and Col. Walter Layman, head of the county police.

Ringo said last month that Kentucky's heaviest traffic passes through St. Matthews—an average of 24,000 vehicles in 24 hours. Completion of the new Inner Belt Highway later this year may divert most of the truck traffic, he said.

St. Matthews has rapidly grown into a traffic bottleneck, especially on Saturday and Sunday, and during rush hours. The traffic committee was formed in November to work out possible solutions to the traffic problem with State highway department officials.



Traffic flowed more smoothly than ever before in St. Matthews Monday and Tuesday at the rush hour, 5 p.m., when left hand turns were barred at the Shelbyville Road-Chenoweth Lane intersection until this motorist ignored signs to make a left hand turn. It was a woman driver.

January 10, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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January 11, 1952, Letter:

January 11, 1952, *The Jeffersonian*:

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January 11, 1952

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FISCAL COURT:
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MARK BEAUCHAMP

DANIEL B. ROONE
DIRECTOR

Mr. John Monahan
905 Elmwood
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Chief,

The information that you furnished concerning the numbers off of your truck recently purchased from the County has been misplaced either in my office or in the County Attorney's office. Could you please check the chassis number and the type of truck that you purchased from Jefferson County and furnish same to this office in order that we may draw up the Chattel Mortgage and give you title to the truck that you purchased.

Very truly yours,
Daniel B. Boone
DANIEL B. BOONE
Director

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John Monahan
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Thierman Lane New Apartments Given Approval

Approval of a 172-unit apartment project on Thierman Lane, near St. Matthews, has been approved by the City-County Planning and Zoning Commission.

The project is proposed by H. G. Whittenberg on a 20-acre tract between Shelbyville Road and the Louisville & Nashville tracks on the west side of Thierman.

Changing of the area from a single family zone had been protested by 175 neighbors at a public hearing December 20.

The commission also has changed the classification on the east side of St. Matthews Avenue from commercial to light industrial. This extends 433 feet south of Westport Road. Property owners requested the change.

January 1952, Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:



The new church at 311 Browns Lane, completed in January, 1952.

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January 18, 1952, *The Jeffersonian*:

January 25 & 30, 1952, Letters:

Smith Named To Head Volunteer Fire Group

Election of Billy Smith, Lyndon, as president of Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., for 1952 has been announced. Personnel of the group includes volunteer fire fighters from Jeffersonton, Buechel, Fern Creek, Middletown, Lake Dreamland, Camp Taylor, Lyndon and Okolona.

Other officers are William E. Rives, Buechel, first vice president; Henry Riddle, Middletown, second vice president; Ted Travelstead, Lake Dreamland, secretary; Thruston Schmidt, Buechel, treasurer, and Don White, Lyndon, sergeant-at-arms.

January 25, 1952

Mr. John Monohan
905 Elmwood
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear John,

Would you please let me know whether or not you have altered your map with the Kentucky Inspection Bureau so as to include all of the area within 3 miles of your firehouse which you have contracted with the County to provide fire protection for.

If you have not submitted this map would you please let me know the status of this proposed change so that I can get 2 or 3 groups of people off of my neck including the Court.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL B. BOONE
Director

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY



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LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

January 30, 1952

Mr. John M. Monohan
8809 Elmwood
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

The subdivision in which I live, Meadowview Estates, is located exactly 2.5 miles from St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. This subdivision is adequately equipped with fire hydrants and water furnished by the Louisville Water Company. It is the desire of the writer and all other residents in this subdivision that we be furnished fire protection by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

We understand there is an annual charge of \$5.00 per residence for this service which I agree to act as a committee to collect from all residences in this subdivision (approximately fifty houses).

Please inform me whether or not we are included in your Fire Insurance rate area, as I have been informed by the program director, Daniel Boone, that we should be in your fire protection area.

Will you please advise the writer within fifteen days when we may expect a solicitation on this project.

Very truly yours,

W. Harlow Edwards
W. Harlow Edwards
17 North Sheridan Road
Wabash 0765
Cherokee 4009

WHE:BW

Copies to:

Daniel B. Boone, Director of County Fire Program
Dean Delaney, Chairman of Subdivision Improvement

Firemen Fail To Find Blaze; Most of Greenhouse Destroyed

A four-room greenhouse on the estate of Dr. Paul L. Dent, Upper River Road, burned early yesterday while the Worthington Fire Department tried to find the fire.

Chief Carl Chamberlain drove about seven miles on various roads in the section, but did not see any evidence of the fire. And, he added, they couldn't locate a County police car to guide the firemen.

Chamberlain said the fire was not in the Worthington district, but he made the run because County police reported it to him.

Equipment Never Arrived

Mrs. Dent said she called County police when the fire was discovered, and they advised her

to call the St. Matthews Fire Department. She called and talked to someone, but the St. Matthews equipment never went to the fire.

Jack Monahan, son of the St. Matthews chief, said the St. Matthews department did not receive the call. He said he had no idea who Mrs. Dent talked to.

All but one room of the greenhouse was destroyed, Mrs. Dent, who raises flowers chiefly as a hobby, said.

She did manage to save about 1,000 rose plants in the room not destroyed. A large number of carnation, verbena, and chrysanthemum plants were burned, she said. She did not give an estimate on her loss.

January 26, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:

U. L. Student Dies as Car Overturns

Shelbyville Road Accident Kills Simeon A. Glick

Simeon A. Glick, a graduate student at the University of Louisville, was killed at 1 p.m. yesterday when the automobile he was driving overturned and struck a tree on Shelbyville Road.

The car caught fire, but Glick's body was removed a few seconds after the crash by two Louisville Water Company employees working near the scene, about two miles east of St. Matthews.

Glick, 27, of 514 E. Chestnut, suffered fractures of his skull, neck, and right arm, according to Chief Deputy Coroner William Kammerer.

Wheels Get Into Island

County Patrolman Elmer Emery said the left wheels of Glick's westbound car somehow got into the island which divides the four-lane road.

The car, out of control, ran back across the westbound lanes and struck the tree, Emery said. Glick was driving between 40 and 50 miles an hour, Emery said witnesses told him.

Glick was pulled from the burning car by John Spratt, 1270 S. First, and John Eldried, 617 E. Jefferson, who were repairing a water line nearby. **St. Matthews volunteer firemen put out the blaze.**

The death marked the second traffic fatality in the county this year. There was the same number of fatalities at this time last year.

Worked at Children's Home

Glick was a student at the Kent School of Social Work. He worked part-time for the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home. He was driving one of the organization's cars at the time. Glick came here from New York about a year ago.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ann Glick, a receptionist at the Y.M.H.A., and a daughter, Sydney Glick. The body will be taken to New York for funeral and burial.



SIMEON A. GLICK



WRECKED, FIRE-RAVAGED CAR in which Simeon A. Glick became the county's second traffic fatality this year is shown here before it was towed away. The scene is Shelbyville Road, two miles east of St. Matthews. The car overturned and hit a tree.

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January 31, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Sanitation District Moving To P.O. Building

Sanitation District No. 1 will move its offices to the Post Office Building, 136 Breckinridge Lane, "around the first of February," W. Howard Hopkin, district manager, announced Monday.

District offices now are at 100 Cherokeel Lane.

Inside this crate is the new 1952 Ford. Friday at Riggs Motors, 1021 Frankfort Avenue, J. W. Vanaman, left, sales manager, and Henry L. McCoy, salesman, will open it. The new car will be on display Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visitors also may register at Riggs for the new Ford being given away Saturday night at the armory between halves of the Eastern-U. of L. game.

State To Install Traffic Light

There'll be a new traffic light at Hubbards Lane and Shelbyville Road in about two weeks.

The State Highway Department this week circulated a letter to the people in and around Rich-lawn telling them the necessary materials were now available.

The State promised the light six months ago in response to a petition from citizens in that area.

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February 7, 1952: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

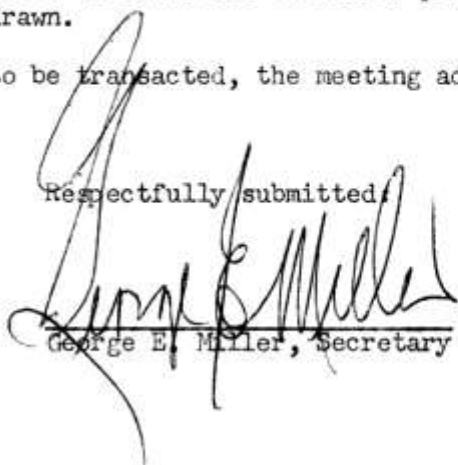
A special called meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called at the Fire House on February 7, 1952 with the following directors present:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mr. Fred Boss | Mr. John Monohan, Jr. |
| Mr. Joseph Zehnder | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. E. Leland Wilson | Mr. Louis Schweitzer |
| Mr. George E. Miller | |

This meeting was called for the purpose to consider the proposition of the St. Matthews Lodge No. 6 F. A. & M. to get together with us in the building of the fire house on St. Matthews Avenue. Their proposition was not acceptable as it would cause the title of the building to be in a partnership title, therefore the proposition which is attached and is made a part hereto of these minutes, was suggested by Director, Mr. George E. Miller and after a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that the proposition be submitted to the St. Matthews Lodge No. 6 F. A. & M. and if this was not acceptable, we would then proceed to build the one-floor plan fire house for which we have already had plans drawn.

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


George E. Miller, Secretary

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February 7, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*: The fire was January 31, 1952.

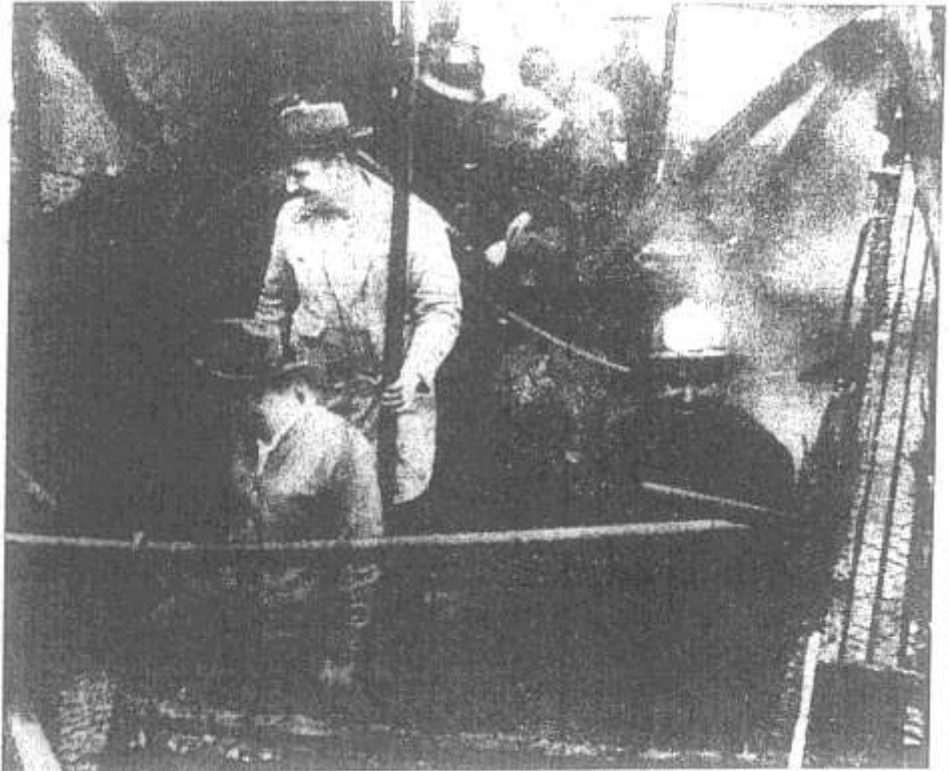
Greenhouse Fire Consumes Plant And One Room

A greenhouse fire at Highbaugh Farm, resulting from boiler room explosion, caused an estimated three to five thousand dollar damage to the greenhouse and \$2,000 damage to the contents of the greenhouse, according to L. Leroy Highbaugh, Sr., one of the owners of the farm. The fire broke out Thursday, January 31, at 2:30 p.m.

Highbaugh said that the boiler room and the potting room burned and also one of the greenhouse rooms. Quick work by the Lyndon and St. Matthews fire departments helped workmen put out the blaze in two hours and kept it from spreading to other greenhouse rooms.

Highbaugh was returning from a Miami, Florida, business trip while the fire was being fought.

He said that the greenhouse is about 250 feet long and 65 feet wide. Highbaugh Farm is located on the Shelbyville Road and covers 925 acres. The Highbaughs, senior and junior, carry on general farming as well as work in the greenhouse.



ST. MATTHEWS AND LYNDON FIREMEN survey the boiler room of a greenhouse damaged by fire Thursday at Highbaugh Farms. In foreground is J. F. Terry of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Behind him, Mel Acobing, both from the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department.

Courtesy, http://www.hurstbourne.org/content.asp?q_areaprimaryid=2

Edited

There were 35 rooms in Lyndon Hall, now the Hurstbourne Club House, counting the storage rooms, vaults, cold rooms, machinery rooms and many baths. One of the garages behind the Club House was once a stable that was the home of the famous race horse, Ten Broeck, named for a family that occupied the house at one time. Mrs. Hert's saddle horse, Major Pendennis, and a German police dog are buried in marked graves on the estate. The beautiful, white frame house beside the Clubhouse belongs to the Charles McNeal family, relatives of Mrs. Hert.

For about twenty years, until her death in 1948, Mrs. Hert lived in her lovely home with its beautiful gardens complete with a gazebo and gorgeous strutting peacocks.

The estate was purchased in 1949 by L. LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. and Jr. and the name changed to Highbaugh Farms. The Highbaughs lived in the house for a number of years. Then in 1965 began to develop the estate into a community to be known as Hurstbourne, with plans for a shopping center, offices, schools, churches, a country club complex containing a 27 hole golf course covering 240 acres, and stately Lyndon Hall as its club house. The streams, creek beds, well planned plantings and other natural features, as well as the site of Lynn's Station, its springhouse, the Anderson graveyard and old stone out-buildings, have been thoughtfully preserved and carefully incorporated into the long range planning for Hurstbourne at the request of L. Leroy Highbaugh, Jr.

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February 7, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Sanders Cleaners Buys Site for New Home Here

Sanders Cleaners has purchased a site at 129 St. Matthews Avenue for its new home. The new plant will be built there after the lot is cleared of a five-room cottage now standing.

Sanders' present site is at 3937 Frankfort Ave. It is owned by Isadore, Albert and Carroll Sanders, Max J. Oppenheimer and Robert C. Burton, associates of George C. Murphy Real Estate, handled the deal.

ST. MATTHEWS STREETS ARE IN DISGRACEFUL CONDITION

Speaking very generally, St. Matthews streets are a mess. This indictment doesn't apply to those roads within the corporate limits of the sixth-class cities in this area. These cities have streets better than most you'll find in Louisville.

We're talking about streets such as Wiltshire and Brown Avenue which don't fall within the corporate limits of any city. In his own roundabout way, a contributor to today's "Letter To the Editor" section is expressing the frustration we all must feel as we guide our expensive cars fearfully around the craters in these streets.

Sometimes, you can't even go around the holes. They stretch clear across the road. If you hit them at a speed of over ten miles an hour, your car is liable to suffer a ripped tire or a busted spring. Actually, there's very little excuse for this disgraceful condition. Even if these areas don't fall into incorporated cities, the legal machinery exists to allow these property owners to make necessary repairs. Either they are ignorant of the machinery, or are too lazy to use it.

The expense couldn't scare them away. Decent roads can be built at an average cost of \$120 per property owner. This would include attorney and engineer fees, and a 10-year maintenance fund. So the cost would be only about 12 dollars a year for ten years for each person. The increase in property values (one real estate man estimated it at \$500 per house) would make the investment a thoroughly sound one.

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February 17, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*



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February 8, 1952, Letter:

St. Matthews, Kentucky
February 8, 1952

St. Matthews Lodge No. 6 F. A. & M. - #2

February 8, 1952

St. Matthews Lodge No. 6 F. A. & M.
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The proposition which you offered at the meeting which we had with your Board of Trustees was acted upon last evening by our Board of Trustees and was immediately declined.

We are submitting you herewith a proposition which has been passed by our Board of Directors and while it possibly is not legally worded and in the form it should be, this proposition is made with the understanding that the accepted proposition must be verified after your attorney and our attorney have gotten together and put it into legal form, however we believe this proposition will roughly outline to you whether or not your Lodge cares to accept it.

The proposition is as follows:

Your Lodge will make a contribution to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association of the additional cash it will take to put on a second floor on the building which we are going to erect for a fire house. We in turn are going to give you a lease for three to five years and will also give you an option to purchase the building at any time we decide to sell this building at the best price obtainable. You will then, under this option, have the opportunity to step in and purchase at the price which we are offered. Should you do so, then on the purchase price you will be allowed the amount as per payment which you are going to put in now, which is the additional cost of erecting this second floor.

Should the proposition we are offered exceed the amount which you would want to pay for this building and you would not want to execute your option, then we will refund you the original amount you have invested.

In consideration that we own the lot and will have a much greater amount invested in the erection of this building, we feel you are to pay us Forty (\$40.00) Dollars per month, you to have the right to rent your portion of this building to other Lodges for Lodge gatherings only. We are quite sure you can do so whereby it will cost you no rental whatsoever.

It is also understood that you are to pay one-half of the upkeep, be responsible for any repairs to the second floor of this building and also pay one-half of the water bill. Of course, all light and gas will be on separate meters.

Should this proposition be acceptable to you, you may procure a set of our original plans from Mr. John Monahan, Jr. and have your architect immediately draw up specifications with the second-floor added, or if you should desire to use the same architect we have and whom we are getting at a very reasonable rate to draw up the plans for you, Mr. Monahan will furnish you his name. Of course, all expenses for the new plans to be made are to be borne by the Lodge.

Very truly yours,

President,

Secretary.

CCB/ma

February 7, 1952, The Voice Of St. Matthews:

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Feb. 14, 1952

Mr. John M. Monahan
3909 Elmwood
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monahan:

This is an answer to your phone call of February 12, 1952, at which time you requested a lay out of Meadowview Estates. Enclosed is a lay out plan drawn to scale which was prepared by the Louisville and Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission. The writer has indicated on this lay out locations of two standard fire hydrants in the subdivision. You will note that all homes in the subdivision are within 1,000 feet by road of a standard fire hydrant.

The bi-monthly service charge of \$7.75 for services of these fire hydrants is being paid out of our subdivision special account. Billings from the Louisville Water Company are being sent to Mr. Dean Delaney chairman of our subdivision committee.

Very truly yours,

W. Harlow Edwards
W. Harlow Edwards

Letters to the Editor



Drainage Is Bad On Hycliffe Avenue

Look at this picture of Hycliffe Avenue near Breckinridge Lane, after a rain storm. Why do conditions like this exist on county roads in Jefferson County?

Hycliffe and Breckinridge are both county roads. Water from Grandview, Walnut, Hazel, and Breckinridge empty into Hycliffe. No culvert is open under Hycliffe where it intersects Breckinridge. New buildings are being constructed on Breckinridge Lane, with the permission of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Each one will fill into new existing water, thus throwing more drainage into the general area of Hycliffe, and greatly aggravating local drainage problems.

The above condition has been referred to the attention of the county engineer, the Health Department, and the county clerk, over a period of several years. Instead of help, they give us excuses. Is it necessary to sue county and properly connect to remove one of the services we pay taxes for?

If the county cannot maintain its obligation, I suggest that present county roads be graded and a Metropolitan District be formed. This would allow Planning and Zoning to operate on a county-wide basis, and to enforce adequate planning, taking into consideration such things as drainage, traffic, and sewer systems.

As it is now, we have high taxes and certain sections of the county bordering at the expense of other sections. The result is that many parts of St. Matthews suffer from bad drainage and other poor county services.

There are no drainage ditches on either side of Hycliffe. Some in central section.

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CLARENCE HARMON

February 14, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*
Future STMFD Board Member

ST. MATTHEWS PERSONALITIES

Dr. Tom Jerry Smith is really his name, and he's the exact opposite of the boisterous character the name might bring to mind.

"Just say he's a bookworm," Willie B. Compton, his receptionist, said, breaking into the interview. He grinned and said, "Yes, and tell them she's been a registered nurse thirty years and what she doesn't know about it isn't worth knowing."

He admits to being a bookworm. He's nuts about Dickens and has read "The Christmas Carol" every year for ten years. But most of his reading is confined to medical journals. You can't get around it, he says. To be successful at medicine, you have to be married to it. It's got to be your profession and your hobby.

His biggest problem is "finding spare time" for himself and his family. He's still a druggist and is on the staff of Baptist and St. Anthony's Hospitals.

He has two diversions. He's a member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, and he's a 32nd degree mason (St. Matthews lodge and a member of the shrine).

As for background, Dr. Smith was born and educated in Covington. He attended the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy and worked as a registered druggist from 1928 to 1930. Then he went back to school and graduated from the University of Cincinnati Medical School in 1938. Two years later he was in the army. His last assignment was commanding officer of the Convalescent Hospital at Bowman Field.

He liked it so well here, he stayed after being discharged and strolling through St. Matthews one day, he saw an office for rent at 128 Breckinridge Lane. He got it for himself and moved his business in February 1947.

Yet, he says with a smile, he's "I've never been in a place not a 'joiner'."



DR. SMITH

where the people are as friendly as they are in St. Matthews," he said last Thursday, "and I've lived all over the country."

He and his wife, the former Martha Allen of St. Clair, Missouri, lived at 128 Chadwick Road. Their only child, Thomas Allen, 7, is a student at Lyndon Consolidated.

Dr. Smith's work centers around internal medicine, but he's not a specialist, he emphasized. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Kentucky State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Aero Medical Society, the Southern Medical Society, and the Association of Military Surgeons. He also belongs to Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Yet, he says with a smile, he's "I've never been in a place not a 'joiner'."

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February 21, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

**New \$200,000 Church Dedicated
By Harvey Browne Presbyterian**

Ceremonies Climax 2 Years' Work

Two years of hard work came to a climax Sunday for members of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church with the dedication of their new, \$200,000 church at Brown's Lane and Church Way.

Ceremonies began at 11 a.m. with an organ prelude by Mendelssohn. Rev. Charles Owens, minister of the Shawnee Presbyterian Church, and minister of Harvey Browne from 1937 to 1942, delivered the invocation for Rev. William T. McElroy, who was ill.

Rev. McElroy was at Harvey Browne from 1916 to 1937. Other former Harvey Browne ministers who attended the Sunday program were Dr. Henry Sweets and Rev. Paul M. Watson. Also present were Dr. Andrew K. Rule, professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and Rev. Edwin R. Rock, executive secretary of the Louisville Presbytery.

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church began as a mission Sunday School in 1891 under the sponsorship of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, in the old Greathouse School which stood on the spot now occupied by the Kroger Grocery in St. Matthews.

Mr. Hugh Barrett, an elder in the Highland Church became interested in the mission. He and Mrs. Barrett did much to keep the work alive.

In 1914 a Mrs. Roberts of Bardstown, Ky., gave \$2,000 to Louisville Presbytery to be used for some good cause and as a memorial to her brother, Dr. Harvey Browne. Mr. Barrett was

instrumental in securing this money to help erect a building for a Presbyterian Church in St. Matthews. The Bauer Avenue site was selected and the building erected.

In February, 1949, the Rev. Olaf Anderson, Jr., came to serve as pastor. Plans for a new church home, begun about ten years before, were completed. The ground breaking for the present building took place November 5, 1950. The corner stone was laid June 17, 1951, and the building used for worship and study January 20, 1952.

**Gregorian Music Program
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The Schola Cantorum of St. Meinrad's Abbey will appear at the University of Louisville Playhouse tonight at 8 in a recital of Gregorian Music with explanations.

Don Rudolph Steidling, O.S.B. will conduct. Commentator will be Don Haban Huthor, O. S. B. The program is sponsored by the University's Humanities Division. Admission is free.

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THE NANZ APARTMENTS this week were sold to Alfred Bolemaan by Ed Butler and Chester Cooper, builders. Advertised as "Apartment Homes," the building was completed last fall. It has eight units, each five rooms including two bedrooms. Harry W. Neal, representative for the J. Ashby Miller Co., realtor, was agent for the transaction.

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February 11, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:

communication in their hall in Beargrass Christian Church Bldg., Frankfort Ave. at Brown's Lane, St. Matthews, Ky., this Monday evening, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., for regular business, report of the building committee, and report from the St. Matthews Fire Association. After regular business, pictures will be shown of the 2 homes, along with others. Visiting brethren are cordially invited; members please attend. Henry E. Gerlach, Master; Fred C. Boss, Sec'y. WILLIS STEWART Chapter, Number

February 28, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:

St. Matthews Cuts Tax Rate By 15 Cents

Trustees Say A Levy Of 60 Cents Is Enough

Trustees of the City of St. Matthews last night voted to reduce the City's tax rate from 75 cents to 60 cents per \$100 of property valuation.

Revenue from the 60-cent rate, they said, would cover garbage collection, street repair and drainage, fire protection, and installation of fire plugs as recommended by the St. Matthews Fire Department.

There are 120 assessed pieces of residential property in St. Matthews. In addition, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Corporation, Southern Bell Telephone, and Louisville Gas & Electric Company pay taxes.

The trustees authorized new hydrants on Staebler, Kennison, and Massie Avenues.

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February 28, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:



R. J. Garrene, realtor, takes a look at the 149-year-old Arterburn home, now owned by Mrs. Lena Owens. Property values in St. Matthews have skyrocketed in the last ten years. Lots out in St. Matthews used to sell from seven to ten dollars per front foot, Garrene said.

Arterburn House Calls To Mind Old Realty Prices

Ghosts of low prices in real estate haunt the premises of a 149-year-old home on the Shelbyville Road.

Situated on a lot 50 feet by 150 feet is the old Arterburn home built in its entirety from materials taken off the land. R. J. Garrene, realtor who handled the sale of the property said that property in the St. Matthews area where the old Arterburn house stands has increased in value from between seven and ten dollars per front foot to \$250 per front foot in 10 years.

"Mr. Arterburn once owned

3,000 acres of land between the Taylorsville Road and Brownshoro Road," Mr. Garrene said.

According to the realtor, the entire Arterburn house was out from walnut, and the cost of building hit around five or six thousand dollars.

"All the homes in St. Matthews are new ones," Mr. Garrene said. "That fact helps make people want to move out to an area like St. Matthews. Besides we have no blight district here, like factory sections."

Garrene pointed out one of the big trees in the front yard. "That tree was brought over from Japan and transplanted in Kentucky. It's a Japanese tulip tree and it blooms in the spring," he remarked.

Present owner of the 149-year-old Arterburn home is Mr. Lena Owens.

March 5 & 6, 1952, Letters:

GENERAL DELIVERY



March 5, 1952

Mr. John Monohan
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assoc.
3909 Elmwood
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

We are pleased to enclosed herewith our checks totaling \$110.00, to cover the houses now located in the Meadowview Estate.

Trusting the enclosed will be found entirely in order, we are

Yours very truly,

Dean D. DeLaney
Dean D. DeLaney

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MR. W. GARRENE

March 6, 1952

Chairman
City of St. Matthews
Jefferson County, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association does hereby agree to respond to all alarms of fire within the now existing boundaries of the City of St. Matthews, Jefferson County, Ky. for a period of one (1) year, beginning May 1, 1952 and ending April 30, 1953, for the sum of \$433.00. A discount of 8% will be allowed if paid during the month of May 1952, making a net bill of \$399.19. Response to May 1, 1952 will be without charge.

Yours very truly,

John H. Monohan, Jr.

JHM:ds

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March 13 & 23, 1952, Letters:

March 13, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

**LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

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3/23/52

Mr. Daniel S. Boone
Director, Jefferson County Fire Program
Room 404, Fiscal Court Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Re: Docket No. 9-37-51

Dear Daniel:

At the regular Meeting of the Commission held on September 6, 1951, the Commission approved your request to establish a fire station on the easterly side of St. Matthews Avenue. On a recent inspection by the Zoning Enforcement Officer it was found that no construction had been started. The Special Use Permit is good for a period of six months from the date of approval. If no construction is started within this time, this Special Use Permit is void. However, you may request the Commission for an extension of time on said Permit.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Bequeri
A. J. Bequeri
Secretary

AJB/jm

Mr. John M. Monahan, Chief
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
3909 Elmwood
St. Matthews, Ky

Dear Mr. Monahan:

All residents of Meadowview Sub-Division have today been advised that any fires which they might have will be serviced by your St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Dean Delaney, 28 So. Sheridan Road, Chairman of Building Committee has accepted the responsibility of collecting agent each year for your dues.

We now have 22 residents in Meadowview and without doubt this number will increase to 45 by March of '53; in fact there are approximately 10 new homes under construction at this time.

Mr. Delaney will send you annually a check covering total residents as of each March 1st. Your first year check for \$ 110.00 covering 22 homes now completed will be mailed on or about March 1st, 1952.

Very truly yours;

W. Harlow Edwards
W. Harlow Edwards

cc Mr. Daniel S. Boone Director of County Fire Program
Mr. Dean Delaney Chairman of Building Committee

A rash of grass fires kept the St. Matthews Fire Fighters busy most of the day Sunday. These volunteers are excellent. However the hundreds of followers of the men are a real hazard. If any big fire should break out the spectators would seriously hamper the efforts of firemen.

ANNOUNCING

Effective March 1, 1952 The name of the St. Matthews National Bank was changed to the

First National Bank of St. Matthews

There will be no change in either personnel or policy of this banking institution. Your board of directors will remain the same.

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Exec. Sec., Ky. Farm Bureau</p> |
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Increase In Water Rates Outside City Being Studied

Discounts Would Be Decreased; Curtailment Of Fire Protection In Same Areas Being Talked

Louisville officials are studying proposals to increase water rates and curtail fire protection in areas outside the city.

Directors of the Louisville Water Company yesterday authorized a rate-schedule study aimed at reducing discounts allowed its 14,000 nonresident consumers, both residential and industrial.

Administration officials will meet today in City Hall to determine whether the Louisville Fire Department is to be ordered to stop answering calls outside the city except in the most serious emergencies.

City officials and the Water Company's directors denied their actions were in retaliation for the defeat of the Administration-supported annexation bill in the recent Legislature. They insisted the moves were designed to keep Louisville taxpayers from subsidizing those outside the city.

Gerber Says Facilities Ample

At the Water Board meeting, Company President Henry Gerber reported, "Our present facilities are ample for service inside the city." Future growth in the Louisville area will be almost entirely outside the city, and therefore any expansion of the Water Company's facilities would be for the benefit of nonresidents, he said.

Gerber recommended—and the board approved—the rate-schedule study by Louis Howson, Chicago utility consultant.

Gerber and other board members said they believed that the present rates should not be changed, but that the discount rate should be cut for consumers outside the city, who represent approximately one fifth of the company's 91,000 customers.

extra charge for nonresidents was raised from 25 to 50 per cent.

Gerber said any change in the discount rate would apply to the new General Electric plant near Buechel and all other industrial installations outside the city as well as residential users.

Safety Director James E. Thornberry said he will recommend that the Louisville Fire Department "stop making primary responses to calls from outside the city, and give assistance only in the most critical emergencies."

"This would apply to everyone outside the city except two Rubbertown plants—the Aetna Oil

Column 4, back page, this section

Li'l Abner L A Goner—B

If you are a follower of the Dogpatch, you must have wond blooded American manhood beauteous Daisy Mae.

And recent developments m subject a bit more than usual—eva has been "saved" many times in the

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Discount Rate Is Same

At present, nonresident consumers—including those in the 20-odd small incorporated towns within and just beyond the city limits—pay 50 per cent more than Louisville consumers. But the discount rate—33½ per cent for prompt payment of bills—is the same for both those inside and outside the city.

Gerber made no recommendation on how much the nonresident discount rate should be cut. However, he estimated that the company's revenue would be increased \$75,000 a year if the rate were cut to 20 per cent.

Change Would Apply to All

Gerber said that most other major cities have increased water charges in the past two years. Cincinnati charges nonresidents 1½ times as much as city residents, St. Louis and Atlanta charge twice as much, and Nashville three times as much, he said.

Louisville water rates have not been changed since 1946 when the

Raise In Water Rates Outside City Studied

Continued from First Page

Company and the Goodrich plant—which have contracted with the City for fire protection," Thornberry said.

Actually, the Louisville Fire Department no longer answers primary responses from areas covered by the Shively Fire Department and various volunteer fire-fighting units in adjacent communities. The latter includes the St. Matthews, Buechel, Camp Taylor, and Lake Dreamland.

Aid Given If It's Sought

According to Fire Chief John Krusenklau, any call originating in areas covered by these fire departments are referred to the affected department. "But we help out if these fire departments ask us," he said. "And we answer primary calls in the small incorporated towns and other areas not covered by the volunteers." No charge is now made for such calls, he added.

Thornberry said there are four primary reasons for curtailing service outside the city. They are:

1. "Anytime we send a piece of fire-fighting equipment out of the city we are weakening our web of protection for our own taxpayers."

2. "By not having a clear-cut

policy on responsibility, we may be lulling some nonresidents into a false sense of security. Our primary responsibility is to Louisville residents, and we might not be able to provide service outside the city at all times."

3. "Our residents are paying a pretty high price for fire protection, and it is unfair for them to have to foot the bill for protection of those outside the city."

Questions Legality of Runs

4. "There is a serious question of whether we legally can go outside the city because the statutes specifically say the Fire Department may do so only if the Board of Aldermen has authorized it to."

If the City Administration curtails fire service, outside areas will have to set up their own fire departments or contract with existing ones, Thornberry said. They could contract with Louisville, "but that would be up to the Board of Aldermen," he said.

If any of the small incorporated towns seek such a contract, Thornberry said he would recommend the same as that authorized by the aldermen for industrial plants. Such contracts require the plants to pay an annual stand-by charge amounting to 26 cents per \$100 assessed property valuation and, in addition, a run charge anytime the Louisville department answer a call.

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April 4, 5 & 9, 1952, Letter:

**LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

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April 4, 1952

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WM. G. HEATY, ZONING SUPERVISOR
CLIFF GERTY

Mr. Daniel B. Boone
Director
Jefferson County Fire Program
Louisville 2, Kentucky

In re: Docket No. 9-87-51

Dear Mr. Boone:

The Planning and Zoning Commission at a meeting held on April 3, 1952, approved an extension for a period of six months from March 6, 1952, or until September 6, 1952, the Special Use classification of property on westerly side of St. Matthews Ave. approximately 215' north of U. S. 60, for the purpose of erecting a Fire Station.

Very truly yours,
A. J. Bishop
Secretary

LRB:ml

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LOUISVILLE

April 5, 1952

Mr. John Monohan
Browns Lane
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear John:

Enclosed is the letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission extending your time for building a fire house until September 6, 1952.

If something should come about that would prevent your starting the fire house before said time, you should contact me at least three weeks before said time and obtain an extension.

Very truly yours,
Daniel B. Boone
Daniel B. Boone

LRB:bw

Enclosure

April 3, 1952, The Voice Of St. Matthews:

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John M. Monohan, Jr., Chief
Fire Department
3900 Frankfort Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

This is in response to your letter of April 5.

We note that St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association has purchased Seagrave apparatus Serial # D-0855, originally sold to Jefferson County. The information pertaining to the serial number, etc., mentioned in your letter is correct.

Our records are being corrected accordingly. Inasmuch as there were three machines sold to Jefferson County on the same specification, we have our records set up in that manner. It will be important therefore for you to always mention that this is the original Jefferson County machine, so that it can be immediately located in our service file.

Answering that portion of your letter pertaining to prices covering aluminum ladders, we are pleased to quote as follows:

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We thank you for the inquiry, and shall await your further pleasure.

THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION
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April 10, 1952: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

April 17, 1952: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

To My Friends and Associates:

I am pleased to introduce Mr. Al. J. Schansberg, the new publisher of The Voice publications. Effective April 1, Mr. Schansberg has assumed management of the newspapers.

I want to express my deep appreciation to the many fine people with whom I have come in contact during my three years in St. Matthews. It has been your cooperation and whole-hearted support that has made it possible for the Voice to grow and become a real community newspaper.

The new publisher of the Voice, Mr. Schansberg, comes to St. Matthews with a thorough background of newspaper training and experience. In the past 20 years he has been employed in editorial, circulation, and advertising work on several newspapers in Wisconsin and on three newspapers in Indiana. He was advertising manager of the daily New Albany Tribune for 16 years. Thus, I can assure you that your publication is in the hands of a capable newspaperman.

Again, let me say "Thanks a lot" for your cooperation and your support; but most of all for your friendship. It has been a real pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,

JAMES K. VAN ARSDALE

Fairmeade Group Elects Officers

Formation of the Fairmeade Merchants Association was announced today by J. I. Goldstein, chairman, who will operate the Fairmeade Pharmacy in the 11-store shopping center being rushed to completion at Shelbyville Road and Fairmeade.

Paul Rowe, of the Rowe Tire and Appliance Co., was elected secretary, and Russell Potts, of Minish & Potts, was made treasurer. The association will plan promotions for the group of stores and strive to make the shopping center one of the most attractive to be found anywhere. The center will have parking space for 300 cars.

Attending the organization meeting at the offices of the Wakefield-McMakin Realty Co., in addition to the officers were: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Koenig, of Moon Cleaners; R. C. Emerson, of National Shoe Repair Service; Robert Schulten, of Schulten's Pan-Am service station; Mose Franck, of Franck Hardware and Supply Co.; and Lloyd Brown, of Spur Distributing Co.

Firefighter Al Ring's future boss and then station, Robert H. Schulten.

April 7, 1952, Fire Report

April 8, 1952, The Courier-Journal

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SPECIAL NOTES J. J. Carter

Signed [Signature] Officer in Charge

Form No. 146-Calm & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Van Arsdale Sells 2 'Voice' Papers To North Sider

Two weekly newspapers here, the Voice of the Highlands and the Voice of **St. Matthews**, have been bought by Alben J. Schansberg, New Albany, from James Van Arsdale, 2217 Cherokee Parkway.

Schansberg has been advertising manager of The New Albany Tribune for 16 years. He has been succeeded by his assistant, George J. Burnette, who went to The Tribune last October from the Paducah Sun-Democrat.

Van Arsdale started the **St. Matthews** paper in 1950 and the Highlands publication last year.

1952

April 15, 1952: Board meeting:

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called on April 15, 1952 at 7:30 P. M., after a notice was placed in the St. Matthews Sun and also the Voice of St. Matthews that any contractors or builders desiring to bid on the erection of the new fire house should meet with the directors at the above time.

The following directors were present:

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|----------------------|------------------|
| John M. Monohan, Jr. | George E. Miller |
| J. P. Terry | Joe Zehnder |
| Mr. Schweitzer | |

The following called Mr. Monohan and made known their desire to bid on certain portions of this work as they could not be present at the meeting:

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mose Franck | - Plumbing and Electric Heating |
| Chas. A. Smith | - Footings and Floor Concrete Work |
| Mr. Russell Smoot | - Heating Only |

After discussing with the two contractors present, it was agreed upon and when asked for bids they will be as follows:

- No. 1 - Bids for building foundation and all concrete work, including roofing and flooring.
- 2 - Bid on heating only
- 3 - Bid on plumbing only
- 4 - Bid on painting only
- 5 - Bid on electric work only

however, any general contractor has the right to submit one bid on item No. 1 separately, then a general bid on all items complete.

Of course, it is understood that on a bid for all items, complete, it will be necessary that the contractor bid separately on Item No. 1. We will then determine the closest bid with the lowest bids on Items 2, 3, 4, and No. 5 together with Item No. 1 to arrive at the closest bid.

All contractors desiring to bid will be given copies of the blue prints and the date on which the bids will be opened within the next ten days and we suggest that the bids submitted be sealed and brought in person to the meeting so that all bids may be opened at the same time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

George E. Miller
Secretary

1952

April 15, 16 & 20, 1952, Letters:

April 15, 1952

St. Matthews Baptist Church
VERLIN C. KRUSCHWITZ, Pastor
LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY

April 16, 1952

*Deposited
April 25, 1952
D.S.*

Mr. John Monohan, Jr.
3909 Elmwood Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

The cards authorizing use of red lights and sirens by members of your Department are now ready.

So that I may issue these cards it will be necessary for you to furnish me with the name and address of each fireman whom you feel capable of having this equipment in their automobile. It will be necessary to have these cards in their card at all times so there will be no trouble if the County Police should ever stop them.

I would appreciate your getting this information to me at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL B. BOONE
Director

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department,
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a check for \$10 from the St. Matthews Baptist Church as a token of our appreciation for the prompt way you answered the call of our neighbors on a recent Sunday when the grass on our lot was on fire. We are thankful for the unselfish service which you men render and send this as a token of our appreciation.

As long as our church was a part of the unincorporated city of St. Matthews we considered it a privilege to be a regular participant in the yearly dues. At our new location we are a part of the city of Louisville and should be able to expect fire protection from them. We are thankful that you came quickly when called and express again our appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

Verlin C. Kruschwitz
Verlin C. Kruschwitz

VCK:s

DBB/alj

E. DAVIS McAFEE
COORDINATOR

FISCAL COURT:
JUDIE B. L. SHANBARGER
ROBERT A. FINE
STUART E. LAMPE
MARK BRADCHAMP

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROGRAM
ROOM 404
FISCAL COURT BUILDING
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY
CLAY 6671 Ex. 211
6-20-52

DANIEL B. BOONE
DIRECTOR

St. Matthews

We have had several complaints from a number of Departments because our notices and correspondence do not reach the proper person.

Friday night I suggested that each Department furnish this office the names of the persons that you wish placed on the different mailing lists. In order that everybody can be properly informed we are supplying you with a form to be filled in giving us the information on your Department. This will be the last request made upon you about the mailing list.

We understand and appreciate that all of your men are busy but also hope that you appreciate the fact that it is difficult to get in touch with them by phone in the daytime because they are at work. If you will bear with me until we have a proper mailing list I am sure that you will have a better cooperation and organization because everyone will know what is going on.

Very truly yours,

Daniel B. Boone
DANIEL B. BOONE
Director

DBB/alj

April 24, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

New Shopping Mart, Swank Home Sites May Expand Area

HIGHBAUGH BUYS LAND FROM V. V. COOKE FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

For several years the fastest growing community in the Louisville area, St. Matthews' expansion received two more shots in the arm this week.

Recognizing that the area is most desirable for home owners with moderate to substantial incomes, two more developers have revealed plans that will help keep pace with the constantly growing pressure for St. Matthews area residential property.

While the two projects go hand in hand, they are not related.

Leroy Highbaugh, Sr., Lyndon Hall, St. Matthews, announced plans to purchase the 250 acre V. V. Cooke farm on Shelbyville Road as the site for a 600-residence subdivision.

Robert W. Marshall, Jr., 4186 Westport Road, plans to build a new shopping center east of St. Matthews on the south side of Shelbyville Road, just 1500 feet west of the proposed Inner Belt highway intersection.

Both new projects are in addition to several extensive residential realty developments already underway in the area, and in addition to the new Fairmeade Shopping Center which is scheduled to open soon.

Highbaugh said that he would close the deal for the Cooke property in about a week, following surveys and completion of details of the transaction. He has taken an option on the property.

The Highbaugh subdivision will be platted principally in large lots for homes in \$20,000 to \$30,000 price bracket. Lots on the north end of the property may be somewhat smaller for homes of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Installation of a sewer system is being considered, he said.

The only thing holding up Marshall's shopping center project is approval of the county planning and zoning commission.

James E. Taylor, planning and zoning commissioner, said that the commission would meet May 1 and consider the shopping center plan. He added that the commission is undecided at present whether the development so close to the Inner Belt crossing would cause serious traffic problems on Shelbyville Road.

Now

St. Matthews popular price
cafeteria and restaurant
is

AIR CONDITIONED

• Always Cool • Always Comfortable

OPEN SUNDAYS

10 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Bring your family for dinner or supper!

Here are three suggestions taken from our regular menu for
SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Swiss Steak or 1/4 Fried Chicken

Served with choice of two vegetables
Salad Rolls

\$1.00

Breaded Center Cut Pork Chops

Served with choice of two vegetables
Salad Rolls

75c

Drinks Extra

Featuring Lady Burden Ice Cream at Our Fountain

The
Whirligig

3828 Frankfort Ave.

TA. 9108

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April 29, 1952, Letters:

April 29, 1952

Kentucky Inspection Bureau
Attn: Mr. Clemens
Starks Bldg.
Louisville 2, Ky.

Dear Mr. Clemens:

Confirming our conversation, the St. Matthews Fire Department has not extended the boundaries of its protective area to include the area north of Taylorsville Road and west of Breckinridge Lane which is known as Meadowview Subdivision. Before any additional area is added to its protective area the matter will be discussed with you and maps presented for your comment and final approval.

Yours very truly,

John M. Monohan, Jr.

JMM:ds

April 29, 1952

Mr. Stuart G. Levy, Jr.
201 Travois Rd.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Mr. Levy:

Confirming our conversation of April 27, to qualify for a rate reduction in Cherokee Unit Section 1 of Indian Hills it will be necessary that an additional fire hydrant be installed. The fire hydrant to be located on U. S. Highway #42 and/or Brownsboro Road between Blankenbaker Land and Travois Road.

Trusting the above to be the information you desire, I remain

Yours very truly,

John M. Monohan, Jr.

JMM:ds

April 30, 1952, The Courier-Journal



ROLLING UP HOSE outside the new station of the North Oldham Volunteer Fire Department are Harry Nelson, president of the volunteers, left, and John Leet, the fire chief. The station is at Skylight, Oldham County.

North Oldham Volunteer Fire Fighters Aren't Too Busy, but They're Proud

Station, Truck Methodist Church in Sulphur, teen department runs six or seven

Station, Truck Both Are New

By ROBERT CRUMPLER
The North Oldham Volunteer Fire Department is far from the busiest fire department in the world. But it's one of the proudest.

Its members last week finished a shiny new station to house its new fire truck at Skylight, a crossroad on U. S. 42 about 15 miles northeast of Louisville.

The cinder-block building, big enough to house two trucks, cost \$2,200 for materials. The labor was free, since the volunteers put up the building themselves.

The department bought the truck a few months ago after the members agreed the old truck, a second-hand job, wasn't much. They sold the old truck.

Has Fought 2 Fires

Since it was organized about a year ago, the department has had to fight two fires—a brush fire and the fire that destroyed the

Methodist Church in Sulphur about 20 miles away.

Although the North Oldham volunteers were the first there, the church could not be saved, said Harry Nelson, department president. But the blaze was kept from spreading to other buildings.

The people around Skylight, practically all of them farmers, decided to organize for fire protection after the farmer's corn shed burned to the ground.

They had a meeting at the school and agreed to ask residents of the area to give money for a volunteer department. Their gifts would be in proportion to the number of buildings on their farms.

Range Is \$25 to \$400

The contributions ranged from \$25 for the smallest farms to \$400.

Some 40 to 45 farmers signed up. Only two or three declined to go along, Nelson said. Since then, the participants have decided on a small annual contribution of \$5 to \$10. In addition, the department gets \$400 a year from Oldham County.

The area covered by the volun-

teer department runs six or seven miles in each direction on U. S. 42 from Skylight and three to four miles on either side of the highway.

Outside the new fire station the department put up a Louisville & Nashville Railroad engine bell on a tower. John Leet, the fire chief, lives across the road.

Rings Bell for Alarm

In case of fire Leet takes the call on his telephone and rings the bell, calling out the volunteer fighters, who live close enough to hear the alarm.

The fire truck carries 500 gallons of water. Leet, a trucker, has two 1,000-gallon water trucks that can be pressed into service to provide water. Many of the farmers have ponds close enough to their buildings that could be used for water supply.

The truck is equipped with a pump and Leet plans to install a secondary one.

Douglas Fetter is secretary-treasurer of the department. Directors are Charles Buttrick, Raymond Withburn, Robert Close, William Fallis, F. T. Clausen, John Robert Buttrick, and C. W. Brickley.

Safety-Razor King

Farmer Is Found Dead

1952

May 2, 1952, Letter:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

G. H. PARKER, MANAGER

May 2, 1952

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
Post Office Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION AREA

We have for acknowledgment your letter of April 29, in which you inform us that the St. Matthews fire department has not extended the boundaries of this protected area, and before any additional area is added, the matter will be discussed with us, and maps presented and revised accordingly.

We are very glad to get this information, and shall limit all credit for protection to property within the areas and boundaries indicated on the map which you left with us some time ago.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, we are,

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker
MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:bl

May 8, 1952, Board minutes:

MINUTES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Thursday evening, May 8th with the following directors present:

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| Mr. John Monohan | Mr. Louis Schweitzer |
| Mr. P. Terry | Mr. George E. Miller |
| Mr. Fred Boss | |

The new fire house building was discussed at length but no action could be taken as we are awaiting delivery of the blue prints from the architects.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

G. E. Miller
George E. Miller
Secretary.

May 8, 1952, *The Voice Of St.*

Announcing
The
NEW LOCATION OF
Norman Glass Co.
OPENING ON OR ABOUT MAY 15TH.
4206 SHELBYVILLE ROAD

Featuring A Complete New Line Of

- Pictures
- Mirrors
- Picture Framing
- Table Tops
- Glazing Of All Kinds

DIAL BE. 2612

WANT TO
SAVE MONEY?
ACT QUICK

We have closed our No. 2 Store at 4206 Shelbyville Road. We have consolidated both stores to serve you better in ONE LOCATION . . . 3717 Lexington Road.

All merchandise has been moved . . . and we have too much UNCRATED MERCHANDISE for one store to display. We need room!

This means
Cash Savings To You
who act immediately to purchase these floor models . . .
ALL BRAND NEW!

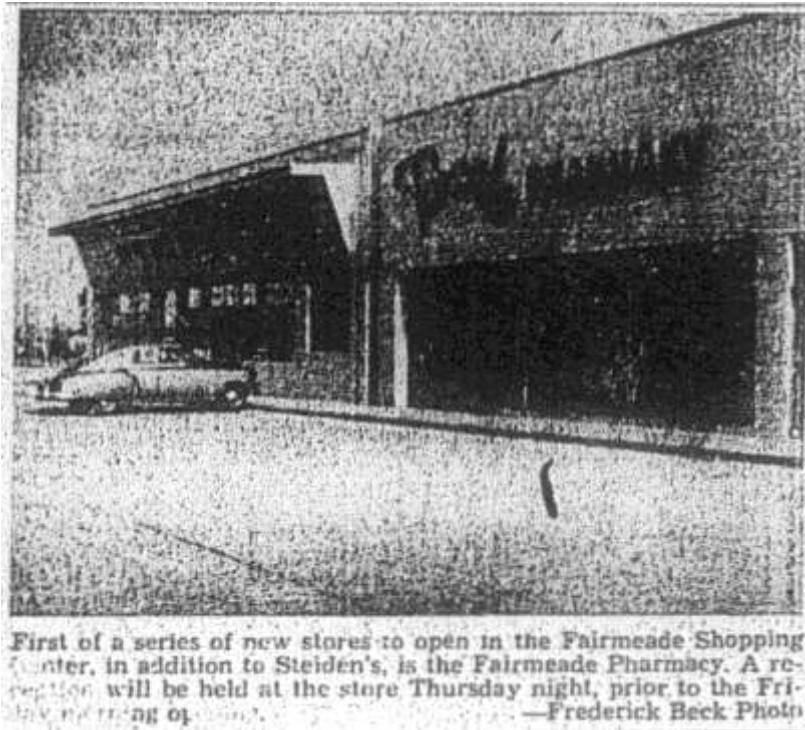
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| CLOTHES DRYER
Apco 216 Volt
Was \$274.95
Now \$224.95
HAMILTON DRYER
Greatly Reduced | REFRIGERATORS
Brand New 1952
Fridge 1.1 cu. ft. Model No. 218
Was \$219.95
Now \$194.95
GENERAL ELECTRIC
Model NE-10 Model NE-11 | GAS RANGES
Brand New
WELSH RANGES
Model No. 3113
Was \$109.95
Now \$89.95 |
| AIR DRYER
OASIS
Marked Way Down
FLOOR SAMPLE | WRINGER WASHER
General Electric
Model No. 955
PRICED LOW | SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES
On New and Used Televisions
One good TV set for only \$59.95. We have many perfect used sets which are ideal for room, good room or children's room.
WE NEED SPACE! |
| AUTOMATIC WASHER
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Model AW 104
Wonderful Days . . . Brand New | Many Other terrific buys on this Floor Sample merchandise only | |

All Nationally Advertised Sporting Goods—Guns, Fishing Tackle, Etc.

VANETTI APPLIANCE COMPANY INC.
3717 LEXINGTON ROAD—ST. MATTHEWS
TA 4141 TA 4033 TA 4300

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May 15, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



Fairmeade PHARMACY

Announcement

WATCH FOR OPENING
OF

ST. MATTHEWS' NEW
B. F. GOODRICH DEALER

ROWE TIRE & APPLIANCE CO.

4230 Shelbyville Road TA. 9277
IN THE NEW FAIRMEADE SHOPPING CENTER

BE SURE TO SEE OUR FULL PAGE GRAND OPENING AD
IN THE VOICE NEXT WEEK

May 22, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

GIL MUELLER'S

GRAND OPENING

BARGAIN DAYS CONTINUE THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 24

No Money Down!
ONLY \$1.25 WEEKLY RENTS
2 New GOOD YEAR
DEPENDABLE MARATHON TIRES
\$12.95 EACH

TRADE-IN SALE
Full List Price for Your Old Tires
When Traded In for
NEW GOOD YEAR
SLOWMO-SAFE
LIFEGUARD
SAFETY TIRES
UP TO **4.75**

LUBE JOB GIVEN
WITH OIL
OIL CHANGE
AT NO EXTRA COST

\$6.00 TRADE-IN
ALLOWANCE FOR YOUR OLD BATTERY
WHEN TRADED ON A
Double Eagle
BATTERY
BY **GOOD YEAR**

Special!
WHEEL BALANCING
98c

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING SPACE
GIL MUELLER SALES & SERVICE
4812 FRANKFORT AVE.
PHONE BE 215

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Tomorrow... **TODAY!!!**

YES!!! SURPRISES

Come... See

Baby
Toys, Health Foods, Tees, Gifts

FOUNTAIN and LUNCH
Serving Southern specialties, featuring SWIFT'S delicious ice cream... and a limited menu of quality food

SMOKES and SWEETS
Properly blended tobacco... and the smoking accessories
RED CANDLES—Whitman's, Scher's, Saker's, other leading brands

PET and ANIMAL HEALTH
Dog Food, Health Foods, and Accessories
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NOTIONS and STATIONERY
Greeting Cards

TOYS
For all ages of your family
Unmatched toys... quality toys at reasonable prices

June 1952: Construction started on a new fire house at 117 St. Matthews Avenue. The contractor was Roy Cochran. The new station was 50 by 75 feet and held 5 pieces of fire apparatus.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department held a meeting Monday, June 9, in the Station House, 115 Breckinridge Lane, for the purpose of calling in contractors for bids on a new station house to be located at 119 St. Matthews Ave.

Plans submitted specified a 50x60 foot building to house the three pieces of equipment now owned by the department, reports John Monahan, Jr., president. Bids will be submitted by the prospective builders Friday night, June 13.

The fire department, a non-profit corporation, has been in existence since November, 1919, acquired its third piece of equipment, a Seagrave engine, in November, 1951.

Officers of the organization besides Monahan are: vice-president, Leland Wilson; treasurer, Fred C. Boss; directors, J. P. Terry, Martin Kamer, Louis Schweitzer and Joe Zehnder.

Two engines of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call about a burning automobile forced off the road at 221 Breckinridge Lane, 11:20 p.m. Friday night, June 6. The car, owned by H. W. Wood, 4055 Richland Ave., was driven by his son, W. H. Wood, Jr. Damage was slight.

The Consolidated Sales Co., of 3827 Frankfort, was broken into Friday night, June 6, by thieves, and robbed of \$163 in cash and 17 sport jackets, retailing at \$8.95. Entering through a back window, the thieves broke two windows before raising a third with a crow bar, said Charles Butler, assistant manager.

Four cases, packed with clothing were abandoned when the looters, supposedly frightened by the St. Matthews fire alarm, made their get away. Another cash register in the lighted front of the store was untouched.

County police investigating the case found finger prints on one of the cases that may aid in the identity of the store breakers.



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June 8, 1952, The Courier-Journal;



1952

June 12, 1952: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
HELD ON JUNE 12, 1952.

The meeting on June 12, 1952 of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order by President John Monohan, Jr.

The following directors were present:

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|-------------|----------------|
| Mr. Wilson | Mr. Terry |
| Mr. Boss | Mr. Schweitzer |
| Mr. Monohan | Mr. Zehnder |
| Mr. Miller | |

A motion was made by Mr. George E. Miller that a Building Committee be appointed to handle the construction of the new building so that the Contractors would know, in case anything should come up, to whom to go to get a bona fide correct answer without waiting for the opinion of the other Directors. This was seconded by Mr. Schweitzer.

Mr. Jos. Zehnder nominated the following members:

Mr. Terry
Mr. Schweitzer
Mr. Monohan

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller, Secretary.

1952

June 19, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

June 28, 1952, Fire Report

Zehnder Bros. Add To Dairy

Zehnder Bros. are making a concrete block addition to their dairy located at 3921 Frankfort. The 21x16 ft. addition, which should be completed within the next week, will be used as a sanitary storage room for caps and bottles. Sam Page, contractor, is in charge.

At the same time they are clearing out the sheds and garages on the back part of the lot to provide more parking space.

Zehnder Bros., located in St. Matthews since 1921, represent a family which has been in the creamery business for the last 100 years.

June 24, 1952, Letter

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU
G. H. Parker, Manager
Louisville 2, Kentucky

June 24, 1952

TO AGENTS:

EXTENSION OF PROTECTION FIRE PROTECTION AREAS

Recent experience has indicated that a reasonable degree of protection can be provided dwelling property by well trained fire departments provided with modern equipment including preconnected $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose lines, fog or spray nozzles, and a portable water supply of at least 500 gallons. In view of the foregoing, where such conditions obtain we are extending the limits of protection from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles in fire protection areas where no hydrants are available. This extension of credit will affect the rating of dwellings in the following communities in Jefferson County - Buechel, Fern Creek, Camp Taylor, Middletown, and St. Matthews. In these areas all dwellings over 1000 feet by road from a fire hydrant, and not over 3 miles by paved road from the area fire department, are to be rated by you as ninth class, using Table No. 4 of the Kentucky Dwelling Schedule of October 22, 1951.

Fire Protection Clause "B" (for ninth-class risks) should be revised to read 3 miles instead of the present $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, when attached to policies covering ninth-class dwellings in the above indicated areas.

These new rates do not affect existing policies. They may be canceled and rewritten as provided for on Page 77 of the Rule Book. Special attention is directed to paragraph 5a of these rules.

Yours very truly,

G. H. PARKER
MANAGER

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| Date | 6/28/52 | Time | 7:55 | Alarm by Phone or Box No. | Phone |
| Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type | Spartan & Harolds Club | | | | |
| Time Arrived | 8:00 | Time Dismissed | | | |
| Hours of Service | | | Miles Traveled | | |
| Kind of Building or Property | Cabin Cruiser | | | | |
| Street Address or Location | Lake Boat Club | | | | |
| Owner | Julius Schmidt (Schmidt) | | | | |
| Occupied by | owner | | | | |
| Purpose Used for | Spread to Other Buildings: Yes or No | | | | |
| Part of Building Where Fire Started | Basement | | | | |
| Cause | Defective Wiring | | | | |
| Extinguished by | B-Booster | No. of Hydrants Available | | | |
| | C-Chemicals | Hours Pumpers Worked | | | |
| | H-Hydrant Streams | Size and Feet of Hose Used | | | |
| | P-Pumper | Size and No. of Ladders Used | | | |
| | S-Sprinklers | Gallons of Chemicals Used | | | |
| INSURANCE RECORD | | | | | |
| Buildings | Estimated Value | | Contents | | Estimated Value |
| | 30,000.00 | | | | |
| Insurance Carried | | | Insurance Carried | | |
| Estimated Loss | | | Estimated Loss | | |
| Insurance Paid | | | Insurance Paid | | |
| SPECIAL NOTES | | | | | |
| Signed | | | | | John H. Parker |
| | | | | | Officer in Charge |
| Form No. 144-Calms & Bro., Clifton, N. J. | | | | | |

June 26, 1952, The Courier-Journal

Lyndon Firemen To Get New \$7,000 Pumper

Lyndon's volunteer fire department will buy a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton pumper costing an estimated \$7,000, Glen Reeder, president of the department's board of directors, said yesterday.

He said delivery is expected by early fall. The 15-man department bought one pumper in 1950, and is leasing another from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Reeder said the old-style leased truck will be returned when the new one is received.

1952

June 25, 1952: Special Board meeting:

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAINT MATTHEWS
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called June 25th at 7:30 P. M. The purpose of this meeting was to open bids for the construction of the new fire house.

Bids were opened and recapped as per Exhibit "A" attached.

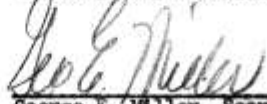
In as much as the price was out of line with the combined building with the masonic Lodge, they immediately rejected the bids in so far as they were concerned.

The Board of Directors, which was composed of Messrs. Miller, Boss, Schweitzer, Kamer and Terry, went into session and awarded the contract for the fire house to the Cochran Construction Company on a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry.

A motion was then made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer to the effect that the contract would be null and void unless the building was started within two weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

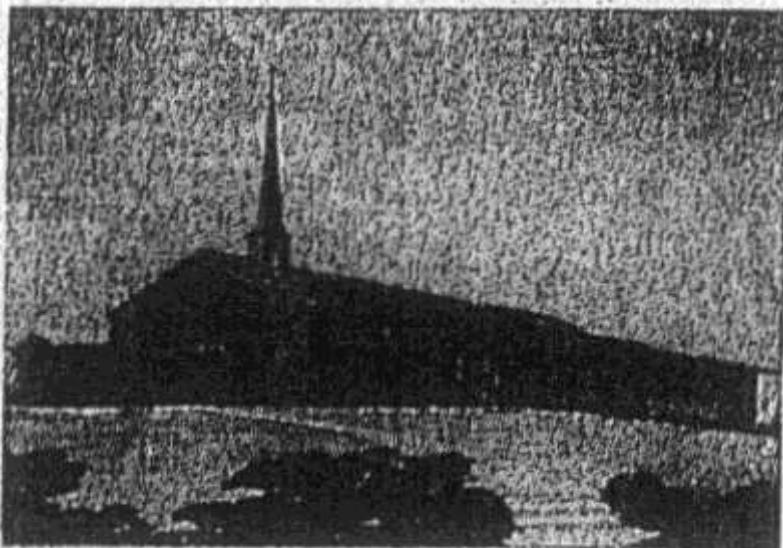

George E. Miller, Secretary.

St. Matthews Fire Runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department made a run 2:30 a.m. Monday, June 23, at Frankfort and Breckinridge Lane to put out a fire caused by a gas tank explosion when two cars crashed.

Another call was answered last Thursday, at the Big Springs Golf Club when a trash fire spread. The fire was quickly brought under control.

June 26, 1952, *The Voice of St. Matthews*:



THE NEW ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AT THE
POTATO FESTIVAL
As In All Other Community Affairs



YOUR INDEPENDENT GROCERS
will be at hand to do their part to make it
a success!

GADLAGE MARKET
Frankfort & Bacon Ave. Mr. Dabner

JAN-JAN FRUIT & VEGETABLE MARKET
112 Chesapeake Lane Open All Day Sunday

MARTIN'S
1110 Frankfort Ave. Mr. Dabner

ROFFEL'S MARKET
Frankfort & Cannon Lane Mr. Dabner

SMITHER'S SUPER MARKET
2111 Lexington Road

Keep Your Money Circulating in St. Matthews!

1952

June 25, 1952, Letters—Bids:

J. M. FUHRMAN, PRESIDENT



P. H. BELLOC, SECRETARY

Phone TAYLOR 8888

Box 108 Lyndon Lane

COUPE CONSTRUCTION CO.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

413 E. WOODBINE STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

June 25, 1952

H. R. SMOOT

HEATING CONTRACTOR

Lyndon
KENTUCKY

BRYANT GAS FIRED
BOILERS AND FURNACES

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

Gentlemen:

We propose to furnish the necessary labor and material to erect and complete a one-story concrete block Fire Station Building, St. Matthews, Kentucky, according to plans submitted by you and explanation of the work involved for the sum of

Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two Dollars \$28,982=

Should you require us to furnish a surety bond for the performance of this contract add the sum of 1% to the above amount.

Alternate No. 1 - If the celotex ceiling is omitted deduct the sum of

Eight Hundred Forty Nine Dollars \$849=

Alternate No. 2 - If outside wheel-guards are placed at the four overhead doors add the sum of

Six Hundred Dollars \$600=

Respectfully submitted,

COUPE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

J. M. Fuhrman, President

Plumbing included in the above bid

Heating included in the above bid

Electrical work included in the above bid

June 25, 1952

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Plumbing included in the above bid

Heating included in the above bid

Electrical work included in the above bid

St. Matthews Fire Station and Masonic Lodge
St. Matthews, Kentucky

I agree to furnish all Labor and Materials necessary to install the Heating System in the St. Matthews Fire Station and Masonic Lodge according to Plans and Specifications for the sum of FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$4,325.00).

If the Masonic Lodge is omitted-- , deduct \$2,375.00.

H. R. Smoot
H. R. Smoot, Contr.

JOHN TRAUTWEIN

Building Contractor

Residential - Commercial - Remodeling

3947 Grandview Avenue TAYLOR 8707

LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY

June 25, 1952.

Mr. John Monahan Jr.
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assoc.
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your invitation for Bids, the undersigned hereby proposes to furnish all labor and materials and perform all work for the construction of the Fire Station and Masonic Lodge, St. Matthews, Kentucky, in accordance with Specifications dated June 3, 1952, and the Drawings mentioned therein, for the consideration of the following amount:

Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars
(\$ 61,968.00)

(Alternate A) Original plan for St. Matthews Fire Dept. for the consideration of the following amount:

Twenty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Dollars
(\$ 24,940.00)

If Celotex ceiling is omitted in apparatus room deduct
Four Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars
(\$ 435.00)

John Trautwein
John Trautwein

P.S.
Recommend holding both side walls of building approximately 2' off property line.

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June 25, 1952, Letters—Bids:

ROY COCHRAN

PHONE: TAYLOR 3871

Cochran Construction Co.

301 NORTH BONNER AVENUE
LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY

June 25, 1952

Gentlemen:

I propose to build a Fire Station and Masonic Lodge building, located on St. Matthews Avenue, according to plans and specifications prepared for you by Thomas J. Nolan & Sons, Architects, for the sum of \$46,820.00

Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty

If Alternate No. A is accepted, refer to my bid on the one-story Fire House only.

COCHRAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

COMMITTEE
(Accepted)

Roy Cochran Sr.

Cochran Construction Co.

301 NORTH BONNER AVENUE
LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY

June 25, 1952

Contractor chosen

June 26, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:

communication in their hall in Beargrass Christian Church Bldg., Frankfort Ave. at Brown's Lane, St. Matthews, Ky., this Monday evening, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., for regular business, report of the building committee, and report from the St. Matthews Fire Association. After regular business, pictures will be shown of the 2 homes, along with others. Visiting brethren are cordially invited; members please attend. Henry E. Gerlach, Master; Fred C. Boss, Sec'y. WILLIS STEWART Chapter Number

June 26, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:
EDITED

Gentlemen:

I propose to build a one story Fire House according to plans

and notes, located on lot on St. Matthews Avenue, for the sum of,

\$15,878.00 *Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred - Seventy Eight*

If Celotex ceiling in garage section is omitted, deduct \$470.00

Four Hundred Seventy

If Heating is omitted, deduct \$114.00

One Hundred and Fourteen

If Wiring is omitted, deduct \$950.00

Nine Hundred Fifty

If Plumbing is omitted, deduct \$375.00

Three Hundred and Seventy Five

If Painting is omitted, deduct \$XXX

XXX

I agree to work with any sub-contractor who may be selected by the Committee, if the Plumbing, Heating, Wiring, or Painting priced on this bid is not accepted.

COCHRAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

COMMITTEE (Accepted)

Roy Cochran Sr.

John Noland, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Town of St. Matthews: Roads in need of repair or rebuilding are being handled by individual road districts; the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is so efficient the insurance rate is 24 cents per \$100; the sewage and drainage in the area are satisfactory, and Louisville could offer the area no services it does not already have except street lights, and they can get them if they want them.'

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Pryor's Mid-1952, Royal Photo Company Collection 13404.01. University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Looking east at intersection of Fairmeade and Shelbyville Roads, 1952. A5-52U. University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



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Picture of the grounds for the present church. This picture was taken at the time of the ground breaking in 1952. The photographer had his back to Hubbard's Lane. Massie Avenue was on the photographer's right.



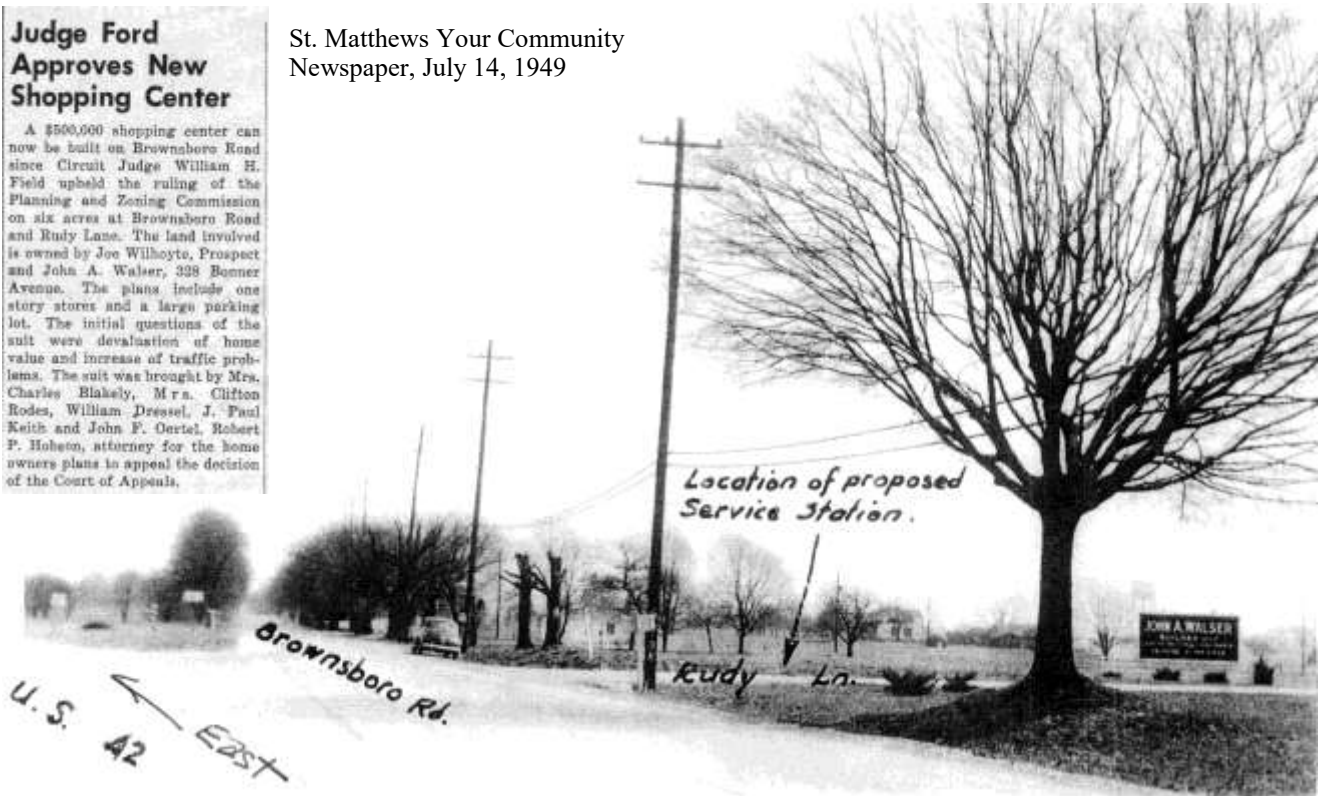
1952

O'Nan's father ran an American Oil (Pan Am) Service Station here. March, 1952

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. Walser, 338 Bonner Avenue. The plans include one story stores and a large parking lot. The initial questions of the suit were devaluation of home value and increase of traffic problems. The suit was brought by Mrs. Charles Blakely, Mrs. Clifton Rhodes, William Dressel, J. Paul Keith and John F. Oertel. Robert P. Hobson, attorney for the home owners plans to appeal the decision of the Court of Appeals.

St. Matthews Your Community Newspaper, July 14, 1949



Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Just east of Fairmeade Road, September, 1952



1952

July 2, 1952, Letter:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

G. H. PARKER, MANAGER.

July 2, 1952

Mr. John H. Monohan, Jr., Chief
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Chief Monohan:

CREDIT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

For your information, we are attaching herewith a copy of our bulletin to local agents, which we believe is self-explanatory.

In publishing this bulletin, we are assuming that the equipment and apparatus of your fire department will be properly maintained and that all members of your organization will take part in regular drills with the apparatus, and, in general, that your fire department as a whole will, at all times, be maintained to justify this additional credit.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the past, and hoping that with your cooperation we shall be fully justified in publishing this bulletin, we are,

Yours very truly,



MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:blb

Holy Trinity Begins \$300,000 Church & School

Construction will begin immediately on a new \$300,000 Holy Trinity Catholic Church and parochial school at Cherrywood Road and Leland, between Massie Ave. and U. S. 42, about eight blocks north of the present location at 4007 Frankfort Ave.

Plans call for a composite building of three sections to include a 10-room, one-floor school over a full basement, in which the cafeteria and assembly rooms will be located; the church wing, a ground level building, to extend from the southwest corner of the school will accommodate 600 persons; and the sister's home, connecting at the northeast corner of the school, will be divided into individual rooms.

There will be parking space furnished in the rear of the building.

The building will be of a brick construction in keeping with modern architectural standards and should be ready for occupancy in September, 1953.

Holy Trinity has been located on Shelbyville Road since the early period after the Civil War, and rebuilding has been contemplated since the fire in 1932.

With the growth of the community, one parish was unable to give the proper service, thus Our Lady of Lourdes was established on Cannons Lane, and St. Margaret Mary, another branch, is being planned for Lyndon.

Pastor at Holy Trinity is Rev. Harold C. Baldrick, and assistant pastor, Rev. Henry G. Vessels.

Contractor for the new building at Cherrywood and Leland is the Al J. Schneider Co.

Bids Opened For Surfacing Part Of Inner Belt Hwy.

Bids will be opened July 15 for surfacing a part of the Inner Belt Highway and 25 miles of Jefferson County's rural roads, it has been announced by the State Highway Department in Frankfort.

High-type surfacing will be required on the stretch between U. S. 60 beyond St. Matthews to Breckinridge Lane, a distance of 2.07 miles. Bituminous surfacing will be used on the following rural road projects:

Hubbard's Lane, from Westport Road southeast to L. & N. Railroad crossing, .4 of a mile.

Herr Lane, from Brownsboro Road southeast to Westport Road, 1.2 miles.

Seatonville Road, from Bardstown Road southeast to Echo Trail, 4.8 miles.

Bullitt Estate Tussle

Testimony was given by the County in Jefferson Circuit Court this week in an effort to cut the County commissioners appraisal on a strip of William Marshall Bullitt's Oxmoor Estate condemned for the new highway.

Two realtors, J. A. Beeler and E. F. Metzner, set values of \$8,420 and \$8,062 respectively on the 3.7-acre strip appraised at \$22,670 by the commissioners last August. The Inner Belt cuts across a corner of Bullitt's property at the point where it joins Shelbyville Road.

Bullitt erected a fence earlier this year across the Shelbyville Road entrance to the incomplected Inner Belt.

Judge Astor Hogg, Harlan County Circuit Court, is acting as special judge in the absence of Judge B. H. Farnsley, who is ill.

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July 9, 1952: Annual Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr. on Wednesday evening, July 9, 1952.

The directors present were - Messrs. Monohan, Miller, Kamer, Terry, Schweitzer and Zehnder.

Mr. Monohan immediately called for the election of officers and directors whose terms expired this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that Marty Kamer and J. P. Terry be elected as directors for a period of four years.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that the present officers now serving be elected be unanimously elected for a period of one year. They are as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| President - | John Monohan, Jr. | Treasurer - | Fred Boss |
| Vice-Pres.- | E. Leland Wilson | Secretary - | George E. Miller |

Chief of Fire Department - John Monohan, Jr.

There being no objections, these were unanimously agreed upon.

All officers being duly elected, the meeting was then in the regular form and as we had Mr. Boone, representing the County, present and several members of the Cherokee Unit of Indian Hills, our regular business was suspended and the time devoted to the business matters the visitors wanted to take up with us.

The expiration dates of the directors are as follows:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------|------------------|---|------------|
| Joe Zehnder | - | July, 1953 | George E. Miller | - | July, 1955 |
| John M. Monohan, Jr.- | " | 1953 | E. Leland Wilson | - | " 1955 |
| L. H. Schweitzer | - | " 1954 | J. P. Terry | - | " 1956 |
| Fred Boss | - | " 1954 | Marty Kamer | - | " 1956 |

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary.

1952

July 17, 1952: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



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D. St. Lawrence
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J. H. Homan
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Mrs. J. J. Whitkin
Mrs. G. H. Whitkin

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July 22, 1952, Fire Report

July 22, 1952 5:20 AM
Date Time Alarm by Phone or Box No. P

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type #1

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property _____

Street Address or Location U.S. 60 AT PLAYGROUND

Owner AUTO ACCIDENT - AUTO VS MULE

Occupied by WASH ROAD

Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____

Part of Building Where Fire Started _____

Cause Mule RAN on Highway

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| B-Booster | No. of Hydrants Available |
| C-Chemicals | Hours Pumps Worked |
| H-Hydrant Streams | Size and Feet of Hose Used |
| P-Pumper | Size and No. of Ladders Used |
| S-Sprinklers | Gallons of Chemicals Used |

Owner of Mule Insurance RECORD

Buildings _____ Contents _____

Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____

Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____

Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____

Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____

SPECIAL NOTES Called by Jefferson Co Police

Signed Monahan Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Gasma & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

1952

July 24, 1952: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Future STMFD firefighter

Polio Strikes Jeweler's Son

Ronald Brown, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Brown, 4027 Spring Hill Road, was stricken with polio Friday and taken to General Hospital. Said to be a light case, paralysis had affected both arms by noon Wednesday.

The illness started last week, according to Mr. Brown, with a strep throat and a fever that would not break, despite the physician's best efforts.

In Louisville and Jefferson County, 68 polio cases had been reported up to Wednesday, with 26 of the victims under treatment at General Hospital.

Rosalie, Inc. celebrates its 10th Anniversary with a GRAND OPENING

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July 31, 1952: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

August 7, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Announcement

ANNA'S RESTAURANT, 4210 Shelbyville Road

Has been purchased and will be under the management of
C. L. SMYRNIS
Formerly owner and manager of the Dixie Restaurant on Fifth St. prior to 1945

Anna's Restaurant will now be known as the new

Dixie Restaurant

4210 SHELBYVILLE ROAD ST. MATTHEWS

We invite your patronage

—WE SPECIALIZE IN—
QUALITY STEAK DINNERS
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T - BONE PORTERHOUSE SIRLOIN

CHOPS and FRIED CHICKEN
Open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Closed Mondays

The St. Matthews Rotary Club has our dining rooms reserved each Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Damage Slight In Local Fire

Firemen of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the St. Matthews Cleaners, 3920 Frankfort, at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. Lint had caught fire in a tumbler. According to S. V. Waller, manager, damage was small, and no clothing was burnt.

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August 6, 1952, Fire Report

August 14, 1952: Board meeting:

86-54 4:15 PM

Date _____ Time _____ Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type _____

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property _____

Street Address or Location _____

Owner _____

Occupied by _____

Purpose Used for _____ Spread in Oil _____ (Yes) or No _____

Part of Building Where Fire Started _____

Cause _____

Extinguished by _____

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES _____

Signed _____ Officer in Charge

Form No. 146-Culver & Son, Clinton, N. J.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION HELD ON AUGUST 14, 1952.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held at the Fire Station on Breckenridge Lane, Thursday, August 14, 1952. Directors present, J. M. Monohan, W. L. Wilson, L. H. Schweitzer, J. P. Terry and Martin Kemer. Mr. J. P. Terry acting secretary in absence of Mr. Miller who is in the hospital.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by President J. M. Monohan. After discussion the following motion was made. "The limit of indebtedness of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association be increased to \$25,000.00". Motion made by L. H. Schweitzer seconded by Martin Kemer. There being no descending votes; motion passed. After discussion the following motion was made. "That the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association borrow from the First National Bank, St. Matthews, Ky., an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for a period not to exceed five (5) years with semi annual payment of principle and interest and the privilege of paying off loan at any time before maturity without penalty." Motion made by Mr. W. L. Wilson, seconded by Mr. J. P. Terry. There being no descending votes; motion passed.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

J. P. Terry

J. P. Terry, Acting Secretary.

August 26, 1952, The Courier-Journal

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50 Polio Cases In Greater St. M. Area

Several Firms Change In St. M.

New business people moving into St. Matthews and changes of ownership in established businesses were noted this week.

Two new businesses will be established in Wallace Center soon, filling all retail space in the building. A new ladies wear store is expected to open there next week, and a gift shop will follow in a few weeks.

Citation Television Co. will occupy the building known as the former Greg Shop, M. C. Flynn, president of the company, announced.

After a trial run as partners in the accounting field, A. Luke Brown and Charles R. Hatton this week announced a dissolution of the partnership and establishment of individual offices. Both are C.P.A.s.

C. L. Smyrnia, Bauer Ave., has announced the purchase of Anna's Restaurant on Shelbyville Road. Prior to 1945, he owned the Dixie Restaurant on Fifth Street near the Kentucky Hotel.

Fifty of the 230 cases of polio reported in Jefferson County and Louisville are in the Greater St. Matthews and Highlands areas, THE VOICE learned Wednesday in checking records of the cases.

The cases were located in the following list of areas:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Crescent Hill, east of Ewing | 10 cases |
| St. Matthews area | 17 cases, 1 death |
| Bowman Field--Strathmore area | 6 cases, 1 death |
| Highlands area | 4 cases, 1 death |
| Middletown area | 4 cases |
| Burchel area | 5 cases, 1 death |

Four of the 15 deaths from polio were thus in the areas served by The Voice. General Hospital reported having 27 cases Wednesday in its polio ward.

Legion Gives Aid

Acting to assist in the care of patients on the emergency polio ward at General Hospital last week, the Zachary Taylor Post of the American Legion and its auxiliary donated two electric vibrators and provided refreshment for volunteers serving the polio ward.

According to Mrs. Laurence Richier, child welfare chairman of the auxiliary, the post is planning further projects to assist during the current emergency. Mrs. Richier indicated that anyone preparing food for the volunteers can have it delivered to the hospital by the Legion through calling her at TAYlor 1491.

Among the contributors of food last week was Pryor's Drive-In Restaurant.

Rex Smith, 4022 St. Germaine, chaplain of the Post, has worked as a volunteer in the emergency ward each night since the beginning of the epidemic.

Seeks More Help

Anne Taylor, director of nursing at General Hospital, expressed appreciation Wednesday for the aid given by volunteers and members of the community. The greatest need continues to be for graduate nurses, she said. Pending patients is a service for which the hospital still needs untrained volunteers. Those wishing to serve in this way may call AM 1621, for assignment.

The nursing staff welcomes donations of "the things the patients forget," Miss Taylor said. Among these are listed kleenex, wash cloths, toothbrushes, and sundry toilet articles. Gifts should be left at the hospital office marked for delivery to the polio ward.



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3826 FRANKFORT AVE.

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August 17, 1952, Letter:

August 17, 1952

First National Bank
3901 Frankfort Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Mr. Straub:

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held at the Fire Station on Breckenridge Lane Thursday, August 14, 1952. The following Directors being present: J. M. Monohan, W. L. Wilson, L. H. Schweitzer, J. P. Terry and Martin Hamer. J. P. Terry acting secretary in absence of Mr. Geo. Miller who is ill in the hospital. The following motion was made, "That the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association borrow from the First National Bank, St. Matthews, Ky., an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for a period not to exceed five(5) years with semi annual payments of principle and interest and the privilege of paying off loan at any time before maturity without penalty. Motion made by Mr. W. L. Wilson, seconded by Mr. J. P. Terry, there being no descending votes; motion passed.

Trusting the above the information you desire.

Yours truly,

John M. Monohan, Jr.

JMM:ds

August 28, 1952,
The Voice Of
St. Matthews:

Riggs Motor Co. Sold To Cordes

The Riggs Motor Co., Ford agency in St. Matthews, was sold this week to Bud Cordes, who will operate the business under the name of Bud Cordes, Inc.

H. T. "Toby" Riggs has announced that he will devote his time to operation of his downtown Louisville used car lots.

Cordes, 40, resigned his position as general sales manager of Floyd Rice, Inc., Detroit, to purchase the St. Matthews Ford agency. He formerly operated his own automobile businesses in Monticello and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Little change in personnel at the Ford agency is expected, since all company employees have been invited to stay, the new proprietor said.

Mr. Cordes, with his wife, two daughters and one son, will reside on Browns Lane.

August 29,
1952, *The*
Courier-
Journal:

Scouts' Campfire Gets Out of Hand, Burns Four Acres

A grass fire started yesterday when a campfire of four boy scouts got out of control near Brownsboro Road and Hubbard Lane, County police reported. The fire raged for 3 hours and burned over four acres before the **St. Matthews Fire Department** brought it under control.

About 100 small fruit trees were destroyed, police said. No estimate was given on the value of the trees.

Firemen fought a grass fire several hours yesterday afternoon on a four-acre tract west of Bellarmine College near Newburg Road. Traffic on Newburg Road was blocked for about half an hour while a hose was laid across the road, firemen said.

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August 30, 1952: Special Board meeting:

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAINT MATTHEWS
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION HELD AUGUST 30, 1952

August 29, 1952, *The Jeffersonian*:



A special meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called Saturday, August 30, 1952, by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., in as much as our Articles of Incorporation do not designate the officer who has the right to sign for and borrow money for the Association,

The following directors were present:

John M. Monohan, Jr.
W. Leland Wilson
Fred C. Boss

Marty Kauer
Joseph Zehnder
George E. Miller

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Boss, that any one of the four officers, the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer or Secretary, could act singly or jointly in signing the notes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Gentlemen:

At a ^{regular} ~~special~~ meeting of the Board of Directors of the

St. Matthews Vol Fire Ass'n Inc

duly held on the 30 day of August, 1952, the following resolution, which is still in force and effect, was duly adopted and a written record thereof made, namely:

"RESOLVED, that the officers of this company listed below, or their successors in office,

| TYPEWRITE NAME | TITLE | SIGNATURE |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| <i>John M. Monohan Jr.</i> | President | |
| | Vice President | |
| <i>George E. Miller</i> | Secretary | <i>George E. Miller</i> |
| | Treasurer | |
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when acting singly ^{or when any two or more of them act jointly}, be and they are hereby authorized to effect loans from time to time for and on behalf of this company from the First National Bank, Louisville, Ky., and to renew or extend such loans from time to time; and for such loans (and any and all renewals and extensions) to make, sign, endorse, execute and deliver in the name of this company to said First National Bank, Louisville, Ky., the promissory notes, endorsements and other obligations of this company, and to pledge as security for such loans (and any and all renewals or extensions thereof) the endorsements, stocks, bonds, promissory notes, bills receivable, and other property of this company. The proceeds of all such loans, renewals and extensions, shall be placed from time to time, as made, to the credit of this company on the books of said First National Bank, Louisville, Ky., and such credit shall have the same force and effect as if the amount thereof had been duly paid to this company in cash.

"IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bank is authorized to rely upon the above-said resolution until receipt by it of written notice of any change or revocation thereof."

We certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted under date given, is still in effect and it does not conflict with any of the by-laws of the corporation.

Signed and delivered this 7th day of Feb, 1955
John M. Monohan Jr.
George E. Miller

SEAL

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

August 30, 1952: Board Resolution:

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September 4, 1952: Changed Articles of Incorporation.

AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION OF THE
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE
ASSOCIATION,

This certificate of amendment to the Articles of Incorporation
of St. Matthew's Volunteer Fire Association,

WITNESSETH: That the undersigned, being the President and
Secretary of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a corporation
organized under the laws of the State of Kentucky, the Articles of
Incorporation being recorded in the office of the County Court
Clerk of Jefferson County, Kentucky, and the Secretary of the State
at Frankfort, Kentucky, do hereby certify that a majority of the
members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association who were
present and voting at a meeting duly called upon notice of the
specific purpose to amend Article VIII of the Articles of Incorpor-
ation, as hereinafter set out, which meeting was held at the fire
house of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association on Thursday,
August 14, 1952, consented that the Articles of Incorporation be
amended by striking out Article VIII of the amended Articles of
Incorporation and substituting a new Article VIII so that
Article VIII shall read as a whole as follows:

ARTICLE VIII

The highest amount of indebtedness which the said corporation
may incur shall not exceed \$25,000.00.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the President and Secretary of St. Matthews
Volunteer Fire Association, a corporation, have hereunto signed
their names this 4th day of September, 1952.

John M. Monohan
President
George E. Miller
Secretary

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)Sct.

I, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid,
certify that on this day the foregoing instrument of writing was
produced to me in said State and County and was acknowledged and
delivered by John M. Monohan, President, and George Miller, Sec-
retary of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a corpora-
tion, parties thereto, to be their act and deed.

WITNESS my hand this the 4th day of September, 1952.

ORIGINAL COPY
FILED AND RECORDED

DATE SEP 10 1952

Charles K. Connell
SECRETARY OF STATE OF KENTUCKY
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

BY *J. E. Greene*
CHIEF CORP. CLERK

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Notary Public, Jefferson County, Ken-
tucky. My commission expires

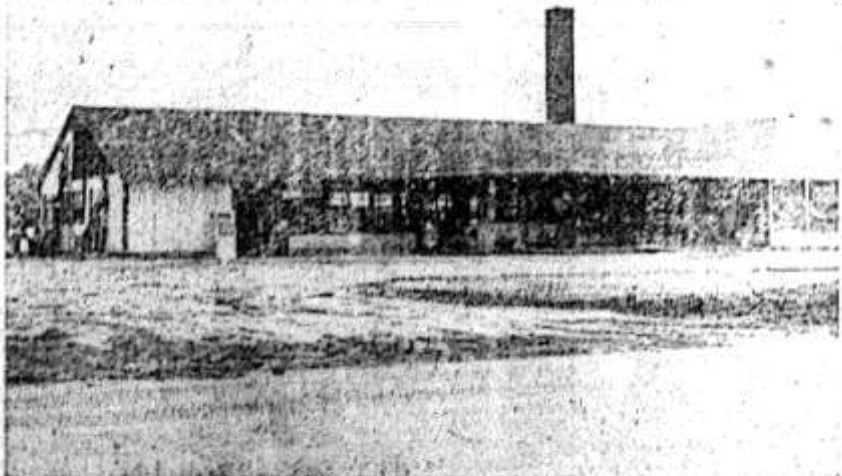
Notary Public, Jefferson County, Ky.
My Commission Expires July 15, 1956

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September 5, 1952, *The Jeffersonian*:

JEFFERSONTOWN, KY., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1952

COUNTY'S NEWEST SCHOOL BUILDING



Shown here is the 480-pupil Orville J. Stivers School Building on Westport Road, near Hubbard's Lane, which was ready for occupancy Tuesday when the 1952-1953 school term began. The building contains 12 general purpose classrooms, a cafeteria, library, visual aid room, music room, applied arts room and an all purpose room that will be used for recreation. A folding partition between the cafeteria and the all purpose room can be removed to make space for the entire student body. The building is not fancy as the County Board of Education wanted to get the best school building they could get for the least money. The cost was \$345,200. Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, former teacher at Greathouse, is principal.

September 7, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*



This is the new Orville J. Stivers School on Westport Road, which was put up by the County in the record time of four months. Economy and utility were stressed—at the expense of ornateness and the traditional in style.

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on the ____ day of September, 1952, between Jefferson County Fiscal Court, party of the first part, and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, party of the second part:

The party of the first part having adopted a general plan for aid to community fire departments, and the party of the second part, desiring to qualify under said plan, it is agreed as follows:

1. The party of the second part agrees to give fire protection to citizens of Jefferson County living or owning property within the boundaries of the hereinafter described district.
2. The party of the second part agrees to maintain a fire department which qualifies for seventh class insurance rates, where standard fire plugs are available, and ninth class insurance rates, where there are no fire plugs, according to the rules of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau.
3. The party of the second part agrees to maintain a crew of at least twelve (12) fully trained firemen and to participate in the training program provided by the party of the first part, requiring all of the volunteer firemen to attend the training school to be conducted at the fire house of the second party.
4. The party of the first part agrees to give financial assistance to the party of the second part not to exceed Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) per year, payable quarterly, for the operation and maintenance of said department. The party of the first part further agrees to give financial assistance to the party of the second part, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the construction or renovation of its firehouse.
5. The funds setout in paragraphs 4 and 7 are to be matched dollar for dollar for money raised by the party of the second part and expended or used for fire protection and/or for the erection or renovation of its firehouse. The party of the second part is to furnish proof to the Clerk of the Fiscal Court that it has raised said funds and is to furnish such proof as required by the Fiscal Court that said money was raised and used for fire protection, including an audit of its books and records. Said audit will be submitted on or before June 15 of the Fiscal year or years covered by this agreement.
6. The party of the second part now owns and operates at least one (1) approved pumper. In the event said second party wishes to acquire an additional pumper, the party of the first part will be given notice thereof at least thirty (30) days before the order therefore is placed.
7. The party of the first part agrees to match funds for money actually raised and spent for the purchase of an additional pumper, not to exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). In no event will the second party be entitled to have funds matched in purchasing more than two (2) approved pumpers during the life of the program presently in operation.
8. The party of the second part agrees at all times to have at least one (1) pumper and a full crew within the boundaries of the hereinafter described district, or to arrange for another department to answer calls during its absence from said district.
9. This contract is effective as of July 1, 1952 and shall continue in effect until the Fiscal Court changes its general plan or modified by a subsequent agreement in writing. If either party desires to cancel this agreement on or after June 30, 1953, notice thereof must be given sixty (60) days before June 1 or any subsequent year.
10. The area covered by this agreement is described as follows: BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the center line of Frankfort avenue and the east line of the City of Louisville; thence southeast with the east line of the 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 Avenue; thence southwest 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 extended southeast to a point in the North line of the right of way of the Inner Belt Highway (Henry Watterson Expressway); thence northeast 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 feet with the line common to the 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 and Shelbyville Highway, U. S. 60. Said point being 1050 feet east of corner to Long and 350 feet west to corner to Arterburn; thence north to a point in the north line of the right of way of the Louisville and Shelbyville Highway, U. S. 60, said point being 1169.69 feet east of east line of Sage Road and also being southeast corner of James J. Butler Estate and the east line of the City of Beechwood Village; thence northeast with the line common to James J. Butler Estate and City of Beechwood Village 2075.79 feet to a corner thence northeast with line common to City of Beechwood Village and the Arterburn Estate 1228.20 feet to corner; thence northwest with the line of the City of Beechwood Village 866.89 feet to a point in the south line of the right of way of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad; thence southwest with the line common to the City of Beechwood Village and right of way of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad; 1880 feet 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 west of line of Beechwood Road 2545 feet to a point in the north line of the right of way of Westport Road; thence northeast with the north line of the right of way of Westport Road 661 feet to a point of intersection with line common to R. W. Hite and Foeburn

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Subdivision; thence west with line common to R. W. Hite and Foeburn Subdivision 656.83 feet to corner; thence northwest with line common to R. W. Hite and Foeburn Subdivision 272 feet to corner; thence northeast with line common to R. W. Hite and Schwartz, 676 feet to corner; thence northeast with line common to R. W. Hite and Greenbriar Subdivision 948 feet 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 feet to a point in the north line of right of way of the Brownsboro Road, said point being 475 feet 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 feet to the northeast corner to Smithfield Subdivision and Rupp; thence southwest with line common to Smithfield Subdivision and Rupp 1565 feet to the center line of Blankenbaker Lane; thence north with the center line of Blankenbaker Lane 355 feet to the point of intersection with the northeast line of Indian Hills-Cherokee Unit #4; thence northeast with the north line of Indian Hills-Cherokee Unit #4 and the north line of Indian Hills developing Company 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.

September 11, 1952: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1952

The Monthly Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called on Thursday, September 11, 1952.

The President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., was out of the city, therefore, the meeting was taken over by the Vice-President, Mr. E. Leland Wilson.

The following directors were present:

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| Mr. Joseph Zehnder | Mr. George E. Miller |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. E. Leland Wilson |
| Mr. J. P. Terry | |

There being no special business brought to the attention of the Board, after a lengthy discussion on the new fire house, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary.

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September 11 & 25, 1952, The Voice Of St. Matthews:

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St. Matthews Gets Complete Sporting Goods Store

Opening of The Oakwood at 321 Wallace Center this week-end brings to St. Matthews its first complete sporting goods store. Joe Summers, proprietor and manager, announced today.

After several weeks of equipping the store with specialized fixtures to stock and display complete lines of merchandise for every kind of outdoor and indoor sport and athletic equipment, the store will open Thursday.

Mr. Summers, who moved here from Somerset with his wife and one son last summer, has been employed as merchandising education director for a national concern, spending much of his time traveling throughout the country.

The Summers family resides at 3025 Wellbrooke Road. The son is a senior at Atherton high school.

THANKS . . . Thanks A Million . . .

Over 9,000 attended our "Get Acquainted" Grand Opening last Friday and Saturday making us feel indeed grateful . . . and welcome.

We deeply appreciate your interest and friendliness and hope you will drop in often and let us serve you. It will be a pleasure.

GRAND OPENING PRIZE WINNERS WERE:

MODEL CARS

Tom Gerstle, 413 Cornell
James Oiler, 516 W. Oak
Marla Sue Abby, 206 Clover Lane
G. T. Sharp, 202 Browne Lane
Mary R. Webber, London
John Wayne Barnett, 217 Brown Ave.
Patricia A. Rupp, 10 Glenview Rd.
Harry David Miller, 106 Fairfax
Joe Durkin, 125 Don Allen Rd.

Bettie Lewis Wright, 3823 Ormand Rd.
Russell Schoen, 406 Wallace
Janet Souer, Washburn Ave., Rt. 6
Patricia Grafton, 4029 Hillabee Rd.
F. B. Westfall, Jr., 212 Monahan
Brooks Phillips, 134 McCurdy
Ronald Allen Zaring, 2028 Speed Ave.
William G. Dailey, 120 Ridgeway Ave.

LUBE CERTIFICATES

Elizabeth Parker, Ravenna, Ky.
John Rewart, 3821 Edmond Ave.
Clifton Dietrich, Rt. 6, Louisville
Don Harping, 2612 Woodbourne Ave.
Judell Wolford, 340 Kennedy Ave.
Mrs. E. W. Kottke, 11 Sterling Rd.
E. L. Herdt, 3117 Bank St.
Nellie Curry, 4434 S. Fifth St.
Ed. Cursey, 2947 Sherwood
Lerton C. Fendley, 4366 Churchill Rd.
Mrs. Ray Wilson, V-4 Green Tree Manor
James R. Davis, 227 Brown Ave.

Pat Harping, 2612 Woodbourne Ave.
B. S. Hall, 1847 S. Seventh
B. Louis Steinhilber, 3815 Warner Ave.
Geo. W. Hays, N-16 Green Tree Manor
Ernestine B. Abbott, P. O. Box 1783
George W. Speckner, 1225 S. Clay
Joseph A. Logsdon, 206 Brown Ave.
Geo. E. Kirwan, 4039 Massie
Fred Heineman, 141 E. Kingston
Mrs. Lloyd Willis, Rt. 1, Louisville
Mrs. Dorothy Helsten, 1829 Arlington Ave.

CAR WASH CERTIFICATES

Mrs. A. E. Buchner, 4131 Gloucester
T. C. Westerman, 3801 Norbourne Blvd.
Lewis V. Stahl, 4111 Southern Parkway
Donald W. Krider, Rt. 2, Box 148-C
J. N. Brooks, Jr., Harrods Creek, Ky.
Jack Meranda, 3925 Fairy Dr.
Mrs. A. D. Heffner, 1346 S. Third St.
Karl R. Schneider, 323 S. Hubbard Lane
Wally Thompson, 361 Fairview Rd.
A. H. Cooper, Jr., 317 Monahan Dr.
Florence L. Sturman, Rt. 1, Box 244, Anchorage

Joe Butterfield, Anchorage, Ky.
William L. Knottel, 227 Claremont
Irvin Dietrich, Rt. 6, Louisville
Louise Skaggs, 1308 Crown Ave.
Mrs. Jean A. Fursythe, 4221 S. Second St.
Worth Emsinger, 215 S. Birchwood Ave.
Mrs. Wayne Gallison, 4228 Norbourne Blvd.
A. H. Cooper, Jr., 317 Monahan Dr.
Vanetta G. Clark, 2216 Lexington Rd.
Mrs. C. E. Kaezinger, 232 Chesworth Lane
Mrs. Robert Berger, 4205 Winchester

MISCELLANEOUS PRIZES

Joseph Priest, Powes Valley, Ky., C. E. radio
Mrs. Carl Foot, 2262 Portland, Radio
Charles Heath, 4255 S. Third St., Radio
Buddy Reid, 2608 Cross Lane, G. E. Iron
Mrs. W. A. Hood, 134 Bonser Ave., G. E. Iron
Mrs. Lillian Kemper, Rt. 2, Bedford, Ky.,
G. E. Steam Iron
Loretta Johnson, Eastwood, Ky., Iron
Robert L. Samuel, 331 Ridgeway, Pres-a-lite
Vernon Bryant, 463 Beechkniridge Lane,
Pres-a-lite
Laverne Herberman, Anchorage, Ky.,
Pres-a-lite
N. M. Stiebel, 4006 Springhill Rd., Pres-a-lite
Elizabeth Franklin, 214 Ridgeway, Pres-a-lite
Jack Wolford, 340 Kennedy Ave., Pres-a-lite
Mrs. Juliet Wolford, 340 Kennedy Ave.,
Pres-a-lite
Helen Joseph, 404 Orad Rd., Pres-a-lite
Shyle Graham, 435 Kerglan, G. E. Clock
Jean D. Lopez, No. 2 Larry Ave., G. E. Clock

Cecil Lunabford, 148 Chenoweth Lane,
G. E. Clock
William A. Timmons, 4117 Delbridge Dr.,
G. E. Toaster
C. J. Overberg, 1232 Carria, Toaster
Sister Mary Raphael, 4617 Frankfort Ave., \$5.00
Sister N. Alphonsus, 4617 Frankfort Ave., \$5.00
Joseph A. Ruffa, Sr., 105 Sherrin Ave.,
Exhaust Deflector
Carolyn Hubbard, 1934 Emerson Ave.,
Exhaust Deflector
David Wetherby, Ky. Baptist Hospital,
Cleaner and Polish
Gordon LaRoe, Middletown, Cleaner and Polish
Owen Jones, 315 S. Ewing Ave., Waffle Iron
Mrs. F. Skanska, 462 Maple, Lexington, Ky.,
Waffle Grill Set
Margie M. Taylor, 146 S. Pope St.,
Back-up Lights
Joanne Perkins, Rt. 2, English Station Rd.,
Anchorage, Roses
Ernest Bonkur, 3845 Warner Ave., Television

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September 26, 1952: There appears to have been a wreck involving S1. On November 13 the Board agreed to file suit against the driver and Indemnity Insurance Company.

The wreck took place in front of the City of Richlawn on Shelbyville Road.



September 29, 1952: Louisville 8, Ky., 1502 – So. 7th St. St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept., 113 Breckenridge Lane

St. Matthews, Ky., Dear Sirs:

I have your letter stating that you are moving out of the concrete block building you have been renting from me to house your two Fire Engines, as of Oct. 1st 1952.

Also have your letter in which you quoted me a price on your building.

I have decided I do not wish the building and I request that you remove it as soon as you vacate the premises.

I would like for you to leave the concrete floor as it is since it would be of no value to you to break it up and remove it.

Sincerely yours, Ralph E. Whitehead

September 4, 1952, The Courier-Journal

3 Men Burned as Explosion Destroys 32-Foot Cruiser

Three men who were burned at 6:15 a.m. yesterday in an explosion and fire that destroyed a 32-foot cabin cruiser were treated at General Hospital.

They are Tarlton Lawson, 51, of 1618 Cherokee Road, owner of the gasoline-powered boat, the Kentucky Belle; Nicholas Hallcroft, 45, of 435 Camp, and Anthony L. Karchner, 47, of 1131 Audubon Parkway.

With Charles Penick, 39, of 1804 Bonnycastle, they were leaving the Pastime Boat Club on a fishing trip when the explosion occurred as Lawson touched the starter. Penick, uninjured, took the other three to the hospital.

The Harrods Creek and St. Matthews Fire departments were

called as the flames enveloped the boat. Lawson and Hallcroft jumped into the river and the other two men scrambled to the dock.

Cruiser Sinks

The cruiser sank in 10 feet of water about 2 hours after firemen put the fire out. A local boat firm raised the boat to surface late yesterday afternoon.

Damage to the cruiser, which was covered by insurance, was estimated at \$4,000.

Two boatmen from the Indiana shore, William Carl and Joseph Hillerich, helped the club's night watchman, Edward U. Smith, move other boats to prevent them from catching fire.

Louisville 8 Ky
1502 - So. 7th St
Sept. 29 - 1952

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
113 Breckenridge Lane
St. Matthews, Ky.

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Sincerely yours
Ralph E. Whitehead.

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1952, Unknown dates of construction of new station, 117 St. Matthews Avenue:



October 11, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:

St. Matthews Firemen Occupy New Station

The **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department has moved into its new fire station at 115 St. Matthews Avenue. The new one-story, concrete-block building cost about \$20,000. It contains an apparatus room, kitchen, meeting room, and showers. The old building on Breckinridge Lane has been torn down.

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September, October and November, 1952: The department was averaging about 4 weed and field fires a week. Captain J. P. Terry requested the Voice to print an article asking the residents to please be careful when burning trash, because they can so easily get out of control. Many garages were damaged because of this.

October 2, 1952: The department moved to the brand new quarters at 117 St. Matthews Avenue.

October 2, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:



The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department moved into its new building on St. Matthews Ave. Tuesday night. After looking the building over, moving plans were being discussed by: left to right, Firemen Henry L. McCoy, 3543 Nanz Ave.; John V. Kaster, F-8, Green Tree Manor; Richard Wheeler, 3722 Lexington Road; and Captain J. P. Terry, 119 Ridgeway, who is also on the department's board of directors. Behind the three overhead doors, the new 50x75 ft. building will accomodate five pieces of fire equipment, and has room space for the office, showers and lockers, kitchen, and meeting room. John Monohon, Jr., is chief of the department.

USED CARS



ALL CARS BELOW CEILING

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Heater, White Walls, Dynalmo</p> | <p>Below Ceiling</p> |
| <p>1939 Cadillac '32" Club Coupe, Radio
Heater, White Tires, Hydramatic</p> | <p>Below Ceiling</p> |
| <p>1934 Mercury Club Coupe, 8,800 miles,
Fully equipped, Overdriver</p> | <p>\$2,095.00</p> |
| <p>1938 Oldsmobile "32" Club Coupe,
Fully equipped, Hydramatic driver</p> | <p>1,895.00</p> |
| <p>1941 Dodge Custom Deluxe, 4-Door Sedan,
Radio, Heater, Fluid Drive</p> | <p>795.00</p> |
| <p>1948 Olds "76" Sedanette, Radio,
Heater, Hydramatic Drive</p> | <p>695.00</p> |
| <p>1931 Chevrolet Deluxe Fireline,
2-Door</p> | <p>1,695.00</p> |
| <p>1947 Mercury Club Coupe,
Radio, Heater</p> | <p>895.00</p> |

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precious lives by resolving to be on guard at all times. Start now to make your home safe from unnecessary fire hazards. Remove all accumulated trash and rubbish from attic and rubbish from basement and storage rooms. Check heating and wiring now, before it becomes necessary to turn on the furnace or have fire in the heater. Remember, only YOU can prevent fires!

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October, 3, 1952, Letter

R. DAVIS MCAFEE
COORDINATOR

FISCAL COURT:
JUDGE B. L. SHAMBURGER
ROBERT A. FINE
STUART E. LAMPE
MARK BEAUCHAMP

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROGRAM

ROOM 404

FISCAL COURT BUILDING
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

CLAY 6671 Ex. 211

October 3, 1952

DANIEL B. BOONE
DIRECTOR

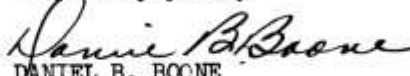
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.
3909 Elmwood Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

The regular monthly meeting of the Volunteer Fire
Fighters, Incorporated will be held this coming
Friday, October 10, 1952 at 8:00 p.m. The
meeting will be held at the Fire House at
St. Matthews.

Please notify all members of your department so that
they might attend.

Very truly yours,


DANIEL B. BOONE
Director

DBB/mlj

County Judge Boman L. Shamburger will be our Honored Guest
at this meeting.

October 7, 1952: First fire from new firehouse was a field/weed fire next door to 3929 Leland Road.

October 1952: The department demolished the old firehouse, as requested by the owner of the lot, Mr. Whitehead.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PUTS VOLUNTEERS TO WORK

Fiscal Court Judge To Inspect New St. M. Volunteers Building Friday

Visiting the new St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department building on St. Matthews Ave. Friday night, Fiscal Court Judge Boman L. Shamburger will inspect the building and the equipment which was moved into it last week.

By virtue of his office, the judge is also chief of the Jefferson County volunteer fire program, through which the county aids in improving and financing the volunteer departments.

Razing of the old St. Matthews fire department building on Breckinridge Lane was under way this week. Chief John Monohan, Jr., reported that, while the building was owned by the volunteer fire department, it was on ground leased from Ralph Whitehead. A condition of the lease was razing the building after moving into new quarters.

Both good and bad seemed to be stimulated by publication in *The Voice* last week of a full page cooperative advertisement on Fire Prevention Week. More interest in the volunteer fire fighting program has resulted. At the same time, the volunteer units have been called out to extinguish a rash of fires throughout eastern Jefferson county. (Note reports of Middletown and Buechel correspondents in this issue).

The first fire call to be serviced from the new St. Matthews fire department building was on Tuesday, when the volunteers doused a weed fire next door to 3929 Leland Road, eliminating damage.

The Lyndon volunteer unit was called out twice Friday to stop small blazes in dry fields from becoming destructive.

Although the new St. M. building is in use, contractors have not yet completed work on the inside. Dedication of the building is planned for a later date, after finishing touches have been completed.



By Louisville Times Staff Photographers

St. M. Fire Force Open for Business

With two pieces of equipment ready and waiting, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is open for business at its new \$20,000 building at 115 St. Matthews Avenue. The third fire truck is on loan to Lyndon until that community gets delivery of its own. Inside the new building are an office, kitchen, meeting and recreation room, showers and bathrooms. The old building, at 115 Breckinridge Lane, has been torn down.

MODEL'S NEW
Sunshine
LAUNDRY SERVICE

THAN YOU

Louisville Times, around this time frame

St. Matthews Firemen Occupy New Station

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has moved into its new fire station at 115 St. Matthews Avenue. The new one-story, concrete-block building cost about \$20,000. It contains an apparatus room, kitchen, meeting room, and showers. The old building on Breckinridge Lane has been torn down.

October 11, 1952, *The Courier-Journal:*

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October 10, 1952, Judge B. L. Shamburger inspected the new building and equipment.

October 12, 1952: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Sunday, October 12 at 2:00 P. M. The following directors were present:

Mr. Louis H. Schweitzer
Mr. Fred H. Boss
Mr. J. P. Terry
Mr. E. Leland Wilson

Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. Joe Zehnder
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.
Mr. George E. Miller

The meeting was called to order by President Monohan.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Terry that the President be authorized to borrow \$5,000.00 more from the First National Bank, same making the total indebtedness on the new fire house building of \$10,000.00.

Mr. Miller agreed to see Mr. Henry Gerber of the Louisville Water Company to get the names of the new users in the Saint Matthews area.

It was agreed by all present that we have "OPEN HOUSE" on Sunday, October 26 from 2:00 to 9:00 o'clock in order to give the public an opportunity to inspect the new fire house.

Mr. Monohan is to contact Mrs. Simpson, the assistant secretary, to ask her to be present at whatever time she could possibly give on this day.

Mr. Terry was appointed to handle all publicity to notify the public. Mr. Monohan is to contact Mr. Clements. Mr. Miller is to see Mr. Boone.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary.

Wife of Firefighter from 1941 to 1953

Young St. M. Mother Dies From Illness

Mrs. Kathryn Stoll, 30, wife of George Stoll, Jr., 4046 Massie Ave., died at 8 a.m. Monday at Norton Infirmary after a short illness.

While raising a family of four children, Mrs. Stoll had been active with her husband in performing volunteer services at the Kentucky Children's Home and at the Central State Hospital at Lakeland until about a year ago.

A member of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, she was also a member of its Tri-M class, which she served as president for one year.

She received her education at Lexington and was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority there. In St. Matthews, she was a member of the Greathouse PTA and recently joined the Stivers PTA.

In addition to her husband, survivors are: one son, Jimmy, 6; three daughters, Marianne, 8; Gail, 4; and Carolyn, 1; her mother, Mrs. Marion Pirkey, 312 Franck Ave.; and a sister, Mrs. Darrell Lloyd, Georgetown, Ind.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lee Cralle Funeral Home, 1330 S. Third, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery.

\$2.00 Per Year, by Mail
In Jefferson Co. \$1.50 (1952)

St. Matthews
Anderson
Middletown
Lyndon
Richwood
Beechwood Village

The Voice of ST. MATTHEWS

LOUISVILLE 7 (ST. MATTHEWS), KY., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1952

Moore
Bellewood
Cherrywood
Horsecreek Estates
Dread Hills
Springdale

FIVE CENTS

THE EDITOR'S VOICE

By AL SCHUBBERG

Help everybody!
Middletown residents are being asked to help in a drive to collect used clothing and household goods for the needy. The drive is being conducted by the Middletown Community Center, which is located at 1000 S. Third St. The drive is being conducted by the Middletown Community Center, which is located at 1000 S. Third St. The drive is being conducted by the Middletown Community Center, which is located at 1000 S. Third St.

Kivans Will Vote Twice Nov. 4, Legally, That Is

Kivans Club members will vote twice on Nov. 4, that is, legally. The club will hold its annual meeting on Nov. 4, and the members will vote on the election of officers and on the budget for the coming year. The club is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

There'll be witches on the windows... YOUNG ARTISTS VIE FOR PRIZES IN HALLOWEEN MURAL CONTEST

There'll be witches on the windows... Young artists are vying for prizes in the Halloween Mural Contest. The contest is being held by the St. Matthews Junior High School, and the winners will receive prizes and have their murals displayed in the school. The contest is open to all students in the school, and the winners will be announced on Nov. 1.

St. M. Volunteer Firemen Hold Open House Sunday In New Modern Building

LYNDON NEWS

By Joyce Griffin

Knock on wood! But with no serious fire since 1945, the Greater St. Matthews area has more than one good reason for turning out Sunday to help the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association observe Open House in its brand new headquarters building at 172 S. Matthews Ave.

FIRE ALARMS

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, which has been in existence since 1915, is holding an open house in its new headquarters building at 172 S. Matthews Ave. The open house is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The association is a volunteer organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

COUNTY FIRE Units For Lower Insurance Rates

The Jefferson County Fire Department is holding an open house in its new headquarters building at 172 S. Matthews Ave. The open house is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The department is a volunteer organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

Fifth District PTA Meets Friday In Highlands

The Fifth District PTA will meet on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Highlands. The meeting is being held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Smith, 1000 S. Third St. The PTA is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

County Recreation Sets Schedule Of Art, Craft Classes

The Jefferson County Recreation Department is holding an open house in its new headquarters building at 172 S. Matthews Ave. The open house is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The department is a volunteer organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

Rec'n Board Provides Dancing Classes In County

The Jefferson County Recreation Board is holding an open house in its new headquarters building at 172 S. Matthews Ave. The open house is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The board is a volunteer organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

GUILD PLAY FRASER

The St. Matthews Guild is holding an open house in its new headquarters building at 172 S. Matthews Ave. The open house is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The guild is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

St. M. Volunteer Firemen Hold Open House

The St. Matthews Volunteer Firemen are holding an open house in their new modern building at 172 S. Matthews Ave. The open house is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The firemen are a volunteer organization, and their members are active in many community projects.

Newspapers Sealed In Comerators

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Meth Dist Mission In Buchel Area Opens Sunday

The Meth Dist Mission in the Buchel Area is holding an open house in its new headquarters building at 172 S. Matthews Ave. The open house is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The mission is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

British Writer Speaks Monday At Woman's Club

A British writer is speaking on Monday at the Woman's Club. The speaker is a well-known author, and his talk is expected to be of great interest to the club members. The Woman's Club is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

Brentwood Closes Exciting Season

Brentwood is closing its exciting season. The season has been a very successful one, and the residents of Brentwood are looking forward to the next season. Brentwood is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

New Parking Lot Eases Access To Frankfort Avenue

A new parking lot has been built to ease access to Frankfort Avenue. The lot is located at the corner of Frankfort Avenue and S. Third St. The lot is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

NEWS BITS

A home baked ham, sugar, candy, etc., will be sold at the Christmas bazaar sponsored by the Young Ladies Bible Class of the Immigrant Episcopal Church and the Young Ladies Bible Class of the St. Matthews Episcopal Church. The bazaar is being held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bazaar is a social and service organization, and its members are active in many community projects.

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October 1952, Fire Reports

Date 10/25/52 Time 12:35 Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-1-2
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Residence
 Street Address or Location 3927 Island Rd
 Owner J. Rosenblum
 Occupied by Same
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause _____
 Extinguished by Hydrant Streams No. of Hydrants Available _____
Pumpers Hours Pumps Worked _____
Sprinklers Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES Josephine York
 Signed J. Perry Officer in Charge
 Form No. 146—Calnes & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date 10/23/52 Time 10:45 Alarm by Phone or Box No. Phone
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-1-2
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Residence
 Street Address or Location 4000 Yonkers Rd (Inman Hills)
 Owner Howard Hopkin
 Occupied by Same
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause _____
 Extinguished by Hydrant Streams No. of Hydrants Available _____
Pumpers Hours Pumps Worked _____
Sprinklers Size and Feet of Hose Used 1 1/2 - 50
 Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
 Buildings Contents
 Estimated Value _____ Estimated Value _____
 Insurance Carried _____ Insurance Carried _____
 Estimated Loss _____ Estimated Loss _____
 Insurance Paid _____ Insurance Paid _____
 SPECIAL NOTES Mrs W H Hopkin
 Signed J. Perry Officer in Charge
 Form No. 146—Calnes & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

Date 10/25/52 Time 5:30 Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-1-2
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Bed & Bath
 Street Address or Location 307 Clover Lane
 Owner Joyce Ross
 Occupied by Same
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started _____
 Cause _____
 Extinguished by Hydrant Streams No. of Hydrants Available _____
Pumpers Hours Pumps Worked _____
Sprinklers Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
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Date 10/31/52 Time 7:40 PM Alarm by Phone or Box No. D
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-3
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Building or Property Residence
 Street Address or Location 9053 Wickland
 Owner MRS Thomas Gray
 Occupied by Same
 Purpose Used for _____ Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No _____
 Part of Building Where Fire Started Bed Room
 Cause Pumpkin Pie Curd
 Extinguished by Hydrant Streams No. of Hydrants Available _____
Pumpers Hours Pumps Worked _____
Sprinklers Size and Feet of Hose Used _____
 Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 Gallons of Chemicals Used _____
 INSURANCE RECORD
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 Form No. 146—Calnes & Bro., Clifton, N. J.

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FIRE ALARMS

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The Jefferson county fire program, which comprised only three volunteer fire departments in the county three years ago, has been expanded with the assistance of the Fiscal Court to 16 volunteer fire fighting units in the county.

Each unit operates on its own, but cooperates with the other departments in the county. Each depends upon subscription funds from the property owners in the community it serves.

The Fiscal Court, however, Smith explained, allows \$1,000 on the construction of a new fire house; \$1,500 on the purchase of a new pumper; and \$1,800 per year, in quarterly payments on a dollar for dollar match basis, for new small equipment, maintenance, and replacement of expendable equipment.

The importance of the community subscription fund is noted in comparing those figures with the cost of St. Matthews new fire station.

The organization Mr. Smith heads has also worked closely with the county planning and zoning commission.

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The organization is also credited with achievements in helping to obtain reductions in fire insurance rates from 62c to 42c, plus an additional reduction of 13c for those properties within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant and within 1½ miles of a fire department.

Mr. Smith also pointed out that his organization sponsors training for the volunteer members of the departments. At the present time, he added, Capt. C. L. Burdon, of the Louisville fire department, is giving an additional 10 hours training per week to each volunteer department, through the courtesy of the city department.

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October 24, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24, 1952.

Shively Moose Lodge Building Razed In Early Morning Fire

Fire destroyed the building of the Shively Lodge, Loyal Order of The Moose, at 4:15 a.m. yesterday. The structure, at 5111 Dixie Highway, formerly housed the Silver Slipper night club.

Edward Ragland, chief of the Pleasure Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, said the entire place was in flames by the time his men arrived. Shively and Lake Dreamland volunteer fire men also answered the call.

The one-story frame building was closed at 12:30 a.m., according to A. S. Bryant, 3017 S. Third, governor of the lodge. The fire destroyed all the furnishings, food, and liquor, he said. He was unable to estimate the loss, which was covered by insurance. The cause of the fire was not known.

Damage estimated at \$5,000 was caused by a fire at Meck Television, 458 S. Fifth, at 3:20 a.m. Amos Parks, manager, said 14 television sets were damaged or destroyed. The flames were believed to have started from electric wiring, he said.

Two late-model automobiles were destroyed in a fire that

damaged the home and adjoining garage of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Hopkin, 82 Warrior Road, at 11 a.m. The **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department** used four hoses to put out the flames. There was no estimate of damage. The cause of the fire was not known, according to J. P. Terry, fire-department captain.

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November 21, 1952, *The Courier-Journal*:

Volunteer Fire Service To Be Urged

Protection Sought For Small Cities Near Bowman

A new volunteer fire department will be proposed to provide fire protection after January 1 for the cluster of sixth-class cities near Bowman Field.

Daniel Boone, director of Jefferson County volunteer fire services, said yesterday that he was preparing to ask representatives of the eight small cities to meet with him to consider such a proposal.

The towns are Seneca Gardens, Seneca Vista, Seneca Village, Strathmoor Village, Strathmoor Manor, Strathmoor Gardens, Wellington, and Kingsley.

Might Cost \$18,000

The City of Louisville has said that beginning January 1 its fire equipment will not be sent outside the City limits except for a major catastrophe or to fulfill contract obligations.

Boone said a new volunteer fire department would cost the residents of the eight towns about \$18,000 to \$20,000 for a fire truck and other equipment and a building.

Several trustees of the towns, who were reached yesterday, said they had not decided what to do about fire protection but would consider Boone's proposal.

Alternatives for the towns, Boone said, would be to come into Louisville or to sign contracts with existing volunteer fire departments for protection.

Boone said there are now no volunteer departments close enough to the towns in the Bowman Field area to offer adequate protection.

Thornberry Suggests Fee

Another possibility would be for the Board of Aldermen to revise the ordinance permitting contracts with industries to include similar contracts with sixth-class cities.

Safety Director James E. Thornberry said that if such revision is considered he would recommend that the rates be the same as for industrial plants—a standby fee of 26 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation, plus a charge for each fire run.

Boone said most of the small cities in the St. Matthews area

already have contracts with the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department** for protection. The contracts call for a charge of \$3 a year for each residence.

H. L. Brunson, chairman of the Audubon Park Trustees, said his city would take up the matter of fire protection within a few days. Audubon Park is considering a contract with the Camp Taylor Volunteer Fire Department, Brunson said.

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October 26, 1952: Open House at the new fire house.



Left to right: Randy Robertson, Ray Wilson, John Monohan, Jr., J. P. Terry, R. M. Wheeler, J. B. Kaster, John Cauthorn, Ed Foley, Jack Monohan, Charlie Haun, Marty Kamer.



Ed Foley and John Monohan, Jr. on right.

F. R. Robertson, J. V. Kaster, J. H. Cauthorn and J. B. Ross, Training on left.



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Rich Herdt, Sr.



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80 Larry Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Reed:

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Thanking you for your interest, we remain

Yours very truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

John H. Monohan, Jr.

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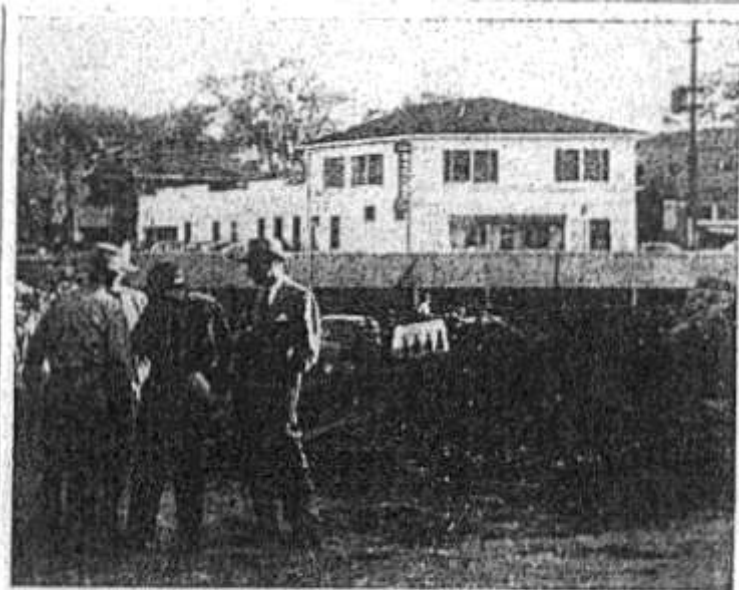
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Two cars, a 1930 Dodge and a 1951 Ford were completely destroyed. Damage also occurred in the home. Burned out was the study den, and the front bedroom which is located above the garage. Mrs. Hopkins said the damage is covered by insurance. The fire was extinguished by 12:30 a.m.

Fires also occurred in three various fields; one on St. Germaine Court off the 3500 block, Norbourne Boulevard; a second on Twin Brooks off Hubbard and the third off Connors Lane near Hycliffe.



Harold Johnson, right, president of Bacon's, talked over the obstacles found in excavating the basement for the new department store in St. Matthews. With him are F. M. Robinson and J. F. Kelly, in charge of construction, and G. R. Balston, Buechel, carpenter foreman. The residence building at left has been purchased by Holy Trinity church and is being moved to the site of the new church adjoining Cherrywood Road.

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November 6, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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Burning Trash Sets Neighbor's Garage Afire

Dry weather and fire go hand-in-hand. The St. Matthews Fire Department has had a busy week with four field fires and one garage fire.

The garage fire occurred Friday, Oct. 31, at the home of William Haberstroh, 251 St. Matthews Ave. The department answered the call at 10:15 a.m. and extinguished the fire in one hour. A large hole was burned in the side of the building. Damage has not been estimated.

The fire originated from burning leaves and trash at a neighbor's home. The flames got out of control, setting fire to dry grass and spreading to the garage.

Brush Fires Keep St. M. Dept. Busy

Capt. J. P. Terry of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, this week asks everyone to take all precautions when burning leaves or rubbish, to prevent the spreading of fires.

The department answered three calls, two of which were brush fires. One occurred at 9:30 a.m. Friday on Indian Hills Trail, while the other happened at the country club in the same vicinity.

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, the department answered a noon-time call at 4023 Winchester, where smouldering trash set fire to the garage, the back of which was deeply scorched.

November 7, 1952, Letter:

Cherrywood Village

JEFFERSON COUNTY

NEVA WEIKERT, CITY CLERK
4014 BROOKFIELD AVE.
LOUISVILLE 7, KY.

November 7, 1952

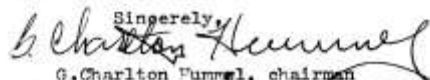
Mr. John Monohan, chief
St. Matthews Fire Department
117 St. Matthews Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

In my official capacity I am writing you to commend you and your men for the fine work that you did on October 31, 1952, when your department answered a fire call at the residence of Wm. A. Haberstroh, 251 St. Matthews Avenue.

The promptness and efficiency of your department undoubtedly held the hazard and the property damage to a minimum.

It is certainly reassuring to know that our general community has such an excellent organization as the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Sincerely,

G. Charlton Fumel, chairman
Board of Trustees, Cherrywood Village

GCH:GCF

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November 13, 1952, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on the evening of November 13, 1952, President John Monohan, Jr., presiding.

The directors present were:

Messrs. Monohan, Zehnder, Terry, Wilson, Schweitzer,
Boss and Miller.

✓ The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that the minutes be accepted as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer that we file suit against Marshall, Cooke and Indemnity Insurance Company for damage to our truck in an accident on September 26, 1952. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jos. Zehnder.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer to pay \$500.00 on the Mortgage Note to the Bank.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that we authorize Mr. Monohan to purchase 2 Gas Masks and Tanks, costing \$514.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

George E. Miller, Secretary.

November 13, 1952, Letter:

251 St. Matthews Avenue,
Louisville, Kentucky.

November 13, 1952

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.,
115 St. Matthews Avenue,
Louisville 7, Ky.

Gentlemen:

The past week I have stopped by the Station several times in order that I might personally thank you for the very fast efficient service we received October 31st, when our double garage caught fire.

Because of my inability to contact you, may I take this means of telling you how much we appreciate your fine cooperation in preventing further loss to our property.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs Wm A Haberstroh
Wm. A. Haberstroh,

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November 1952, Fire Reports

Date 11-14-52 Time 2:45 AM Alarm by Phone or Box No. P

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-3

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property Appt Bldg.

Street Address or Location 18 Birchridge Tr.

Owner John B. Stinger

Occupied by J. S. De Coursey

Purpose Used for Res Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No ✓

Part of Building Where Fire Started Living Room

Cause _____

Extinguished by

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| B—Booster | No. of Hydrants Available |
| C—Chemicals | Hours Pumps Worked |
| H—Hydrant Streams | Size and Feet of Hose Used |
| P—Pumper | Size and No. of Ladders Used |
| S—Sprinklers | Gallons of Chemicals Used |

INSURANCE RECORD

| Buildings | Contents |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated Value _____ | Estimated Value _____ |
| Insurance Carried _____ | Insurance Carried _____ |
| Estimated Loss _____ | Estimated Loss _____ |
| Insurance Paid _____ | Insurance Paid _____ |

SPECIAL NOTES

Signed John B. Stinger Officer in Charge

Form No. 146—Calne & Pro., Clifton, N. J.

Date 11/15/52 Time _____ Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____

Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 1-1-3

Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____

Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____

Kind of Building or Property Residential Bank

Street Address or Location 18 Birchridge Tr.

Owner John B. Stinger

Occupied by J. S. De Coursey

Purpose Used for Res Spread to Other Buildings: Yes _____ or No ✓

Part of Building Where Fire Started Living Room

Cause _____

Extinguished by

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Form No. 146—Calne & Pro., Clifton, N. J.

November 21, 1952, The Courier-Journal edited

Thornberry Suggests Fee

Another possibility would be for the Board of Aldermen to revise the ordinance permitting contracts with industries to include similar contracts with sixth-class cities.

Safety Director James E. Thornberry said that if such revision is considered he would recommend that the rates be the same as for industrial plants—a stand-by fee of 26 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation, plus a charge for each fire run.

Boone said most of the small cities in the St. Matthews area already have contracts with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for protection. The contracts call for a charge of \$3 a year for each residence.

H. L. Brunson, chairman of the Audubon Park Trustees, said his city would take up the matter of fire protection within a few days. Audubon Park is considering a contract with the Camp Taylor Volunteer Fire Department, Brunson said.

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November 20, 1952, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Cigarette Starts Bank Blaze

A discarded, still lit cigarette—a lighted spark, a puff of smoke—and another fire.

A burning cigarette fell through the coal chute grating in front of the Citizens Fidelity Bank & Trust Company, of St. Matthews, and started a fire at 10:20 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 15. The cigarette set fire to a broom on which it fell. Rubbish and bits of coal were ignited by sparks. However, more smoke than fire resulted.

December 11, 1952: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held at the Fire House on Thursday evening, December 11, 1952. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 o'clock by Mr. John Monohan, President and Chief.

Directors present were Messrs. John Monohan, Louis Schweitzer, Joe Zehnder and Leland Wilson. Due to the absence of Mr. George E. Miller, the Secretary, Mr. Leland Wilson was asked to serve as Secretary in his place.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President reported the purchase of Gas Masks authorized at the last meeting.

Joe Zehnder moved that \$500.00, plus interest to date, be paid on loan to the St. Matthews National Bank, duly seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

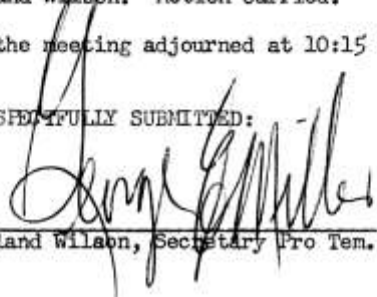
Joe Zehnder moved that the Association, in lieu of the annual party, buy a turkey for each fireman and director for Christmas, duly seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

The President appointed Joe Zehnder to purchase and attend to the delivery of the turkeys.

Joe Zehnder moved that Mr. John Monohan be authorized to purchase a leather portfolio for the use of the President in caring for the records of the Association, duly seconded by Leland Wilson. Motion carried.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Leland Wilson, Secretary Pro Tem.

Volunteer Fire Service To Be Urged

Protection Sought For Small Cities Near Bowman

A new volunteer fire department will be proposed to provide fire protection after January 1 for the cluster of sixth-class cities near Bowman Field.

Daniel Boone, director of Jefferson County volunteer fire services, said yesterday that he was preparing to ask representatives of the eight small cities to meet with him to consider such a proposal.

The towns are Seneca Gardens, Seneca Vista, Seneca Village, Strathmoor Village, Strathmoor Manor, Strathmoor Gardens, Wellington, and Kingsley.

Might Cost \$18,000

The City of Louisville has said that beginning January 1 its fire equipment will not be sent outside the City limits except for a major catastrophe or to fulfill contract obligations.

Boone said a new volunteer fire department would cost the residents of the eight towns about \$18,000 to \$20,000 for a fire truck and other equipment and a building.

Several trustees of the towns,

who were reached yesterday, said they had not decided what to do about fire protection but would consider Boone's proposal.

Alternatives for the towns, Boone said, would be to come into Louisville or to sign contracts with existing volunteer fire departments for protection.

Boone said there are now no volunteer departments close enough to the towns in the Bowman Field area to offer adequate protection.

Thornberry Suggests Fee

Another possibility would be for the Board of Aldermen to revise the ordinance permitting contracts with industries to include similar contracts with sixth-class cities.

Safety Director James E. Thornberry said that if such revision is considered he would recommend that the rates be the same as for industrial plants—a stand-by fee of 28 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation, plus a charge for each fire run.

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H. L. Brunson, chairman of the Audubon Park Trustees, said his city would take up the matter of fire protection within a few days. Audubon Park is considering a contract with the Camp Taylor Volunteer Fire Department, Brunson said.

Help George Put Out Fires

It is regrettable, but perfectly understandable and reasonable, that the city, after January 1, will not send aid to the county in case of a fire, unless by special arrangement or for a great calamity.

County residents must now look to their own fire fighting equipment. It is a surprising fact how many people know it can't happen to them and, partly as a result of this thinking, a house burns every three minutes somewhere in the United States—every three minutes in the year—and that over 10,000 people die in fires each year. This is a real menace.



There have lately been a dozen or so volunteer fire stations erected in the county to try to help you when you can't help yourself; but we can't help you if you are going to sit back and say, "Let George do it." If you can't be on the fire department, please send in your contributions to your nearest fire station. It takes money to run and equip these volunteer organizations.

Harrods Creek, Lyndon, **St. Matthews**, Worthington, and Oldham County have plans to work together, as have other volunteer fire stations such as Lake Dreamland, Camp Taylor and Pleasure Ridge in other parts of the county. Volunteers in these departments are anxious and willing to help you day or night, but it's up to us who reside in the county outside the city to back them up with whatever they need to maintain an efficient fire fighting force. It will be too late after a grass fire has burned down your garage or some member of your family is

choking to death from smoke in the early hours of the morning.

From time to time we will need new ladders, hose, pumps, etc., and at all times we need the financial backing of everyone in the community. Please help us in our endeavor to help you by sending in whatever contribution you can to your nearest county fire department.

LENNOX ALLEN.

Glenview, Ky.

Courtesy of Connie Corey (62) .

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Orville J. Stivers School

INVITATION TO

Dedication and Open House

December 4, 1952 — 8:00 P.M.



ORVILLE J. STIVERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WESTPORT ROAD JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

JEFFERSON CO. BD. OF EDUCATION
1952
ALBERT E. BOWEN, CHAIRMAN
RALPH B. SCHERR
RICHARD L. MCINTOSH
DR. D. A. BATES
ARLIS COOK

ORVILLE J. STIVERS SUPERINTENDENT - JANUARY 1950 TO JUNE 1950

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RUTH OSBORNE PRINCIPAL

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS
LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY

Courtesy *The Voice of St. Matthews*, August 28, 1952.



In the form of a huge T, the new Orville Stivers School on Westport Road will be ready for students on September 2. The left photo presents the T formation from the rear; the right photo looks into the sheltered loading area for buses directly in front of the combination auditorium-gymnasium wing.



St. Matthews Produce Exchange Bought By Marshall Planing Mill

Potato Center Is Finally Killed By Growth Of Residential Area

A St. Matthews landmark neared the end of the trail last week as R. W. Marshall purchased the property at 103 Exchange Avenue, site of the St. Matthews Produce Exchange, from Mark Denunzio.

Marshall's Planing Mill, now at 131 Breckinridge Lane, will be moved to the new location, probably some time in 1953. He is to get possession of the four-acre property and buildings in six months, according to office manager Edgar Wise.

Sale price was not disclosed. However, it was estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Both Marshall and Denunzio left town for vacation and were not available for comment.

The Exchange now handles feed, fertilizer and potatoes for wholesale and retail buyers. At one time, it was one of the most important businesses in the whole Eastern section of Jefferson County.

It was started in 1910 as a cooperative venture by R. W. Hite, now living in retirement on Westport Road. In those days, St. Matthews was a great potato center, and the exchange grew to be the most important of its kind in the state. Hite organized the cooperative to help out the farmers who were getting low prices for their produce.

He started with a little room behind the old Bauer's Grocery, which was located at the present site of the First National Bank of St. Matthews. A few years later, the office was moved to St. Matthews Ave., where the American Legion hall is now located.

After the 1937 flood, Hite built a new office and warehouses at 103 Exchange, the present location. Seven years ago, he sold out to Denunzio.

With the growth of St. Matthews as a residential area, it has declined as a potato center. The last traces will be removed when Marshall moves in next year. The annual St. Matthews Potato Festival derived its name from the potato exchange.

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December 19, 1952, Letter:

JAMES W. BRUCE, M. D.
THE HEYBURN BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KY.

December 19, 1952

Mr. John Monohan
% St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

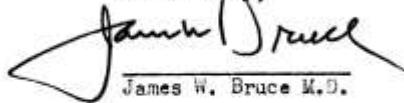
I would like to be enrolled in your Association and to be able to call on you in case of need.

I am Dr. James W. Bruce and I live at 434 Club Lane.

Enclosed is my check for \$3.00 which I am told is the dues.

Please let me know if I am accepted as a member.

Yours truly,


James W. Bruce M.D.

JWB/mkh

Sample charge for fire run:

December 19, 1952, *The Jeffersonian*:

County Fire Fighters Re-elect Billy Smith

Re-election of Billy Smith, Lyndon, as president of the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., coordinating group for all Jefferson County volunteer fire departments, was announced this week.

Another officer re-elected was Charles Rohmann, also of Lyndon, sergeant-at-arms. Newly elected officers are H. S. Coones, Camp Taylor, first vice president; Charles Cooper, Jeffersonton, second vice president, and John Kasker St. Matthews, secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was held at the Jeffersonton Fire House with approximately 75 in attendance. A cafeteria-style supper, prepared in the department's own kitchen, was served.

Smith told *The Jeffersonian* that he was "amazed" in the improvement of the Jeffersonton department since Cooper took over duties as chief several months ago. Maintenance of building and equipment and the co-operative attitude of personnel were warmly praised by Smith.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

Incorporated

P. O. Box 115

St. Matthews, Ky.

April 21 1953

M. Mr. J. H. Sweeney
4225 Briarwood Rd.
Louisville 7, Ky.

For Services Rendered

Responding to fire of car at Frankfort and Oxford
12:05 a. m.

\$10.00

1952 Softball Team:

From left to right front row: Joe Kempf, John Kaster, John M. Monohan, Jr., Dick Wheeler, Rich Herdt, and Denny Engnehl.

From left to right middle row: Rich Herdt Sr., J. P. Terry, Phil Resch, Paul Sauer, George Westwood, Paul Dawson, Wells P. Meyer, Melvin Schrode, Ed Foley and Mel Zehnder.

From left to right back row: Pete Blackwell, John Carr, Kent Tully, Walter Wernert and Jack Monohan.



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Board Of Directors

**Fred C. Boss
Marty A. Kamer
George E. Miller
John M. Monohan Jr.
Louis H. Schweitzer
James "JP" Terry
William Leland Wilson
Joseph B. "Joe" Zehnder**

Officers

**1952 Chief John M. Monohan Jr.
Assistant Chief Richard C. Herdt
Captain James "JP" Terry
Captain John F. Westerman
Lieutenant Marty A. Kamer
Lieutenant George R. Westwood**

Firefighters

**C. Fred Baringer
John A. Beierle
Morris "Jughead" Blake
John H. Cauthorn
Daniel Clark
Raymond Crabtree
Denny Engnehl
William Eskridge
Ed Foley
"PJ" Grimes, Jr.
Charles H. Hahn
W. Rich Herdt
John V. Kaster
Rudy E. Kaster
Joseph L. "Joe" Kempf
Henry L. McCoy
William E. "Bill" Medina
Welles P. Meyer**

**W. "Tommy" Miller
John M. "Jack" Monohan, III
Jim L. O'Neal
Phillip R. Resch
J. C. Reed
Frank R. "Randy" Robertson
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Raymond K. "Ray" Wilson
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