

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1953 — 1954

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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Courtesy Kyle Brown, Okolona Fire District:
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1953

Black Mud Fire Department Started



1950s



1950s unknown



1953 to 1954

March 13, 1953, *The Jeffersonian*:

New Fire Department Planned In County

A drive to collect funds to establish a volunteer fire department in the Indian Trail, Poplar Level Road and Black Mud Lane area is being considered, W. J. Cleary, Brenda Drive, spokesman for a group of residents, said this week.

Cleary said people in sections of Poplar Level, Old Shephensville and Fern Valley Roads and subdivisions around Black Mud Lane do not have fire protection. Approximately 30 persons attended a preliminary meeting Monday night.

1953

Dixie Suburban Fire Department Started

April 3, 1953, *The Jeffersonian*:

Courtesy Chief Tim Robbins—

Dixie Area Organizes A Fire Department

Plans were nearing completion Friday for organization of the Dixie Suburban Volunteer Fire Department to serve an area approximately within a three-mile radius of Dixie Highway and Crums Lane. Property within the city limits of Louisville and Shively would not be served.

Seven men and a borrowed truck will comprise the department at first, it was said. Each property owner in the area to be served would be asked to contribute \$10. The department aims to purchase a truck when funds are available as the county will assist in financing under its volunteer fire protection program.

DSFD History

Dixie Suburban Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1953 after the City of Shively absorbed the Saint Helens Volunteer Fire Department and advised the people outside the city limits that they would no longer respond to their homes.

Dixie Suburban Volunteer Fire Department began operation with a pumper the members built out of an old engine they had acquired from West Point and a newer truck chassis. The first station was a member's garage on Heaton Road. They bought a new pumper from Central Fire Apparatus of Saint Lewis in 1953 and housed it in a garage at the Jefferson County Home For the Aged, also known as the alms house, which was located where the Southland Terrace Shopping center now stands.

In 1957 Dixie Suburban Volunteer Fire Department Made application to the City of Shively zoning board to build a fire station on donated property on Matheis Lane near Dixie Highway. The Application was denied. The decision was appealed to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals of the City Of Shively based on the assumption that the decision had no basis in law. That appeal was also denied. A Subsequent lawsuit rendered a judgment for the Dixie Suburban Volunteer Fire Department allowing them to build a building on the Matheis lane property.

Having failed in their effort to stop the construction of the Fire station near Dixie Highway, The City of Shively offered a parcel of land in Shively Park with the additional enticement of providing utilities if Dixie Suburban would build their instead of on the Highway. Dixie Suburban Agreed and the members built the first real fire station where all of the equipment could be housed and an office could be built.

Eastwood Fire Department started:

Courtesy—<http://www.eastwoodfire.com/aboutus.html> (2010)

The Eastwood Fire Protection District is a combination career/volunteer fire department located in far eastern Jefferson County. We are made up of 44 firefighters. We cover the Eastwood community, as well as Fisherville and the Long Run Fire District. We staff 2 stations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with career firefighters. These personnel are all medically trained as well, and respond with Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services, and Shelby County Emergency Medical Services for medical calls within the district. We operate off of unit dispatching, which allows MetroSafe to dispatch the true closest unit to an emergency.

Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department

The Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1953 by a group of local businessmen. This group, headed by G. A. Bryant, included G. C. Cates, J. Orrell, H. L. Davenport, Wm. Goatley and J. L. Kurtz.

The first fire truck purchased was a 1953 Ford equipped with a water pump built by LaVeine Pump Company. This truck was delivered in January 1954 and was kept in the garage of H. L. Davenport until a fire house could be built.

The first firefighters were: James Orrell-Chief, H. L. Davenport-Assistant Chief, G. A. Bryant, W. M. Capito, Roy Smith, H. R. Stout, Albert Bradshaw, Wayne Evans, Luther Aaron, Stewart Baker, Ralph Tingle, Roy Sturgeon, Jack Hedges, Force O'Bryan, Lewis Evans.

In 1955 Roy Smith was elected Chief due to the death of James Orrell. Roy Smith served in this capacity for the next five years.

In 1956 G. A. Bryant donated a plot of ground on U. S. 60 at Eastwood cut-off for Eastwood's first fire house to be built there. B. M. Evans built the fire house that same year for the sum of \$3,289.10. Roy Smith donated his time and labor to wire the building for electricity.

In 1956 Eastwood Fire Department became part of Central Alarm. Under this system one telephone number was published for several different areas of the county. When an alarm was turned into Central Alarm, they notified the appropriate fire department. This was accomplished by Central Alarm calling on of six firemen in Eastwood's Department on private phones which were installed in their homes. Anyone of these firemen could set off the fire house siren directly from his home summoning other firemen.

R. M. McMakin was elected chief in 1960. This was the same year Eastwood purchased their second fire truck. E-2, which the second truck was labeled, was a 1960 Ford with four wheel drive and a water pump built by Howe Pump Company.

Up until 1961 Eastwood's financial assistance relied totally on fire dues, which on a voluntary basis. In 1961 Eastwood formed a fire district and fire dues were then paid along with county taxes by all property owners in the district.

T. H. Stone was elected fire Chief in 1963 and served for three years.

In 1966 Luther Aaron was elected Chief. Also in this year Eastwood changed its' alarm notification system from Central Alarm to County alarm. Six home monitor radios were purchased to replace the telephone notification system, which had been previously used. Six additional home monitor radios were purchased the next year. Eastwood's third truck was purchased in 1968, a 1948 GMC tank truck with 6 wheel drive and an 800 gallon capacity. This truck was acquired from Camp Taylor Fire Department and is intended for use as a water supply and to fight field fires. In 1970 Joe Bowman built a 1050 gallon capacity tank for this truck for the sum of \$310.00.

On December 20, 1972, Eastwood received delivery on their biggest and newest pumper truck. It was a 1973 Ford with pump built by Boyer Mfg. Co.

Wayne Evans was elected Chief in 1973.

In 1974 the Department purchased 85 feet of road frontage adjoining the west side of its' present fire house. This property was bought for expansion of the fire house.

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January 5, 1953, Letter:

January 5, 1953

Kentucky Inspection Bureau
Starks Building, Attn: Mr. Clemens
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Confirming our phone conversation, the St. Matthews Fire Department agrees to give fire protection to Meadow View Estates Subdivision located west of Breckenridge Lane and north of Taylorsville Road. The descriptive maps of the above mentioned area showing location of fire hydrants and distances from fire station are being prepared and will be forwarded to you on completion.

The roadway from Breckenridge Lane to the home of Mr. Scott, is black top, in good condition and is considered as approved for use by our apparatus.

Thanking you for your consideration, I remain

Yours truly,

John M. Monohan, Jr.

JMM:dds

January 6, 1953,
Letter:



The
Buechel Presbyterian Church

ORGANIZED, FEBRUARY 13, 1916

BARDSTOWN ROAD AT BUECHEL BANK LANE, BUECHEL, KENTUCKY

Harold M. Parker, Jr., Pastor

C. L. Moore, Treasurer

Stanley Henn, Clerk

CH. 1977 (Study)

CH. 2572 (Manse)

Buechel Volunteer Fire
Department

January 6, 1953

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The enclosed check for \$115.00 represents the exact amount given to the Buechel Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection over the Meadow View sub-division near the junction of Rikes Lane and Taylorsville Road. This check was deposited on September 6, 1952. At the time the check was made out to the Buechel department, it was understood that we would be permitted to service that area in the event fire broke out; however we have been informed that the sub-division is too far from our fire house, and that subsequently we should turn the amount of the check over to you.

The Board of Trustees met last night and authorized the writing of this check.

Sincerely,

Harold M. Parker, Jr., Treas.
Buechel Vol. Fire Dept.

1953

January 8, 1953: Board meeting:

Minutes of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held at the Fire House, St. Matthews Ave., on Thursday, January 8, 1953. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p. m. by the president, and chief John Monohan.

The following directors and officers were present- Messrs Boss, Kamer, Monohan, Schweitzer, Terry, Wilson and Zehnder.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read.

After a discussion Fred Boss moved that \$500.00 plus interest, be paid on note. Seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

The Christmas Committee reported that the turkeys were received by the boys very enthusiastically.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Ieland Wilson, Secy Pro Tem

cc to John Monohan

January 8 1953, Letter:

January 8, 1953

Dr. James W. Bruce
434 Club Lane
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Dr. Bruce:

Enclosed is your check for \$3.00. The subscription rate in Rolling Fields is \$5.00 per dwelling. Upon receipt of your check for \$5.00 you will become a member for one year. Statements are mailed yearly to remind you when your subscription is expiring.

Thanking you for your interest, we remain

Yours truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

J.M. Monohan, Jr.

JMM:dds

January 8, 1953: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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of St. Matthews

January **CLEARANCE** Sale

| COATS | SUITS |
|---|--|
| For Thermal Coatwork, Kurtis from \$10 to \$15 off | For Suits and Jackets from \$20 off |
| UP TO 1/2 OFF | UP TO 1/2 OFF |

DRESSES

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Values to \$22.95 | \$11 |
| Values to \$23.50 | \$12 |
| Values to \$39.95 | \$18 |
| Values to \$49.95 | \$24 |
| Values to \$69.95 | \$34 |

NOTE: EXCEPT CLOTHING, SHOES, ACCESSORIES

SPORTSWEAR

- JEANS & APPAREL
- 10% OFF
- From \$10 to \$14.95

UP TO 1/2 OFF

Hythens
of St. Matthews

311 Wallace Center

January 15, 1953.
The Voice Of St. Matthews:

**FUND DRIVE
WILL BEGIN
JANUARY 26**

The Louisville Y. M. C. A. is planning a \$232,000 branch building for St. Matthews.

The St. Matthews building is one of seven construction projects planned by the Louisville Y. M. C. A. Officials will open a three-week fund drive on January 28 to raise \$1,500,000.

Nevin and Morgan, Architects, have been retained to prepare detailed plans and specifications. Approximately 1,000 workers will participate in the fund-raising campaign.

The size and character of additions to Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Meridian and Frankfort Avenues, will be discussed Sunday at 2:30 at the church.

The meeting was set for 2:30 by Rev. E. A. Wahl, pastor, to get the largest possible attendance of church members.

Reports from the Building Committee, the Finance Committee, and the 30th Anniversary Committee will be made. Architect E. T. Hutchings will submit alternative sketches and plans to the original one presented some months ago regarding the expansion of church facilities.

Final tabulation of questionnaires sent out last year to each voting member concerning preference in building plans will be announced. Nursery facilities will be available so that parents with small children may attend the meeting.

The Men's Club of Bethel E. & R. will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

January 8, 1953: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Louisville To Try To Annex St. M. Again

This Time Louisville Will Try For Community's Business District

Louisville is back in the annexing business. Judge Gilbert Burnett, head of the city's law department, told the Voice Friday he was going to try to annex St. Matthew's business district.

Louisville cannot try to annex the residential area of St. Matthews for two years, after its attempt to do so last fall failed. However, the legal way is open to annex the business district.

Louisville last tried to annex the business district in 1946. The case was dropped in April, 1947.

It was reactivated by Judge Burnett late in December. He has notified the remonstrators in that case, Edward A. Kraft, V. E. Barnes, and Luke Manzer, of his intentions.

Three hundred and twenty property owners in the business district along Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue would be affected. The area marked for annexation includes the boundaries of the old Sanitation District. Judge Burnett said the case would be brought to court probably in the spring.

Circuit Judge Maccouley Smith gave the Louisville law department a set-back when it tried to prevent incorporation of the sixth-class City of Meadowview Estates on Taylorsville Road near Huntsinger and Hikes Lanes.

Herman Frick, assistant city attorney for Louisville, said the City was planning to annex all the territory around Meadowview Estates, and the little city would interfere with Louisville's growth. Judge Smith said Louisville's interest was not sufficient to justify its blocking of creation of the city.



GOING UP—The recreation center for St. Matthews, a Columbus project to the community from Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, was well under construction this week. It should be finished early in February. Pictured at the site of the building on the Community Center playground, Shelbyville Road, are Roy Elliott, president of the Community Center, Walter C. Keadle, technical adviser, R. C. Murrin, head of the St. Matthews Church Bureau, and Cliff Sipe, Kentucky Wild Life supervisor.

BUSINESSMEN ORGANIZE FOR LEGAL FIGHT

Archer Is Named Group Chairman

St. Matthews businessmen congregated at the St. Matthews Armory last Wednesday night to fight Louisville's newest annexation effort.

An organization, as yet unnamed, was formed to gather funds for the legal battle ahead following an announcement by the Louisville Law department that it would try to annex St. Matthews business district.

William Archer was elected temporary chairman. K. Brown was named treasurer. Harold Lohred was picked recording secretary.

Archer appointed a fund raising committee of four: Bernard Bowling, William Cooper, John O'Leary, and K. Brown. A fifth member will be named later.

Bowling suggested that the 320 property owners whom Louisville is trying to annex should contribute 50 cents per \$100 on their assessed property value and half of what their occupational tax would have cost in 1952, had they been in Louisville. This would create a fund for the legal expenses in the coming fight.

coming fight.

Bowling said such contributions would be an investment, and reminded businessmen how much they'd saved in taxes since 1946 by fighting Louisville's annexation attempts.

Louisville's unpublicized attempt to annex the business district now that it has lost the fight to annex the residential district was denounced from the floor. Attorney Maxwell Brown said the City was trying to take away the best taxable property and leave the rest shift for itself.

Bowling said if he had to pay taxes, he wanted to pay them for the benefit of his customers, the residents of St. Matthews, rather than into the Louisville treasury.

The group tentatively agreed to hire attorneys Wilbur Fields and Maxwell Brown, veteran anti-annex fighters, as their legal representatives.

Present at the meeting and pledging their support were Roscoe Paris, James Noland, Joseph Knust, Bernard Bowling, William Cooper, K. Brown, Maxwell Brown, B. M. Crawford, Wilbur Fields, John Laird, John O'Leary, W. F. Daffron, Anthony Eline, William Archer, Hiram Snider, Gordon Cook, and Harold Lohred.

Also present by invitation were Hugh Doyle, Clarence Hardin, and Frank Stallings, leaders of the People's Committee of St. Matthews. None of the three participated in the meeting.

The next meeting of the group has been called for Monday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. at Eline Chevrolet showroom, 3014 Frankfort Ave.

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January 24, 1953, The Courier-Journal

Member of first board of directors

Retired St. Matthews Restaurant Man, Albert W. Bauer, Dies at Home at 87

Operated Place For 65 Years

Albert W. Bauer, former operator of Bauer's Since 1870, restaurant at 3612 Brownsboro Road, died at 1 p.m. yesterday at his home, 3608 Brownsboro Road.

Bauer, 87, had operated the restaurant for about 65 years until he retired four years ago. The restaurant was founded in 1870 by his father, John Bauer. Many years ago the father and son operated a blacksmith shop and wagon-manufacturing firm next door to the restaurant.

Albert Bauer, a lifelong resident of the St. Matthews area, was a director of the Southern Savings & Building Association, and formerly was vice-president of the old Farmers & Depositors Bank of St. Matthews, which is now the Citizens Fidelity Bank of St. Matthews.

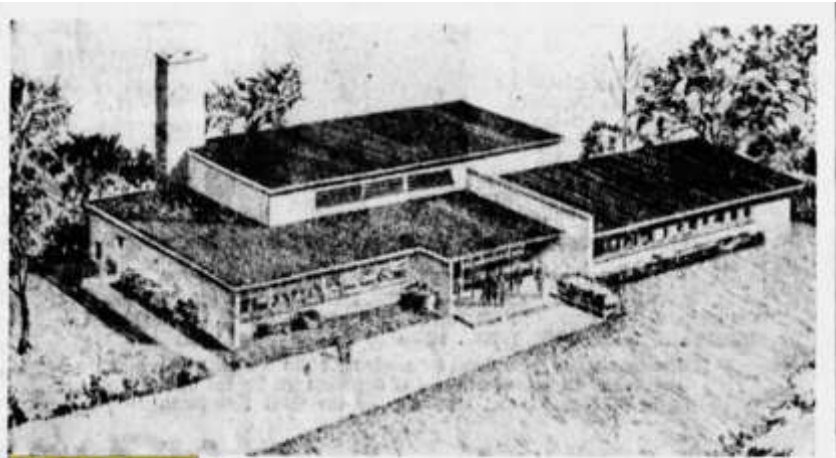
Funeral To Be Monday

Two sons, Arthur C. and Charles F. Bauer, now operate the restaurant.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Kaelin Bauer; a daughter, Mrs. A. L. Keal; another son, Robert W. Bauer; a sister, Mrs. Katie Heskamp; two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday at Ratterman's St. Matthews Chapel, 3711 Lexington Road, and at 9 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Burial will be in St. Louis Cemetery.

January 25, 1953, The Courier-Journal



ST. MATTHEWS BRANCH will cost \$232,312, with gymnasium, clubrooms, office space, kitchen. Shawnee will have same setup as South End. The remainder of the fund sought will be used to modernize and to add to the Y's three existing branches.

February 4, 1953, The Courier-Journal



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF NEW **ST. MATTHEWS** EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church Will Dedicate First Unit

Service Slated At 4 P.M. Sunday

The first Episcopal church of contemporary design in the Louisville area will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Sunday by the Rt. Rev. Charles Cingman, bishop of Kentucky, assisted by the Rev. Wilfred Myle, rector.

The church is St. Matthews Episcopal Church, on Hubbard Lane, at Holly and Maxine avenues. The parish was reestablished four years ago with about 80 members who attended ser-

vices in the St. Matthews Women's Club. Today the church has more than 200 communicants.

The building to be dedicated today is the first of three units pictured in the architect's drawing.

Exterior of the building is of Norman brick and California redwood. A 37-foot copper spire is topped by a 4-foot brass cross. The entrance facade is almost entirely of rust-tinted glass.

An unusual chancel arrangement puts the choir and organ behind a pierced-wood screen that is covered by 42 Biblical symbols located to suggest the unfolding of the Word. The altar

is arranged to permit the rector to face the congregation while celebrating Communion.

The nave will seat 200 persons, with overflow facilities for 85 more. The building includes a kitchen, office, sacristy, kindergarten, nursery, toddlers' room, juniors' room, and primary department. Cost of the building, designed by Louis & Henry, was \$125,000. Robert Struck & Son was general contractor.

The second unit of the church will contain additional classroom space and the third unit will be a large nave. When the latter is built the present nave will become a parish hall.

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January 19, 24, 1953, Fire Reports

19
Date Jan 19, 1953
A. M. 3:25 P. M.
Location Rock Creek Rd.
Building was 2 Story
Ins. on Building, \$
Companies 1

Ins. on Contents, \$
Companies

Originated on Basement Floor
Owner Josh Adams
Occupant Chester Summers - worker
Used as a residence
Cause Co. H. Summers
Lt. Marty Farn

19
Date 1-24-53 Box
A. M. 3:00 A.M. P. M.
Location Frankford Ave
Building was 1 Story
Ins. on Building, \$
Companies
Brady's
4039 Frankford Ave

Ins. on Contents, \$
Companies

Originated on 1st Floor
Owner
Occupant
Used as a residence
Cause Josh Adams

February 4, 22, 1953, Fire Reports

19
Date 2-4-53 Box
A. M. 9:30 P.M. P. M.
Location 3912 Olympic
Building was 2 Story
Ins. on Building, \$
Companies 3

Ins. on Contents, \$
Companies

Originated on 2nd floor bedroom Floor
Owner Same
Occupant Same
Used as a Floor Lamp Ref
Cause Curtains - Monks Cloth
Irma Edward C. Hill

19
Date FEB 22 Box
A. M. 10:35 P. M.
Location Mockingbird Valley Rd
Building was 1 Story
Ins. on Building, \$
Companies
Called by
City of Louisville

Ins. on Contents, \$
Companies

Originated on 1st Floor
Owner
Occupant Dr. Ivira Abel Va
Used as a Residence
Cause Monks Cloth

February 5, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

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LOUISVILLE 7 (ST. MATTHEWS), KY., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1953

6 PAGES FIVE CENTS

St. M. Episcopal Church To Be Dedicated Sunday

REV. CLINGMAN TO OFFICIATE AT CEREMONY

**Formal Service
Begins At 4 P.M.**

The new first-unit of Saint Matthew's Episcopal church, on Hubbard Lane and Massie Avenue, will be dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 8. There will be a special service in the new building for the Sunday School children at 9:30 Sunday morning, and at 4 p.m. the service of dedication will take place, the Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman, D.D., Bishop of Kentucky, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Wilfred Myll, rector of Saint Matthew's Church, and other local clergy.

The church is situated on an eight-acre tract, on a fairly high point, where it can readily be seen by persons approaching from the north and south along Hubbard Lane, from the west along Massie Avenue, and from the east along Rudy's Lane.

The building, with an exterior of red brick and redwood and with large areas of glass, is so planned that other units can be built later with a minimum of difficulty.

The building will temporarily serve a two-fold purpose, that of church and parish house. The main part of the building is on one floor with the part which is built on the hill side on two levels. On the first floor there are the main church auditorium or parish hall, sacristy, nursery room, kindergarten room, other classrooms, kitchen, and office, with the primary department rooms on the lower level.

Louis and Henry were the architects and Robert Struck and Sons the general contractor.

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church was started as a mission by a group of interested persons meeting with the Bishop in April 1948. In a sense, this was a reorganization, for the St. Matthews community took its name from an Episcopal Church first established in the area over a century ago, located somewhere near where Ridgeway and the railroad now are. But this church was consolidated with another Episcopal Church in what was then a more densely populated area.

Subsequent organization meetings with the Bishop were held during the summer of 1948. A rectory was then purchased, and the Reverend Wilfred Myll was called from St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Texas, to become Minister-in-charge. The Diocese of Kentucky was not new to Mr. Myll for before going to San Antonio, he had been rector of Trinity Church, Owensboro.

Arrangements were made with the St. Matthews Woman's Club for the use of their building for Sunday School classes and Church services, and on Sept. 5, 1948, the first service was held in that building. Saint Matthew's remained a mission church until April, 1951, when it was admitted to union with the Diocese, thereby becoming a parish.

It did not take the Sunday School and Church long to outgrow the facilities of the Woman's Club and to realize the necessity for building. In May, 1951, a successful campaign for funds with which to build the first unit was conducted, with A. L. Entwistle as chairman of the building program finance committee. The building committees, with Henry J. Scheirich, senior warden of the church, as chairman of the building program, began the complex job of determining what to build.

In January, 1949, the site on which the church now stands was purchased. On Palm Sunday, April 6, 1952, ground was broken for the new building. On June 28, 1952, the cornerstone was laid. Now on February 8, 1953 the service of dedication of the first unit of Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church will take place.

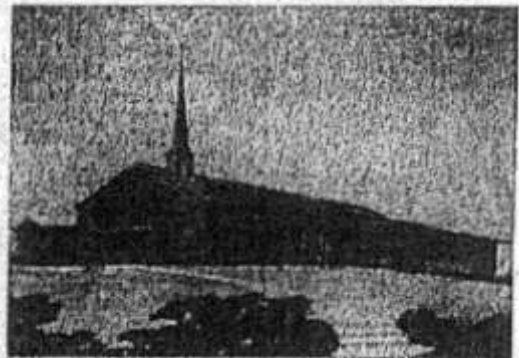
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Rev. Clingman

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The church has had a continuing health growth, from about 81 persons in September, 1948, to approximately 350 at present, with a Sunday School of over 200 children.

After Sunday, February 8, Sunday services in the new building will be: a celebration of the Holy Communion each Sunday at 7:30 a.m.; church school at 9:30 a.m.; morning prayer and



THE NEW ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1953

February 13, 1953, *The Jeffersonian*:

Unknown Date, 1953.

Albert W. Bauer, 87, Veteran St. Matthews Restaurant Man, Dies

A retired St. Matthews restaurant operator, Albert W. Bauer, 87, died at 1 p.m. last Friday in his residence, 3608 Brownsboro Road.

He operated the restaurant at "Bauer's" 65 years before his retirement about four years ago. The business at 3612 Brownsboro Road was founded in 1870 by his father, John Bauer. The father and son conducted a blacksmith shop and wagon manufacturing business next door to the restaurant many years ago.

Two sons of Albert Bauer, Arthur C. Bauer and Charles F. Bauer, now operate the eating establishment.

A life-long resident of the St. Matthews area, Albert Bauer was a director of the Southern Savings & Building Association and a former vice president of the Farmers and Depositors Bank, now the Citizens Fidelity- St. Matthews.

Also surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary H. Bauer; another son, Robert W. Bauer; a daughter, Mrs. A. L. Keal; a sister, Mrs. Katha Heskamp; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 8:30 a.m. Monday in Hatterman's St. Matthews Funeral Home and at 9 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church. Interment was in St. Louis Cemetery.

Five St. M. Volunteer Firemen Are Promoted

Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department announces the following promotions:

To captain—George Westwood and Marty Kamer.

To lieutenant—Richard Wheeler, John Kaster, and Mel Zehnder.

February 16, 1953, Letter:

February 16, 1953

St. Mathews Volunteer Fire Department
115 Beckinridge Lane
St. Mathews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

One of my neighbors, Mr. Bud Eline, checked with your organization a few days ago, and was informed that our street, Circle Hill Road (off Rock Creek Lane) lies within the area protected by the St. Mathews Volunteer Fire Department. He also reported to me that an annual fee of \$3.00 is suggested, which I am pleased to attach.

My insurance company apparently has no information that Circle Hill Road has this fire protection. I would very much appreciate it if you would return to me in the enclosed addressed envelope the duplicate copy of this letter, with the receipt of this payment noted there-on, so that I can inform my fire insurance carrier that I have made the necessary arrangements for stand-by fire protection

Very truly yours

Arden E. Hardgrove Jr.
Arden E. Hardgrove Jr.
712 Circle Hill Road

1953

February 17, 1953, Letter:

Mrs Gordon Miller
GORDON HALL
MOCKINGBIRD VALLEY - LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept
St. Matthews - Kentucky.

Dear Sir. 2/17/53

The enclosed check is from
Gordon Miller - located on
Country Club Road - and
Country Lane - off Mockingbird
Valley - facing on Louisville
Country Club Golf Course.

Sincerely -
Mrs Gordon Miller
(Cecelia Frank Miller)

Feb 17/53

February 18, 1953, Letter:

DR. FRANK P. STRICKLER
BROWN BUILDING
33 WEST BROADWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY.

February 18, 1953.

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

Gentlemen:-

Since the recent change in the laws of the City of Louisville regarding fire equipment and fires outside the City of Louisville, I am informed that I am in the St. Matthews district and that it will be necessary for me to look to you for fire protection in the future.

I live on the Louisville Country Club Road which goes up to the Louisville Country Club off of Mockingbird Valley. You come down Brownsboro Road to Mockingbird Valley Road and turn to your right on the first road going off of Mockingbird Valley; I am the first red brick house on the right of the Louisville Country Club Road. About 300 yards from my house, just past the entrance of my place, I put in a fire plug some years ago and have been paying the Louisville Water Company on this plug ever since. This plug is on the intersection of 2 - 10" and 1-2" water mains, and I think are adequate in every way for fire protection. I think that I am within three (3) miles of the St. Matthews Fire Dept.

Find enclosed my check for a years subscription, as I understand this is the proper amount. If this check is not correct, kindly inform me and I will make up whatever difference is necessary.

Very truly yours,

Frank P. Strickler
Frank P. Strickler, M.D.

FPS/50
Encl.

F.S. Gordon Miller and I are next-door- neighbors; he lives in the stone house fronting Country Club and my house is the red brick just back of him.

1953

February 19, 1953, Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLYNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION - FEB. 19, 1953

The meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called to order on February 19 by President John Monohan, Jr. and the following directors were present:

J. P. Terry
Louis Schweitzer
John M. Monohan, Jr.

Marty Kamer
✓ W. Leland Wilson
Joe Zehnder

George E. Miller

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Kamer that a man be hired as Assistant Secretary and one requirement be that he use a typewriter.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that Mr. Monohan and Mr. Terry interview Mr. Wilson to see if he is interested in being employed as Assistant Secretary, otherwise they will contact other applicants.

Motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer that Mr. Voss be instructed to make a \$500.00 payment and interest on the mortgage on the fire house. ✓

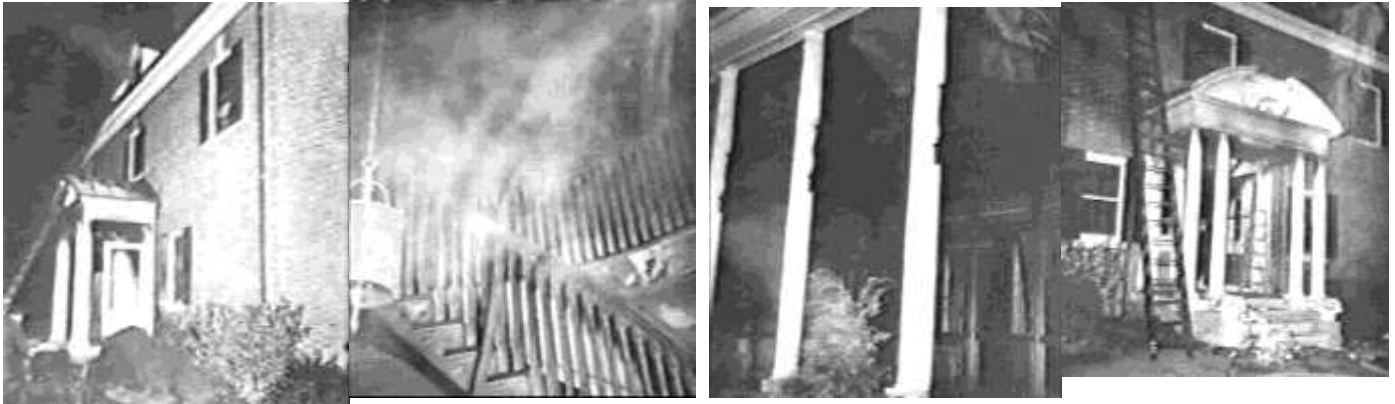
There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that the meeting adjourn.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary.

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February 22, 1953: Seven year old Eleanor Abell died of suffocation from smoke in her room over the breezeway in her home on Overlook Rd. in Mockingbird Valley. A later *Courier-Journal* article suggested that the Louisville Fire Department had to borrow air masks from St. Matthews Fire Department at the scene of the fire. Louisville Battalion Chief Browning denied this. (NOTE: Louisville Fire Department had self-contained breathing apparatus.



Overbook Pictures

February 26, 1953:
The Voice Of St. Matthews:

**A Friendly Message
for
St. Matthews Residents . . .**

Dear Friends:

There's a new Swiss Customer Service Store in your vicinity, and you are cordially invited to visit it at your convenience.

Now in its fourth week of service to your neighbors, this new Swiss office, on Fairmeade Road at Shelbyville Road, is making many friends with its superior cleaning and laundry service.

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COME IN AND REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE SIX MAJOR GIFTS TO BE GIVEN AWAY ON SATURDAY, FEB. 28. THERE'S NOTHING TO BUY—NOTHING TO GUESS—AND YOU MAY WIN A WESTINGHOUSE IRON, ROASTER, CLOCK-RADIO, OR TOASTER . . . OR A SCHICK SHAVER OR A SCHWINN BICYCLE.

Register today and get acquainted with our newest Swiss store. Whether you win a gift or not, you'll be pleased to learn where your laundry and cleaning will receive fast, efficient attention.

Sincerely yours,

Swiss Cleaners and Laundry

Fairmeade Rd. at Shelbyville Rd.



—Photo by Tom Rodman

THE FATAL ROOM—Seven-year-old Eleanor Abell died of suffocation in this room over the breezeway of her father's home in Mockingbird Valley Sunday night. St. Matthews firemen Marty Kamer and John Koster, along with county detectives and Louisville firemen, found her here after a desperate battle to cool the room enough to enter. Dr. Irvin Abell, after saving his other two children, and nearly being overcome himself, directed rescuers to the above room. The breezeway here, though apparently intact, is gutted inside. Had Eleanor been able to open one of the two windows, she might have gotten enough oxygen to save herself. Firemen say she would have burned herself severely had she climbed to the hot roof of the breezeway. Kamer carried her out of the house, but she died enroute to the hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Holy Spirit Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

February 23, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:

Dr. Irvin Abell's Daughter, 6, Dies After Fire Wrecks Home; Father Is Almost Overcome



FATAL FIRE . . . Eleanor Abell, 6-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Abell, Jr., died of suffocation and some recovered in this fire at the Abell home in Mockingbird Valley.

Rescue Try Is Thwarted By Smoke

A 6-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Abell, Jr., died here last night after her father groped through the smoke of their burning home in a vain effort to find her.

The girl, Eleanor, known as Nene, was found at 11:15 p.m. at the door of her bedroom by a gasmasked fire official who brought her down by ladder.

That was 45 minutes after the fire started in the Abell's two-story home on Overbrook Road in Mockingbird Valley.

Husband In Driveway

The Abells had just returned from a downtown dinner party when Mrs. Abell stepped into the brick Colonial home to find it choked with smoke.

She ran outside, shouting.

Her husband was in the driveway, preparing to return a guest at the dinner, J. Harold Kelsch, New York City, to his downtown hotel room.

Dr. Abell ran into the house to look for his three children, who had been sleeping on the second floor.

He was accompanied by a hired man, Bruno Gumbelner, who lived in an apartment above a garage attached to the house by a breezeway.

There was no one in the home proper except the Abell children when the blaze started. The Gumbelners had been checking on the children from time to time while the parents were out to dinner.

Two Found In Hallway

In the smoky hallway Dr. Abell and Gumbelner found two of the children, Helen, 8, and Irvin, 11, 6. Gumbelner took them outside. As he searched desperately for Eleanor, Dr. Abell was almost

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February 23, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:

Unknown dates

As he searched desperately for Ewanor, Dr. Abell was almost overcome by the smoke. He made his way to a sun porch to get a breath of air. Firemen lifted a ladder to the porch, and led him down.

As the firemen pressed the effort to rescue Ewanor, they smashed the window of her bedroom and filled the room with spray from a fog nozzle.

She was found at her bedroom door by Capt. Joseph Buren of Louisville's Sixth Quasi Company.

Clothes Almost Burned Off

The fire had almost turned her clothes off.

Sgt. Bud Kamber of County police administered oxygen all the way as she was taken to the hospital in a police cruiser.

Physicians at General Hospital administered oxygen and respiration to the girl for more than four hours. They also cut into her chest and massaged her heart to no avail. They said she apparently died on the way to the hospital.

Deputy Coroner Harry Kistner said death was caused by suffocation and second-degree burns. The burns covered her hands, face, and legs.

The fire gutted the first story of the 10-room home, and badly damaged the second.

Furniture charred like used match sticks was carried from the scene.

The Overbrook Road home was estimated by a friend of the Abells to be worth \$100,000. It was built about 10 years ago, and bought in 1950 by the Abells.

With glassblower in the garage when the fire broke out were his wife and their 2-year-old baby. The fire did not spread to the garage.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately determined. Firemen believe it started in or near the living room, and that a kitchen.

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Abell Child Dies as Fire Wrecks Home

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en dumbwaiter helped shoot the flames upstairs.

Flames Thick Inside

The flames leapt thickly inside, but only smoke poured out of the home. The outside walls were left relatively intact.

The first alarm was sent in by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Byrne, who live across the road.

Three fire trucks arrived from Louisville, and one each from St. Matthews and Harrods Creek. Their crews managed to get water from a hydrant 400 feet away.

About a month ago the City of Mockingbird Valley was the first small city in the Louisville area to contract with the City of Louisville for fire protection.

Louisville recently passed an ordinance cutting off protection to small cities without contracts.

Engine Houses Lack Gas Masks, Beefer Says

A man who makes a hobby of studying fire problems complained at Mayor Farnsley's beef session last night that engine houses in outlying parts of the city lack gas masks.

The complainer, W. T. Embry, 2725 Brownsboro Road, said the first engine company to arrive at the fire February 22 at the Mockingbird Valley home of Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Abell, Jr., was not equipped with masks.

That was Company 21 at 2620 Frankfort. Embry said masks used in the blaze were furnished by a St. Matthews company. The Abells' 7-year-old daughter Eleanor died in the fire.

Mask Is Promised

Embry was told his beef would be referred to City Safety Director James E. Thornberry.

If the City does not provide Company 21 with a mask, said Embry, "I'll make them a present of one."

Miss Ora-Mae Mason, 711 Fehr, suggested that instead of putting \$15,000 into proposed tree plantings on Broadway, the City should spend the money on something like school lavatories or gas masks for the firemen.

Complaints of Parking Ban

Miss Mason also complained about the ordinance prohibiting trucks from parking overnight on the streets. So did William P. Chambers, 1135 Goss. Burke said modifications in the ordinance are being considered.

Charles E. Keith, 6641 Strawberry Lane, and Gus J. Campisano, 6643 Strawberry Lane, said water draining across their property is contaminated and has a strong odor. They were advised to take up the problem with the Metropolitan Sewer District.

Mrs. John Gable, 4342 Vermont, said Mayor Farnsley should appoint a West Ender to the City-County Board of Health.



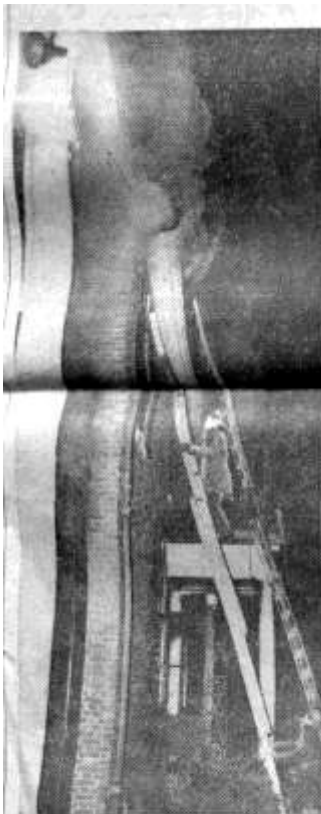
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W. T. EMBRY

Fire problems are hobby

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Courtesy *The Louisville Times*, February 23, 1953:



Ladder Try Fails . . . Kitchen Left Completely Charred

Two firemen steadied a ladder as a third climbed to break the window of Eleanor Abell's room and seek her.



The Irvin Abell, Jr., kitchen was completely charred by fire as it gutted the first floor of the Mockingbird Valley residence. The second floor of the 10-room house also was badly damaged, and much of the furniture was destroyed.

7-Year-Old Dies In Fire; 2 Rescued

Blaze Damages Dr. Abell's Home

The 7-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Abell, Jr., died of suffocation and burns last night after futile efforts by her father to find her in their blazing Mockingbird Valley home.

The child, Eleanor Abell, was later found inside the door of her bedroom by Louisville Fire Capt. Joseph Buren.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Abell when she and her husband returned shortly after 10 p.m. from a dinner party in Louisville. She found their two-story brick home on Overbrook Road filled with smoke and ran outside, shouting.

Dr. Abell, who had remained in the car, rushed into the house from the driveway. He found two of their three children, Helen, 9, and Irvin III, 5, in the front hall.

Efforts To Save Girl Fail

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Safety Chief Denies Lack Of Gas Mask

Safety Director James E. Thornberry denied today that the Louisville Fire Department lacked a gas mask at a fire in the Mockingbird Valley home of Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Abell, Jr., February 21.

At yesterday's beef session, W. T. Embry, 2725 Brownsboro Road, said City Company 21, of 2620 Frankfort, was the first to arrive at the fire in which the Abell's 7-year-old daughter was suffocated, but had to wait for a gas mask until the arrival of the volunteer company from St. Matthews.

Thornberry said all quad and truck companies are equipped with masks, and quoted from a report of Second District Battalion Chief C. L. Browning that "our gas masks were in service before the arrival of the St. Matthews Fire Department."

Embry offered to donate a mask to Company 21.

Truck Complaint

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Courtesy *The Louisville Times*, February 23, 1953:



By Louisville Times Staff Photographer

Outside of House Little Damaged

Broken upper-floor windows and litter strewn by men who carried out furniture were only exterior evidences today of the fire that broke out in the Overbrook Road home of Dr. Irvin Abell, Jr., and took the life of daughter Eleanor, 7.

Efforts To Save Girl Fail

A hired man, Bruno Ganzhubner, led them outside while Dr. Abell searched for Eleanor. The three children had been sleeping on the second floor of the 10-room house.

Almost overcome by the dense smoke, the frantic father groped his way into a sun porch on the second floor. Firemen raised a ladder to a window of the porch and led him down.

The firemen smashed a window of the child's room and sprayed water in with a fog nozzle.

County Police Sgt. Bud Kamber administered oxygen to the unconscious child while on the way to General Hospital in a police car. Hospital doctors also administered oxygen, gave artificial respiration and opened the child's chest and massaged her heart but without success. They said she apparently died on the way to the hospital.

Deputy Coroner Harry Elstone said suffocation and second degree burns on the hands, face and legs caused her death.

Firemen Cut by Glass

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Battalion Chief Chester Browning said the blaze apparently started in a small room between the kitchen and living room where damage was heaviest. Heat and smoke damaged the second floor.

Five lines of hose were laid in fighting the fire. Volunteer companies from Harrods Creek and St. Matthews also answered the alarm.

Lt. Dudley Brown of Engine Company No. 6 was treated for a cut on the right hand, inflicted by broken glass. County Patrolman James Dowdell sprained his left knee when he fell over a hose. He was treated at General Hospital.

Ganzhubner, who lives in an apartment over a garage attached to the house, said he had been checking on the children periodically during the evening while their parents were away.

The alarm was sent in by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Byrne, who live across the road.

February & March: Note: After this incident, many residents of the Mockingbird Valley area sent in checks and tried to join the St. Matthews fire protection area. However, all checks were returned to the residents.

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February 24, 1953:



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February 24, 1953

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to acknowledge your run to my home on Blankenbacker Lane the night of February 14th and to compliment you on your quickness in getting there as well as the efficient manner in which all of you went about your business. Any fire is dangerous, but it helps a great deal to know we have such adequate fire protection in our neighborhood.

Sincerely hope that this token of my appreciation of your services adds a little pleasure to your weekly meeting.

Sincerely,

M. V. Hodapp
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March 4, 1953: *The Courier-Journal*: Browning Says Firemen Used Own Masks. Battalion Chief Denies Borrowing Equipment. Louisville firemen who fought a fire in Mockingbird Valley last week did not have to borrow gas masks from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, Battalion Chief Chester Browning said yesterday.

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March 3, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:

Browning Says Firemen Used Own Masks

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March 10, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:

Where Gas Masks Needed

I had no idea, when I went to the beef session last Monday night to ask the city to furnish outlying engine houses with gas masks, that so much commotion would be stirred up.

At no time did I say that the Louisville Fire Department had to wait on the St. Matthews volunteers to furnish them with gas masks. I know as well as anyone that the captain of No. 6 Quad removed the child's body from the home fire with a gas mask carried on his quad, but my one and only argument is that a gas mask should be on the first company to arrive and not have to wait on the second company which in so many cases has to be

called by phone before responding, especially on county runs and quite a number of city runs.

Minutes count at fires, especially when life is at stake, and regardless of what Captain Browning says, a quad company does not always make a run with an engine on residential alarms.

Now, when an alarm is turned in from a fire box, an engine company, quad and battalion chief respond in the residential section, but on a telephone call, called a silent or still alarm, the fire alarm operator uses his best judgment, depending on the information he gets, and many times sends only one company, usually an engine company which carries no gas masks. Even in the heart of our city do they send one company sometimes on a telephone call only to find out they need more help, as was the case of the last three-alarm fire on Fourth Street, and this is no fault of the fire alarm operators, as our department has been sending out silent alarms ever since its existence.

I would not have gone into such detail or even written this letter if my statement had not been misconstrued with reference to calling on St. Matthews for help, which put me in a position where it looked as though I did not know what I was talking about. I do not claim to be an authority on many things, but when it comes to the working of the Fire Department, I do not think many people can enlighten me. All outskirt engine houses need gas masks, as they are the first to arrive on the scene, and I believe that makes only common sense.

Louisville.

WALLACE T. EMBRY.

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March 12, 1953: *The Voice of St. Matthews:*



JOHN M. MONOHAN

Irishman Runs the Fire Department

The chief of the best fire department in Jefferson County is a hard-looking Irishman named John M. Monohan. And the reason the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is the best in Jefferson County is because a hard-looking Irishman named John M. Monohan is chief.

His men, all volunteers, swear by him. He's exercised such discipline over them that they are off to the scene of a fire within 2 minutes after an alarm is turned in. No one ever questions his orders. They have complete confidence in his abilities.

He has trained his assistants so thoroughly that at the moment, at least five are capable of handling the department in his absence. They are Richard Herdt, assistant chief, J. P. Terry and John Westerman, captains, and George "Red" Westwood and Martin Kamer, lieutenants.

One or more of these men is always available in case a fire breaks out while Monohan is at

And Does An Excellent Job

his job at Reynolds Metals where he is a process engineer.

Every year, the entire volunteer crew gets 10 to 20 hours extra training by a man approved by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau. This training is supplemented by films. The department now handles about 60 fires a year.

Monohan's biggest worry is that there are not enough fire hydrants in the St. Matthews area. To offset that disadvantage, his three trucks carry 500, 300, and 150 gallons of water respectively. The one thing he dreads most is a fire breaking out in a big, open church, where the flames cannot be confined.

He keeps himself posted on latest fire-fighting techniques by attending the University of Kentucky fire school every year. There's not a technique or in-

strument for fighting fires that he has not studied for possible use on the St. Matthews Fire Department.

Monohan was born on Brown's Lane and has lived in St. Matthews all his life. He is a graduate of Holy Trinity and St. Xavier Schools. He studied engineering for two and one-half years at the University of Louisville. He started fire fighting as a hobby and has been with the St. Matthews company since 1936. He was made chief in 1941.

He belongs to no clubs. All his time is devoted to his two jobs, though lately he spends Saturdays on a 355-acre farm in Shelby County, helping his brother look after 90 head of cattle. The Monohans acquired the farm just before Christmas.

He is still a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He and his wife, the former Katherine Marcillat, of Somerset and St. Matthews, live at 3909 Elmwood. They have four children—Jack 15, Mary M. 13, Steve 11, and Douglas 9.

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March 12, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The meeting was called to order for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association by the President, John M. Monohan, Jr., on the evening of March 12, 1953, with the following directors present:

Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. Joseph Zehnder
Mr. E. Leland Wilson

Mr. John Monohan, Jr.
Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. J. P. Terry

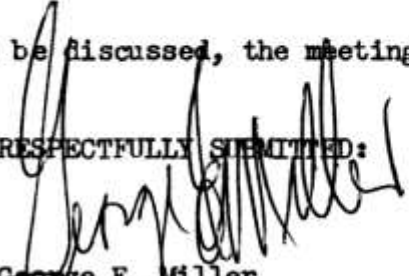
Mr. George E. Miller

The session was spent about the purchase of a 2-Way Radio to be placed in each fireman's home at an approximate price of \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00.

President Monohan was instructed to go into this thoroughly to see the best product which could be purchased and the information to be reported back to the directors.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary.

March 19, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthew*

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Cherrywood Village Subscribes To St. M. Fire Department; Acts Against Palmer "Air Pollution"



GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT—Charlton Hummel, mayor of Cherrywood Village, and John Moonhan, right, chief of the St. Matthews Fire Department, shake hands on an agreement for the city to get immediate fire protection. Next to Hummel is Elmer Nealon, Cherrywood's public judge, and Neva Weikert, the city clerk.

City Will Try For Court Action; Holy Trinity Requests Entrance

Cherrywood Village Friday agreed to get its fire protection for the next 18 months from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

The city also started action against Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company for "air pollution."

Charlton Hummel, chairman of the city's board of trustees, said he wanted to know if Cherrywood Village could "get an injunction to stop Palmer from 'polluting the air.'" He appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of court action and to report to the trustees at their April 10 meeting. Committee members are John Skelton, city trustee; Elmer Nealon, city police judge; and Charles Porter.

Charles V. Palmer-Ball, vice-president of the firm, said he had no comment on the Cherrywood action.

The Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company is at 148 St. Matthews Avenue, a few hundred feet southeast of Cherrywood Village. It had been charged in October, 1951, with polluting the air in St. Matthews. Acting on engineers' recommendations, the plant installed two steam injectors to reduce ash emission from its smoke stack. The company also changed the quality of its coal, according to an announcement by Charles V. Palmer-Ball in the November 15, 1951, issue of the Voice of St. Matthews.

The trustees voted unanimously to subscribe to the services of the St. Matthews Fire Department until July, 1954.

John M. Moonhan, fire chief, and Hummel made a gentleman's agreement for coverage to start immediately, pending the drawing up of formal contracts.

Moonhan said the costs would be \$3 a year per home in Cherrywood Village, minus 25 cents for each vacant lot. An eight per cent discount is allowed if the bill is paid before the end of July, he said. Cherrywood has between 140 and 145 homes.

Favor Holy Trinity Request

Over the objections of Truston Charles Meyer, Jr., the board indicated it favored taking action so that an entrance to Holy Trinity's new church and school could be established at the east end of Brookfield Ave. and an exit established on Cherrywood Road opposite Leland Road.

The change had been requested by Rev. Charles Buldrick, pastor of Holy Trinity. The new church is on Cherrywood Road, east of Cherrywood Village.

Meyer said he was still angry over the Planning and Zoning Board's giving permission for the building of the church and school.

Skelton suggested approaching the Archbishop to help Cherrywood build its streets. Meyer said that would still leave the problem of traffic and safety.

Street Fixing Is Next
Hummel announced that at the April meeting, the Board of Trustees would give its attention to street resurfacing in the city. The city's treasury now boasts more than \$4,700.

William Gladden, town marshal, announced that the Cherrywood Village Homemakers Club had bought six evergreens for the entrance to the city. Hummel ap-

Mrs. Emil Ann, wife of the Voice editor, attended the Friday meeting of the City of Cherrywood Village to observe small town American government in action. Mrs. Ann is a native of Holland and has been in America since November.

pointed a committee of five to plant the trees. Committee members are J. Thomas Miller, Rev. W. Boebinger, Herbert Hellenmeyer, Walter Mulhern, and Mrs. Bonnie Durbin.

Others at the meeting were Robert Liepertz, city trustee; Celesti Froehlich, city treasurer; Neva Weikert, city clerk; Mrs. Charlton Hummel, Joe Blunt and Thomas Hattemeyer.

Seminary May Buy Green Tree

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is trying to buy Green Tree Manor. The sale price is believed to be around \$2 million.

Dr. Duke McCall, Seminary president, was reported en route to Richmond from Washington Tuesday and was not available for comment. Leon Alexander, manager of Green Tree Manor, refused to make any statement whatsoever.

However, the following facts are known. The Board of Trustees of the Seminary last week voted to construct 200 apartments for students on the back side of the campus facing Grinstead Drive.

Since then, Seminary officials have been conferring with the Realty Management Corporation of Charlotte, N.C., over the purchase of the Green Tree Manor.

There are 200 apartment units in the Manor, located at Frankfort and Pinley Avenues. The families now living there object to the sale. They feel they will be turned out of the apartments to make room for Seminary students and faculty.

By Tuesday morning, the Seminary and Realty Management were believed to be within \$30,000 of agreeing on a price.

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March 27, 1953, The Courier-Journal

Two Fires Cause \$9,500 In Damage^N

Two early-morning fires caused considerable damage here yesterday.

Flames caused a loss of about \$4,500 at the J. Davis Marret Hatchery, Westport Road near Bonner, St. Matthews, at 4 a.m. About 1,300 three-month-old pullets were destroyed and an 80-foot-long frame brooder house damaged.

J. Davis Marret, the owner, said the fire may have started by an exploding oil heater. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department fought the blaze.

At 4:30 a.m., a spark from a machine set fire to cotton at Puritan Cordage Mills, 1205 E. Washington. Damage to the cotton, machinery, and a basement room was estimated by R. L. Conn, manager, at about \$5,000.

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March 30, 1953: Letters:

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Mrs. Gordon Miller
Mockingbird Valley
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

As you are beyond the protective area of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department we are returning your check for \$5.00.

Thanking you for your interest, we remain

Yours truly,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

J. M. Monohan, Jr.

JMH:dds

March 30, 1953

Dr. Frank P. Strickler
Brown Bldg.
321 W. Broadway
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. Strickler:

As your residence is beyond the protective area of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department we are returning your check for \$5.00.

Thanking you for your interest, we remain

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April 2, 1953: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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Wetherby Coming Here For Easter To Dedicate C. C. Building

Gov. Wetherby will arrive Easter Sunday for dedication of the new Community Center Building at 2 p.m.

The Governor will make the speech of dedication. He will be accompanied by Earl Wallace, state commissioner of wild life and resources.

The new building was donated to St. Matthews as a Christmas present by Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds of Anchorage. It is located on the Community Center playground next to the Drive-In Theatre on Shelbyville Road.

The grounds are used for the annual St. Matthews Charity Bazaar (formerly the Potato Festival).

Key Elliott, president of the St. Matthews Lions, will preside over the ceremonies. He will introduce various civic leaders to the audience. Also on hand will be Cliff Sipe, Kentucky Wild Life Supervisor.

In case of rain, the proceedings will be moved inside the new building, which cost \$14,000.

For entertainment, the Kentucky Troubadors, a quartett, will sing. Ray Marilla, chairman of the Charity Bazaar, will have on display the items to be given away at this year's festival.

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April 2, 1953, Fire Report

April 3, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER
FIRE ASSOCIATION

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Date April 2, 1953 ~~Time~~ Phone
A. M. ~~Time~~ P. M. 6:40
Location Westport & Ridge Way
Building was 1 Story
Ins. on Building, \$
Companies

Ins. on Contents, \$
Companies

Originated on FIRST Floor
Owner BOCK MARSHAL
Occupant SAME
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John K. Terry + J. P. Terry

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called Friday evening, ~~March~~ ^{April} 3, 1953, Mr. John Monohan, Jr. presiding.

The directors present were:

E. Leland Wilson
Marty Kamer
J. P. Terry

John P. Monohan, Jr.
Joseph Zehnder
Mr. Schweitzer

George E. Miller

This meeting was called for the purpose of considering having Mr. Virgil Lloyd, Sr. as Assistant Secretary. Mr. Lloyd's address is 2045 Alta Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer that Mr. Lloyd be employed at \$200.00 per month as Assistant Secretary, starting April 15, and Mr. Miller, the Secretary, notify Mrs. Doris Simpson that the Board desires her to remain and cooperate until May 15. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller that \$25.00 per month be appropriated to a committee of the firemen for food and drinks after each Tuesday Meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Jos. Zehnder.

Motion was made by Mr. Terry that Mr. Boss be instructed to pay \$500.00 on interest on the loan on the building. This was seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer that we purchase a hydrant gate valve costing approximately \$150.00. This was seconded by Mr. Kamer.

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary.

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April 9, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Dan T. Gray, Jr., 3920 Fairy Drive, called with a surprise Monday. He's bought Haller's Pet Shop at Second and Market. He took over the first of the month. Dan is a very popular and well-known figure in St. Matthews. He used to be president of the local Kiwanis and was twice president of the old Potato Festival. Good luck in the new business, Dan!

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Construction workers place steel girders in place for Bacon's new St. Matthews store. The steel arrived last week and Bacon's General Manager, Harold Johnson, said he is hiring help for the new store, which he expects to be completed in September. Johnson already has a manager ready, is interviewing people for executive positions, many of which will be filled from the downtown store. Sales people will be interviewed next month. He says he will need about 80 people plus extra help for weekends and nights.

April 16, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

April 24, 1953, Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY

Copy for Mr. John Monahan, St. Matthews, Kentucky

Mr. Daniel B. Boone

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April 24, 1953

April 24, 1953

In view of these facts, while we shall continue to cooperate with you in every way possible, we must, by reason of the very nature of our business, continue to assist and cooperate with all persons and communities in their fire prevention and fire protection problems as they are presented to us.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Daniel B. Boone, Director
Jefferson County Fire Program
404 Fiscal Court Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Boone:

During your visit to our office on Wednesday of last week, you delivered your unsigned directive to the effect that in the future all communications and contacts between this office and any of the firemen of the various volunteer fire departments in Jefferson County or between any representatives of these communities must come through you.

In all of our dealings with these communities, we have personally cooperated with everyone concerned. When our contacts were through correspondence, we either addressed the letters to you or sent you a copy at the same time as they were sent.

After giving this matter considerable thought, we feel that under this dictatorial plan we will be denied any direct or personal contacts with those with whom we are attempting to cooperate, which is entirely contrary to our well established practice.

Furthermore, under your proposed plan, we are denied any opportunity to establish or maintain good public relations, which in our dealings with the public are most essential.

In support of this decision we refer to the most unfavorable publicity which we received in connection with the Pleasure Ridge Park situation.

In this case we went so far as to rate the protected area before our recommendations were completely carried out, in order to avoid any unnecessary delay in publishing the new rates, with the result that the rates were ready for publication over three months before the improvements were completed and they had to be rechecked at extra expense.

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:blb

E. A. Barker
MAR 24 1953

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April 25, 1953, Letter:

April 25, 1953

Kentucky Inspection Bureau
Starks Building
Louisville, Ky.

Attn. Mr. Clemens:

Dear Sir;

We have been informed that the Kentucky Inspection Bureau has been advised by Mr. Dan Boone that all matters pertaining to the St. Matthews Fire Dept. are to clear thru his office and/or be approved by him.

Please be advised that Mr. Boone has not been authorized by the board of directors of The St. Matthews Fire Dept. to make such Statement. The St. Matthews Fire Dept. will continue as it has in the past, to deal direct with the Kentucky Inspection Bureau on all matters pertaining to this dept.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the spirit of cooperation extended our dept. and our continued willingness to cooperate with you in all matters pertaining to our dept.

We trust that this information clarifies any doubt as to who is vested with the authority to discuss matters pertaining to this dept. we are, with best personal regards,

Yours very truly

April 29, 1953, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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

April 29th 1953

Mr. C. B. Neal
415 Cornell Place
Louisville, 7, Ky.

Dear Mr. Neal:-

On October 21, 1952 we made a fire run to your house in answer to a call. We subsequently sent you a statement for \$25.00 inasmuch as you were not a paid member in The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc. On Dec. 21st 1952 we sent you a second statement but to date we have no record of this \$25.00 having been paid.

You, of course, are aware that only due to the continued improvement of this fire association have we been able to enjoy a decided decrease in insurance rates in this area and that only with the full co-operation of all the people in the community will we be able to maintain the present rates or obtain further reductions.

We will therefore appreciate a check for this \$25.00 and extend to you the privilege of membership in this association. The annual fee is \$3.00 and this of course will entitle you to our service as often as necessary without being obligated to pay a much larger amount in the event you are not a member.

Assuring you of our sincerity in this matter we are,

Yours Very Truly

V. L. Lloyd

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Ass't. Sec.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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April 30, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*

MOST BUSINESSMEN FAVOR FRIDAY NIGHT SHOPPING

How do St. Matthews businessmen feel about keeping the entire shopping area open until 9 p.m. on Friday night, and making Friday night shopping night in St. Matthews?

The Voice interviewed some of the leading businessmen on this subject. Most of them liked the idea.

Here's what they say:

William Jenny of Stone Studios — "I'm all for it because I've been doing it for years."

Frederic Beck of Frederic Beck Studios — "I favor it for St. Matthews stores. As to whether it'll do me any good, I don't think so. But I'll go along with the merchants."

Henry Showers of Showers Boys and Men's Shop — "I'd keep my Franklin Ave. store open only if the other businessmen were alone. But I wouldn't keep my Hubbard Lane store open. It wouldn't pay."

Charles Lester of Lester Jewellers — "I'm for it. I'm open now on Thursday and Friday nights until nine trying to find out which one is best. I'd be glad to drop Thursdays and make it Friday only. It's a mess now, with some businesses open on Thursday, others on Friday, some on both nights. I'd be tickled to get it straightened out."

George Hammer of St. Matthews Hardware — "We're willing to go along with the other merchants and make Friday night a shopping night in St. Matthews for the convenience of the public. Now, we're staying open both Thursday and Friday until night."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan of Morgan's Men's Shop — "We've been thinking all along about staying open on Friday. We stay open on Thursday now. We tried Friday last week and it worked well. Friday is the night the chain stores stay open, and it's pay night, so we think it's best. We'll go along with the rest of the businessmen."

Frank Bittner of Bittner's — "It's a good idea. We used to open on Thursday but found that Friday was better by far. We're open every Friday until nine."

Hunter Lack of Kentucky Model Shop — "If we can get all the businessmen in agreement on one night, I'd be willing to go along. I would prefer Friday night. If the public were aware of the fact that we're all open together, we'd get better public response."

K. Brown of K. Brown Jewellers — "We stay open on Thursday until 8:30. We'll change if the rest of the merchants do. But I don't think it will increase business. Frankly, we don't want to stay open any night."



America's national pastime is still baseball, judging from the crowd of boys and parents who turned out at Holy Trinity Park Saturday for tryouts. Over 250 boys signed up. League officials say they'll have to start a minor league in addition to the two major leagues to take care of everyone.

May 5, 1953. Letter:

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY

Copy to Mr. John Bonham, St. Matthews, Kentucky

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY

Mr. Daniel R. Boone

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May 5, 1953

May 5, 1953

Mr. Daniel R. Boone, Director
Jefferson County Fire Program
Room 404, Fiscal Court Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Boone:

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 2, which was in reply to our letter of April 24, regarding your directive to Mr. Clemens and Mr. Smith of this office having to do with the same in which matters pertaining to fire protection and rates involving the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Departments are to be handled. In our letter of April 24, we merely indicated that under certain conditions we should be forced to deal directly with representatives of the various volunteer organizations and we attempted to point out that under certain conditions it would not be possible to comply with the instructions that both Mr. Clemens and Mr. Smith understood you to issue to them at the time of your visit to our office on April 15. Both of our engineers understood this to be a mere or less direct order, and was not subject to any obstruction by other interested persons, as indicated in your recent letter. This seems to be further indicated by a copy of letter we received from Mr. Billy Smith on April 21 (prior to our letter of April 24), directed to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., in which he stated in part as follows:

"However, after Mr. Daniel Boone issued a directive to the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, as of last Wednesday, April 15th, that no one including the Volunteer Firemen and myself has any right to approach Mr. Clemens about anything, without his consent, I feel that our organization has been completely stripped of its effectiveness."

We would further quote from a copy of letter you wrote to the Board of Trustees of Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District on May 2, 1952, in part as follows:

"I must insist that your Board cease contacting the Kentucky Inspection Bureau relative to fire insurance rates or for any other purposes and request that all your inquiries be directed to this office."

This office is, at all times, ready to cooperate with any individual community or any organization to improve fire protection in the various areas of Jefferson County, and we consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to work with the representatives of the Jefferson County Fiscal Court in assisting the various committees within the county to improve their fire protection. We have, however, been somewhat confused in certain matters pertaining to the handling of this program, and we should welcome your thoughts and suggestions as to how this matter can be handled to the best interests of all concerned.

We feel that some over-all directing of this program is most advantageous since, as in the case of Jeffersontown, it was possible for your office to effect an agreement whereby a stand-by company could be sent to Jeffersontown at the time of alarm in the area outside the Jeffersontown city limits, but within three miles of the Jeffersontown Fire Department, so that this entire area could get the full benefit of rate reductions.

We wish to assure you that there was no ulterior motive in our sending copies of our previous letter to certain representatives of Jefferson County volunteer fire organizations and a copy of this letter is being directed to those persons, namely, Messrs. John Bonham, Barton Westfield, Billy Smith, Bill Rice, and Mrs. Alma Gray.

We still welcome a proposal from your office as well as from the directors and officers of the Volunteer as to how the negotiations pertaining to improvements in the fire protection of Jefferson County can best be handled. Again assuring you of our desire to cooperate to the fullest extent with you and the representatives of the Jefferson County Fiscal Court, as well as the Jefferson County Fire Fighters, Inc., I am

Yours sincerely,

W. A. Boone

WAB:MH

May 1, 1953, The Courier-Journal

Growing Rift Indicated In Rural-Fireman Setup

A growing rift between the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., and Daniel B. Boone, director of the County fire-protective program, was indicated here yesterday.

Some reports had it that Billy Smith had resigned or was threatening to resign as president of the Fire Fighters, a group composed of nine Jefferson County volunteer fire departments.

Smith could not be reached for comment last night.

The dispute apparently centers around Boone's bypassing the volunteer group to obtain lower fire-insurance rates in Jefferson-town than the volunteers were able to negotiate.

Proposed \$2.80 Level

Boone obtained the lower rates after Smith and an official of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau had proposed eighth-class insurance rates at \$2.80 per thousand dollars to Ralph Neblett, president of the Bank of Jefferson-town and also president of Jef-

ferstontown's Volunteer Fire Department board of directors.

The bureau is an association of all fire-insurance firms operating in Kentucky.

Boone told a reporter that following that meeting he got Neblett's permission to negotiate for lower seventh-class rates at \$2.40 per thousand dollars.

"All houses inside Jefferson-town's corporate limits are seventh-class," Boone said.

Denies Negotiations Ban

He denied telling Smith that he and other chiefs could no longer negotiate directly with the Kentucky Inspection Bureau.

"I haven't had a single difference with Smith over policy," he added.

Neblett said he had agreed to the rates proposed by Smith, who told him, "They're not what we had expected, but they're a start." Smith suggested they accept them and get a better rate later.

When Boone called him the next day, the banker promised to support him if Boone could get lower rates.

One Fire Fighters official said volunteer chiefs were angry because "we do the work and Boone gets the money." Boone's salary is \$4,000 a year as a coordinator between Fiscal Court and the volunteer departments.

'It's A Dictatorship'

"It's a dictatorship for him to tell us what we can do and what we can't do when we don't get a damned cent," the official declared.

County Judge Boman Shamburger said he has received no petition from the volunteer fire departments asking that Boone be fired.

A meeting of Smith, Boone, and the volunteer chiefs reportedly has been set for Wednesday night at St. Matthew's Volunteer Fire Department.

Valley Musicians Win In Festival

Valley High School received four superior ratings yesterday at the opening session of the annual three-day state music festival.

More than 2,000 students from 34 Kentucky high schools are attending the event at Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green.

Clayton Garrett of Valley was awarded a superior rating for a tenor solo. Similar ratings were won by the school's girls chorus, boys chorus, and miscellaneous vocal ensemble.

Naomi Smith, Fort Knox, was awarded a superior rating for a mezzo vocal solo.

3 Drivers Called Drunk

A woman and two men were arrested by police last night on drunken-driving charges. They were listed as Ruby Bledsoe, 42, of 1530 Reed Alley; Charles F. McCarty, 34, of 434 S. Hancock; and Charles T. McNutt, 37, who told police his address was 2112 S. 40th.

May 7, 1953, The Voice Of St. Matthews:

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Part Two AND THE VOICE OF THE HIGHLANDS
 LOUISVILLE FIRST MATTHEWS, KY, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1953

Ray Marrillia Shows His Grocery On Wheels



Ray Marrillia has a new idea in grocery stores. Instead of making customers come to him, he goes to them. Ray, who has been in the grocery business for many years, has decided to go to the customers. He has a mobile grocery store, a small truck with a sign that says "GREENTREE MOBILE MKT." He has a variety of groceries, including fresh produce, canned goods, and dry goods. He has a small counter and a cash register. He has a sign that says "Ray Marrillia's Mobile Grocery Store". He has a sign that says "Ray Marrillia's Mobile Grocery Store". He has a sign that says "Ray Marrillia's Mobile Grocery Store".

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May 7, 1953, The Courier-Journal

Volunteer Chiefs Want Boone Removed

Petition Blasts His Actions As Co-ordinator

A group of chiefs of volunteer fire departments in the county have asked that Daniel B. Boone be removed as co-ordinator of the County fire-protective program.

A petition signed by the group states that Boone has been acting contrary to principles of the volunteer firemen.

Addressed to County Judge Roman L. Shamburger, the petition was read at a meeting of Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., at the **St. Matthews** firehouse last night. It has not been sent to Shamburger.

No final action was taken on the petition. The firemen decided to consider the matter further at a meeting tomorrow night at Harrods Creek.

Smith Wants To Quit

Billy Smith, Lyndon, has offered his resignation as president of the Fire Fighters because of differences with Boone. The organization, composed of some 15 volunteer departments, has taken no action on the resignation.

Smith said Boone had "discredited" him by going over his head to the Kentucky Inspection Bureau and getting a lower insur-



BILLY SMITH
Has offered resignation

ance rate for Jeffersontown-area residents that Smith had been able to get.

Boone said he had done so with Smith's knowledge and with permission of Ralph Neblett, president of Jeffersontown's Volunteer Fire Department board of directors.

The Kentucky Inspection Bureau is an association of all fire-insurance firms operating in the state.

Smith and others at last night's meeting also said they had copies



DANIEL B. BOONE
Chiefs want him to quit

of a letter from the bureau stating that Boone had told the bureau that members of the volunteer departments could no longer negotiate directly with the insurance agency.

The firemen said they had copies of another letter from Boone asking the bureau to retract the statement, and copies of a third letter wherein the bureau refused to do so.

Boone, who was appointed co-ordinator when the volunteer department system was set up three

years ago, said, "I unequivocally did not issue any kind of directive to the Kentucky Inspection Bureau about me being the only one to contact them about fire-insurance rates." He said he could not legally do so.

Boone also told some 60 firemen at the meeting that he had "worked with every department to the best of my ability. . . . I have never heard before from any department or from the association that my work was not satisfactory."

McAfee Questions Move

R. D. McAfee, a director of the South Dixie Fire Department, questioned whether the fire chiefs were the proper agents to ask for Boone's removal. He said he believed it was a function of the trustees or directors of the various departments.

Judge Shamburger said any action against Boone would have to be taken by Fiscal Court. He urged the firemen to do everything possible to restore harmony.

Shamburger said the volunteer system, by which the County grants funds to the departments on a matching basis, is saving the taxpayers more than \$50,000 a year, in addition to bringing about lower insurance rates.

"I don't want to see such an outstanding program destroyed by some misunderstanding," he said.

Courier-Journal Photos

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May 8, 1953, *The Jeffersonian*:

Shamburger Hopes For Peace In County Fire Fighters Controversy

Billy Smith, Lyndon, has offered his resignation as president of Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., because of differences with Daniel B. Boone, attorney and co-ordinator of the county fire protection program. No action has been taken.

And on the other hand, a group of chiefs of volunteer fire departments has asked removal of Boone. A petition to that effect was read at a meeting of the Fire Fighters Wednesday night at the St. Matthews Fire House. The petition was addressed to County Judge Roman L. Shamburger. Another meeting is scheduled for Friday night at Harrods Creek.

The controversy arose following announcement that fire insurance rates had been lowered in the Jeffersontown area outside the city limits — under certain conditions.

Smith said Boone "discredited" him by going over his head to the Kentucky Inspection Bureau for the lower rates that he, himself, had been able to get.

Boone, however, said he had done so with Smith's knowledge and permission of Ralph A. Nebel, president of the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department's Board of Directors.

The bureau is an association of all fire insurance companies in the state.

County Judge Shamburger said any action against Boone would have to be taken by Fiscal Court and expressed hope that harmony would be restored. The county grants funds to the various departments on a matching basis. Judge Shamburger said the volunteer system is saving taxpayers \$50,000 a year, in addition to bringing about reduced risk rates.

May 14, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

VILLE 7 (ST. MATTHEWS), KY., THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1953



The new St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and School nears completion. The church is on the left, the school on the right.

Church To Open In June

The new St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Shelbyville Road at Arterburn Road, will be ready "about the middle of June," Father Ulrich Stuart, pastor, announced this week.

The school will also be ready in June and will open next September. Father Stuart said it would accommodate about 350 children in grades one to eight, but that he expected only about 250 to register the first year.

The church will serve about 450 families. The church and school cost about \$310,000. Another \$25,000 or \$30,000 will be spent for a sewer disposal plant now under construction. The

church property includes about 36 acres of land.

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May 14, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held on Thursday evening, May 14 at 7:00 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Monohan, Jr.

The following directors were present:

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| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. Louis Schweitzer |
| Mr. E. Leland Wilson | Mr. Fred Boss |
| Mr. J. P. Terry | Mr. George E. Miller |

Mr. John Monohan, Jr.

Mr. Monohan discussed the results obtained by the new Assistant Secretary, Mr. Virgil Lloyd and all the directors agreed he was doing a nice job and Mr. Monohan was instructed to compliment him on his work.

Mr. Monohan discussed the trouble between Mr. Boone and Mr. Smith and it was agreed that our Association would stay out of this controversy and, if necessary, if we had any grievances we could go directly to the Fiscal Court which office has cooperated with us and get our misunderstandings straightened out.

Motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that all bills be sent to the Treasurer immediately, to be paid within the discount period.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry that \$1,500.00, plus interest, be paid on the mortgage on the new building.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
George E. Miller
Secretary

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May 20 & 27, 1953, Letters:

May 20th 1953

Mr. Otto Effinger
R. R. # 6
Taylorsville Rd. & Brook, In
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Effinger:-

After our conversation last Saturday concerning your fire protection coverage by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n I consulted with Mr. John M. Monahan Jr., fire chief and president of our organization and he advises that you are definitely out of our service area.

We do appreciate all past favors and are sorry that we cannot include you as a member at the present time.

Yours Very Truly

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc

May 27th 1953

Mr. Arden E. Hardgrove Jr.
718 Circle Hill Road
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Hardgrove:-

Upon complete investigation we find that your address is outside the area that is entitled to insurance advantages due to our fire protection.

We are therefore returning your check and thank you for interest shown. We trust that present conditions may be changed in the near future so that we may serve you.

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Ass't. Sec.

May 27th 1953

Mr. Gage
705 Circle Hill Rd.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Gage:-

Upon complete investigation we find that your address is outside the area that is entitled to insurance advantages due to our fire protection.

Thanking you for your interest shown and trusting that present conditions may be changed in the near future so that we may serve you we wish to remain.

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Ass't. Sec.

May 27th 1953

Mr. Walter S. Clark
Mockingbird Valley
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Clark:-

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Thanking you for your interest shown and trusting that present conditions may be changed in the near future so that we may serve you we wish to remain.

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Ass't. Sec.

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May 28, 1953, Letter:

L. LEROY HIGHBAUGH
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
500 W. MARKET STREET
LOUISVILLE, KY.
CLAY 7081

May 28th, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing Check #517 in the amount of \$70.00 from Highbaugh Foundation Incorporated as per your statement for subscription for 28 apartments located in St. Matthews.

The name of Archer Court has been changed to Chenoweth Court and I will appreciate if you will change your records accordingly.

Yours very truly

L. Leroy Highbaugh
Attorney

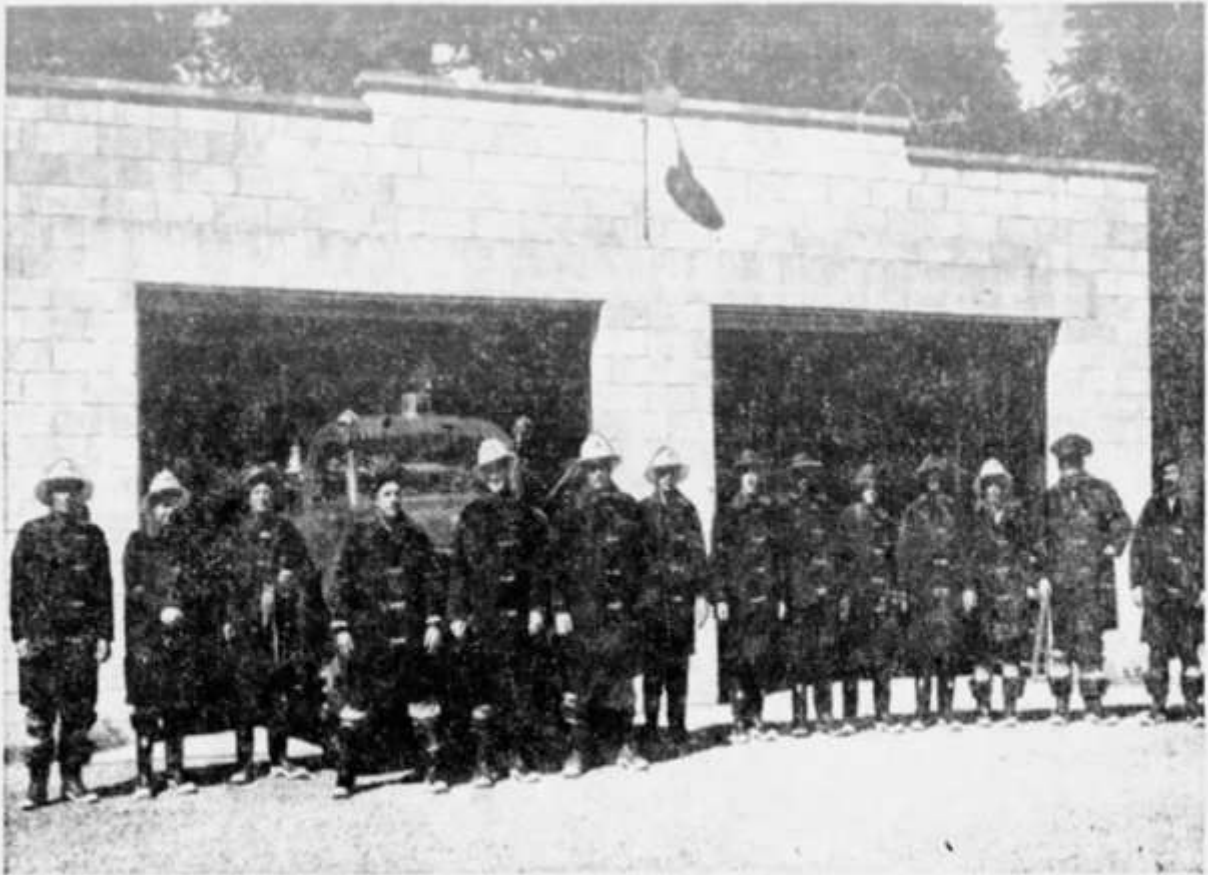
May 28, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:



Well organized and ready to go, Ray Marillia, standing right, general chairman of the St. Matthews Charity Bazaar, said this year's successor to the annual Potato Festival will be bigger and better than ever. Grouped around him and getting a briefing, are representatives of many of the organizations that will sponsor booths and entertainment features at the Bazaar on the Community Center Grounds on June 4-5-6. Details will appear in the Charity Bazaar Edition of *The Voice* next week.

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May 31, 1953, The Courier-Journal



Courier-Journal Photo

OPEN HOUSE will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. next Saturday at the Fire Station of the **Harrods Creek** Volunteer **Fire** Department. Lined up in front of the building, completed last fall, are, from left, Firemen Herbert Shrewsbury, Lennox Allen, Melvin Steiger, Tom Maddox, Jr., Robert Barkman, John Dewlin, Dick Chamberlain, Joe Snowden, Walter Morris, Jess Campbell, Willie Reneau, Bill Quire, Max Rowlett, and William Mershon. The station is on River Road at Harrods Creek.

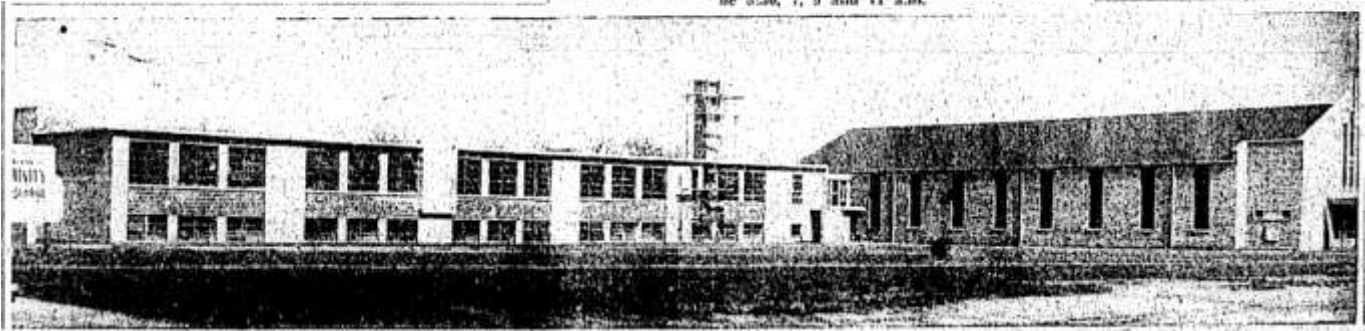
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June 4, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Services To Open Sunday

The new church building for Holy Trinity Catholic Church pictured below will be occupied for regular services beginning June 7. The congregation worshipping at the original Frankfort Ave. location will now use the new property, located on Cherrywood Road at Brookfield Ave. Rev. Charles C. Beldrich, pastor, made the announcement this week. The first Mass at the new Holy Trinity will be at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, followed by other Masses at 7, 9, and 11. There will be no dedication service until the complete plant is occupied for school purposes also, in the fall. The St. Margaret Mary congregation, which has been sharing the Frankfort Ave. buildings while their new ones at Lyndon are being completed, will continue to hold services at the old place on Frankfort Ave. for the next few Sundays until their church is ready for occupancy. The hours of Mass will also be 5:30, 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

DATE: JUNE 4, 1953 GROUP



June 6, 1953:



June 7, 1953: Participated in first Little League Parade. June 4, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

All Teams To Play Exhibition; 72-Game Season Will Begin Monday

The St. Matthews Little League launches its official season on Sunday, June 7, at the St. Matthews Community Recreation Center on Shelbyville Rd., and the play will be on a new, regulation Little League diamond built mostly by volunteers and the players themselves.

County Judge Bernan Sham-
burger, Gov. Lawrence Wether-
by, and Earl Ruby have also been
invited, though it's not certain
they'll be able to attend.

The ceremonies open with a parade which starts at 1 p.m. Sunday in St. Matthews and proceeds to the playing field at Shelbyville Road and Lyndon Road.

The ball playing youngsters are outfitted just as professional baseball players through sponsorship of eight St. Matthews business firms. And their procedures are as complete as the big leagues with rules for player contracts, buying and trading players and even a farm system. Each squad is allowed to carry 15 players on its roster.

Generally the boys play by the big league rules although some concessions have been made in consideration of the size and age of the players. The size of the diamond is adjusted, the ball is two ounces lighter, the bats are lighter than for adult ball players, and the home run fence is just 175 feet from home plate.

Each team has a manager and a co-manager, all with baseball experience, who run the teams and teach the boys' baseball and sportsmanship.

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June 7, 1953, The Courier-Journal



WORKMEN GET READY THE **ST. MATTHEWS** FIELD, SCALED TO THE SIZE OF YOUNGSTERS

St. Matthews Little League Ceremonies Today

A parade, ceremonies and two short exhibition games will introduce **St. Matthews** residents to Little League Baseball today.

Play in the National and American Leagues of four teams each is scheduled to begin Monday night.

The parade starts at 12:30 at **St. Matthews** Avenue, goes to Westport Road, west from there to Frankfort Avenue, and then proceeds out Shelbyville Road to the ball park at **St. Matthews** Community Center. The center is located next to the drive-in theater on Shelbyville Road.

Flag raising ceremonies by Zachary Taylor Post of the American Legion precede two exhibition games of two innings each at the newly constructed park.

Speakers are Charlie Siegel, president of the **St. Matthews** League; Ed Doherty, president of the Louisville Colonels, and County Judge Bowman Shamburger.

Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, starting at 6 o'clock. Four games will be played on Saturdays at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

The public is invited to the games free of charge.

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June 11, 1953, Letter:

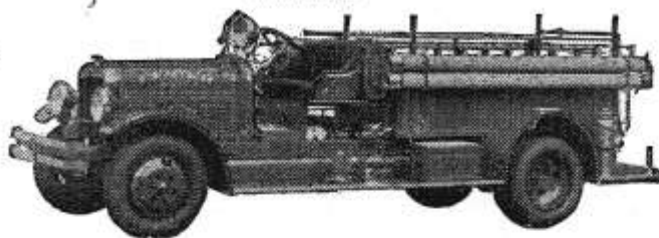
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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MARTY KAMER

P. O. Box 115

St. Matthews, Ky.

June 11th 1953

Members of the Board
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Inc.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Gentlemen:-

On the several contacts I had previous to my employment as your assistant secretary I was informed that you wished to employ a man to take care of your office detail and attempt to increase membership in your association and that there would be a starting salary of \$200.00 to \$250.00 per month. My reaction to that information was that I would accept the minimum salary to start and I felt that if I did not increase memberships and collections I would not even justify the \$200.00. However it was understood that if I did turn out satisfactorily I would be given additional compensation accordingly. I feel that through my efforts to date you can readily see that previously only the surface has been scratched of possibilities for this association. I tried to conceive well laid plans during my first two weeks of employment and can assure you that these plans are working out very well. However there will be no let up on my part as the real work and the best source of income has not yet been contacted. I sincerely believe that we can increase our membership fees from the high of \$13,236.97 in 1952 to at least \$25,000.00 this year. Dont let this scare you. I do not think my program is too ambitious and can assure you that the excellent reputation of your association will not only be upheld but through the medium of the telephone and personal contacts its reputation may even be bettered.

If the receipts up to April 15th are a correct yardstick it is very improbable that receipts would have increased above last year but lets add 10% which would give us an expectancy of \$14,560.00 this year. Therefore if I succeed in increasing them to \$25,000.00 or any amount above the highest expectancy based on last year I should be entitled to a large increase in salary or salary to remain as is and receive a percentage on all over \$14,560.00. (You will recall that in 1948 you considered employing a man at \$200.00 per month plus 20% of all over \$6,000.00 collected) I have been putting in far more time than the 40 hours expected of me. I pick up the mail about 7.30 A.M. and usually work until 4.30 P.M. in addition to taking some work home with me on numerous occasions in order to make a good showing. May I take this opportunity to thank the board and its president, Mr. Monohan for all courtesies and trust shown me and look forward to many years of mutual benefits and understanding.

Respectfully,

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION" V. L. Lloyd Sr.

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June 11, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
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The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

The directors present were:

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| Mr. Joseph Zehnder | Mr. George E. Miller |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. E. Leland Wilson |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. |
| Mr. J. P. Terry | |

Minutes of the last meeting, May 14, 1953, were read by the President. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that they be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that the salary of Mr. Virgil Lloyd, Sr., Assistant Secretary, be increased from \$200.00 to \$225.00 per month, effective July 1, 1953.

At the next meeting, on July 8, 1953, the directors up for election are Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. and Mr. Joseph Zehnder, for a period of four years.

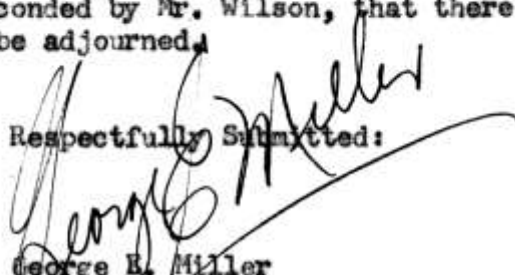
Expiration dates of other terms are as follows:

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| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | July, 1954 |
| Mr. Fred Boss | July, 1954 |
| Mr. George E. Miller | July, 1955 |
| Mr. E. Leland Wilson | July, 1955 |
| Mr. J. P. Terry | July, 1956 |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | July, 1956 |

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Kamer that \$1500.00 plus interest be paid on the mortgage on the building.

The motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Wilson, that there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:


George E. Miller
Secretary

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Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .003, Looking easterly along U. S. 60 through the main part of St. Matthews from its intersection with Breckenridge Lane.



Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Bob Colglazier's Ranch House, 1953, Popular in the 1940's. Planning and Zoning Commission Case ZV 77-53U, Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives.



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Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Frankfort Avenue at intersection of Lexington Road, 1953, 94.17 .002, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Seiderman residence and out-buildings on northwest corner of Thierman lane and Shelbyville Road, 1953, 94.17 .019, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



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Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .004, Shelbyville Road from Trinity Elementary to Thierman Lane, 1953



Courtesy *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Thurston Cooke Ford and Gil Mueller Auto Service in 1953. ZV 120-53U. Jefferson County Preservation And Archives.



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Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .005, Looking eastwardly along U.S. 60 from Used Car Lot just west of Ridgeway, 1953



Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .006, Looking eastwardly along U.S. 60 from Ridgeway Avenue intersection, 1953



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Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .007, Looking northeasterly along U.S. 60, that's Greathouse School on far left, future Thornbury Toys and Sears area, 1953



Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .008, Looking northeastwardly along U.S. 60 at the Seiderrman residence and future Sears property, 1953



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Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .009, Looking northeasterly along U.S. 60, at the Seiderrman residence and future Sears property, 1953



Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .008, Looking eastwardly along U.S. 60 across the front of the Petot, now Christian Science Church property, 1953



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Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .011, Looking northeasterly along U.S. 60, toward Richlawn sign, 1953



Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .008, Looking eastwardly along U.S. 60 from west entrance to Richlawn, 1953



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Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .013, Looking southeasterly along U.S. 60, from intersection of Hubbard's Lane with U. S. 60, 1953



Courtesy Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, 1994.17 .001, Looking westwardly along Lexington Road from Wallace avenue and Lexington Road, 1953



The fire started in an attic playroom. It was caused apparently by defective wiring, Monahan said. St. Matthews firemen fought the blaze for thirty minutes. Two engines and three ladders were used to combat the flames.

Gifts for Father From HIS Store

McGregor or Skipper SPORT SHIRTS

Full cut for maximum comfort in cotton, rayon, or novelty material. Bound or long sleeve styles.

\$2.95 up

Cool Summer SLACKS

Relaxed for maximum comfort in best wool or rayon materials fabrics.

\$6.95 up

Summer Weight SPORT COATS

Full cut "swing-up" and like it... made in the latest weather. Cool, season-resistant fabrics that don't wrinkle.

\$13.95 and \$25.00

ACCESSORIES

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| Interweave socks | 83c up |
| Ties | \$1.30 up |
| Hickok Belts | \$1.50 up |

Swank Jewelry Men's Toiletries

Fancy Tee-Shirts

Cotton knit, jersey knit, "Muscle", "Crew", "Tee", "V-neck", "Wide-neck", and more.

\$2.95

Hobby-Jones

Workable cotton slacks with short-sleeved shirts, hosiery, socks, shoes, and more.

\$3.95 & \$5.00

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| CATALINA SWIM SHORTS | \$3.95 |
| PLAY SHORTS | \$3.95 |

The Thorbred Shop, Inc.

3822 FRANKFORT AVE.

ST. MATTHEWS

Taylor 9539

Nowadays, Ferd's in the insurance business — and in Hawaiian government.

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June 15, 16, 16, 1953, Fire Reports

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 6-15-53

A. M. 4:00 P. M. _____

Location 4003 Hickory Ave.

Owner J. P. O'Leary

Signed _____

Occupant Same

Signed _____

Building or Property Building

Cause _____

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge J. M. M.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 6-16-53 10

A. M. 4:40 P. M. _____

Location 3943 Staebler

Owner Same

Signed _____

Occupant Mr. E. S. Keller Jr.

Signed Stu Keller

Building or Property Residence

Cause Lighting - Struck
T. V. Aerial & House
Fire in Bedroom on 2nd Floor

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge A. J. Jerry (Capt)

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 6-16-53 (Tuesday)

A. M. 5:00 P. M. _____

Location 516 Club Lane

Owner McBride

Signed John F. McBride

Occupant _____

Signed _____

Building or Property 2 Story Home
Struck By Lightning

Cause _____

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge M. M. M.

June 19, 1953, *The Jeffersonian*: Future STMFD firefighter.

RAPP-WEIXLER

At 11 a.m. Saturday, the wedding of Mrs. Norma Jean Rapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Charles Rapp, and Mr. James Anthony Weixler, son of Mrs. Alma Weixler, will be solemnized in Holy Trinity Church. The Rev. Bertrand J. Rapp, uncle of the bride, will be deacon at a solemn high mass and the Rev. Henry J. Vesels, son deacon.

A group of students of St. Mary's Seminary will sing the mass in the Gregorian chant.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride will wear a gown designed with fitted bodice and protract neckline of tudor rose lace with matching panels down the front and back of the crystal pleated tulle skirt set in three deep tiers. Her veil of illusion falls from a cap of tulle and lace. She will carry white roses centered with blue lipped white orchids.

Miss Collista Ann Rapp will be her sister's maid of honor and bridesmaids are Miss Janice Rapp, another sister, and Miss Charlotte Word. Miss Dona Sue Rapp, also a sister, is to be flower girl.

The bridal attendants will wear dresses of a Nile green taffeta with overskirts of white embroidered net with pleated ruffles at the bottom. They wear white caps, mitts and slippers and carry white baskets filled with daisies.

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The wedding breakfast will be served at Kaphammer's Party House and a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

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Jeffersontown Is Rescued From Water Emergency By Volunteer Firemen

9 Companies Answer Mayor's Plea; Pump Water 2.4 Miles From Buechel

Jeffersontown was rescued from a desperate water shortage and possible loss of fire insurance coverage Tuesday night by the efforts of nine volunteer fire fighting companies in Jefferson County.

The fire companies went into action at 9 p.m. and pumped about 70,000 gallons of water into the city's depleted reservoir and storage tank.

The volunteers laid 2.4 miles of hose from Buechel to Jeffersontown and pumped water through the night and into the morning, following a plea for help by James Bowles, mayor of Jeffersontown.

The city's 100,000 gallon reservoir and 100,000 storage tanks were nearly empty when the firemen went to work. Bowles called Daniel Boone, coordinator of Jefferson County fire fighters, for help after the Kentucky Inspection Bureau threatened to remove the city's new fire insurance rates unless immediate steps were taken to remedy the water shortage.

At Boone's call, nine companies, headed by Lyndon and St. Matthews, volunteered their help.

Pumping began at 11 p.m. and was continued until 3 a.m. Wednesday.

The water shortage was attributed to the new subdivisions on Taylorsville Road, which drained the water lines dry. The eight-inch pipe running from the Louisville Water Company to Jeffersontown was pumping at the rate of only 225 gallons a minute. Water Company officials said they would clean the line and try to bring the pressure up to 500 gallons a minute.

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Boone asked the people living on Taylorsville Road to quit watering their lawns. "Lawns are important," he said, "but not as important as fire protection."

Jeffersontown only recently was granted seventh class insurance rates for those areas in which fire plugs are located, and ninth class rates for areas without fire plugs.

Boone named the following fire departments and their leaders as helping Jeffersontown in the emergency:

St. Matthews, John Monohan; Okolona, Rusty Lambert; Worthington, Carl Chamberlin; Buechel, Garland Miller; Fern Creek, Ben Williams; Jeffersontown, Charles Cooper; Camp Taylor, Payton Westerfield; Middletown, Henry Riddle; and Lyndon, "Buzz" Pierce.

Jeffersontown Gets Water Via Fire Hoses

Nine County volunteer fire departments yesterday helped ease Jeffersontown's water shortage by delivering more than 50,000 gallons 2½ miles through fire hoses to the town's supply system.

Although the supply was still low last night, Jeffersontown residents had had water continuously since Tuesday night. The supply ran dry previously on several occasions.

The shortage apparently was caused by a clogging of the Louisville Water Company's 8-inch main that feeds water into the town reservoir.

Only about half the amount of water needed in the Jeffersontown area has been coming through the main. Town officials said. The company plans to clean out the main tomorrow.

Departments Combine Forces

In yesterday's operation, the fire departments combined forces to carry the water from a main near Goldsmith Lane and Hike's Lane to a pumping station at Taylorsville Road and Breckinridge Lane. The water was then pumped into the town reservoir.

Participating were the Jeffersontown, Fern Creek, Middletown, **St. Matthews**, Camp Taylor, Okolona, Buechel, Lyndon, and Worthington departments. They finished their job about 3 a.m.

The Kentucky Inspection Bureau arranged the emergency line to avoid a change in the community's fire-insurance rate.

1 Birthday



June 25, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Citizens GOP Candidate Would Improve County Roads, Fire Protection

Werle Says It Doesn't Take A Pro To Be A Successful Office Holder

A slow-talking, serious attorney is the choice of the Citizens Republican Committee for County Judge in the August 1 primary.

He is Marvin C. Werle, 51, of 128 Travois Road, which is in the Cherokee section of Indian Hills. He is, like most of the men in the insurgent Republican group, an amateur at politics. He has never held political office though he ran in the primary last year against Republican John Robison, who was elected to the U. S. Congress.

Werle wants to be County Judge very badly though he's not a professional politician and says he has no aspiration to follow a political career. He says he wants a chance at the job to prove to the people of Jefferson County that it doesn't take a professional politician to be a successful office holder.



Werle

He says he feels that the election of Eisenhower last fall was an indication that people want a change in office holders—that they are ready for new faces in politics.

He wouldn't give any opinion about the merging of City and County governments here, which James F. Kane, his running mate, who is up for Mayor of Louisville. He says he doesn't know enough about it.

But he was entirely cooperative in discussing matters with which he is familiar. He says he wants to improve fire protection in the County. He would like to "augment and implement" the volunteer fire fighting units operating in Jefferson County; that is, he would supplement their present equipment and try to get them more men. (There are 16 volunteer fire fighting units in the County now with 899 volunteers).

Another problem he'd tackle would be juvenile delinquency, with the cooperation of churches of all denominations. He would have each church here appoint a committee, the chairman of which would keep in contact with County authorities, and would exercise supervision over children who got into trouble with the law. First offenders, he believes, should be released on probation to the church committees and report to

these committees every 60 or 90 days. The committees would watch the child's schooling, environment, etc. This, he believes, would keep a lot of children out of County institutions.

He's also interested in providing more recreational and playground facilities for children. "I know it takes money," he said "but I don't know of a better investment."

He wants to improve County roads in St. Matthews. "Some of them are scandalous," he said. As for annexation, he believes the problem will be, and should be, decided by the people of St. Matthews.

Why is he a member of the insurgent Republicans who have revolted at the leadership of Eddie Black, boss of the GOP in Jefferson County? Because, he said, although there are some good men in the local GOP, there are too many of them whose view of politics is too professional. They are in a rut, he says; they look only to a small clique for their candidates, and these candidates have no independence when they get in office. He feels Black will never step aside voluntarily, that he has become too fond of the power he exercises.

Werle was born and raised in Louisville. He graduated from the Jefferson School of Law and was admitted to the bar in 1933. He is married to the former Mary I Dougherty of Louisville, who was formerly editor of the University of Louisville alumni magazine.

During the war he served three years with the O.P.A. in Louisville and two years in Miami as enforcement officer. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

1953

July 8, 1953: Annual Board meeting:

July 9, 1953, The Courier-Journal

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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The following directors were present:

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| Mr. J. P. Terry | Mr. George E. Miller |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. Joseph Zehnder |
| Mr. E. Leland Wilson | Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. |

The directors up for re-election for a period of four years, terms expiring in 1957, were Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. and Mr. Joseph Zehnder.

Minutes of the last meeting on June 11, 1953 were read by the President, Mr. Monohan. Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the minutes be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Kamer that \$2,000.00 and interest be paid on the note on the building.

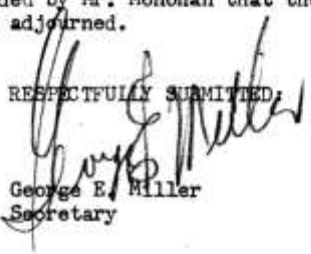
Motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Wilson that we nominate Mr. Zehnder and Mr. Monohan for a period of four years.

The motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer that all the present officers be elected for a term of one year. They are as follows:

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

Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Monohan that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary

Monohan Still Heads St. Matthews Firemen

John M. Monohan, Jr., 3909 Elmwood, last night was re-elected president and a director of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association. He also serves as fire chief.

Other officers re-elected: Vice-president, W. Leland Wilson; treasurer, Fred C. Boss; secretary, George E. Miller, and director, Joseph Zehnder.

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July 9, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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July 10, 1953, *The Courier-Journal:*

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Other officers re-elected: Vice-president, W. Leland Watson; treasurer, Fred C. Boas; secretary, George E. Miller, 2nd director, Joseph Zehnder.

Fire Fighters Elect All New Officers

Old President Quits In Feud

Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., elected an entirely new slate of officers at a meeting held in the Jeffersonton Firehouse last night after accepting the resignation of the former president, Billy Smith, and all the officers that had served with him.

Frank J. Murphy, the new president and chief of the Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department, hailed last night's meeting of the county-wide volun-

teer-firemen association as one that "got rid of the old ill feeling" that had existed as a result of a long disagreement between Smith and Daniel B. Boone, coordinator of the County fire-protection program.

"We are more unified now than ever," Murphy said.

Smith had offered his resignation because of his charges that Boone had gone over his head to the Kentucky Inspection Bureau in getting a lower insurance rate for Jeffersonton-area residents than Smith had been able to get.

Smith, who left the meeting before the election of the new officers, said last night that he

hoped "whoever was elected will be capable of keeping the department together."

"The whole situation is very regrettable," he added.

Elected along with Murphy were the following:

First vice-president, Fred Herp, Lake Dreamland; second vice-president, R. W. "Rusty" Lambert, Okolona; secretary-treasurer, Carl Meyers, Middletown, and sergeant at arms, J. P. Terry, St. Matthews.

About 75 volunteer-fire-department officials from 16 fire-fighting units in the county attended the meeting.

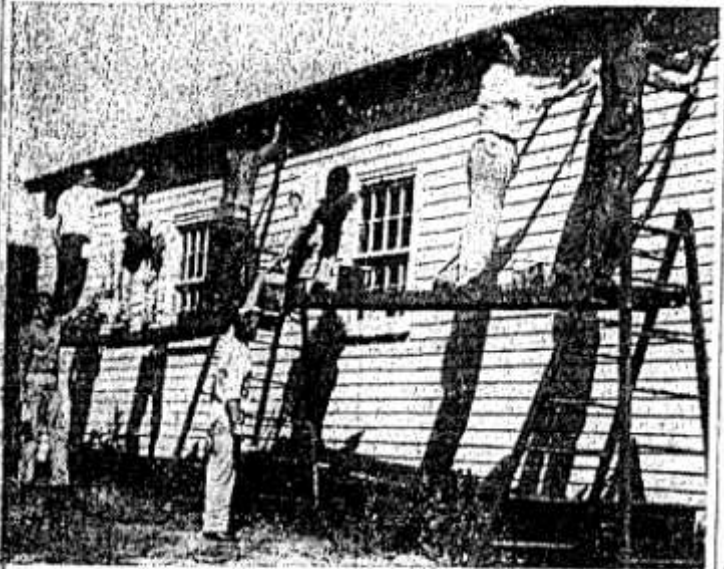
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July 16, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

The Voice congratulates J. P. Terry, owner of Terry's Texaco service station, on his election last week as sergeant-at-arms for the Jefferson County fire fighters organization. Terry is an experienced fire fighter, and a respected man in St. Matthews.

The fire fighters accepted the resignation of their president, Billy Smith, who quit because he couldn't get along with Daniel Boone, who coordinates the program. We hope Billy's supporters are good sports, and don't try anything foolish, such as breaking away from the County-sponsored program. They can't get by without County money, and County home owners will suffer if their fire departments have to close down.

On the other hand, the County ought to avail itself of Billy's experience, and keep him around for advice and consultation. He's a hard worker, and it would be a shame to let his talents go to waste.



Members of the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club got together with members of the St. Matthews YMCA Board of Managers last Saturday, and both groups pitched in to paint the YMCA Day Camp building off Massie Avenue. Pictured are Cliff Lehmann, Burt Stevens, Woody Boebinger, Clarence Hardin, Ronald Reitmeier, Richard Scharff, Carl Kimmel, and Ray Ogden. Not pictured here is Ted Eversole, president of the Kiwanis, who was leaning against a nearby building in the shade, smoking a pipe, and directing operations.

July 15, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL at Leland and Cherrywood Roads in **St. Matthews** is another new Catholic school to be ready this fall. Thomas J. Nolan & Sons is the architect. Ten classrooms are included.

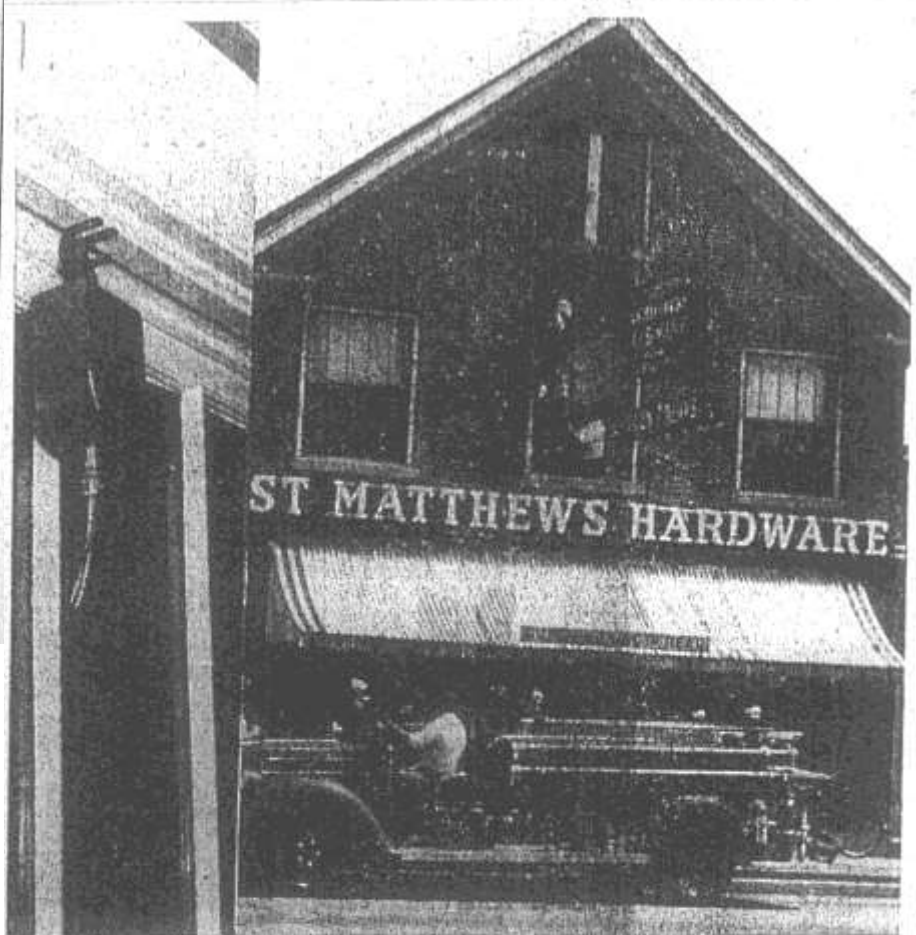
July 16, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

St. Matthews Firemen Reelect Five Officers

John M. Monohan, Jr., and Joe Zehnder were reelected directors of the St. Matthews Volunteers Fire Association on Wednesday, July 8.

There are eight directors in all. Two are elected each year, for a four-year term of office. They select the Association's officers.

At the Wednesday meeting, the directors reelected Monohan president. Other officers reelected were W. Leland Wilson, vice-president; Fred C. Boss, treasurer; and George E. Miller, secretary.



July 23, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

A dramatic tryout of the new Down-E-Vator was staged in St. Matthews on Monday, as Alice Marie Younger, 10, goes down the side of the St. Matthews Hardware Store, proving that even a child can operate it. The gadget, designed to evacuate a building in case of fire, weighs only four and one half pounds. Yet, its one-eighth inch steel cable will support four people or one ton. The home model, pictured at left, is installed easily in the window of a home. It is good for six stories. A simple safety belt hooks around the body and is attached to the cable. 40 pounds automatically activates the Down-E-Vator, which then lowers its load at the rate of about two and a half miles per hour. The instrument has no bolts, screws, or levers. It is completely sealed and cannot be tampered with. It was invented by William H. Yancey of Louisville, and will be ready for sale at the St. Matthews Hardware Store about the first of August.

July 30, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

'Bake' Baker New Manager Of Ex-Cordes Agency

W. H. "Bake" Baker of Altawood Court, Anchorage, is the manager of Thurston Cooke Ford, Inc., which was known as Bud Cordes, Inc., until last Friday.

Baker assumed management of the firm, located at 4021 Frankfort Ave., last week, even before formal announcement Thursday of the sale of the agency in a deal involving \$500,000. The transaction had been an open secret in St. Matthews for two weeks, but no formal announcement was made until all the details had been worked out between the buyer, Thurston Cooke, and the sellers, Floyd Rice of Detroit and Albert "Bud" Cordes, Sr. of St. Matthews.

Baker, who has been active in St. Matthews community affairs for the past eight years, is also vice president of the new firm, Cooke, 177 Westwind Road, Indian Hills, is president. Mrs. Cooke, a local civic leader, is a vice-president. Marshall Espie, 1650 Eastern Parkway, was named assistant to the president. Cooke sold his Nash agency at Fourth and Breckinridge to a corporation headed by John Thorn of Lyndon and with George Simpson, Herr Lane, as vice president. Cooke said the Nash organization will remain intact under the new managers and that its customers would continue to deal with the same people as formerly, and get the same service.

Cooke will continue to operate his used-car lot at Fourth and Breckinridge in Louisville.

Baker, 40, comes to Cooke from Girdler Motors where he was assistant general manager. He

was one of the original promoters of the annual St. Matthews Potato Festival (now the St. Matthews Charity Bazaar), which provides funds for the support of the Community Center Playground.

He has been a member of the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club almost from its beginning eight years ago, and is a former vice president. He leads the Kiwanis Kadoodlers, an amateur comic band which has appeared on radio, television and benefits for clubs, churches, and veterans hospitals. The band has raised over \$25,000 for various charities.

Before moving to Anchorage, he lived on Norbourne Blvd. He is a member of the Pewee Valley Christian Church, and is married to the former Barbara Elliott of Butler County. Baker and Cooke both are originally from Butler County. The Bakers have two children. Don, 20 is a sophomore at the University of Louisville. Diane, 11, is a student at O'Bannon School.

Cooke, 44, has been in the automobile business for 24 years. He went to school at Western State Teachers College for two years and then to the University of Kentucky for less than one year. He did not graduate.

He is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Broadway Baptist Church. He belongs also to the Louisville Kiwanis Club,

the Pendennis Club, and the Louisville Boat Club. He and Mrs. Cooke, the former Elizabeth Davis of Glasgow, Ky., have three sons.

Don, 16, a senior at Eastern, was president of Eastern's junior class last year. Hamilton, 12, is a member of the Citizens ball club in the National League of the St. Matthews Little League. He also plays in a city recreation league. He is a member of the Louisville Boat Club swim team, and a student at Ballard School.

The third son, Graham, 7, is also a student at Ballard.

Mrs. Cooke is president of the

Highlands Mothers Club. Next year she will head the Women's Missionary Society of the Broadway Baptist Church. She is a member of the Highlands Woman's Club, and is Ways and Means chairman of the Eastern High School P.T.A. She is treasurer of Ballard's P.T.A. She is president of the Alumni Association of Kentucky Wesleyan College of Owensboro.

Espie, an alumnus of Male High, played on the old St. Matthews baseball team for a number of years. He was captain of Male's baseball team in 1923 and 1924. He played football, baseball, and basketball at the University of Louisville.



BAKE BAKER AND THURSTON COOKE

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August 13, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held at the Fire House on Thursday, August 13, 1953, at 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Those present were

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| Mr. Fred Boss | Mr. Marty Kamer |
| Mr. Joe Zehnder | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. Leland Wilson |

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that the final payment on the note, \$2500.00, plus interest, be paid the bank. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Kamer that \$1,000.00 be paid Jefferson County on the equipment which was received from them. Motion carried.

Mr. Monohan gave a very interesting report on radio equipment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Leland Wilson,
Secretary, Pro Tem due to the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Geo. E. Miller

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August 27, 1953, *The Voice of St. Matthews*:

Building Contractors Congratulate Bacon's



Under construction since last fall, the new two-story Bacon's department store building will open at 10 a.m. today with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that marks completion of construction and the beginning of the building's use as a marketing center. Old buildings on the site were either torn down or moved to make way for the new structure and the immense parking lot at the rear of the store, which is pictured above. One way drives at the sides of the building provide access to the parking lot from Frankfort Ave. and return. The lot extends back to Westport Road.

September 3, 1953, Fire Report

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- Across Frankfort Ave. from Eline Chevrolet

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2927-A Frankfort Ave. TA. 4252 **THE VOICE OF ST. MATTHEWS** Ky.'s Largest Suburban Weekly In Colony Way RE. 2971

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Sept 3rd 1953

A. M. 7:15 P. M. _____

Location Boat - PASTIME BOAT LOB

Owner MR. TARTLTON LAWSON

1618 Cherokee Rd.

WORKS FOR OREAN BALLARD

Signed _____

Occupant NIGHTWATCHMAN

Signed Edmond Smith

Building or Property Cabin Cruiser (Boat)

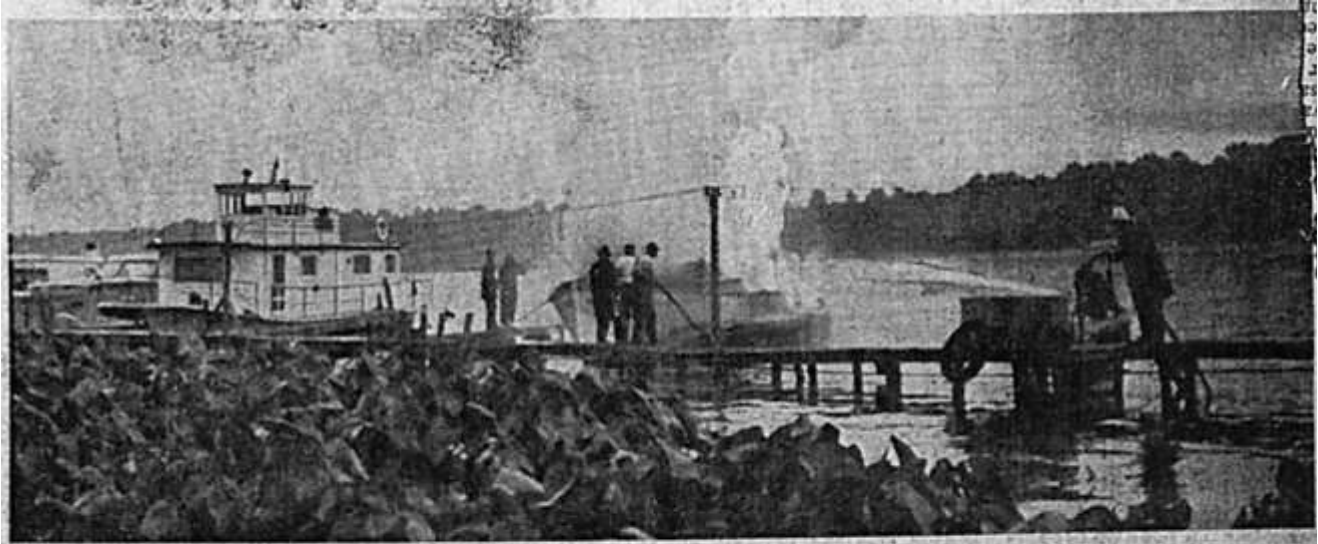
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Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge Red Westwood
Walter Mayer

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September 3, 1953, *The Louisville Times*:



32-Foot Cabin Cruiser Blazes Furiously by Pier After Explosion

Despite strong streams of water played on the fire from pump-powered hose, the 32-foot cabin cruiser Kentucky Belle blazes furiously at its Pastime Boat Club dock close

by the Upper River Road today. Three men were burned painfully in the fire that followed an explosion touched off when Tarlton Lawson pressed the craft's starter.

September 3, 1953: Unknown newspaper, 3 Men Burned as Blast And Fire Destroy Boat: Three men were burned painfully this morning in an explosion and fire that destroyed a 32-foot cabin cruiser at its dock in the Pastime Boat Club harbor, 3015 Upper River Road.

Treated at General Hospital were Tarlton Lawson, 51, 1618 Cherokee Road, owner of the gasoline-powered Kentucky Belle; Nicholas Hallcroft, 46, Camp, and Anthony L. Karcher, 47, 1131 Audubon Parkway.

The fourth member of the early-morning fishing party, Charles Penick, 39, 1804 Bonnycastle, escaped injury and dove his companions to the hospital.

Lawson, secretary-treasurer of the Breaux Ballard Company, automobile dealers at 1154 W. Broadway, told County police that the craft exploded when he touched the starter. As flames spread through the hull he and Hallcroft jumped into the river and the other men scrambled onto the dock.

The boat was a complete loss. I was valued at \$8,000 to \$10,000. Flames were extinguished by the Harrods Creek and St. Matthews Fire departments.

The 6:15 a.m. explosion was seen by William Carl, 26, Arctic Spring, Ind., just across the Ohio River from the boat harbor. He said he saw "a big orange puff of smoke" and then the flames.

He and a next-door neighbor, Joseph Hillerich, 23, crossed the river in a motor boat and helped boat harbor night watchman E _____ rest of article missing about 3 lines.



Photos by Louis J. Mosson

Smoke from the burning Kentucky Belle blanketed a big expanse of the Ohio River as firemen fought a losing battle.

September 3, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Zone Board Organized By St. Regis

City Will Seek Fire Protection

The City of St. Regis Park set up a Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday evening.

The city also decided to charge \$25 for issuing building permits for new houses to be constructed. A smaller fee will be charged for permits for alterations and additions.

A four-man committee was appointed to get bids from the Jeffersontown Fire Department and the St. Matthews Fire Department for fire protection for the entire city. This committee was also directed to investigate all possible methods for combating fires in an emergency and to report at the next city meeting, the first Tuesday in October.

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Fairmeade Gets Shopping Center In Proposed City

Residents of the Fairmeade Subdivision gave the sixth-class city business a new twist Tuesday.

Their attorney, John Davis, 208 Fairmeade, not only petitioned Circuit Court Tuesday to incorporate the subdivision's 112 homes into a proposed City of Fairmeade, but also included the Fairmeade shopping center which has about 11 stores and offices.

The entire Commercial area is owned by the Wakefield-McMakin Realty Company, with the exception of the Steiden's Super Market.

M. C. McMakin said the real estate firm, of which he is part owner, has no objection to the proposed move. "We're leaving it up to the people," he said. "They want a city and we won't object. They haven't objected to our establishing a shopping center and a commercial area near their homes."

Shops in the area to be annexed include, besides Steiden's and the real estate office, the Fairmeade Pharmacy, Minish

and Potts Flowers, Pan Am Service Station, Paul Bolus Harbor Shop, Meadows Tire and Appliance, Swiss Cleaners, Rosalie, Inc., Moon Cleaners, the Fairmeade Beauty Shop, and two doctor's offices.

The petition for incorporation was signed by 167 residents of the subdivision, which includes parts of Shelbyville, Winchester, Fairmeade, Alcott, and Hemingway Roads. It is about a half square mile in area. About 230 eligible voters live there.

Davis named the following officers as being recommended in the petition, which must rest with the Circuit Court for 20 days before hearings may be held:

Trustees, Richard C. Carson, 219 Fairmeade; James M. Caldwell, 213 Alcott; Joseph Norman, 210 Hemingway; J. C. Theobald, 218 Alcott, and Ralph G. Thompson, 112 Hemingway; assessor, Charles J. Daulb, 121 Fairmeade; police judge, B. H. Meyers, 211 Hemingway, and marshal, Robert H. Klass, 202 Fairmeade.

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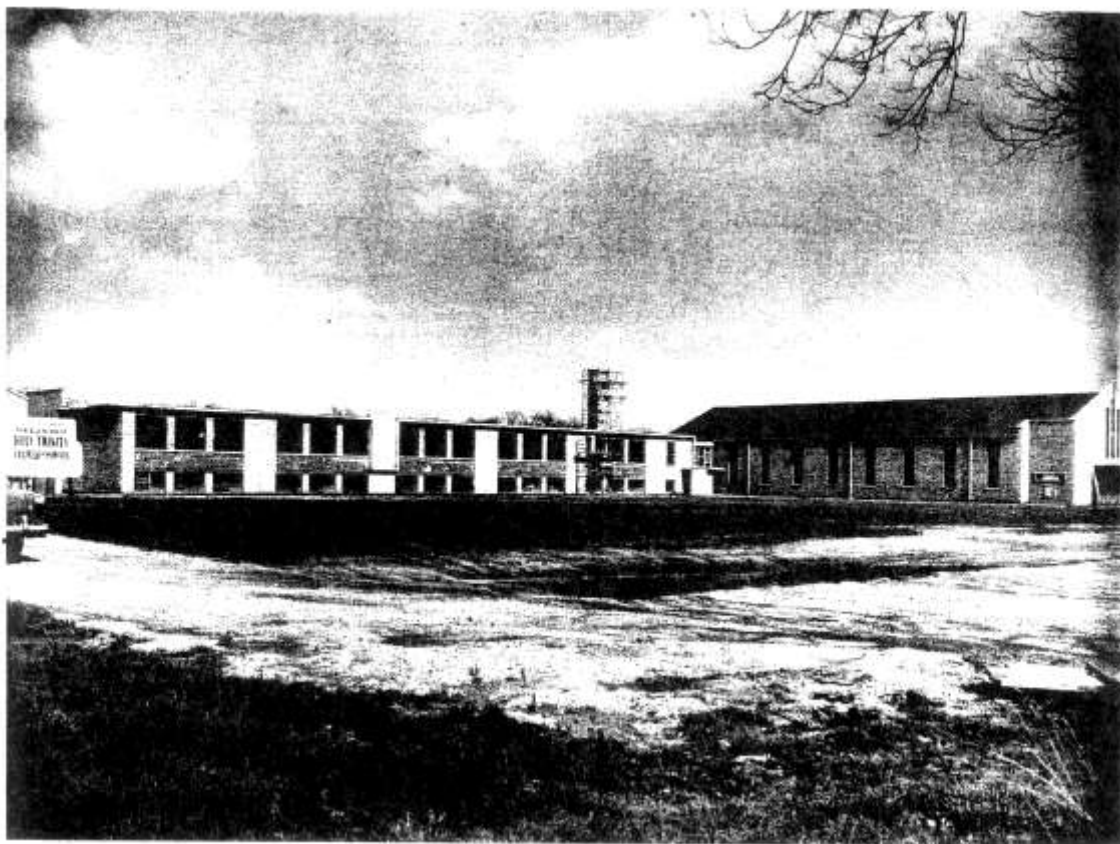
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Courtesy Betsy Stanis, Holy Trinity Church, September 6, 1953: 125 Anniversary booklet



Blessed 9/6/1953

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September 10, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, September 10, 1953, at 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President.

Directors present were:

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| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. Joe Zehnder | Mr. Marty Kamer |
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. George Miller |
| | Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. |

Minutes of the last meeting, August 13, 1953, were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that minutes be approved as read; motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, and approved that we accept bid of Charley Rueff to install signs on front of building for \$96.80.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Kamer that Mr. Virgil Lloyd, Assistant Secretary, be allowed to charge gasoline, which he uses in surveying neighborhood, at Terry's Service Station for a period of two months to see how it works.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller, Secretary

September 17, 1953: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

ST. MATTHEWS OFFICE SPACE
IN
New Post Office Building
Now occupied by N. B. West
Second floor large—Available October 1st
\$90.00 per month Everything furnished.
Contact **MARSHALL REALTY CO.**—TA. 0351

DuPont's Deluxe SPRAY-GLAZE JOB
"A FRIEND TO THE CAR FINISHER"
Better than the finest show-
room, yet costs no more!
BRENZEL'S
—Tuxedo Service Station—
2502 Crabtree, near
Lorington Rd. HL 9128
Where you don't have to
ASK for Service!



Future STMFD Firefighter

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September 21, 1953, Letter:

V. L. Lloyd Sr.
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September 21st 1953

J. Bacon & Sons, Inc.
213 S. 4th St.
Louisville, 2, Ky.

Attention Mr. J. E. Barnes

Gentlemen:-

Inasmuch as your St. Matthews store is now in operation we feel that you will want to become a member of The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association. You will recall that in May of this year we had some correspondence with you concerning this protection and were advised that we contact Mr. Floyd Robertson. At that time we wrote Mr. Robertson but did not hear further from him.

We charge a membership fee on commercial property and inventories of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 valuation but since an assessment has probably not yet been entered on your property we feel that the membership fee for the year ending Sept. 1954 should be fixed on an estimated basis covering building and inventories at \$125.00. You, of course, are well aware of the insurance benefits enjoyed in this area due to the existence of this fire association.

If we can be of service to you or if you wish further information you may call Taylor 8812.

Thanking you for your co-operation and wishing you much success in our community we wish to remain,

P.S. We are enclosing check sent us last May for \$3.00

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
119 St. Matthews Road

September 24, 1953, *The Voice of St. Matthews:*



The YMCA BUILDING to be built in St. Matthews is pictured here in an architect's drawing. Archie Cochran, president of the Louisville Y, has asked Beechwood Village citizens to allow it to be built in their city. A public hearing will be held on the matter October 3. Cochran, in a letter to the city, said the building would be available for public meetings. The building, he said, would include office space, craft and club rooms, a small kitchen (which he promised won't be turned into a restaurant), and a gymnasium. St. Matthews officials, now holding a membership drive for \$2,500, reported at a meeting Monday night they'd collected \$1,825.50. Ray Ogden's Red Division had 45 members and \$335. Karl Hollenbach's Blue Division had 48 members and \$265. The special memberships team of Will Lantman and Bert Stevens had 16 memberships and \$435.50. High team in the regular teams' organization was headed by Charles Frett, captain, with 2156 and 23 memberships. High individual in Mr. Frett's team was Nelson Perry with 15 memberships and \$80. The next report meeting for workers will be held tonight at the St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. office on Frankfort Ave. The final report will be on Monday, Sept. 28, the day the drive ends. Y officials plan to spend nearly a quarter of a million dollars on the St. Matthews branch.

MARSHALL TO BUILD CENTER FOR 2 MILLION

Construction of a \$2,000,000 shopping center on Shelbyville Road will be started within about 60 days, Robert W. "Buck" Marshall, said Friday, following rezoning of a 20-acre tract for commercial building.

"I'm going to make it one of the nicest shopping centers in the United States," said Mr. Marshall. "It's the fulfillment of a dream for me. I've been planning and studying it for four or five years. St. Matthews will be proud of it. I'm going to shoot the works on this one. Everything's going to be done right or not at all."

He said he thought it might take three years to complete the job. He plans to build 12 to 15 stores and furnish parking for more than 1,500 automobiles. They won't be sold, but leased, he said.

He said Kroger's was ready to go in with one grocery store. Walgreen Drugs and S. S. Kresge may also come in, he added. He also feels another post office might locate there. He said he also wants one good department store, and several second-story offices for an insurance company, a doctor's office, and a lawyer's office. "I want only high class stores," he said. "I want it to be a complete shopping center."

Ed Augustus, St. Matthews architect, is working on drawings now.

Mr. Marshall had previously been turned down in applying to have the area rezoned commercial, following objections by home-owners in the neighborhood. The shopping center will be located on the south side of Shelbyville Road opposite Brampton Road.

Mr. Marshall lives at 4120 Westport Road. He owns Marshall Planning Mill in St. Matthews.

September 24, 1953, The Courier-Journalrest of article missing

Revenge Is Possible Motive For Blasting Transformer

Theory Offered After Explosion In L. G. & E. Unit

County Police Chief Walter Layman theorized yesterday that a revenge-minded person or persons may have touched off a spectacular power-transformer blast and fire Tuesday night.

"There's no question but that it was purposely set," said Layman. "I think maybe someone wanted revenge on Louisville Gas & Electric Company for something—what, I don't know."

G. R. Armstrong, L. G. & E. executive vice-president, said:

"We have no idea who it might be or what the motive might be."

The firm offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible.

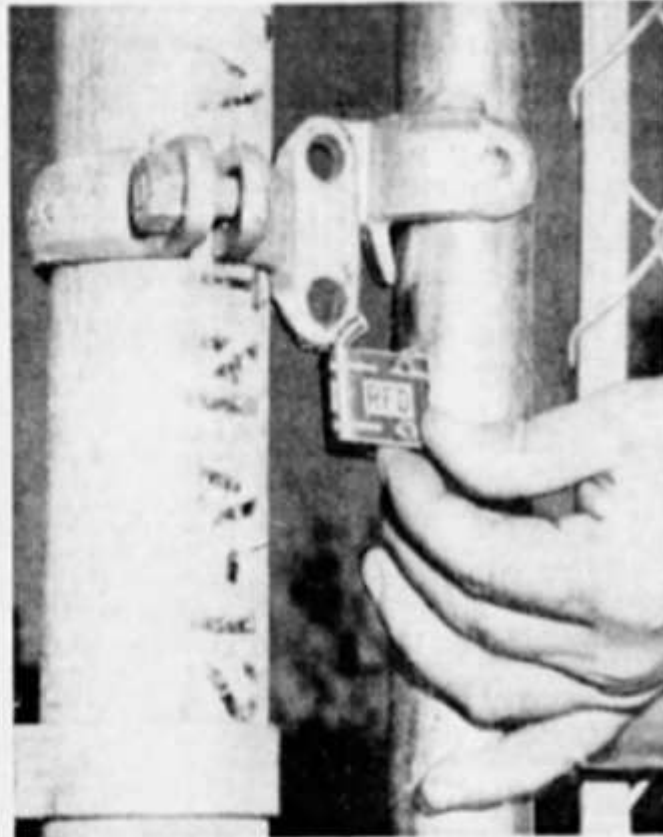
Blast Rattles Windows

The explosion, at L. G. & E.'s substation at Breckenridge Lane and Watterson Expressway, rattled hundreds of **St. Matthews** homes and blacked out nearby sections for 2 hours. No one was hurt. No employees are stationed at the site.

In addition to the motive, law-enforcement and L. G. & E. officials sought answers yesterday to these puzzles in the case:

1. Why was the explosive placed against a transformer not in operation, rather than against a nearby transformer in operation?

2. Why did the vandal or vandals cut a hole through both the wire fence surrounding the substation AND through the fence-gate padlock? The hole in the



Courier-Journal Photo

THIS PADLOCK on the gate of a wire fence surrounding an electric substation was cut with a boltcutter Tuesday night. Police say the intruders then touched off a blast against a Louisville Gas & Electric Company transformer.

fence was large enough to crawl through.

Layman speculated that the transformer not in use may have been blasted because the vandals wanted to harm only L. G. & E. and not customers being served through the other transformer.

Armstrong said a transformer in operation gives off a noticeable hum.

"But," he said, "the persons may have been in such a highly

nervous state that they could not tell which was making the sound." The two units are about 15 yards apart.

Armstrong added that the transformer in use was in brighter light than the other one, making it easier for passers-by to detect prowlers. A third transformer is under construction at the substation.

Neither Layman nor Armstrong

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September 24, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



GRAND OPENING

THURSTON COOKE FORD, Inc.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 - - - SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

FREE FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES

USED CAR SPECIALS!

The most amazing prices will be put on used cars of all makes and models for thirty minute periods during the grand opening. Act while the price is in effect and you may get the car you want for less than it cost! Thurston Cook!

STEERING INSPECTION

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- align front system.
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- inspect steering complete.
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**YOUR CAR
POLISHED**

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- dress wound



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8 BIG FREE SHOWS

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5:38 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

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THURSTON COOKE FORD, Inc.

"The Place To Leak"
4021 FRANKFORT AVE. IN ST. MATTHEWS
BELMONT 4251


Your S. Matthews Dealer

FREE GIFTS

Southwest: Heat waves greet many weary hikers on the trail from *Wild + Wet* wilderness through "Sagebrush" sage-garden alluvial with olive green, *Artemisia* riparia.

A black and white photograph of a large industrial construction site, likely a power plant or refinery. Several large, rectangular industrial structures are visible, with a tall crane on the right side. Numerous workers in period clothing are scattered throughout the site, and trees are in the background.

SITE OF POWER BLOWUP



RYLA, HOLCOMBING—Rope, crane and firework were hard at work Wednesday morning in this giant transformer of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company which has set up a spectacular show Tuesday night. The transformer shown on the left was entombed by the blaze, which officials of the company say now looms to the work of yards. The force in the picture surrounds the area and it was cut through to gain access by the press personnel. A workman is shown atop the telephone pole at the far left getting ready to rig it. The pole, some distance from the blaze was thoroughly soaked. Lightning throughout the BL, following the fire, was reflected by the power lines. The fire department of Louisville, Jefferson, St. Matthews, Louisville, and Louisville brought the blaze. A turret here is shown taking away one of the sides of the transformer which contained 25000 gallons of oil for the cooling system.

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October 1, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:


THIS WAY to SANDERS CLEANERS

*The Driving Clean
A New Leaf*

Let your car and your home
be in driving clean condition. It's not only
the look of the car and home
that counts but the comfort and convenience
of the service.


Remember this story of our business
experience. The Sanders Cleaners have been
in the St. Matthews area for over 20 years. We
know the needs of the community and we
will be able to give you the best service
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SANDERS CLEANERS






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- DRIVE IN AND SAVE 10%
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AT NO EXTRA COST.
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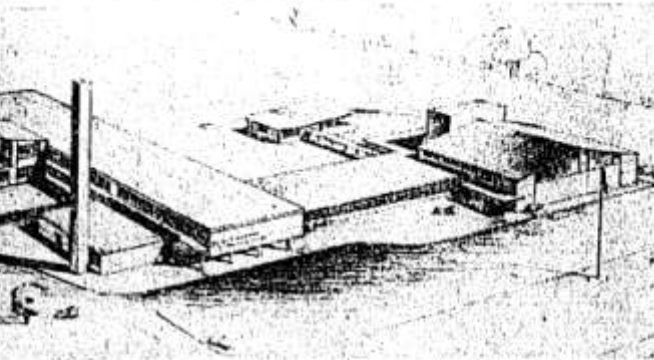
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"Your Satisfaction Is Our Greatest Pleasure"

129 ST. MATTHEWS AVE. TAYLOR 4433
also Branch Plant at Shelbyville Road, Kentucky

The new junior high school planned for St. Matthews, pictured here in an architect's drawing, has been named after Mrs. Mayme S. Waggener, inset, former principal of Greathouse School, who died at the beginning of this year. Mrs. Waggener, during her 36-year tenure at Greathouse (28 years as principal) was among the pioneers in recognizing the needs of teen-agers, and over objections, began organizing teen-age gatherings at the school building. She was active in effecting closer relations between parents and teachers until her retirement in 1946. The worthy projects she sponsored at Greathouse included the starting of the school boy patrol, the drum and bugle corps, attendance at Louisville Orchestra concerts, biennial trips to Frankfort for seventh and eighth graders, and the school carnivals. Construction on the school will begin shortly. Bids have been opened and approved by the County Board of Education. The building, which will be located between Browns Lane and Hubbards Lane south of Shelbyville Road, will cost about \$935,465. The architects are Haristern, Louis and Henry.



MRS. O'LEARY and her cow, portrayed by Sue Kate Richeson and her champion cow, "Shorty," march in the parade opening Fire Prevention Week. The O'Leary cow allegedly started 1871 Chicago fire by kicking over a lantern.



MRS. HERBERT M. ZIMMERMAN, Fire Prevention Council chairman, gets set to ride in fire engine. Maj. Harold L. Foster, City fire marshal, helps with the helmet.

Fire-Prevention Parade Mixes Humor, Warnings

Cow Named 'Shorty' and 'Mrs. O'Leary' Join Bands, Floats, Exhibits In Downtown March

By CHARLES WHALEY

Some militant marchers paraded Louisville streets yesterday to warn the public against the dangers of fire.

Bands played, sirens screamed, and posters waved as the parade rolled by, marking the beginning of Fire Prevention Week.

Mrs. O'Leary and her cow—the one that allegedly kicked over a lantern and started the Chicago fire of 1871—trooped the parade route, slowing to a snail's pace the engines of Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Fighters that followed.

Wearing a red bonnet and an old-fashioned dress that reached to her ankles, Mrs. O'Leary turned out to be 14-year-old Sue Kate Richeson, Valley Station. She smiled prettily and said hello to the crowds lining the sidewalks.

Cow Likes Limelight

The cow, called "Shorty," relished her role, too. Shorty won the championship at this year's Jefferson County fair for Sue Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richeson.

Another parade feature was a bit grisly. "He Smoked in Bed—"

What should you do in case of fire? Story on Page 7, Courier-Journal Magazine.

New He's Dead" proclaimed a sign on a truck that carried a life-like dummy stretched out with charred cloth in his hands. A hearse came behind him.

Forty-five women traffic guards marched briskly along like trained soldiers. Police Sgt. Arthur Kirchdorfer, their "drill sergeant," barked the "hup, two, three, four" cadence with grim patience.

Persepiration streamed from the faces of the music makers—the Army Band from Fort Knox, the du Pont Manual High School Band, and the Jefferson Post, American Legion, Drum and Bugle Corps.

Mrs. Herbert M. Zimmerman, 1122 St. Michael, general chairman of the Louisville Fire Prevention Council, which sponsored the parade, rode in the leading fire engine with uniformed

members of the department. Middletown's Volunteer Fire Department almost stole the show with its exhibit, a smoking shack that got frequent doses of water from the fire-truck hose. Two girls dressed as clowns did the dancing.

The Volunteers' poster boasted of the 19 fire departments in the county organization and their 35 pieces of equipment and 430 volunteer firemen. Represented in the parade, besides Middletown, were Pleasure Ridge, St. Matthews, Lake Dreamland, and Camp Taylor.

Green-uniformed girl scouts, riding in cars, hung out a poster about "Short-circuit Meyers" who installed his own wires. Meyers was pictured with a halo above his head.

Business firms, civic organizations, and luncheon clubs also entered cars or floats in the parade. It went east on Jefferson from 12th, south on Fourth, and west on Broadway to Eighth, where it disbanded.

Slogan Contest Ends Today

A Fire Prevention Council luncheon for its 112 members was held earlier at City Fire Headquarters, 12th and Jefferson. Safety Director Frank Burke read Mayor Farnley's proclamation designating October 4 to 10 as Fire Prevention Week.

Louisville's 1953 fire-prevention slogan, "Fire feeds on careless deeds," has been adopted for use in the United States and Canada by the National Fire Protection Association. That group will give an award to the city submitting the best slogan for next year.

Louisvillians must enter slogans by 2:30 p.m. today. At that time a public program of movies and demonstrations will be given at the Jefferson County Armory by the Fire Prevention Council. Slogan winners will be announced next week.



Courier-Journal Photo by George Bailey

"IS HE REAL?" these two youngsters ask each other as they inspect the "corpse" who illustrated dangers of smoking in bed. Actually it was only a dummy stretched out on a truck bed with some charred cloth in its hands.

Retired Barber, G. J. Yester, Dies In Jeffersonville

A Jeffersonville barber for more than 50 years, George J. Yester, 73, died at 1:45 a.m. yesterday in Clark County Memorial Hospital. He lived at 513 E. Chestnut.

The Clark County native had been retired 15 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. E. Belle Yester; a daughter, Mrs. George Ogden, Jeffersonville; a son, Raymond Yester, Louisville; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Bellis, Louisville, Mrs. Minnie Robbins, Yuma, Ariz., and Mrs. Ollie Whitlow, Jeffersonville, and several nieces and nephews.

The body was taken to Scott Funeral Home for the funeral at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Walnut Ridge Cemetery.

A. A.'s Hear Talk by Priest Who Spiked Church Coffee

By ROBERT CLARK

A Boston priest told here yesterday how he drank himself into two days of unconsciousness before he found "the miracle of Alcoholics Anonymous."

He once thought "everybody ought to drink—it made people feel happier," he told the Southeastern Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.

He even went so far as to sneak a quart of rum into the coffee of a churchwomen's group planning a party—"so they would plan a nice party . . . and they did plan a nice party."

The priest, identified as "Father Tom F.," said he knew alcohol was ruining his priesthood "but every once in a while I had to have a drink."

Bars on Windows Only Create Resentment

His brother sent him to a psychiatrist more than once. He was at one time confined to a hospital with bars on the windows.

But these treatments only developed in the priest a resentment toward his brother and pity for himself. So he "started snubbing again."

It was not until he spent four days alone on a boat, supposedly repairing its hull but mostly drinking, that he realized he must choose between the bottle and the priesthood.

October 8, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Palmer To Convert From Coal; Asphalt-Processing Stopped

The Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company was granted a permit last week to switch from coal heating to oil and gas by the Louisville and Jefferson County Air Pollution Board.

The conversion will require about three months, according to Charles V. Palmer-Ball, vice president of the firm, 145 St. Matthews Ave., who applied for the change.

He also announced that his firm has been buying its asphalt already processed for about four months. Local residents had complained that Palmer's asphalt-processing made the air smell bad, and that its smokestack was making the community dirty.

Mr. Palmer-Ball, who has been ill following an attack of pleurisy, jokingly remarked that no-

body had called to comment on the fact that the offensive processing has stopped.

The two moves will clear up his firm's responsibility for any dirt or odor in the air he said.

The news was called "a success that I know will be welcomed as glad tidings by the whole surrounding area," by James Noland, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City of St. Matthews, one of the communities which complained about the firm.

"Mr. Palmer-Ball's announcement gives me great personal pleasure," said Mr. Noland in a letter to *The Voice* (printed in its entirety on page four today). "It, I know, is also received with great personal pleasure and community acclaim by my colleagues in the City of St. Matthews and the surrounding resi-

dents both in and outside the city.

"We have worked with the Palmer Asbestos Corporation executives for some time to attain the goal. At all times they showed splendid cooperation in an effort to attain the goal. They met handicaps of which the people of St. Matthews were totally unaware, but they kept at it and finally achieved success, a success that I know will be welcomed as glad tidings by the whole surrounding area."

Mr. Palmer-Ball said the new heating equipment was on order. The plant will heat primarily with gas. Oil will be used as a standby. Gas, he said, can be cut off in a factory between December 15 and March 15 in case it runs short.

The gas will feed in from a high-pressure line and the fur-

nace's steam generator will have to be entirely converted, he said. New meters will also have to be installed, he said. He estimated it would all take three months. He could not estimate the cost.

Buying the asphalt already processed is extremely expensive, he said, but the company has been doing so for four months and planned to continue. He added that his firm's processing equipment was being kept on hand in case of emergency.

Mr. Palmer-Ball in April told representatives from the Cities of St. Matthews, Bellewood, and Cherrywood Village that his firm would clear up the odor and fly ash condition by the first of next year.

October 8, 1953:
Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, October 8, 1953, at 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President.

Directors present were:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. Louis Schweitzer |
| Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. | Mr. Marty Kamer |
| Mr. George E. Miller | Mr. J. P. Terry |

Minutes of the last meeting, September 10, 1953, were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that minutes be approved as read; motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and approved, that instead of a party for the boys, Mr. Monohan should purchase twelve-pound turkeys for Thanksgiving, as was done for last Christmas.

Motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer that hose-dryer be ordered from Circa AirCorp. for \$650.00. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

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October 12, 1953, Letters:

W. S. CLARK
812 WEST MAIN STREET
LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

LARRY ALLEN, PRESIDENT
HARRY E. WILSON, JR.
J. DONALD CHAMBERLAIN
GUYMON CLARK
A. SHELBY WINSTEAD
JAMES H. GUNNO
MORRIS E. BRADLEY, JR.
EDDY WILKINSON

LAW OFFICES
McELWAIN, DINNING, CLARKE & WINSTEAD
KENTUCKY HOME LIFE BUILDING
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY
TELEPHONE BARABAN 802

October 12, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

Mrs. William B. Allen owns the property in Mockingbird Valley adjacent to that of Mr. Hubert Willis. But for the prompt and efficient service of your organization and of the Louisville Fire Department the fire on the Willis property yesterday could have spread to and damaged the property of Mrs. Allen.

On behalf of Mrs. Allen I am enclosing herewith my check for \$20.00 for the services performed by your organization, with the understanding that this is not to be credited to any bill which you may render Mr. Willis, but it is to be accepted by you in addition to the regular charge which you will make against Mr. Willis.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Lloyd, and if at any time your organization determines to accept members in this area, Mrs. Allen would like to become a regular contributing member of your organization.

Very truly yours,

A. Shelby Winstead
A. Shelby Winstead.

ASW:MWS
(Enclosure)

October 15 & 16, 1953, Bill & Letter:

DUPLICATE
REPRODUCTION COPY

MIDWEST
FIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT CO., Inc.
COMPLETE FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY SERVICE
1800 PROSPECT ST. - INDIANAPOLIS 2, INDIANA - MARKET 9390

St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn.
117 St. Matthews Ave.
St. Matthews, Kentucky

INVOICE NO. 42769
INVOICE DATE Oct. 15, 1953

ORDERED BY Chief John Monahan, St. Fire Dept. St. Matthews Kentucky

| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT |
|----------|---|------------|-----------|
| 4 | 8-ft. Aluminum Pike Poles with hook | 15.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| 2 | 10-ft. Aluminum Pike Poles with hook | 16.00 | 32.00 |
| 4 | 1-1/2 Qt. Vaporizing Liquid extgrs., chrome finish with truck mounting brackets | 13.90ea. | 55.60 |
| 1 | Plate 87 Double Hydrant Gate, Chrome finish with special lever handles as on Plate X-06 | | |
| | 1/4" inlet female, threaded to fit 5" O.D. | 140.00 | 140.00 |
| | 4 threads x 2-2 1/2" Louisville thread. | | |
| 2 | Plate 310 Hose caps, with chains, chrome finish 2 1/2" to fit 2 1/2" Louisville thread | 6.85ea. | 13.70 |
| | Freight on #1 & 2 | | 2.68 |
| | P.I. & Ins. on 3, 4, & 5 | | 2.50 |
| | | | \$ 266.48 |

Per your letter of 8-11-53

ALL MERCHANDISE SHIPPED AT PRICES PREVAILING AT TIME OF SHIPMENT.
NO MERCHANDISE TO BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION.

October 16th 1953

Mr. A. Shelby Winstead
Kentucky Home Life Bldg
5th & Jefferson Sts.
Louisville, 2, Ky.

Dear Mr. Winstead;

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kind remarks and for your most liberal contribution.

We were very happy to be able to help keep the fire away from your property and can assure you that if you need us in the future we will be glad to come to your assistance if we are not tied up on calls from our immediate area.

Again thanking you for your contribution we wish to remain,

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthes Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Asst. Sec.

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October 9, 14, 1953, Fire Reports

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Oct 9 1953

A. M. 11:30 P. M. _____

Location West End Sedgwick

Owner _____

Signed _____

Occupant _____

Signed _____

Building or Property Building

Cause Mrs W. H. Wellkamp

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge M. J. L. L.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Oct 14

A. M. _____ P. M. 3:30

Location 3931 Brookfield

Owner Gordon K. Englehart

Signed _____

Occupant same

Signed _____

Building or Property House

Cause _____

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge M. J. L. L.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 10-14-53

A. M. _____ P. M. 4:20

Location 260 St.

Owner Mrs. A. T. Faraday

Signed X Mrs. A. T. Faraday

Occupant _____

Signed _____

Building or Property _____

Cause _____

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge J. P. Terry

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 10-14-53

A. M. _____ P. M. 6:25

Location 3914 Brookfield

Owner R. N. Helms

Signed _____

Occupant _____

Signed _____

Building or Property Garage X

Woods

Cause _____

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge W. R. Hewitt

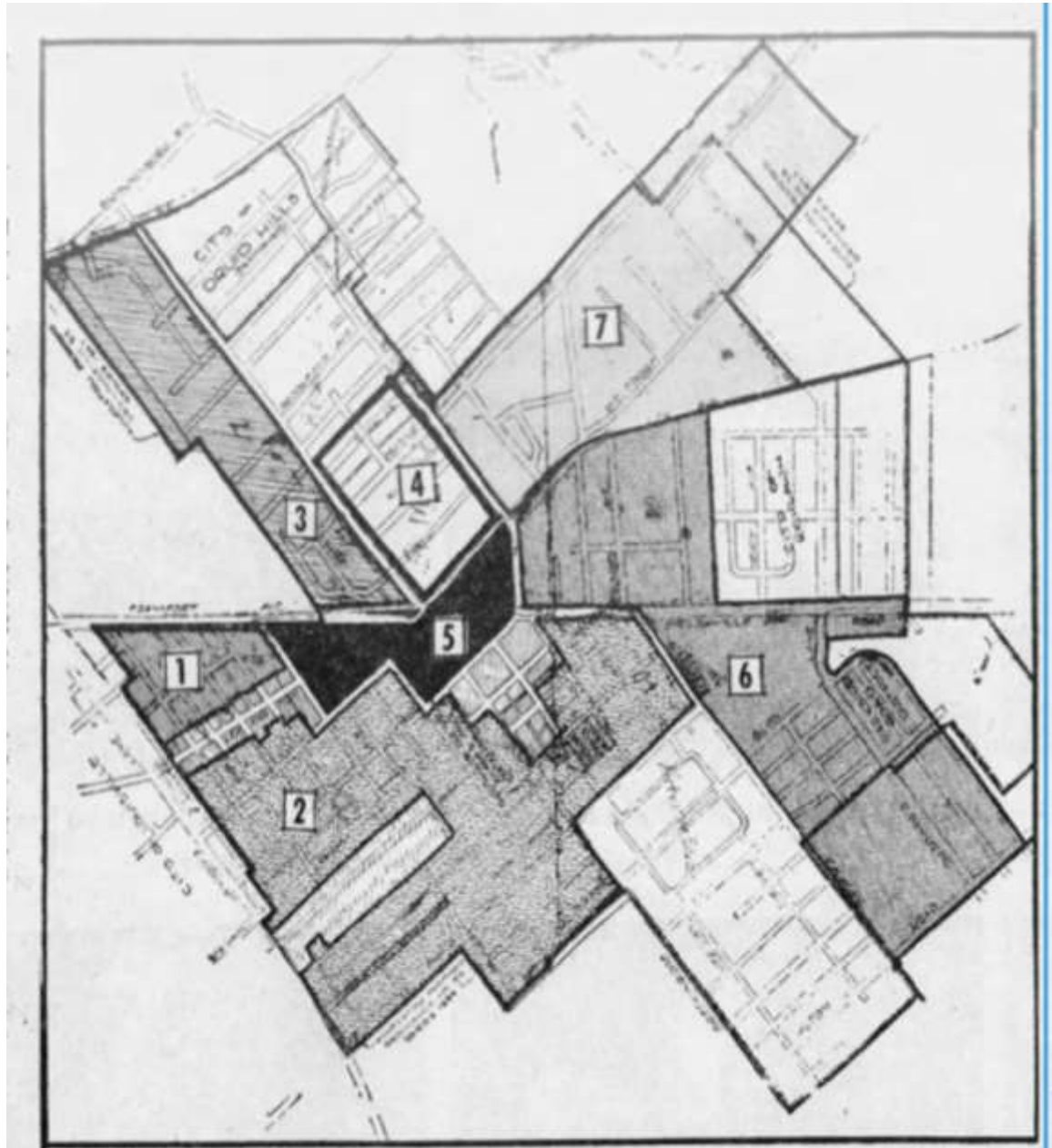
PVT.

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October 15, 1953, The Courier-Journal

City of St. Matthews Annexes Business Area

To Take Effect Only If Louisville
Loses Suit; Other Bills Prepared



Courier-Journal Map by Emil Plaszka

THE CITY OF ST. MATTHEWS (4) has annexed the St. Matthews business district (5) and proposes to take in adjoining residential areas. The areas (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7) would be annexed under separate ordinances that may be passed November 10 if no protests are filed in Circuit Court.

October 15, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:



Papers were signed Friday through which the DeLaney Furniture Co. leased the above pictured building now under construction in St. Matthews, from the Wakefield-McMakin Realty Co., owner of the property. C. W. Jennings, of the Dahlem Construction Co., will supervise the construction.

11 Weekend Calls For St. Matthews Firemen

The volunteer firemen were called out 11 times between Friday and Tuesday to fight fires. They had four calls Sunday and three on Monday. Nine of the calls were brush fires.

The most serious one came Sunday when a brush fire, flaming four to six feet high, threatened the Otto Lang home at La-Grange Road and Ormond. The Lyndon and St. Matthews firemen managed to stop it just a few feet short of the house.

Windy Hills Lowers Fire Insurance Rates

The City of Windy Hills has installed fire plugs, Mayor Noah Pullem announced last week.

He said the move would lower fire insurance rates from 53 cents to 37 cents per \$100 valuation for homes in the city.

The five plugs, costing \$2,600, were paid out of city revenues. The city, organized in September of last year, subscribes to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

DeLaney Furniture Coming To Fairmeade

First steps in the construction of a modern furniture store are underway in Fairmeade subdivision on Shelbyville Road this week.

To be occupied by the DeLaney Furniture Co. next spring, the St. Matthews store will become unit No. 3 in the company's business. The company expects to continue to operate its stores in Jeffersonton and at 1317 Bardstown Road, Dean DeLaney, proprietor, reported.

The new building is being built by the Wakefield-McMakin Realty Co., owner of the land, and has been leased to DeLaney. The Dahlem Construction Co. engaged to erect the building, started excavation work Friday. The property was zoned for commercial use in 1949.

With a 100 ft. frontage on Shelbyville Road just east of Fairmeade Road, the site of the new store has a depth of 220 feet and a width of 140 feet at the rear. In line with other Fairmeade commercial property, the building will be set deep on the lot to provide access and parking space in front of the store. Additional parking space has been plotted on the east side of the building, which will have an 80 foot frontage and a depth of 140 feet.

The first building in St. Matthews to be erected to house a furniture store, the new DeLaney building will become Kentucky's first two-level furniture store, designed with short ramps to eliminate the need for elevators and to make the entire store easily accessible by anyone.

To be air conditioned throughout, the interior will also feature modern furniture store

lighting and accoustical treatment.

Roman brick with Indiana limestone trim has been selected to dress up the wide plate glass expanse on the front of the building.

"Since such a large percentage of our business has been done with people in the Greater St. Matthews area, we have been trying to get a satisfactory location in St. Matthews for some time," Mr. DeLaney told *The Voice* Tuesday. "We are most happy at the prospect of getting into this fine new building next spring to enable us to serve our St. Matthews area customers even better."

Still a comparatively young business, the DeLaney Furniture Co. was founded in Jefferson-town in 1946. The company bought out the Old Colony Furniture Co. on Bardstown Road in 1950.

With a family background in the furniture business in Chattanooga, Tenn., Dean DeLaney moved to Louisville in 1934. He married a Louisville girl, Miss Mary Bailey, who is active in Girl Scout and church work. Residing at 28 S. Sheridan Road in Meadowview Estates, the DeLaney's have three children, Dean Jr., 14; Patricia Ann, 12; and John, 7. Young Dean and Pat attend Highland Junior High, and John is enrolled at Melbourne Heights school. The family attends Strathmoor Presbyterian Church.

(Editor's Note: More St. Matthews business news is in Section Two.)

Women of Distinction

Mrs. Ed C. Zehnder, Community Center Head

"My hobby is bowling," said Mrs. Ed C. Zehnder, president of the Community Center of St. Matthews. She is a member of three bowling teams at Landohr; captain of two respective teams and secretary of another.

Mrs. Zehnder was born in West Virginia, moved to Louisville at an early age, attended Lucia Avenue School, Eastern Departmental, Louisville Girls' High and Compton School.

She is the mother of six children, five boys and one girl. Her husband is affiliated with the American Brass and Aluminum Foundry works.

Other than her hobby, which takes three evenings a week, and her work with the Community Center, Mrs. Zehnder is active in the Eagles Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary of St. Matthews. She was president of the former at one time and past president of the Fifth District for the latter. She is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

In reference to her work with the Community Center, she said "We feel like we have had a very successful year—in all types of recreation for the children as well as the adults."

Her objective is to raise enough money to put heat in the Reynolds building so that more people can participate in the community activities during the winter months.



Portrait by Stone Studio
MRS. ZEHNDER

Wife of STMFD Board Member

*Greyhound Rams City Bus In **St. Matthews**, Hurting 15*

L.T.C. Vehicle Hit From Rear While Stopped

Fifteen persons were injured at 11:50 last night when a Greyhound bus plowed into the rear of a Louisville Transit Company bus on Shelbyville Road at Heady Avenue, County police reported.

Police said the accident happened when the westbound L.T.C. bus carrying one passenger stopped at Heady to pick up some fares.

The Greyhound bus, traveling in the same direction, crashed into the other vehicle when it stopped.

Twelve of the injured persons were on the Greyhound.

Marine Among Injured

Most seriously injured were Henry Stalker, 73, of 1468 S. Sixth, who received a broken right leg and cuts, and a Marine, Billy Maynard, 19, Zebulon, Ky., who also received a broken right leg. They were admitted to General Hospital.

Mrs. Elizabeth Landrum, 65, of 650 N. 23d, the single passenger on the L.T.C. bus, received internal injuries. She was treated at General Hospital and transferred to SS. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital.

Others treated at General were:

Roy Richmond, 52, Elkton, Ky., hand and leg cuts and several teeth knocked out.

Arch Bishop, 58, Salem, Ind., cuts and bruises.

Ernest Hulker, 32, of 724 Cecil, internal injuries.

Mrs. Elise Hulker, 28, his wife, cuts on her head.

Miss Eva Neumann, 52, of 1721 S. Third, several teeth knocked out, cuts on face, and internal injuries.

Fort Knox Soldiers Hurt

Cpl. John Green, 23, Pleasant View, Ky., stationed at Fort Knox, cuts and bruises.

Staff Sgt. Ernest Charles, 28, Meta, Ky., also at Fort Knox, bruises.

Victor Hazelwood, 67, of 1061 Mary, cuts.

Mrs. Mary E. Hazelwood, 66, his wife, cuts.

They were passengers on the Greyhound bus. Maurice Richardson, 39, of 3715 Parthenia, the Greyhound driver, was treated for cuts on his face and body.

George D. Haney, 33, driver of the transit bus—an express from Middletown to Louisville—was treated for cuts at the scene by a private physician.

The L.T.C. bus was hailed to a stop by four pin boys from the Landohr Bowling Alleys.

Three Jump Out of Way

One of them, Warren Grimmer, 514 Rawling, had boarded the bus when the other vehicle crashed into it, witnesses report.

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October 19, 1953, Letter:

O. L. GORE

WINDMILL, ONE ROOM
FIRE DEPT.
ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

O. L. GORE

15 FRENCH AVENUE
WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY

TELEPHONE 1144

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDRESS
ADDRESS FIRE TRUCKS
ADDRESS FIRE TRUCKS

October 19, 1953

Mr. John Monahan, Chief
Fire Department
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Chief:

Thank you very much for your order for 1- Circul-Air Hose Reeler.

Your copy of order enclosed.

They have been making shipments in about 30 days and this should reach you with out delay.

The information wanted on Hanney Electric re-wind hose reels, as follows.

Electric Re-Wind Reels for 2008 1" hose complete with gears, motor, switches, swivel cot. each \$250.00 delivered freight paid.

I ask about the ~~XXXX~~ Minnesota Reels and they told me that they could be bought for less money, however they did not have the present price on the Minnesota Reel.

They also told me they used 4 of the Minnesota Reels on new fire trucks and were very much disappointed in them as they have given a lot of trouble.

Chief if you still want the price on the Minnesota Reel please let me know and I will get the price for you.

If you want the Hanney Reel I will be glad to order as many as you want.

Thank you again for every thing and I will try to see you soon.

Just call me collect if you want the reel or reels now.

Sincerely Yours,

O. L. Gore
O. L. Gore

STEPHEN J. FLANAGAN
LOUISVILLE, KY.

October 25, 1953, Letter: 4039 Ormond Road, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, St. Matthews, Ky., Gentlemen:

This is a word of admiration and thanks for your quick action in answering a call made by you yesterday.

Your skill, and amazingly prompt arrival, should be a source of pride for the whole community. This happened to be only a ground fire - but one that without quick control would have jumped to trees and threatened thousands of dollars worth of property - not to say lives in Bonnie Woods.

The fact that you are so efficient is a worry-relieving blessing to many mothers in our area.

Congratulations - and Thanks again, Stephen J. Flanagan

4039 Ormond Rd.

Oct 25th, 1953

ST. MATTHEWS Volunteer
Fire Dept.

St. Matthews Ky.

Gentlemen:

This is a word of admiration and thanks for your quick action in answering a call made for you yesterday.

Your skill, and amazingly prompt arrival, should be a source of pride for the whole community. This happened to be only a ground fire - but one that without quick control would have jumped to trees and threatened thousands of dollars worth of property - not to say lives in Bonnie Woods -

The fact that you are so efficient is a worry-relieving blessing to many mothers in our area.

Congratulations - and Thanks again
Stephen J. Flanagan

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October 21, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*: EDITED

October 27, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:

Another fire, at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, destroyed a large barn on the estate of Mrs. Alex T. Farnsley, 260 Chenoweth Lane. Mrs. Farnsley said the barn contained a large amount of baled

hay and some pieces of antique furniture. She did not estimate the damage.

The **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department fought the blaze and prevented its spreading to adjoining buildings.

School Fire Delays Classes

Classes at Greathouse School, 3930 Grandview, St. Matthews, were delayed yesterday morning while the **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department extinguished a fire under the rear of a two-room portable building on the grounds.

About 65 pupils who attend the Seventh and Eighth grades in the building were ready to go in when the fire broke out at 8:20 a.m. Principal Kenneth Farmer said the flames apparently developed after an oil furnace became overheated.

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October 26, 1953, Letter:

October 26, 1953, Fire Report

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 10-26-53

A. M. 815 P. M. 915

Location _____

Owner Greathouse School

Signed _____

Occupant _____

Signed _____

Building or Property Building

Cause Oil Heater

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge Ed Foley

Parent-Teacher Association
of
Greathouse School
3930 Grandview Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

October 26, 1953

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
117 St. Matthews Ave.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sirs,

We want to thank
you for the prompt and
efficient way in which
you extinguished the
recent fire at Greathouse
School.

The P.T.A. sincerely
appreciates the work of your
department.

Respectfully yours,
(Mrs. Russell) Loraine Smith
Corresponding Secretary

Greathouse Had Fire; Schools Out Tuesday

The St. Matthews Volunteer firemen quickly brought a blaze under control at Greathouse School on Monday. The fire broke out in the morning in a two-room portable building at the rear of the school.

The fire started before school time. Pupils were playing in the school yard. The fire, caused by an overheated oil furnace, did little damage to the classrooms. School was resumed shortly afterward.

Greathouse and other County schools got a holiday Tuesday as teachers and principals attended Louisville's annual Business-Industry-Education Day.

SWISS

Introduces

LIMA E. FOSTER

New Store Manager At Their

FAIRMEADE BRANCH

Across From Steiden's



LIMA E. FOSTER

I want to invite all our neighbors to stop by and get acquainted. I promise you my personal interest in every Dry Cleaning and Laundry problem.

- Finer Dry Cleaning
- All-By-Itself Laundry Service
- Rug Cleaning
- Repairs • Hot Cleaning

"GET ACQUAINTED"
SPECIAL
Beginning Monday
Plain SKIRTS 2 For 79c

SWISS

CLEANERS & LAUNDRY

111 FAIRMEADE RD.

ACROSS FROM STEIDEN'S

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November 4, 1953, Letter:

RUTH H. OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL

PHONE BELMONT 2248

ORVILLE J. STIVERS SCHOOL

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

The Second Grade wishes
to thank you for the lovely
showing of the Fire House and
engines of the St. Matthews Department.
We enjoyed the trip very
much and feel we learned
a great deal.

Very Truly Yours,

Leticia B. Lepanto

November 4, 1953.

November 5, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Letters To Editor St. M. Firemen Are Praised

Dear Sir:

On several occasions during the past few years I have been near the local fire station when an alarm was sounded, and each time I have been amazed at the efficiency of our volunteers.

On a recent Saturday night I watched them in action at close hand. Most of the younger boys had evidently been dressing to go out. They came in their best clothes, and I'm afraid their plans for a big night were dashed with the fire.

I'm sure many of your readers would like to know more about these selfless volunteers of ours. I would.

Mrs. S. J. Flanagan
4039 Ormond Road

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November 12, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, November 12, 1953, at 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President.

Directors present were:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. Joe Zehnder | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. George Miller |
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. Louis Schweitzer |
| | Mr. John M. Monohan |

The minutes of the last meeting, October 8, 1953, were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Wilson that minutes be approved as read; motion carried.

Mr. Monohan was instructed to order turkey, to include men at the taxi stand, who handle all calls.

Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer that Mr. Wm. Kammerer be employed to change our complete set-up...that is, by-laws and constitution...to make it strictly correct in every way. Motion was seconded by Mr. Terry, and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that we purchase, from Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., equipment for two trucks, cab stand and fire house, at a total cost of \$2600.00, to be installed in forty-five days, and guaranteed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

(Plans called for supplying each fire fighter with a radio receiver (monitor) for his home. Alarms at this time were telephoned in to the St. Matthews Cab Company and the operator there will turn in the alarm to the department.)

(Note: When I joined the department in 1964 the department still did not have enough monitors for every firefighter. When a new member joined, the volunteer "house wives" agreed to call the firefighters at their home 24 hours a day to give them the alarm. Eventually by about 1966 all firefighters received monitors. Mrs. Harvey Schultz was the person who called me and she got the call through before the siren sounded.)

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November 17, 19, 1953, Fire Reports

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 11-17-53

A. M. 7:00 P. M. 7:00

Location St. Matthews Feed

Owner Mr. Weaver. Store
Mr. Reed owns shed.

Signed _____

Occupant Raymond Davis

Signed Ed. Foley

Building or Property Building
storage room.

Cause unknown.

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge Ed. Foley

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Nov. 19, 53

A. M. _____ P. M. 4:10

Location Balmain Cab

Owner _____

Signed _____

Occupant NONE

Signed _____

Building or Property Building in
back of Balmain Cab

Cause UNKNOWN

Special Notes _____

Officer in Charge J.P. Terry

November 18, 1953, The Courier-Journal

\$1,500 Fire Damages
St. Matthews Feed Store

A fire at 7:20 last night damaged one of three buildings of the **St. Matthews** Feed & Seed Store, 225 Chenoweth Lane.

R. W. Davis, 3900 Elmwood, owner, estimated damage at about \$1,500.

A large pile of wood and trash blazed up in an outdoor incinerator at 5:30 p.m. at St. Xavier High School, 118 W. Broadway. Firemen said they believed someone set it off.

1953

November 12, & December 1, 1953:

November 19, 1953,
The Voice Of St. Matthews:

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

INCORPORATED IN KENTUCKY

311 WEST CHESTNUT STREET
LOUISVILLE, 2, KY.



November 12, 1953.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
P.O. Box 115
Louisville 7, Ky.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith two checks in the total amount of \$750.00 to compensate your organization for the very valuable and much appreciated work you performed on the night of September 22, 1953. As you will recall, this was the night of the disastrous transformer fire at our Breckenridge Substation.

Your organization did an excellent job and the equipment you brought to the fire was very helpful.

We have divided the total amount of money into two checks, one for \$600.00 to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and the other for \$150.00 to the same organization but bearing the notation "For personal use of the firemen as they direct".

Yours very truly,

W.B. Wilson

President.

TEWilson:RN
FWR
Enclosures.

SHELTON'S SERVICE STATION
Sheltonville Road at 1 Mile House—EE, 1234
* **NOV. 20 through DEC. 5** *
Let Us
Prepare Your Car for Winter Driving
FREE CHASSIS LUBE
YOU SAVE **\$1.50** WITH **OIL CHANGE**
STANDARD OIL **ESSO EXTRA or MOBILOIL Motor Oil**

Atlas Perma Guard—Zerex—Zerone

Frankel-Klapheke Drugs Moving After 25 Years

Louisville Clothing Store Taking Place

The Frankel-Klapheke Drug Store is planning to move after 25 years at 3818 Frankfort Ave. and the King's Men's Furnishings store of Louisville is planning to take its place.

The drug store's new location, now being remodelled, will be at 4001 Frankfort Ave., and will be ready about January 1, according to Dr. Harry M. Frankel, president.

Bernard Kaplan, owner of King's, said he was planning to close out his stock and move to St. Matthews sometime after Christmas. He's now in the Francis Building. He will carry a complete line of boys' and men's furnishings here, he said.

Only three St. Matthews stores now bear the same name they had when the drug store opened here on November 14, 1928. They are Eline Chevrolet, Zehnder's Dairy, and Marshall Planing Mill.

Dr. Frankel said the new store would be ready about January 1. It will have half the space of the old store, so there will be no soda fountain. He said parking facilities would be better and the new store would be completely modernized.

Dr. Frankel celebrated his 50th anniversary in the drug business on October 3. He lives at 2238 Rutherford Wynd. Eugene C. Klapheke, secretary-treasurer of the store, lives at 502 Fairlawn Road.

Mr. Kaplan said he was moving to St. Matthews because it's "a wonderful section of the city to be in."

His store has been in the Francis Building four years and in downtown Louisville 12 years. He lives at 2416 Broadmeade Road.

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December 1, 1953: State paid Department for fire run to Central State Hospital.

| TO: DIVISION OF PURCHASE | | VENDOR'S NAME | | STREET ADDRESS | | CITY | |
|--|------|---|------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| | | St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. | | P. O. Box 115 | | St. Matthews, Kentucky | |
| FROM: DEPARTMENT | | Division or Institution | | Kentel Health | | Central State Hospital | |
| | | | | | | Leland, Kentucky | |
| <p>EXPLANATION OF PURCHASE (Full explanation must be given): For services, as listed below Loss claim in, \$70.</p> | | | | | | | |
| QUANTITY | UNIT | DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE OR SERVICE | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT | | | |
| 1 | each | Fire run on December 1, 1953, in laundry building at Central State Hospital, Leland, Kentucky | for | (\$200.00) | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL AMOUNT (\$200.00) | | | |
| <p>RECEIVING OFFICER'S OR AGENT'S CERTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF ARTICLE OR SERVICE</p> <p>I hereby certify that I have received and inspected the above described emergency purchase article or service, or have accounted to my personal satisfaction that such article or service has been received and inspected, on behalf of the Commonwealth.</p> <p>TITLE OF RECEIVING OFFICER OR AGENT: Joe E. Greenhouse, Jr., Finance Officer DATE: 13 January 1954 SIGNATURE: _____</p> <p>I hereby certify that the emergency described above required that these items be purchased without conforming to the regular purchasing procedure.</p> <p>APPROVED (FOR DIVISION OF PURCHASE): John Stanley, Executive Administrator APPROVED (HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT): _____</p> <p>IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO STATE AGENCIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward four copies to Division of Purchases. 2. Fill out adequate explanation that be given of the emergency under which this purchase was made. Failure to do so may result in return of this Advice of Emergency Purchase for further explanation. 3. Use additional state sheets of paper for additional pages. 4. Attach one copy of invoice of item. 5. This form is not approved until signed by the Director of the Division of Purchases. 6. No Standard Invoice required for payment of this purchase. <p>THIS IS TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE PURCHASE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OF AN OFFICIAL PERSONAL ORDER BY THE DIVISION OF PURCHASE</p> <p>Signed: _____ (Director - Division of Purchases)</p> <p>Approved as to availability of funds: _____</p> <p>INITIATING AGENCY COPY - RETURNED WITH CHECK TO VENDOR</p> | | | | | | | |

December 3, 1953:

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The garages are at 1701 S. First, 1806 S. Third, and 1818 S. Third. The shed is at 1916 S. Fourth.

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December 1, 2, 1953, Fire Reports

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 12-1-53

A. M. 6:40 P. M. 6:40

Location Garage

Owner Rental State Highway

Signed Franklin Rear of Building

Occupant Franklin Rear of Building

Signed Franklin Rear of Building

Building or Property Franklin Rear of Building

Cause ?

Special Notes

Officer in Charge Robert L. Smith

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Dec 2 53

A. M. 5:30 P. M. 5:30

Location 3940 Gilman Ave

Owner YOUNGER

Signed

Occupant

Signed

Building or Property Shed

Cause UNKNOWN

Special Notes

Officer in Charge James J. Younger

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 12-2-53

A. M. 5:35 P. M. 5:35

Location 3940 Gilman Ave

Owner Carl H. Hetherman

Signed Carl Hetherman

Occupant same

Signed same

Building or Property Garage

Cause

Special Notes

Officer in Charge John Hetherman

December 5, 7, 14, Fire Reports

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Dec 5, 1953

A. M. 5:00 P. M. 5:00

Location 3916 Elmwood Ave

Owner

Signed H. O. R. L. L. L.

Occupant

Signed

Building or Property Garage

Cause UNKNOWN

Special Notes

Officer in Charge H. O. R. L. L. L.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 12/7

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

Location 3916

Owner John Moran

Signed John Moran

Occupant

Signed

Building or Property Garage

Cause Unknown

Special Notes

Officer in Charge H. O. R. L. L. L.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 12-14-53

A. M. P. M.

Location 214 Rd + Bams

Owner Local Company

Signed John Moran

Occupant X. P. L. L.

Signed

Building or Property Building

Cause

Special Notes

Officer in Charge H. O. R. L. L. L.

Fire Guts 1-Story Laundry Building At Lakeland; 150 Patients Moved



Photo by A. F. Jackson.

FLAMES SWEEP ROOF OF LAUNDRY AT CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL

Three Blazes At State Hospital Investigated

Fire gutted the one-story brick laundry building of Central State Hospital at Lakeland last night.

Between 150 and 175 patients housed in the Male Ward Building nearby were moved to the safety of the Main Building of the mental hospital.

Cause of the fire was not determined. Damage was estimated at \$100,000 by Dr. George Wyman, superintendent.

An investigation was begun by Capt. Robert Burdon of the State fire marshal's office and by the State Department of Insurance. They are also investigating two other fires that occurred in the laundry building within the past six weeks.

Dr. Wyman said a laundry cart with some clothes inside was discovered on fire about six weeks ago and the electric motor on a laundry machine caught fire about four weeks ago. Damage in both cases was small.

Hydrant Found Dry

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Chief William E. Pierce of the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department said his men lost about 5 minutes fighting the flames when a hydrant between the laundry building and the Male Ward Building was found dry. The reason for the lack of water in the hydrant was not determined.

Dr. Wyman emphasized he did not think any of the fires, including the one last night, was the result of arson.

The fire was discovered at 6 p.m. by several attendants in the Male Ward Building, which stands about 10 feet from the 125-by-35-foot laundry building.

One of the attendants, Owen Kasey, said that after starting in the east end "the fire caught awfully fast and in no time spread throughout the building."

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Fire-fighting equipment from St. Matthews, Lyndon, Middletown, Worthington, and Louisville responded to calls for aid. The hospital has one piece of equipment plus a line of hydrants ringing the grounds.

Manned Fire Stations

About 125 hospital employees who live on the grounds manned appointed fire stations ready to move all of the 2,300 patients had it been necessary.

A patient, Kenneth James, escaped during the fire and is being sought by police and hospital authorities. He is 32, is 5 feet 7, and weighs 147 pounds. When last seen James was wearing a red plaid shirt and blue trousers.

Dr. Wyman said the laundry building held 20 pieces of equipment, such as presses, mangles, washers and ironers, all in good condition. None could be saved.

An employee of the hospital, Ted Matthews, 50, broke his right leg when he stepped into a hole while running to help fight the fire.

Dr. Wyman said a difficult problem is presented with the loss of the laundry. He cited the 17,000 to 20,000 sheets cleaned every week as just one item.

Laundries of nearby State institutions are all overworked, he said, and possibly a private concern would have to be contracted to do the work.

1953

December 8, 1953:

FIRE CHIEF'S GARAGE BLAZES DURING PROBE

The Bellewood "firebug" bearded the lion in his den yesterday. The firebug, if the recent series of fires in the small City of Bellewood is the work of an arsonist, picked on a garage at 3909 Elmwood.

That's the home of John M. Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

The small blaze was extinguished before it caused serious damage. It was the ninth fire in Bellewood in less than three weeks. The State fire marshal's office is investigating possibility of arson.

Chief's Garage Hit by Blaze At Bellewood

9th Fire In 3 Weeks; Arson Quiz Continues

The Bellewood firebug—if recent Bellewood fires actually are the work of an arsonist — may have extended his luck too far yesterday.

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December 6, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:

Garage Fire In Bellewood Arouses Suspicion of Arson

Another garage fire in the little city of Bellewood, near St. Matthews, heightened suspicions yesterday that an arsonist is at work in the area.

A garage belonging to Norbourne O. Rudy, 3916 Elmwood, burned and collapsed within 10 minutes shortly after 5 p.m.

Rudy said it was the third fire on his property within three weeks. Sheds in the Rudy backyard were found burning November 15 and again November 16, but they were not destroyed.

John M. Monohan, chief of the

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, said he suspected a firebug was responsible for the blazes. But, he said, he had no clue as to how the garage fire began.

The State fire marshal's office is investigating the arson possibility.

Egyptian Plane Crash Kills 2

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 5 (AP)—An Egyptian Air Force training plane crashed at Hanka, near Cairo today, killing the two men

December
10, 1953: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, December 10, 1953, at 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President.

Directors present were:

Mr. George E. Miller
Mr. W. Leland Wilson
Mr. Joe Zehnder

Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.
Mr. Fred Boss
Mr. Marty Kamer

The minutes of the last meeting, November 12, 1953, were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion was made and seconded that minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that turkeys, weighing twelve pounds, be given to each of the firemen and directors for Christmas. Motion carried.

The city of St. Regis asked us to serve them with fire protection, but upon examination, it was found that St. Regis is closer to Lyndon than it is to us, therefore, a motion was made and carried to refer them to the Lyndon Fire Department.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the recent operation of the firebug in the St. Matthews area. It has quieted a little in the past week....maybe the investigation by the marshal has obtained results, so it was decided not to do anything further at this time.

Mr. Monohan said that the equipment ordered from Motorola Co., Inc., is to be installed by January 15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

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December 10, 1953, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Not Much Doubt Arsonist Is Working On Bellewood

There's not much doubt now that an arsonist is at work in the City of Bellewood.

And city officials got a clew to his identity Monday evening when Carl Ratterman, 3904 Brookfield, spotted a boy of about 12 looking into a garage at the home of St. Matthews fire chief John Monohan, 3909 Elmwood, just before fire broke out in the garage at 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Ratterman said he could not identify the boy because of darkness, but judged him to be about 5 feet tall. He dashed away over a back fence. City officials, led by Mayor W. T. Porter, scoured the neighborhood for a boy answering the description, but without success.

The boy, if he was the culprit, set fire to two inner tubes in a corner of Mr. Monohan's garage. The fire was quickly brought under control by the St. Matthews Volunteer firemen and the Monohan family, with only slight damage to the garage.

The inner tubes had apparently been doused with gasoline. Firemen also discovered rags and a block of wood stuffed into a crack at the bottom of the garage near the fire.

It was the ninth fire in Bellewood in three weeks. A garage

belonging to N. O. Rudy, 3916 Elmwood, was destroyed by fire last Saturday. City officials and the state fire marshal's office, after an investigation, concluded Sunday it was probably started by an arsonist.

Both the Saturday and Monday fires were started at the same time, around 5 p.m., the rush hour. Volunteer firemen had to fight their way through heavy traffic to answer the calls.

St. Matthews firemen and Bellewood officials refuse to discuss the fires for publication, for fear of upsetting chances of catching the culprit.

One fireman, however, remarked that the garage fires seem to be carefully arranged to do tremendous damage to the interiors before giving off any smoke or other warning signals. When fire finally eats a hole to the outside, the whole garage goes up into flames immediately and is destroyed in a matter of minutes.

The wave of fires is the second major headache for Bellewood this year. Last summer, the city was victimized by a wave of robberies.

FIREMEN HAVE TOUGH JOB, DON'T MAKE IT TOUGHER

The St. Matthews fire truck and automobiles driven by individual volunteer firemen had a difficult time getting to the fire in Bellewood on Monday. It was the rush hour, 6 p.m., and traffic was very heavy. Luckily, the family whose garage was ablaze, had the presence of mind to go to work on the fire and get help from their neighbors.

We noticed that the firemen, whose job is tough enough, were not given much help by St. Matthews drivers. They had to force some drivers to get out of the way, and we saw two near-accidents inside of five seconds at the corner of Westport Road and Breckinridge Lane.

One of these days, your home is liable to be on fire. You'll want the firemen to get there as quickly as possible. And they'll do it, too, if your neighbors will only cooperate by pulling to the side of the road for a couple of minutes to allow the fire trucks and automobiles to get by. Sometimes one minute makes all the difference between getting a fire under control or having your home completely destroyed.

So when you hear the sirens, stop your car and make room for the firemen. Don't be responsible for the unnecessary destruction of property. Someday, it may be your own property.

December 14 & 16, 1953, Letters:

V. L. Lloyd Sr.

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December 14th 1953

Gulf Refining Co. of Delaware
Nicholas Bldg.
Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

We are enclosing herewith a statement for membership fee in The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc. based on 1/10 of one per cent of the assessed value of your property located at 3794 Lexington Rd., St. Matthews.

Due to heavy expenses incurred during the past year in building new quarters (which had to be done if we were to maintain adequate fire protection) and securing additional equipment as well as maintaining our older equipment, we feel that all property owners in this area should be active members of this association.

We therefore ask that you send in your fee so that we may be able to continue to give this area the advantage of low fire insurance rates as well as ample protection.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n
117 St. Matthews Ave.

V. L. Lloyd Sr.

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December 16th 1953

Mr. Laurence H. Barnett
4310 Lincoln Rd. St. Regis.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Barnett:-

We wish to advise that the finding of the board of The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is that we will not be able to assume responsibility for fire protection in your area at this time.

It is suggested that, inasmuch as the Igdon, Ky. fire department is approximately the same distance from you as we are they may be able to help you.

Thanking you very much for your interest in us we wish to remain,

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n
John M. Monohan Jr. Pres.

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December 11, 1953, *The Jeffersonian*: Do not know if STMFD made this run.

U. S. 60 Mishap Claims 2 Lives

A salesman, Walter Maddox, 49, of 3614 Willis Avenue, St. Matthews, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday in General Hospital of injuries suffered in a traffic mishap on Shelbyville Road near the Henry Watterson Expressway Saturday night.

Another victim of the same crash, John H. Pfeiffer, 75, a retired meat dealer, died at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday of internal injuries and a left leg fracture.

Maddox, who was employed by the Cardinal Supply Company, suffered head injuries and a left leg fracture. The driver of the car in which Maddox was riding, Virgil H. Montjoy, 38, Middletown, received an ankle fracture.

The mishap occurred when an automobile driven by Pfeiffer crossed the dividing strip and crashed headon into Montjoy's car, it was reported.

Maddox leaves a son, Walter Maddox, Jr., Simpsonville; his mother, Mrs. Sallie Maddox, Middletown; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Eades, Middletown, and Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Milan, Tenn., and three grandchildren.

The body was taken to Shelbyville for funeral and burial services Friday afternoon.

Pfeiffer, formerly in the meat business in the Second and Jefferson Street area 36 years, lived with a daughter, Mrs. Thomas A. Ballentine, Shelbyville Road near Hurstbourne Lane.

He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. John Keller and Miss Lena Pfeiffer, and three grandsons.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Pearson's Third Street Funeral Home. Interment was in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Maddox's death brought the number of 1953 traffic fatalities in Jefferson County outside Louisville to 42, compared with 48 for the corresponding period last year.

1953 Letter Head

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION



117 St. Matthews Ave.
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOC.
INCORPORATED
117 ST. MATTHEWS AVE.
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207



December 22, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:December 23, 1953, *The Courier-Journal*:

Bellewood Has 10th Fire In 5 Weeks

Side of House Is Damaged; Arson Hinted

The 10th Bellewood fire in five weeks yesterday caused an estimated \$500 damage to the side of John G. Nugent's two-story frame home at 3915 Elmwood.

Nugent said the State fire marshal's office would be asked to investigate. It has been probing the possibility of arson in the other nine fires.

Nugent and his wife were away from their house when the fire occurred at 3:15 p.m.

Says Toys Drenched

He said a bushel basket full of broken toys he had placed at the rear of the house was found burning at the side of the house under the attached carport. The toys had been drenched with gasoline or some other inflammable liquid, Nugent said.

Greater damage was averted through quick action by two men in a passing delivery truck who put out the fire with Nugent's garden hose.

Nugent said he has been keeping the garden hose attached at all times because of the recent fires.

Out When Firemen Arrived

A neighbor also spotted the fire and called the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, but it was out when firemen arrived.

The last previous fire in Bellewood, on December 7, damaged the garage of John M. Monohan, 3909 Elmwood. He is chief of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

All of the previous fires, including one at 3916 Elmwood on November 15, were to outbuildings and not to houses. They all occurred between 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Attempts Made To Fire Frankfort Avenue Home

Two attempts have been made to set fire to a two-story frame house at 2416 Frankfort Avenue, Capt. Merle Brown of the Fire Prevention Bureau said last night.

At 5:30 p.m. Brown went to the home after William Selden reported finding a bag of burning paper against the house on the front porch. Selden, who lives on the second floor, put out the fire before calling the Fire Department.

Brown said he also was called to the house at 8 a.m. Monday.

He found a small box of paper and cotton placed against the building. It had been lit with a match, but the fire went out before it could spread, Brown said.

Believed Juveniles' Work

Brown said he suspected the attempted arson was the work of juveniles.

A boy about 12 or 13 years old is believed to have set a series of fires that has terrorized the tiny city of Bellewood.

John M. Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, revealed yesterday that several neighborhood boys of that age have been questioned about the fires.

The search for the Bellewood arsonist has centered on a youth ever since a Bellewood resident hiding and watching in a garage several weeks ago caught a suspicious-acting boy of 12 or 13.

The boy got away, however, and his identity is not known, Monohan said.

Until Monday the arsonist had set fires only around garages and

sheds. On that day he made his first attempt to burn a house.

The blaze, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nugent, 3915 Elmwood, was put out by two male passers-by. The Nugents were away from home at the time.

County Police Chief Walter Layman said his men are heavily patrolling the sixth-class city. First District Capt. Douglas Littrell is in charge of the operation.

And State Fire Marshal J. T. Underwood, Jr., has assigned a deputy, Allen Hawkins of Shepherdsville, to investigate the 10 Bellewood fires.

Adless Trash Cans To Be Given A Trial

Mayor Broadus wants to try out street-corner trash cans without advertising. All cans now in use carry advertising for which the City is paid an annual fee.

Yesterday Broadus told Works Director H. T. Meiners to buy six cans for the downtown area. The only sign they will carry will be the plea, "Keep Louisville Clean."

Radio-Fire-Alarm System At St. Matthews Is Backed

Fiscal Court yesterday gave its support to an application by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for a radio-alarm system.

The department has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a permit to install the radio system, replacing its present siren alarm which summons volunteers.

Daniel Boone, County director of volunteer fire service, asked the court to write a letter to the F.C.C. saying the County has no objection to the radio system. When the letter is received the F.C.C. will issue the permit, Boone said. The court agreed to send the letter.

Says County Would Save

Boone said the St. Matthews department will buy the radio system. There will be no cost to the County, which supports the 19 volunteer fire units in Jefferson County.

The County, in fact, would save \$17.50 a month, said Boone. That sum is paid now for radio-telephone equipment used by the department. It would be replaced by the radio setup.

Boone said the new system at first would include a broadcasting unit, and receiving units on each of the department's three trucks and in the fire house. The department later would install receiving sets in the homes of all its volunteer firemen.

Boone said a change from the siren is needed because storm windows, house noises, and wind prevent some firemen from hearing the alarm.

Personal Gift Received

In another matter, the court received a personal gift of \$5,000 from A. P. Cochran, foil manufacturer, to be used for County park purposes.

A member of the Jefferson County Parks Advisory Board, Cochran thanked County Judge Boman L. Shamburger in a letter for his work toward developing the Upper River Road section into attractive parks.

Asked by a reporter later if he wished the gift to be used for any single purpose, Cochran said he is particularly interested in River Road improvement. He lives on Upper River Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has proposed to designate a 2½-mile strip of land along River Road as part of the County's park system. The site is bounded on the north by River Road; on the south by Mellwood Avenue and the right of way of the old interurban tracks along the cliffs; on the west by the City boundary, and on the east by Indian Hills Trail.

The court also received \$2,500

from Mr. and Mrs. John V. Collis, Upper River Road. It represents the final portion of their \$50,000 contribution to help establish the Carrie Gaulbert Cox Park north of River Road and west of Indian Hills Trail. In a letter they also thanked Judge Shamburger for his parks program.

In an opinion, County Attorney Lawrence G. Duncan upheld validity of Fiscal Court resolutions last May increasing salaries of magistrates and constables effective January 4. Magistrates' pay will go from \$4,000 to \$6,500 and constables' from \$2,400 to \$5,000.

Legality of the increases had been questioned by County Treasurer James E. Tierney.

The court set the Christmas-holiday period for County employees from noon today to Monday morning.

St. M Expects O.K. on Radio Fire Alarm

Federal permission for a radio alarm system to summon St. Matthews volunteer firemen is expected to be granted soon, County officials have announced.

Daniel Boone, County director of volunteer fire service, said the Federal Communications Commission has indicated it would grant the permit if the County does not object. Fiscal Court promised yesterday to write a letter approving the switch from siren to radio alarm.

Boone said the radio system would also eliminate the need of radio-telephone equipment now used by fire trucks to retain contact with headquarters.

Siren Misses Told

Plans call for supplying every fireman with a receiver. There also will be receivers on the department's three trucks and in the firehouse. Boone said the switch is being made because volunteers often don't hear the siren due to storm windows, house noises and wind.

The transmitter would be placed in the St. Matthews Cab Company office. Telephoned fire alarms are now received there. Boone said the cab firm already operates its own radio transmitter and the same operator will be able to handle the fire department's new equipment.

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Firehouse Talked For St. Regis

Boone Offers County Funds

St. Regis Park could solve its fire protection problem by building a volunteer fire department in the neighborhood with help from the County and five other communities within the three-mile around Hikes Point.

The suggestion was made to the city's trustees Tuesday by Daniel Boone, co-ordinator for the Jefferson County Volunteer Firemen.

If enough groups are interested, said Mr. Boone, he would hold a meeting within the next 10 days at Melbourne Heights School. He urged anyone interested to call his office, JA. 6137.

The St. Regis trustees said they were definitely interested. It was estimated the move would cost a thousand families \$17 each the first year, and \$5 a year for the next five years. It was also estimated the move would save homeowners \$38 a year per \$10,000 of insurance.

Mr. Boone said Fiscal Court, on a matching fund basis, would give up to \$1,000 for erection of a fire house, up to \$1,800 annually for maintenance, and up to \$1,500 for purchase of two pumps.

The Jeffersontown Volunteer Firemen would man the fire-fighting unit, he said. Quick action could have the unit in operation by July, he added.

The announcement offered the area a chance to get out of its present dilemma of being too far from either the Lyndon, St. Matthews, or Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Departments. These units will sign contracts to serve only those areas within three miles, though John Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews firemen, promised to answer calls from St. Regis.

The trustees Tuesday passed a "partial tax bill" to provide between \$2,500 and \$3,000 for operation.

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Firehouse Talked For St. Regis

(Continued from Page 1)

ating funds for 1954. Homeowners' tax bills will be pro-rated from the time the city was incorporated, August 1, until January 1. Areas later annexed will get bills pro-rated from date of annexation.

Relief of St. Regis' telephone shortage was promised by Southern Bell representative George Porter. A special cable running from the Cherokee Park area should be in service by July, he said, to serve the St. Regis area.

Meanwhile, persons already having one and two-party lines in the area could help out their neighbors by calling the phone company and offering to change to four-party lines, he said.

He said the St. Regis Park — Brown's Lane area is considered the "most booming" in the state, and had expanded much quicker than his company had anticipated.

Article from January 14,
forming fire department

St. M. Reelects Noland Mayor, Okays Taxes, Gets Ready To Go 4th Class, Promised Help Against Louisville

St. Matthews' city trustees Monday evening re-elected James Noland Mayor, agreed to try to become a fourth class city, heard its population was 5,443 plus about 1,500 annexed last week, authorized mailing of tax bills, and got a pledge of continued support in the fight against Louisville from the Annexation Protective Association.

Furthermore, Mayor Noland made it clear St. Matthews, in its recent annexation move, did not take in Windy Hills or Richlawn, as erroneously reported in a Louisville newspaper.

Mayor Noland was reelected for his third term by 4-1. His was the lone dissenting vote.

(See story this page)

Trustee E. R. Grinstead announced the city and all newly-annexed areas would receive tax bills this month. The rate is 60 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate used by the city before its five recent annexations of surrounding territories.

Bills paid in January call for a two per cent discount. Those paid after April 1 will be subject to a five per cent fine plus six per cent interest. The Board approved an ordinance, printed in today's Voice, containing these provisions.

Maxwell Brown, attorney for the city, advised the trustees to have the population of the newly-annexed territory certified and then prepare a bill for the legislature, now in session, to make St. Matthews a fourth class city. It is now officially a sixth class city.

Steve Derry, consultant for the city, conducted the census which reported the city's population as 5,443. He said a census of the area annexed last week would require about three days. This area was annexed after Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oliva, who owned property there, dropped their remonstrance suit.

The area is bounded on the

west by St. Matthews Ave., on the north roughly by Massie, and on the east by the City of Windy Hills. Its southern boundary follows the L & N railroad tracks from St. Matthews Ave. north of Richlawn to Hubbards Lane, then swings north to Westport Road and east to the boundaries of Windy Hills.

The pledge of support by the Annexation Protective Association was given by William Archer, its president. He said the organization, composed of St. Matthews businessmen, "will fight all the way" to keep Louisville from annexing the business district. "We're behind you wholeheartedly," he said, and "we want you take it all," meaning all the business district.

Louisville has an ordinance pending which seeks to annex part of the St. Matthews business district. St. Matthews last fall passed an ordinance annexing the entire business district.

"We want you to make such a fine showing that all sixth class cities will want to join," said Mr. Archer. "If you get a chance to get one, take it."

Mr. Derry reported that during his census, he was surprised at the number of residents who were against annexation by Louisville.

The appointment of J. C. Kemper, 3715 St. Germaine, and Walter Adé, Fairlawn, is part of the city's effort to effect better liaison with newly-annexed areas, said Mr. Noland. Mr. Archer is liaison man between the city and the business district, he said.

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January 14, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Monohan Takes Presidency Of Fire Fighters

John Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, was installed as president of the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., Friday evening at the St. Matthews firehouse.

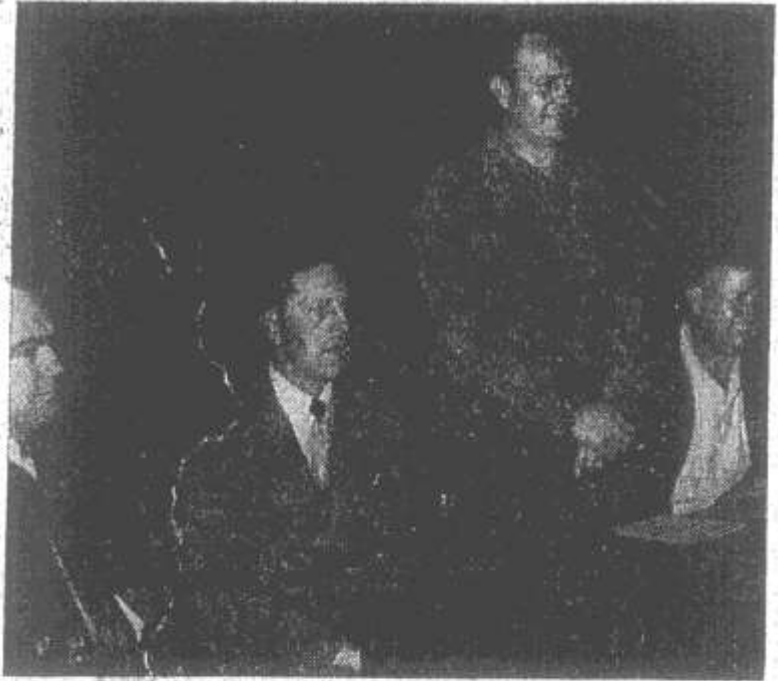
About 100 volunteer county firemen attended the meeting. The organization represents Jefferson County volunteer fire-fighting units.

Mr. Monohan noted that two units dropped out in 1953 for reasons he didn't know and he said he'd like to get them back.

"All we're getting out of our jobs is the satisfaction of knowing we're doing a good job," he said. "We have no political or religious affiliations as a group. Our membership represents all (religious and political groups). We help everyone, rich or poor, black or white."

He said the organization should give some thought as to what it wanted to do about participating in civilian defense work.

Other officers installed Friday were John Miller of the South Dixie unit, first vice president; Cal Raymond of Camp Taylor, second vice president; Ted Travelstead, Lake Dreamland, secretary-treasurer; and James Spencer, Pleasure Ridge Park, sergeant at arms.



President John Monohan addresses the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., flanked by other officers installed Friday. Left to right are Sergeant-at-arms James Spencer, First Vice President John Miller, Mr. Monohan, and Second Vice President Cal Raymond. Secretary-Treasurer Ted Travelstead is not shown.

January 17, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:

St. Matthews Fire Quickly Stopped

Fire that routed occupants from a four-apartment building at 400 Country Lane last night destroyed bedroom furniture in one apartment. Flames were confined to the bedroom.

The blaze was discovered at 7:30 p.m. in the apartment of Miss Blanche I. Clarke, a teacher at J. M. Atherton High School. John Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, said its cause was undetermined.

Two pieces of fire-fighting apparatus from the Louisville Fire Department aided the volunteers.

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January 18, 1954:

Holy Trinity Church
101 Cherrywood Road
Louisville 7, Ky.
Jan. 18, 1954

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

Dear Sirs,

Anxious to cooperate fully with your splendid efforts for our common protection, I wish to inquire how many units of our plant here are under your protection, and if not completely covered, would wish to have it clarified now. The present bill is for Holy Trinity School, the central unit of our plant. (See sketch inclosed).

We wonder if this protection extends to: a) the Church
b) the Convent

Also, what about the Rectory, an entirely separate structure; and what about the Janitor's House, also separate? And the Storage House below the rear terrace? Please let us know if all these units are included, and if not, what further contribution we are asked to make. We shall gladly cooperate.

With all best wishes, and God's protection on your personnel,

I am

Yours truly,

Rev. Chas. C. Boldrick
Rev. Chas. C. Boldrick
501 Cherrywood Road.

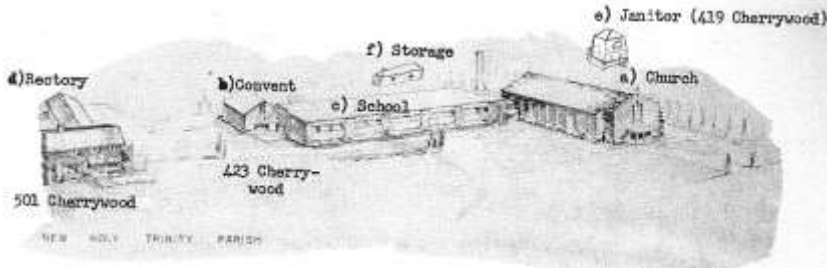
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January 18th 1954

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SHIP TO:

Dear Mr. Miller:-

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this date concerning memberships in The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. we submit herewith the following information.

Membership fees of \$8.50 for each rental unit to be paid by owners of duplexes or multiple unit apartment buildings entitle them to the protection of the St. Matthews Fire Department for the period of one year and members are never charged additional amounts regardless of the number of fire runs that may be necessary to property covered by their memberships. It is necessary that we charge non-members at the rate of \$100.00 per hour or fraction thereof for each piece of equipment used.

You, of course, are aware of the tremendous savings on fire insurance premiums due solely to the existence of and the successful operation of the association. These savings amount to many times the amount of our annual fee.

We are enclosing herewith a sample statement and as you get approval from your several clients for whom you manage property in this area you may advise us and we will mail you statements covering each one individually.

Thanking you for your interest in our behalf we are,

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Asst. Sec.

| DATE 1-18-54 | | YOUR ORDER NO. | | TERMS: Net 10 days | |
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| Complete | | | | | |

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January 19, 1954, Letter:

January 19th 1954

Rev. Charles C. Boldrick
Holy Trinity Church
501 Cherrywood Road
Louisville, 7, Ky.

Dear Rev. Boldrick:-

In regards to your letter of Jan. 18th I am herewith enclosing a new statement for \$15.00 covering all the buildings as shown in your sketch.

I hope that my error in billing you at the rate charged to residences in this area has not inconvenienced you as it was my intent to make the original statement for \$15.00 but due to sending many statements at the same time I must have inadvertently made your's for \$3.00 also.

Assuring you of our deep appreciation for your very kind wishes we are,

Yours Sincerely,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Ass't. Sec.

Taylor 8812

January 19, 1954, The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews Has 6,542

A new census shows that the City of **St. Matthews** population, including the business district and three residential areas recently annexed, is 6,542, Mayor James H. Noland said yesterday.

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January 21, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, January 21, 1954, at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors Present:

Mr. Fred Boss
Mr. George E. Miller
Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. Louis Schweitzer

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.
Mr. Joe Zehnder
Mr. W. Leland Wilson
Mr. J. P. Terry

The minutes of the last meeting, December 10, 1953, were read by Mr. Monohan.

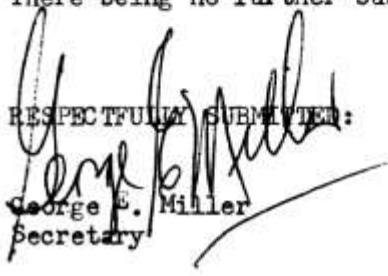
Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that minutes be approved as read; motion carried.

President Monohan had a rather lengthy discussion with the Attorney, Mr. Kammerer, relative to our present incorporation. The Directors were pleased that Mr. Kammerer thought very highly of the way our organization had been handled. However, he suggested that we wait, until after the Legislature had met, at which time he would make a complete survey of our organization to see if any changes should be made.

The Treasurer's report showed that we have a sufficient balance in the bank and inasmuch as our heavy expenses on the new radio equipment, now being installed, will not be due until April, the Board thought it advisable to make an investment of a great portion of this money; therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Boss that we buy 150 shares of \$25.00 Par 5% Preferred, at approximately 29½. Motion carried.

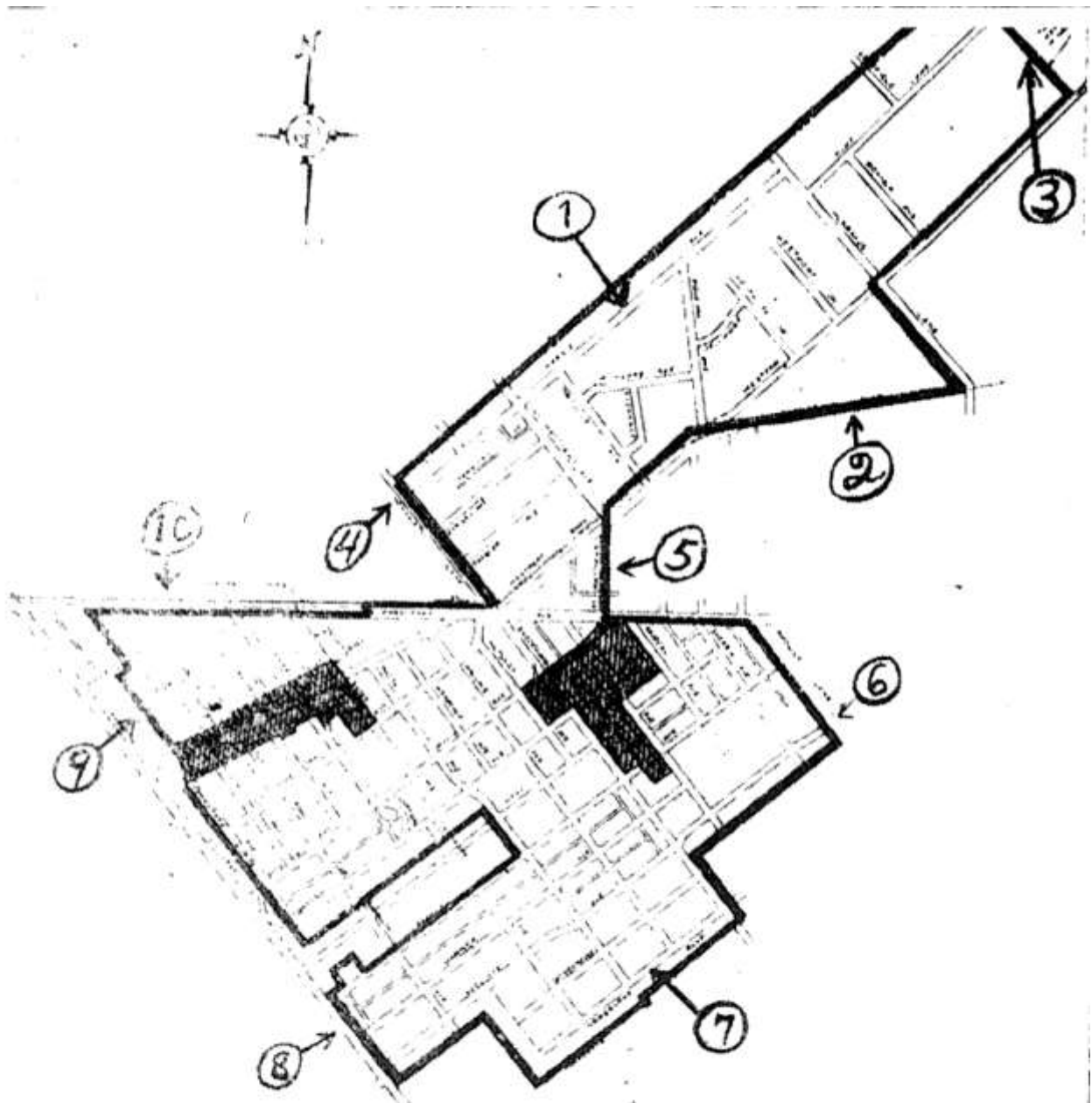
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary

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January 28, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



With the exception of the two shaded areas, all territory inside the heavy black line is now in the City of St. Matthews. Arrow No. 1, reaching just inside the line, indicates Massie Ave. No. 2 is the L & N railroad. No. 3 is the west boundary of Windy Hills. No. 4 is the east side of Chenoweth Lane. No. 5 is the west side of St. Matthews Ave., and No. 6 the west side of

Browns Lane. No. 7, just inside the boundary, points to Norbourne Blvd. No. 8 is at the east side of Cannons Lane. No. 9 points to the east side of Eline Ave., and No. 10 is at the south side of Frankfort until the small jog at the right, where the boundary line crosses to the north side of Frankfort. Annexation of two adjoining areas has not been completed.

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

By H. RICHARD SMYTHE

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

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

The red-and-chrome vehicle is powered by a 155-horsepower Ford engine, and has 10 speeds forward to allow ease in picking up speed. The truck was built by the Oren Roanoke Corporation, Roanoke, Va.

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

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

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

Has Portable Pump

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

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

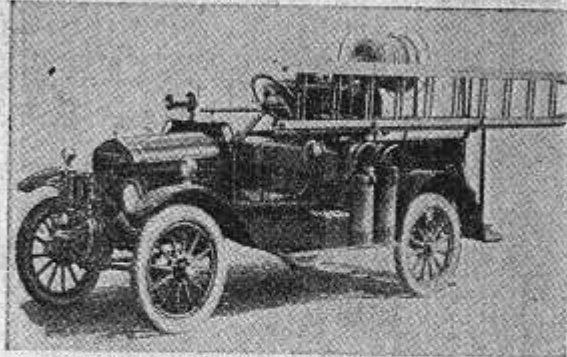
The new truck is the fifth one the department has had. When the group was first organized in 1931, a 1921 Model T Ford was bought from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. It was kept in the lakeside garage of Edward Hartlage. An old locomotive-wheel rim was used to sound the alarm.

Built Firehouse In 1939

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

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

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



THIS LAKE DREAMLAND FIRST FIRE TRUCK ...



Courier-Journal Photo

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

proving by adding larger chemical tanks and other new equipment.

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

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

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

Protect 2,000 Homes

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

arms, Emil Febber; official photographer, Mrs. Etta Charbonneau, and the board of directors, Teddy Travelstead, Ray Darnell, Robert Hartlage, Sr., and Chesser.

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

The department, which made 99 runs last year, has had only one casualty, a driver killed when the Chevrolet turned over in 1950.

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

2-7-54

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February 10, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, February 10, 1954, at 7:30 P. M.

Directors present were

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. Joe Zehnder | |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. |
| Mr. W. Leland Wilson | Mr. Marty Kamer |
| Mr. George E. Miller | Mr. J. P. Terry |

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Monohan.

The minutes of the last meeting, January 21, 1954, were read by Mr. Monohan.

Minutes of the last meeting failed to show that we directors voted to buy Louisville Gas & Electric Co. 5% Preferred Stock, at approximately \$29.50 a share, for 150 shares.

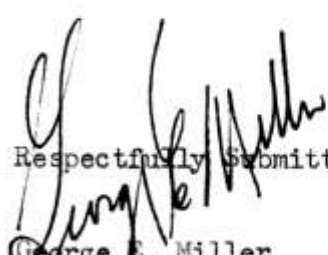
Mr. Monohan reported that he had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Kammerer, the attorney, before our meeting, instead of at the meeting, as the minutes read.

After corrections were made in the minutes of the last meeting, motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that minutes be approved as read.

Motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer that we revise the fee on tenants in apartment houses, by reducing it from \$3.00 per apartment to \$1.50 per apartment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:


George E. Miller
Secretary

(No copy of this sent to firehouse)



WHITE LINES MARK ROLLING FIELDS SUBDIVISION WHICH LOUISVILLE PROPOSES TO ANNEX

Courier-Journal Aerial Photo by Betty Davis

Rolling Fields Would Pay In More Tax Than Urban St. Matthews

Annexation of Rolling Fields would add more to Louisville's tax revenue than the St. Matthews business district, which the City also is trying to take in.

So said County Tax Commissioner George Trager yesterday after a comparison of assessments of the two areas. The comparison was prompted by Louisville's surprise proposal Tuesday to annex Rolling Fields.

According to Trager, land, houses, and apartments in the 172-acre unincorporated Rolling Fields subdivision have a total assessed valuation of \$2,622,440. Land and buildings in the St. Matthews business district, an area of about one square mile, are assessed at \$2,437,440.

Would Bring In \$2,475 More

Based on these assessments, Louisville would pick up \$20,338 in real-estate taxes from Rolling Fields and \$26,855 from the St. Matthews business district.

"Rolling Fields is one of the fastest-growing

areas in Jefferson County," Trager said. "Thirty-one homes were built there in 1953, adding \$732,900 to the total assessed valuation of the area."

Appraisals made by Trager's staff on the new houses ranged from \$17,900 to \$32,600. The average was \$24,000. The appraisals are based on 1949 construction costs, and are used in making assessments. The assessments generally are about half the appraisal figures, Trager explained.

Many Want Guarantee of Services

Property owners in Rolling Fields now pay a tax of 50 cents to the County and 5 cents to the State on each \$100 assessed valuation of property. If they were annexed, they would pay an additional \$1.50 to the City. Their \$2 school tax would remain the same.

Newspaper polls showed many of the residents of Rolling Fields were not opposed to annexation if assured essential City services for their tax money.

The subdivision is located north of Brownstone

Road between Swing Lane and the Indian Hills subdivision. It is the home of many persons prominent in Louisville affairs.

At City Hall, Mayor Broadbush said he was pleased with the reaction of the residents of Rolling Fields. The Mayor lives a short distance to the west of the area, at 2345 Brownstone Road.

As for the demand for City services, Broadbush commented:

"I am not going to annex them unless we can provide the usual City services."

If annexed, he said, Rolling Fields would get police and fire protection immediately and free garbage collection within the first few days.

Street lighting, traffic, and street-name signs would follow just as soon as the Traffic Engineering Department could arrange for such service. The Works Department also would provide street-sweeping and patching services from the start, he added.

Rolling Fields residents now have County po-

lice protection, and depend on the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection. Garbage is handled through private contract and sewage by septic tanks. There are no street lights in the area.

Sewer Would Cost \$500,000

Many residents were most interested in when they would get sewer service. Broadbush commented, "That would be up to the Metropolitan Sewer District, but I will look into the matter."

Morris Forman, M.S.D.'s chief engineer, said sewers for the Rolling Fields area were included in the agency's long-range plans, but not in its current 10-year program.

However, he added, M.S.D.'s financial structure is expected to be revised soon "and that may bring revision of our construction program."

To extend service to Rolling Fields would require construction of a big, 24-inch-long interceptor sewer in Hillwood Avenue. Forman estimated it would cost about \$500,000.

House Votes To Change Status Of St. Matthews

The Courier-Journal Frankfort Bureau

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 10—The House of Representatives voted 77 to 0 today to make St. Matthews a fourth-class city.

The measure passed the Senate by a broad margin last week.

Bills to change St. Matthews from sixth to fourth class were introduced jointly in the General Assembly by Senator Arthur Grafton, Louisville Democrat, and Henry Heyburn, Louisville Republican.

However, it was Grafton's bill that passed the House today. Heyburn's measure, also up for a vote, was sent back to committee, where it will die.

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February 11, 1954, Letter:

V. L. Lloyd Sr.
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Gilbert Mueller Formal Opening Is This Weekend

Gilbert Mueller Sales and Service will have its formal grand opening Friday and Saturday at its new location and under its co-owner and manager, John Sims.

Mr. Sims announced four nylon tires will be given away. He valued them at \$192.48. No purchase is necessary to register.

The business' old location, 4037 Frankfort Ave., will become a body shop for Thurston Cooke Ford. The new place, 3790 Lexington Road, with 7,500 square feet of space, is nearly twice as large.

It will feature Goodyear tire sales and service, and will specialize in front end alignment, wheel balance, and rebuilding. It will have complete brake service, generator service, starter service, and motor tune up.

The business was started by Gilbert Mueller in 1944 at 3330 Frankfort Ave. It moved to its present location in 1949. That's when John Sims became co-owner.

Mr. Sims, 36, of 4034 Brookfield, has lived in St. Matthews six years. He was born in Springfield, Ky., and went to high school there. He attended the University of Kentucky 2½ years, leaving there in 1939. He worked in California one year, then moved to Covington where he worked for Sears. During the war, he was with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Cincinnati.

After the war, he worked for the B. F. Goodrich Company in Cincinnati. He came to Louisville in 1947 as credit and operating manager for Goodrich.

He belongs to the St. Matthews Lions Club and the River Road Country Club. He attends Holy Trinity Church. His wife is the former Glen Edwards of Covington. He has two children, Suzanne 13, and Beth, 4.

February 11th 1954

Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment Co. Inc.
647-9 Virginia Ave
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of your statement in the amount of \$206.48 for an invoice dated Oct. 15th 1953.

Will you kindly send us a copy of this invoice as we have no record of a purchase on that date in the amount stated.

Upon receipt of same, if it is in order, we will O. K. the amount for immediate payment.

Thank you,

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
John M. Monahan, Jr. Pres.

Beechwood Baptist Will Start Building

Building will start on the first unit of the Beechwood Baptist Church immediately. Rev. James Sawyer, pastor, announced Sunday. It will cost about \$150,000.

The contract has been awarded to R. F. Niemeier, contractor. Rev. Sawyer announced. The church will be finished in six or eight months, he said.

The two-story church and educational plant will go up in Beechwood Village on a lot of approximately two acres at the corner of Baltimore and Cordova Roads.

The lot, costing \$22,000, was donated by the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, assisted by the St. Matthews Baptist Church, the Long Run Baptist Association, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky.

The chapel will accommodate 500 people, and the educational building will take care of 225. The church now has a membership of 237.

Members have raised about \$20,000 for a building fund and Crescent Hill Baptist Church is giving another \$30,000.

The building will be a Colonial-type brick, with the chapel design similar to that at the Baptist Seminary. Harlan Newkirk is the architect.

Second and third units to the church are also planned for the future, according to Dr. Sawyer.

The church now meets each Sunday at Stivers School. It was started in November, 1932, as an extension of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church. Last December, it became an independent church.

Earl Thomas Is Moving His Shop

Earl Thomas is moving his sign company to 125 St. Matthews Avenue. He expects to be in his new place by March 1.

He has been located at 104 Meridian for six years, and has been in business in St. Matthews for eight years. The new place has more room and parking facilities in the rear, he said.

He said he has two helpers now and needs more, but they're hard to get. He started in the sign business in 1912, as a shop boy for the old Tom Cusick Company. The firm was bought by General Outdoor Advertising and he was plant superintendent, working in Louisville, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and other cities.

February 18, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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February 18, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:

Loans to County Fire Units Backed

Jefferson County can lend money to volunteer fire departments of the county without charging interest, County Judge George S. Wetherby was told yesterday.

County Attorney Lawrence G. Duncan said he believes the plan, suggested by Judge Wetherby, is legal. Duncan and R. Davis McAfee, adviser for the volunteer fire units, were asked for a ruling on validity of the loans which would provide funds for the purchase of fire equipment.

Fiscal Court will be asked to approve the plan at its next meeting. Wetherby hopes \$10,000 to \$15,000 can be allotted to the loan fund from the budget of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

February 25, 1954

FCC Form 753-3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
RESTRICTED RADIOTELEPHONE OPERATOR PERMIT

This Permit, when countersigned by the permittee, authorizes

JOHN BAILEY ROSS
to operate licensed radiotelephone stations for which this Permit is valid under Rules and Regulations of the Commission and for the lifetime of the holder subject to suspension pursuant to the provisions of Section 303(m)(1) of the Communications Act and the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Mary Jane Brown
Secretary

RP- **18B2449**
Declaration

CHICAGO, ILL.
Place of Issuance

FEB 25 1954
Date of Issuance

W. D. Hayes
Issuing Officer

John Bailey Ross
Signature of Permittee

February 23, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

March 1, 1954, Letter:

GRAND OPENING
THURS.-FRI.-SAT.—3 BIG DAYS—FEB-25-26-27

Doug Walter's Service Station
4214 Shelbyville Rd., Just East of Hubbard's Ln., St. Matthews

FREE
4 Lbs. of Sugar
Milk, Fresh or 10
Cans of Condensed

FREE GREASE JOB
Wash Oil & Filter Change
During Grand Opening

FREE BALLOONS AND CANDY
To The Children

Prizes
• 1 Set of Tools (to \$25.00)
• Auto-Lite Battery
• Free-Up Washer
• 18 Lubrication Jobs

Come in and register for these gifts. They are not open to the general public.

Drawing for Gifts
7 P.M.—SAT.
FEBRUARY 27, 1954
PHOTO BY KIM

FEATURING
• Sinclair Power-X with RD119 (anti-rust)
• Extra Duty Motor Oil ... 100,000 Mile Guarantee
• Opaline Motor Oil
• Prestone Anti-Freeze
• Goodyear Tires & Auto-Lite Batteries

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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MRS. DORIS SIMPSON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
4300 NORBONNE BLVD.
TAYLOR 6027

P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
March 1, 1954

Kentucky Inspection Bureau
Starks Building
Louisville, Ky.
Attention Mr. Clausen

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of map of the Circle Hill area. This area is not now located within the boundaries of the the St. Matthews Fire Dept. protection area. The St. Matthews Fire Dept. is desirous of adding this area, as outlined in red, to its protected area if it meets with your approval.

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

Yours very truly

March 11, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Magazine Names Terry's Texaco 'Successful'

J. P. Terry operates one of the most successful service stations in the country, according to "Texaco Dealer" magazine.

The magazine last month sent a reporter and photographer to Terry's Texaco at 3800 Lexington Road to interview Mr. Terry about his operations.

The magazine's circulation is 40,000. Reporter Richard Hudson said he and photographer John Keller were touring the country, interviewing successful station owners. "We want to find out why they're successful and pass the information along through the magazine to guide other stations in improving their service," he said.

The average station sells about 12,000 to 15,000 gallons of gasoline a month, he said, while Terry's average is 44,000, the highest of all Texaco dealers in this district.

Mr. Terry, who lives on Ridgeway Avenue, is a captain and member of the board of directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.



Interviewing J. P. Terry, left, are Richard Hudson, right, and John Keller, photographer, from "Texaco Dealer" magazine.

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March 11, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, March 11, 1954, at 7:30 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan.

Directors present were

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

Minutes of the last meeting, February 10, 1954, were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson that minutes be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that we authorize the installation of a fire hydrant in front of the fire house, at a cost of between \$550.00 and \$600.00.

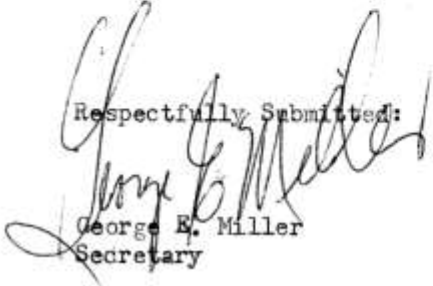
The entire meeting was taken up in discussion on the future, as to the possibility of annexation and what we would do in the event that St. Matthews property is annexed.

Mr. Monohan reported that Circle Hill subdivision had their rates lowered by the Bureau and that everyone is happy that they are now members of the Association.

We also viewed the Motorola Radio equipment and, by coincidence, were able to see it in operation because of a call for assistance from the Jefferson-town Fire Dept. We sent one unit and called in other firemen to stand by, in case more equipment was needed. Several of the directors remained and had an opportunity to see the value of the radio equipment, as Mr. Monohan communicated back and forth with the firehouse after they got to the scene of the fire.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:


George E. Miller
Secretary

March 11, 1954: The new radio equipment was installed on the fire apparatus. Many fire monitors were installed, we made our first fire run with radios, started the truck numbering system and bought a fire hydrant for the front of the station.

March 12, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:



Courier-Journal Photo

JEFFERSONTOWN AND ST. MATTHEWS FIREMEN FIGHT WAREHOUSE BLAZE

Fire Destroys Shop, Heavy Equipment

A swift-spreading fire swept through a large L-shaped warehouse-shop off Lowe Road last night, destroying the building and several pieces of contractors' equipment.

X. F. Singler, independent contractor and owner of the equipment, estimated the total loss at \$20,000. He said the warehouse, owned by his father, and the equipment together were insured for about \$7,000.

Destroyed in the blaze were four 2-ton dump trucks, three ½-ton pickup trucks, a tractor-trailer, chain saw, asphalt roller, compressor, oiler, and distributor. Two dump trucks and one pickup truck were new, Singler said.

Singler, whose home is about 1,000 feet from the

building, said he heard an explosion about 8:20 p.m. and saw flames spreading rapidly.

Many residents in the area also reported hearing the explosion.

Dynamite and tanks of gas were stored in the building, Singler said.

Two pieces of equipment from the Jefferson-town Volunteer Fire Department and one from St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department answered the call.

Singler's father, H. C. Singler, said a neighbor reported seeing a truck pull in and out of the area shortly before the fire occurred.

Joseph Jones, chief of the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department, said the State fire marshal's office would be asked to investigate.

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March 16, 1954, Letter:

March 16th 1954.

Mr. A. J. Eline Jr.
702 Circle Hill Rd.
Louisville, 7, Ky.

Dear Mr. Eline;-

We are pleased to advise you that inasmuch as your area is now under the protection of The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n, your fire insurance rate has been reduced from \$0.62 per \$100.00 to \$0.24.

This reduction went into effect on March 5th 1954 and in case your agent has not so notified you it would be advisable to call him as you are entitled to a refund from that date.

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc
John M. Monohan Jr., Pres.

March 18, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matth*

St. M. Fire Department Gets Radios

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department went "on the air" last week.

The Department installed sending and receiving radio sets in the firehouse on St. Matthews Avenue, on its three fire trucks, and at Belmont Cab which receives calls for the fire department, and gives alarms.

Eventually, the Department hopes to put sets in the homes and automobiles of each fireman, 39 in all.

The sets installed last week cost \$4,000. Full equipment for all firemen will cost an estimated additional \$23,000.

"We now have the basic equipment," said fire chief John Monohan. "We can add one more piece at a time." He said all costs would be paid by the Department, without any outside assistance.

The radios would improve fire service, he said, because they will allow quick communication from truck to truck and from truck to fire station. In the past, the fireman had to rely on sirens.

The Department's money is raised by charging individual subscribers \$3 per year for fire



St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan demonstrates the two-way radio sets now installed in the local fire company's engines.

protection. Homes north of erty assessments. Non-subscribers are charged a minimum of Highway 42 pay \$5 per year. The charge in the business district is \$50 per hour per piece of equipment based on State and County prop- ment used.

The department started numbering the fire apparatus:

- S1 1947 Seagrave 750 GPM pumper
- S2 1931 Seagrave 500 GPM pumper (Betsy)
- S3 1941 Ford-Seagrave 500 GPM pumper
- S4 1954 Seagrave 750 GPM quad

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March 23, 1954, Letter:

Box 440 Upper River Road
Louisville, Kentucky
March 23, 1954

St. Matthews
Volunteer Fire Department
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

We wish to thank you for "coming to the rescue" and for your cooperation when we had our fire last month. We are enclosing a check for fifty dollars (\$50) and only wish it could be more, however, we feel that we should remember the Harrod's Creek group also.

Most sincerely yours,

Eugenia F. Bean

Eugenia F. Bean

April 1, 1954: *The Voice*

Richard Wheeler Named Optimists' First President

Richard Wheeler was elected the first president of the St. Matthews Optimists Club last week at Wildwood Country Club.

Mr. Wheeler, 33, is manager of Canary Cottage in St. Matthews. He has been a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for nearly three years. He belongs to the Louisville Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Before the war, he was a member of the Optimist Club in Lexington. He was born in Winchester, Ky., and has lived most of his life in Lexington.

Other officers elected were J. I. Goldstein and C. Richard Hatton, vice presidents; Charles R. Hatton, treasurer; and John Boner, Ray Army, Dr. James L. Hulson, John O'Leary, Dr. Earl E. Simonon, and John Masters, directors.

The president appointed Harry R. Grimes secretary, and George Niehaus, sergeant-at-arms.

The new club, sponsored by the Downtown and East End Optimists Clubs, submitted a charter membership list to William G. Collins, field representative of Optimists International. He will present it to the International Headquarters in St. Louis.

The International president, Dr. Walter A. Reiling, will formally present a charter to the club on April 27 at the Seelbach Hotel.

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The club adopted by-laws last week and agreed to meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Meetings for the time being will be held at Wildwood.

There are 850 clubs and about 55,000 members in Optimists Clubs throughout the world. Last year, these clubs worked with an estimated 600,000 boys.



—Photo by Jim Miller

Officers for the newly-formed St. Matthews Optimists Club are, seated, J. I. Goldstein, vice president; R. M. Wheeler, Jr., president; Richard Hatton, vice president; and Harry R. Grimes, secretary; and standing, Dr. James L. Hulson, John Boner, and Dr. Earl E. Simonon, directors; Charles R. Hatton, treasurer; John O'Leary, director; and George Niehaus, sergeant-at-arms. Other directors named were Raymond C. Army and John Masters.

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April 8, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan.

Directors present were

Mr. Joe Zehnder
Mr. J. P. Terry
Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. W. Leland Wilson

Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. George E. Miller
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Minutes of the last meeting, March 11, 1954, were read by the President, Mr. Monohan.

Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Kamer that minutes be accepted as read.

The entire meeting was taken up in discussing and analyzing the report of the Assistant Secretary, as to his accomplishments during the past year. He will have been with us a year on May 1.

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Zehnder, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

April 8, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Waggener Construction Reaches Half Way Mark

Work on the new, \$1 million Mayme Waggener Junior High School on Hubbards Lane reached the midway point this week, as construction crews put the finishing touches on the steel framework and the roof, and the brick and grey stone walls began to go up.

The contract stipulates that construction must be finished by the time school opens next September.

The school will open with 800 seventh, eighth and ninth graders. By the time it becomes a full-fledged senior high school (in three or four years) it will have about 1,500 students.

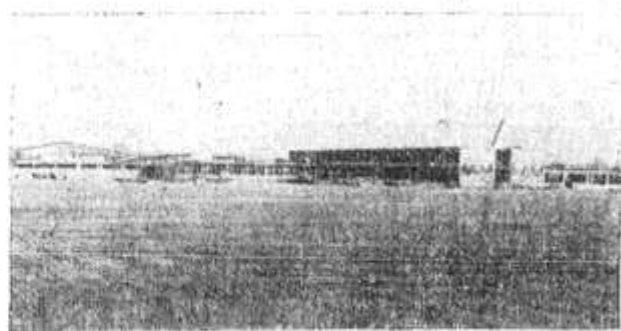
The school is being built on the same order as Eastern High School in Middletown, with one big exception. It will have a large gymnasium, which will eventually seat 2,000 persons. It will be big enough for all Wag-

gener home basketball games. Eastern High has no gym at all, and probably won't for several years.

The giant Waggener School will ease the overcrowding at Greathouse and Stivers Schools in St. Matthews and at Eastern High. Another grade school planned by the County Board of Education on Brownsboro Road will also help relieve overcrowding.

John Lowe, assistant principal at Eastern, will be Waggener's first principal. Mrs. Alice Dawson, Fern Creek High science teacher, will be dean of girls. Earl Duncan, Eastern cage coach, will be dean of boys.

The Waggener School, it is generally considered, will be the County's finest school to date. Besides a gym, it will contain a music building and rehearsal hall, and a shop room.



A worm's eye view of the new Waggener School under construction. The roof is up and so is all the steel. Now the brick and stone walls are going up. At left is the north wing, all class rooms. The large dome in the center is the roof of the gym. At right will be the home economics rooms and the administrative offices.

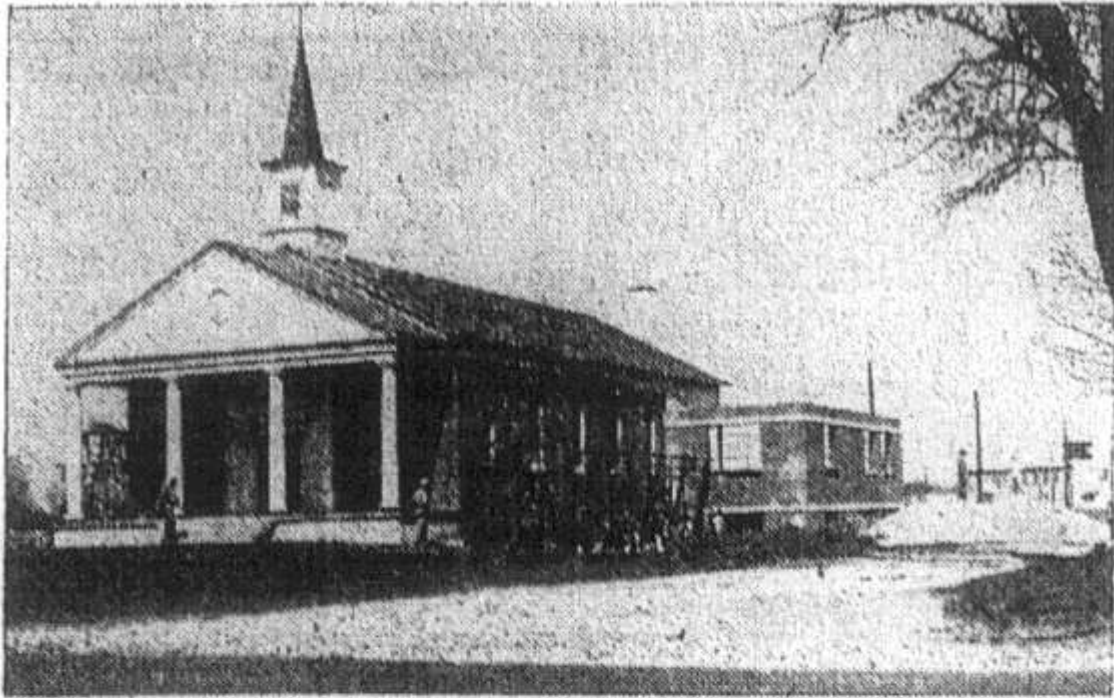
April 16, 1954: S1 involved in accident at U.S. 60 and St. Matthews Avenue. 8:00 a.m. A Lima Foster failed to give right of way to emergency vehicle (S1) driven by Joseph Kemp. Left front fender was damaged on S1 and the engine was drivable. A Isabelle Wetzelberger injured her right arm in the accident and Firefighter Mel Zehnder was a witness to the accident.

| SHERIFF COUNTY POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT | | | | R. 1899 | |
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| <p>2. MR SEABERG Sta. PAINE TRUCKS SOUTH Driver's Record Speed 5 M. P. H.</p> <p>Owner S.T. MATTHEWS VINEYARD DART INC S.T. MATTHEWS</p> <p>Driver JOS. KEMP Address 120 SERRAIN Phone _____</p> <p>Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Driver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> License No. 98147 Sex M Driving Age 15 White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Place of this vehicle damaged LEFT FRONT FENDER</p> <p>Car towed to DRIVABLE By _____ Estimate _____</p> | | | | | |

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April 22, 1954 Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:



Even on Saturdays the work continues on St. Matthews Methodist Church. At the right rear, walls for the addition are going up.

Easter Finds Methodists Building

As the Easter season is upon us, workmen are still busy on the renovations and additions to St. Matthews Methodist Church on Browns Lane.

At the back of the church, walls are going up for the complete nursery, church office, and three Sunday School rooms. This is the first unit of a projected three-unit building program, the total cost of which will be about \$270,000.

The first unit and the complete remodelling of the present church structure will cost about \$45,000.

The crews are also working on the first part of the second unit. This will give the church 12 additional Sunday School rooms. It is expected to be finished in August and will cost \$53,000. The second part of this unit will give the church more educational room and will cost an estimated additional \$47,000.

With all this out of the way, the

church will start building unit three, a new sanctuary, at a cost of about \$125,000.

The modest but attractive church sits across the road from the entrance to Norbourne Estates, loveliest of St. Matthews' sixth class cities. It typifies the strenuous building programs being planned or conducted by many of the churches in St. Matthews. These include Bethel Evangelical and Reformed, St. Matthews Baptist, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian, Beechwood Baptist, Holy Spirit Catholic, Broadway Baptist and St. Matthews Episcopal Churches.

By the time next Easter arrives, St. Matthews Methodist Church will have more elbow room for its growing congregation to worship in and to educate children and adults in the tenets of the church's faith.

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April 22, 1954 Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Steiden-Taylor Shop Center To Hold Opening April 27

Steiden's Super Market and Taylor Drugs will hold a joint formal grand opening of their new stores at the northwest corner of Brownsboro Road and Chenoweth Lane on April 27.

The two-store, \$200,000 shopping center, has parking for 130 cars. The Taylor store, which actually opened for business April 15, is the first complete self-service drug store in Kentucky.

It is the Taylor firm's second drug store in the St. Matthews area. The other is in the Frankfort Avenue - Lexington Road triangle. A third is planned for the Marshall Shopping Center, due to be built this year on the south side of Shelbyville Road, west of the Inner Belt Highway.

A fourth is reported being planned by the firm.

The Steiden's store opened this week. It will be manned by employees who worked at Steiden's St. Matthews store, 3816 Frankfort Avenue, which was closed Saturday night. Store manager will be Silas E. Dailey, former manager of the firm's branch at Bardstown Road and Lancashire. P. J. Woods, who managed the St. Matthews store, has been transferred to Steiden's Shelbyville store.

Tine Davis, president of Steiden's, said the Frankfort Avenue store was closed because of "the traffic situation." With left turns eliminated along Frankfort Avenue, customers couldn't get in and out of the

parking lot, he said.

He said Leonard Bramer would be in charge of the meat market, and Leonard Self, the produce department. Mr. Bramer was formerly market manager at the Bardstown Road store. The store will be under the supervision of Elbert Doyle.

James Sims will be store manager for Taylor's. Mr. Sims since July, 1951, has been assistant manager at Taylor's No. 8 store, Bardstown Road and Douglass. Registration for prizes will be held on April 27. Taylor's is giving away a room air conditioned and two bicycles. Steiden's is giving away a refrigerator, and 28 bags of groceries, each worth \$10.

Tony Marnares of Oklahoma City owns the shopping center.

HOME BUILDERS
and **HOME MAKER**



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April 26, 1954: The department was in a parade with Engine 3 with Dick Wheeler in charge at Lake Dreamland Fire Department on Cane Run Road.

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May 8, 1954, Letter:

V. L. Lloyd, Sr.
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May 8th 1954.

U. S. Fid. & Guar. Co.
1000 Starke Bldg
Louisville, 2, Ky.

Att'n Mr. Frank Stewart-

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith a statement from A. L. Hansen Paint and Metal Shop covering cost of repairs to our Seagraves fire truck involved in an accident with your client Lima Foster of 1814 Edgeland Ave. This statement covers the entire cost of repairs to damages sustained by us on April 16th 1954 in abovementioned accident.

Thanking you for your early consideration of this claim we are,

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc
John M. Monohan, Jr. Pres.

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Courtesy, <http://www.hansenpaintmetal.com/>

A.L. Hansen Paint & Metal Shop, Inc.

Established 1908 by A. L. (Ollie) Hansen



At the turn of the century, Mr. Hansen was painting houses, picket fences, buggies and whatever else needed painting. The automotive industries started rolling, in which Mr. Hansen had foreseen the consumer's need for automotive care. He established his company in 1908; located in St. Matthews, Kentucky, where it became a complete success. An employee, James (Jim) Brangers (STMFD firefighter) , and William F. Datwyler purchased the company from Mr. Hansen upon his retirement in 1955. Mr. Hansen sold the property in St. Matthews to Bacon's Department store; then, in 1956, Mr. Brangers and Mr. Datwyler purchased property at 2620 West Chestnut St in Downtown Louisville and relocated the business where it resides today. In 1977, Mr. Brangers and Mr Datwyler retired. They sold the business to Mr. Brangers' son, James (Jim) J. Brangers Sr. He operates the business with the help of his wife Marcella; daughter, Wanda; son, Joe, and a fine group of fine professional men. In 1998, the property next door was purchased for office use.

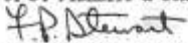

At Hansen's we repair all types of body damage. We have the facilities to repair and paint any type of vehicle, from the smallest automobiles to the largest trucks. We major in commercial vehicles and we have the technicians it takes to turn out quality workmanship.

A. L. Hansen Paint and Metal Shop, Inc.
2612 West Chestnut St
Louisville, KY 40211
Phone: 502.774.2947
Fax: 502.774.8952
Open 7:30 am-4:30 pm M-F

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May 10 & 12, 1954, Letters:

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| <p>St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept., 119 St. Matthews Avenue St. Matthews, Kentucky</p> <p>RE: 34 APD 25,758 Lima E. Foster, - St. Matthews Fire Dept.,</p> <p>Gentlemen:</p> <p>Enclosed please find our draft payable to your order in the sum of \$45.00. This is in settlement of your claim against our insured, Lima E. Foster, as a result of your accident on April 17, 1954.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Very truly yours, U. S. FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO.,  F. P. Stewart, Adjuster, Claim Department.</p> <p>FPS:jl Encl., cc: Miller & Scholts, Agency Louisville, Kentucky</p> | <p>Mr. John McManis Chief of the St. Matthews Fire Department St. Matthews, Kentucky</p> <p>Dear John:</p> <p>Some time ago I sent you a plat of Ridgewood Subdivision located on the north end of Jarvis Lane, just west of Mockingbird Valley.</p> <p>I was wondering whether or not your fire department had come to any definite conclusion regarding the fire protection for this area, and I would appreciate very much hearing from you definitely one way or the other.</p> <p>I assure you that either myself or the residents of this neighborhood would be glad to make whatever sort of deal that would be necessary in order to work out protection by your department in this area.</p> <p>With kindest regards, I am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sincerely yours,  Paul F. Kennedy, Jr.</p> <p>FPS, Jr./MB</p> |
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May 13, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, May 13, 1954, at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan.

Directors present were

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

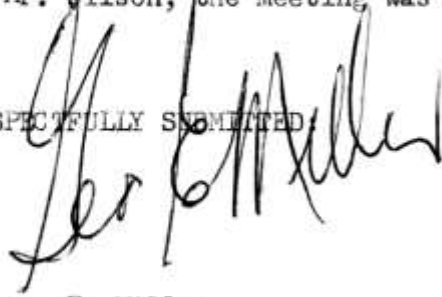
Minutes of the last meeting of April 8, 1954 were read by Mr. Monohan. A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that minutes be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that the Treasurer purchase \$2,000.00 worth of Kentucky Utilities Preferred $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ stock and \$2,000.00 worth of Pennsylvania Railroad Co. First Mortgage bonds, $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ of 1981 @ approximately 92 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Most of the meeting was taken up in discussion of the arrangement to be made with the city of St. Matthews, as to the amount they will pay us, yearly, to give the newly incorporated city the proper protection. The President, Mr. Monohan, was instructed to carry on negotiations and submit a report to the Board of Trustees, after he and their committee have reached an agreement, before we decide to accept same. It looks as though we will be as well off if not better, by placing a set per one-hundred charge of the taxation.

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Wilson, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


George E. Miller
Secretary

1954

May 17, 1954:

License

FCC Form 150
June 1953

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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St. Matthews Ky.
KIN-890
Public Safety

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| CALL SIGN | NAME OF LICENSEE | ARRANGE EXCHANGE LICENSES | COOPERATION |
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5. If the communications of your station have been interrupted by other stations, in such an extent that the radio-communication system cannot serve its intended purpose, describe the conditions so fully as possible by placing check marks in the proper boxes below:

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| 3. STATION IN ADJACENT FREQUENCY | |
| 4. NAME OF THE AREA, CITY, STATE | |

6. What is the usual distance over which satisfactory two-way communication is required on a day-to-day basis? 10 miles.

7. What is the maximum distance which your base station is able to communicate with the mobile units associated with your system? 20 miles.

8. Total number of members, including those in reserve, of your organization: 25

9. Of this number, how many are "license-holders" as defined in Part 97.1 of the FCC rules? 25

10. Do you have your own frequency monitoring system? Yes ☐ No ☒

11. Do you have your own monitoring equipment? Yes ☐ No ☒

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May 17 & 19, 1954, Letters:

May 19th 1954

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept

To whom it may concern. We did not get our bill until one week ago and we always pay our bills. We will send you a check for \$5 a week until the bill is paid.

Sincerely

Mrs. Mrs. Thomas E. Powell

3820 Staebler Ave.

V. L. Lloyd, Jr.

May 17th 1954

Mr. Thomas E. Powell
5030 Staebler Ave
Louisville, V. Ky.

Dear Mr. Powell:-

On April 30th 1954 at 11.10 A. M. we made a fire run to your residence in answer to a call.

It is the policy of this volunteer fire department to make a charge of up to \$100.00 per hour for each piece of equipment used in answering alarms of fire to the property of non-members. This charge is only fair to the members who are supporting this department through their paid memberships. You were billed numerous times for your membership fee of \$3.00 in the past year along with letters explaining our association. Since you saw fit not to become a participating member and subsequently had to call us you are legally bound to pay whatever charge we wish to make. In your case the Board of Directors have set this amount at \$50.00.

Several weeks ago we billed you for this amount but to date have heard nothing from you. We must now insist that you remit this amount within the next ten days or we will be forced to turn it over to our attorney for collection.

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
John M. Monahan, Jr. Pres.

1954

May 21 & 22, 1954:

Mail to: Mr. Fred C. Boss
London, Kentucky.

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May 21, 1954

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association,
Fred C. Boss, Treas.,
117 St. Matthews Ave.,
St. Matthews, Ky.

May 21, 1954

☐ As your broker, we have this day _____ for your account and risk:
☒ As broker for the seller we confirm sale you of:
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St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
117 St. Matthews Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for the prompt and efficient handling of the fire that occurred in my home on Thursday morning May 17th. A few more minutes and it could have been a very disastrous fire. The careful manner in which you cleaned up the room was certainly appreciated.

Thanks again and I will always be a booster for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Yours very truly,

L C Moore
L. C. Moore
4108 Bellridge Drive
St. Matthews, Ky.

V. L. Lloyd, Sr.
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May 22nd 1954

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Powell
3830 Staebler Ave
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Powell:-

We are in receipt of your letter of May 19th in which you state that you wish to pay us \$5.00 per week on your account of \$50.00 covering a fire run to your house at 3830 Staebler Ave.

This arrangement will be satisfactory to us as we know ~~how~~ what a hardship a fire can cause to people. We will expect your second payment on or before May 26th 1954 which is one week from the date of your first payment.

We, of course, still welcome you as a member and upon receipt of \$3.00 membership fee we will put your house under immediate protection and in the event of future fires there will be no additional charge. This fee is payable once a year.

Thank you for your co-operation we are,

Yours Very Truly,

Tel. Pa. 8812

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
117 St. Matthews Ave

*June 2nd -
St. Matthews Fire Dept
we have sold our home but will
advise new owners to first remove
with you
Thank you
Mrs Thomas E. Powell*

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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
Incorporated
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

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Mr. Thomas H. Powell
3830 Staebler Ave
Louisville, Ky.

Please detach and return this stub with your subscription. Amount Paid.

FULL AMOUNT DEDUCTIBLE FROM INCOME TAX

For fire run to 3830 Staebler Ave on April 30, 1954 at 11.10 A. M. \$50.00

So that we may properly receive the protection of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, we have it recorded, on our subscription form, subscription for the coming year, beginning May 1, 1954.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation in the past and to advise that your subscription may be paid in any of these convenient locations:

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GARDNER GREENMAN BANK CO., 100 Franklin Ave.
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1954

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| Mr. Joe Zehnder | |

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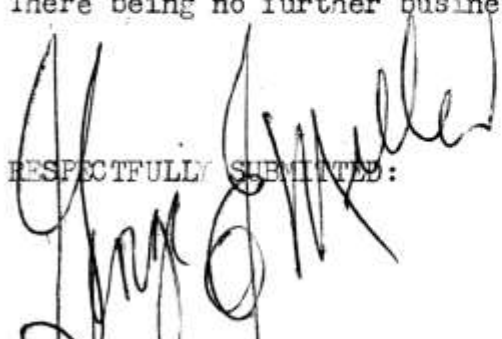
Minutes of the last meeting, May 13, 1954, were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that minutes be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that we pay \$1000.00 on pump purchased from the county.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting and will be held Wednesday, July 14. Directors' terms expiring are those of Mr. Fred Boss and Mr. Louis Schweitzer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary

1954

June 18 & 29, 1954, Letters:

V. J. Eline, Jr.
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June 18th 1954

June 29, 1954

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Powell
 3000 Stuebner Ave
 Louisville, V. Ky.

St. Matthews Fire Department
 St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Powell:-

Gentlemen:

We wish to remind you of your promise to pay for your fire run at the rate of \$5.00 per week. There is now past due your payments of June 9th and June 16th. The unpaid balance is now \$35.00.

We notice that you have recently included in your protection area part of Rock Creek Drive adjoining Circle Hill Road, and approximately 1/2 mile east of Rock Creek Drive, which comprises the Eline subdivision.

Kindly attend to this matter at once.

We are at a loss to understand why you do not start your fire protection area until you have gone back on Rock Creek Lane one-half mile Northwest of Cannons Lane. In doing this you have passed up the property of Josh Adams, the new subdivision he has developed on Huntington Road, the Rock Creek Riding Club, and the Country Day School.

Yours Very Truly,

Now, Rock Creek Riding Club would like to know if we could be included in this fire protection area, and I feel sure the above mentioned property owners would of course wish to be included also. However, I am not making any formal request for them. If there are any additional fire hydrants necessary, we would be glad to consider installing them.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc
 117 St. Matthews Ave

Our firm writes the insurance for Rock Creek Riding Club, and I have been asked by the other directors and the president to make this inquiry of you.

Very truly yours,

DICKEY & HELM

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Attention: Mr. John Monohan

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| A. J. Eline, Jr. — | 702 Circle Hill Road |
| Chas. Morrow — | 703 Circle Hill Road |
| Kenneth Barker, Jr. — | 704 Circle Hill Road |
| Allen Gage — | 705 Circle Hill Road |
| F. Regan O'Connor — | 706 Circle Hill Road |
| A. J. Eline — | 707 Circle Hill Road |
| Dr. Geo. Uhde — | 708 Circle Hill Road |
| Mrs. Corinne H. Watts — | 711 Circle Hill Road |
| Arden Hardgrove, Jr. — | 712 Circle Hill Road |
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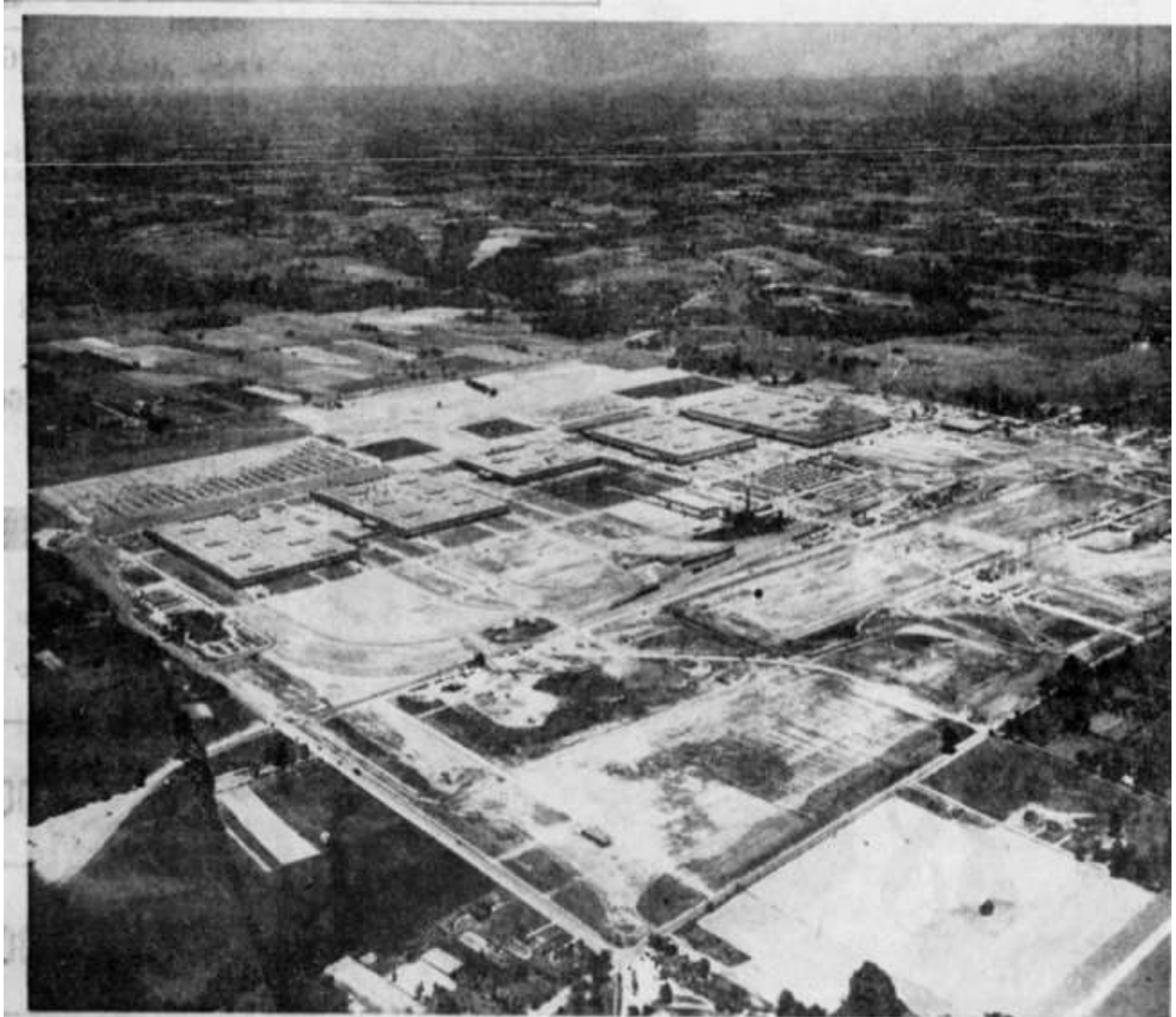


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New Store at St. Matthews

WITH PARKING SPACE for 50 cars, this new store of DeLaney Furniture Company will open in St. Matthews some time in July. The building will include administrative offices for the DeLaney stores which are in Jeffersontown and on Bardstown Road.

June 27, 1954, The Courier-Journal



Courier-Journal Aerial Photo by Bill Davis

KENTUCKY'S BIGGEST industrial layout, General Electric's Appliance Park at Buechel, nears final shape with erection of Building 5, farthest from camera. It's 1,000 feet long and 700 feet wide. Production of refrigerators in Buildings 4 and 5 will begin in late fall or winter. Grading is under way for the last major building

on the 1,000-acre tract, a 2,000-foot-long warehouse. It will be to the foreground and right of the power plant, which is the dark area in the center of the photo. The camera is pointing southeast, with Bank of Buechel Road in the left foreground and Old Shepherdsville Road in the right foreground. Work on the huge project began three years ago.

St. Matthews History

Young city had to fight for its life

When St. Matthews became a fourth class city in June, 1954 it included about 10,000 homes. Its business district was both sides of Shelbyville Road and Frankfort Avenue from Eline Avenue to and beyond Hubbards Lane.

Established as a sixth class city only four years earlier (1950), the city had only sufficient time to put down its roots before it was to begin a struggle for survival—against Big City Louisville which had eyed the suburban area eight years earlier as a likely subject for annexation.

Therein was the beginning of one of the biggest legal battles in the annals of city vs. city relations. It was a struggle tossed back and forth from Circuit Court to the Court of Appeals, in the press and talked about among individuals whose tempers were often worn thin. Many believed the legal battle was calculated to kill the small city off.

The more than two-year court battles were resolved, but they left scars and wounds which to this day are still evident.

Poison planted

The seeds which were to poison the relations between the suburban area and the City of Louisville were planted by Louisville in 1946, when it introduced an ordinance proposing to annex the business district only.

Although Louisville didn't take any further

action against the residential areas.

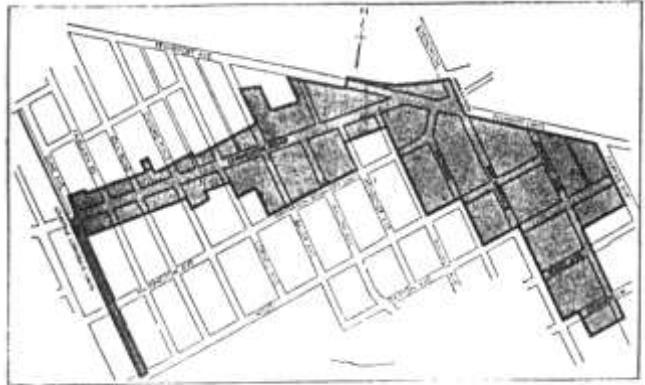
Whether Louisville's move toward first the business district, then the residential area, and its "forgetfulness" to fight further for the residential areas were calculated to rid itself of the burden of supporting the residential areas, in order to get the business district, are not known but the suburban residents were suspicious.

They believed that Louisville wanted the high-revenue producing business district without the low-revenue residential areas.

Louisville, however, was defeated by a Circuit Court jury again in 1955. This time Louisville didn't "forget" to appeal the decision and the Court of Appeals reversed it in 1956.

Up until November 1956, St. Matthews as a City had remained aloof from the annexation fight, which had been carried by a group of anonymous individuals known as the St. Matthews Annexation Protective Association.

However, among those contributing to the fight was the late Mayor James H. Noland, his successor Bernard Bowling, and A. J. Eline.



Black lines indicate the area Louisville annexed, ending a 12-year old fight with residents and St. Matthews government. The area then was St. Matthews' heart of the business district.

didn't take any further action on the ordinance until 1952. Individual citizens and businessmen had already become suspicious of Louisville's intent and were able to whip together a strong force.

When Louisville made another move toward annexation in 1952, the opposition was strong enough to defeat a Louisville "proposal to annex only the residential area. Louisville "forgot" to appeal a Circuit Court jury's decision and was prevented from making another attempt on the residential area for two years.

Meanwhile, battle lines were drawn and strengthened for what obvious would become a long drawn out cat and mouse game. The suburban opposition was sure Louisville wasn't through, and it wasn't.

Fight renewed

In January 1953, Louisville renewed the ordinance of 1946 to annex the business district, although it couldn't move

Fuse ignited

But the man who obviously had been calling the moves for Louisville — Roy Owsley, then city consultant—ignited the fuse that brought St. Matthews, the city, into action.

Owsley, speaking in Memphis, Tenn., according to press reports, called for state laws making annexation of suburbs easier by big cities. He also advocated a general "get-tough" attitude by Louisville towards the suburbs.

The following Tuesday, the St. Matthews Council voted to help in the fight to overturn a Court of Appeals decision that gave Louisville the right to about half of St. Matthews business district.

Mayor Noland stated St. Matthews position:

"I don't think there is any use in pulling any punches. I think we should go in and fight it. Since Mr. Owsley's statement I feel strongly that we

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St. M. History

should join the business section in the fight."

The Council then employed City Counsel J. W. Jones to help attorneys Wilbur Fields and Maxwell Brown who had been spearheading the legal moves for the businessmen.

St. Matthews had had a moral right to enter the fight earlier, had it wanted to, for St. Matthews had annexed the business district in 1953.

When St. Matthews Government entered the fight, the issues were already established, both politically and emotionally on both sides.

Pride hurt

Louisville's feelings toward the suburbs were that the suburbs were feeding off the central city and were not paying their share of government cost.

On the other hand St. Matthews business felt that Louisville would bleed the area without providing additional services. Then, too, the businessmen thought they were being pushed around by their big city neighbor. It was a matter of pride which was hurt.

One of the court trials over the revived 1946 ordinance in 1955 reveals some of the tug of war that had been going on and which was to continue through 1958.

One of the witnesses was Bernard Howling, bakery owner. He described the proposal as "unfair and unjust", noting that businessmen on the southside of Shelbyville Road, which was in the proposed area for annexation, would have to pay the one percent occupational tax which merchants on the northside of the road would not have to pay.

His opinion was shared by Mayor Noland, William L. Archer, St. Matthews builder, and A. J. Ellne, developer, who testified. Mayor Noland testified that Louisville would not get enough tax revenue from the area to pay for essential city services

for perhaps five years.

Stephen A. Derry, consulting engineer for St. Matthews, said Louisville didn't have the money to spend on fire protection and other services for the district and that if Louisville did spend the money, he as a city taxpayer, would object.

Cut heart out

In his opening statement Fields said that if Louisville annexed the area it would "cut the heart out of the St. Matthews business district."

Assistant City Attorney Herman Frick pleaded Louisville's side, saying in his opening statement that "We are concerned with the over-all good of the community. We need a single, uniform government without conflicting laws and regulations."

Louisville police, fire, and other officials testified that they could provide the services in event of annexation.

Chief of Police Carl Heustis testified he considered the policing of St. Matthews inadequate, that it wasn't possible for his department to exchange vital information with St. Matthews Police and intimated that crime would flourish in St. Matthews because of poor street lighting.

Louisville Fire Chief John H. Krusenklau testified that the number of fire hydrants in St. Matthews is inadequate, that volunteer fire fighters, such as St. Matthews depends on, are not as efficient as professional firemen.

The arguments continued and animosities burned. Ill will continued to mount against Owsley, and Louisville became even more determined to annex the area. It had become a personal fight.

Although Louisville won the Court of Appeals decision, its victory was not final. Before it could complete the annexation, the entire urbanized area of Louisville and Jefferson County voted on the

Mallon Plan which was designed to annex the entire urbanized area to Louisville by a vote of the people.

Mallon Plan loses

The Plan was defeated, and St. Matthews' attorneys Wilbur Fields and J. W. Jones petitioned Circuit Court to bar annexation by Louisville of the St. Matthews business district.

Their contention was that since Louisville tried to annex St. Matthews via the Mallon Plan and was defeated state law barred Louisville from attempting to annex the area again for five years.

St. Matthews won, and Louisville again went to the Court of Appeals which reversed the decision the second time in favor of Louisville.

The year was 1958, and the fight was all but over. Mayor Noland had just retired and his successor, Mayor Howling, tried one last effort--negotiation.

He requested Louisville to postpone annexation and in return St. Matthews Government would be



One of the old landmarks which was noted in last week's series on the Episcopal Church. The building, still standing, faces Westport Road and is across from Palmer Rubber and Asbestos Co., which owns the building. It was the rectory and a girls school for the first Episcopal Church, established about 1830, when St. Matthews was known as Gilman's Station.



co-operate in setting up a Metropolitan government for Louisville and Jefferson County.

Negotiation fails

St. Matthews had the support of Shively and eight other cities nearby. St. Matthews Jaycees set up a Metropolitan seminar at Waggener for December 3, but Louisville annexed the area anyway on December 1.

One more feeble effort was made to save the area but that too failed. The citizens group raised money and sought redress before the Supreme Court but the court's decision next April, 1959, denied St. Matthews a hearing.

With the annexation final, St. Matthews lost about 10 percent of its territory and about 25 percent of its revenue. Disheartened, the city began a struggle for survival. But survive it did--and so did many of the wounds inflicted by Louisville, despite the fact that Owsley was soon to depart as were other principals who forced the fight.

A new administration in Louisville has somewhat soothed the wounds. In that the mayors of the two cities do sit down and break bread together and work out mutual problems; there are others, however, who still take an attitude that "We don't owe Louisville anything."

To offset part of the loss of revenue, St. Matthews raised its tax rate from 60 cents to 75 cents in 1959, and made moves toward annexing commercial areas itself, particularly the newly built Shelbyville Road Plaza.

Bit by bit St. Matthews began to annex areas to the east, but often not without opposition, as annexation had become a "dirty word" which most everybody distrusted.

However, St. Matthews adopted a conciliatory policy on annexation as early as 1955 when there was some conflict over the incorporation of Brownsboro Village.

St. Matthews first proposed to annex the area but before it completed

its action Brownsboro Village Incorporated.

Policy adopted

While some of the council wanted to force the issue, as Louisville was then doing in the business district, the Council stuck to a policy of "not annexing anyone who didn't want to be in the city."

But St. Matthews was having its troubles elsewhere, as well as fighting Louisville over annexation, for in becoming a fourth class city other legal difficulties developed.

Its 1954 tax ordinance was contested in Circuit Court by private citizens, and Judge Macauley Smith ruled, June 1955, that the ordinance was invalid, and ordered St. Matthews to refund taxes for the year.

He said the ordinance was based on the wrong assessment, rather than copying valuation from the County tax commissioner's assessment lists as of January 1, 1953.

However, 20 months later, during which time St. Matthews adopted another ordinance, the Court of Appeals reversed a Circuit Court decision, finally in favor of St. Matthews.

The annexation fight against Louisville and the conflict over collection of 1954 taxes were forerunners of other court tests to come as the city took on more territory, rezoned, failed to rezone and found itself in other conflicts in the course of time.

Continued next week

Young city had to fight for life--against L'ville

There were many faces

There were many other faces of St. Matthews.

Among them was just plain politics. The Washington Party which had ruled almost since the City was incorporated faced opposition in 1957.

The incumbents--Councilmen Sam Rudy, Millard Rudy, E. R. Grinstead, Henry Leathers, John Barker and B. W. Gratzner (there were only six councilmen then) pitched their plea for reelection on no tax increase and no pay for councilmen, among other things, such as playground facilities.

The Home Rule Party, consisting of Charles D. O'Keefe, Leroy U. Schultz, John Doyle, William P. Volk, S. Fred Blitner, and G. B. Farrar, pledged to establish a recreation board and library board. They had adopted an 11-plank platform that included such items as improvements in traffic, street lights, street cleaning, and additional municipal services.

The George Washington Party won the election 3-1, losing only one precinct, and has been re-elected since.

Drainage problem

Drainage has been a problem which has plagued the City almost since its inception. Take for instance a council meeting in December 1957. Mayor Noland ordered more work on drainage, citing one big problem at the time a pond known as "Hycliffe Lake," near Breckinridge Lane.

But the "lake" remained a problem until late in 1959, when the council authorized Mayor Bowling to get estimates on cost of draining the lake. It eventually was corrected by an 18-inch line from a manhole on Lour-

des property to a manhole at Norbourne Boulevard and Breckinridge Lane, a distance of 270 feet. A 12-inch line was also laid in the area to help carry the water.

St. Matthews Avenue, between Westport Road and Frankfort Avenue, was a problem in 1957, and has remained so to

this day. (However, the City is now constructing a pond at 127 St. Matthews Avenue to receive water from that area and the Shelbyville Road area.)

In 1957 St. Matthews moved to annex the area between Browns Lane, Watterson Expressway and Shelbyville Road, in which the Plaza was located. Also an ordinance was introduced to annex an area stretching from Westport Road to Shelbyville Road, and from the east boundary of Stivers School westward to Hubbards Lane.

These ordinances were introduced a year before the City lost its fight with Louisville. They were apparent efforts by the City to prevent further moves by Louisville to surround the City in event it lost the legal battle. This was noticeable especially in the case of the Browns Lane and Watterson Expressway area, which included the 250 acre farm owned by the Monohan family, where Catholic Country Day (now the Aquinas Preparatory School) was built later.

Big chunk added

The annexation, completed in 1960, surrounded the City of Richlawn,

1st Fairmeade and Parkside.
St. It added the Shelbyville
alt Road Plaza, the Amer-
m- ican Legion Post, and
of other stores on the south-
st. side of Shelbyville Road,
int from Hubbards Lane to
St. the Expressway, with the
ed exception of a few stores
in in Fairmeade.

What the City was not
able to annex was the site
of The Mall--and the City
has not been able to an-
nex the complex of stores
to this day, despite ex-
pressed desires to do so.

But as far as the other
area on the south side
of Shelbyville was con-
cerned, there were few
if any objectors, as a
poll in 1959 revealed that
91 percent of the resi-
dents favored joining St.
Matthews. The principal
objector then was James
W. Rouse, president of
the firm which developed
the Mall.

While St. Matthews
moved along in such areas
as drainage, taxes, zon-
ing and annexation it was
still in the role of un-
derdog against the City
of Louisville, and later
the County, in areas which
the City Fathers consid-
ered vital interest.

Water problem

A problem with the Lou-
isville Water Company
emerged, in which again
the City Councilmen be-
lieved Louisville was de-
termined to cut down the
suburbs.

A Voice feature in July,
1960, noted that "It's be-
coming obvious that the
suburbs are almost com-
pletely at the mercy of
Louisville."

The article based its
observation on the fact
that the Public Service
Commission had granted
the Louisville Water

Company the right to
write its own rules gov-
erning extension of water
service to the suburbs.

Although the Commis-
sion required the com-
pany to extend services
to the suburbs, it also
required the suburbs to
pay the cost and also
50 to 100 percent more
in bi-monthly service
fees.

That, too, has been a
fight which has continued
to this day, and one which
angers many a suburban
user.

County tax fight

If the City of Louisville
ruffled the feelings of this
suburban area, the County
did likewise. Late in 1959
and through 1960, the
county proposed an oc-
cupational tax, which
brought St. Matthews out
fighting. For the City
viewed the tax as double
taxation on local business
as St. Matthews already
had a similar tax. What
really galled the City was
the fact that Louisville
was exempt from the tax
because it, too, had an
occupational tax.

Mayor Bowling saw the
tax as another means to
blast the suburbs, as the
measure was designed
largely by the old adver-
saries of the suburbs.

It was a legislative fight
-- with then 34th Repre-
sentative Marlow Cook
and Senator Scott Miller
leading the fight for St.
Matthews against the en-
trenched Democratic
machine in Louisville and
Jefferson County in the
General Assembly.

The tax passed and May-
or Bowling since has been
going back to each Gen-
eral Assembly for re-
dress, wanting the same
exemptions for St. Mat-
thews that Louisville en-
joys.

The fight has been an
uphill one for Mayor
Bowling. It has been (and
still is) a complicated
one.

In the election of Mar-
low Cook as County Judge,
he lost one of his prin-
cipal fighters. Judge Cook
opposed St. Matthews
when Bowling grouped
forces and went to the
1962 General Assembly
for amendment of the
state law giving St. Mat-

thews exemptions of the
tax. Scott Miller carried
the fight in the General
Assembly, but as obser-
vers on the scene tell
the story, the fight was
lost behind closed doors.
Some of the ill will
against the suburbs, and
apparent attempts to
bring the suburbs to its
knees by imposing the
tax, is shown by remarks
by then County Judge Bert
Van Arsdale in 1960, when
he told a Voice reporter
that double taxation might
be a good thing for St.
Matthews merchants, for
they had been getting by
pretty lightly for a long
time.

As news reports show,
St. Matthews and busi-
nessmen pleaded for fair-
ness, saying that they
were not opposed to the
tax, but they emphasized
that they were already
paying a similar tax in
St. Matthews.

Coming out winner

If St. Matthews lost vir-
tually all of its major
battles with the City of
Louisville and Jefferson
County, in other respects
it continued to improve
itself internally. It an-
nexed territory, but only
with the will of a major-
ity of the people affected.

It built a new city hall,
took over the Sidney Ellne
Memorial Library, added
to its Community Center,
its police force, and sun-
dry other improvements
of a minor nature.

There have been minor
conflicts which have
either been solved in the
courts or by negotiation,
with little or no ill will
such as that resulted with
Louisville and County of-
ficials during the City's
formative years.

As 1964 begins, the City
is strong in spirit and
purpose and is looking
ahead toward meeting the
problems of an expanding
population.

July 4, 1954, The Courier-Journal:

Volunteer Firemen Save Jefferson Money

More Protection Is Provided At Less Cost

By IRVING KALIN

Most Jefferson County residents are now getting better fire protection than ever, and saving money to boot.

For a small fee, usually \$5 per year, most county homeowners get this:

1. In case of fire, two pumpers with at least eight men on each truck.

2. Fire equipment, including trucks, not over five years old.

3. Volunteer firemen with professional training.

4. A saving of 38 cents per \$100 of fire insurance—24 cents per \$100 instead of 62 cents.

Situation Reversed Before '50

Before 1950, however, the situation was reversed. County fire protection was so limited that most homeowners were paying 64 cents per \$100 of insurance.

Credit for the difference, volunteer firemen will tell you, is the Jefferson County fire program, begun in 1950.

According to Director Daniel D. Boone, the program is designed to offer volunteer fire departments enough money for a start and the incentive "to get out and hustle the rest."

The scoreboard indicates that the volunteers have "hustled." Prior to 1950 there were eight volunteer fire companies in the County with eight antiquated fire trucks. Today there are 19 companies with 37 trucks, of which only three are older than 5 years.

Professionals were Obstacles

Volunteer fire departments fared badly before 1950 because of the competition from three professional fire companies provided by the County. They were stationed in Middletown, Pleasure Ridge Park, and near Newburg.

Because these professional fire fighters were paid with tax money, they had to respond to a fire anywhere within the county. The Kentucky Fire Inspection Bureau, which sets fire-insurance rates, thought so little of this protection that they set 10th-class rates for most of the county—64 cents per \$100.

The cost of maintaining the professionals, according to Director Boone, was \$92,000 a year, plus the cost of three buildings—combined fire and police stations—at \$125,000 each.

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2. \$1,800 toward the purchase of a fire truck, if the volunteers match that sum.

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4. A radio-telephone for the fire truck at a rental cost of \$17.50 per month to the County.

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Boone said there are now about 600 volunteers in the county, plus about 150 women auxiliaries.

He also noted that a total value is now about \$365,000 in trucks, about \$145,000 in firehouses (usually built by the volunteers), and about \$32,000 in firehouse equipment, such as boots, helmets, extra hoses.

Each volunteer fire company is almost identical in its setup. Each is a nonprofit corporation with a board of about nine directors, with at least four of them firemen.

The company sells fire protection by contract. The company will answer fire calls for those who have not contributed but

will then charge between \$50 to \$100 for the run.

As part of the deal, Fiscal Court has the right to inspect any company's books to see that County funds are spent as provided.

Boone said the County's program is a 14-year cycle. During the first seven years expenditures will rise as more companies are formed and more equipment is purchased.

Last year Fiscal Court put out \$50,300 to volunteer fire companies. Other expenses included Boone's salary of \$4,500 and the rental of radio-telephones, \$3,780.

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The bureau's standards limit a fire company's area to a 3-mile radius of the firehouse, over hard-surface roads. Thus, areas in the southern part of the County, mostly farmland, are not covered.

Also, there are some gaps, mainly along Taylorsville Road, where fire companies' areas do not overlap. These areas must pay the 10th-class insurance rates.

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July 4, 1954: Special Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called at 11:00 A. M., Thursday, July 4, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan.

Directors present were

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| Mr. Joe Zehnder | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. Marty Kaser |
| Mr. George E. Miller | Mr. W. Leland Wilson |
| Mr. John M. Monohan | |

There is to be a party for the firemen at the Armory, on July 24, to which all the directors and their wives are invited.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that should the money they have for the party not be sufficient the Fire Department is to underwrite the cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Terry that the President appoint three members and himself to interview and hire an attorney. The three members appointed were Mr. Miller, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wilson. Lawyers suggested to be interviewed were Mr. Henry L. Brooks, Mr. Al Marrett, Mr. Chas. Liebson, Mr. Thomas Mapother and Mr. Hant.

A special meeting was called for Monday, July 12, at 7:00 P. M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

July 12, 1954: Special Board meeting

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ST. MATTHEWS
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was called at 7:30 P. M., Monday, July 12, 1954, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. presiding.

The directors present were:

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| Mr. Marty Kaser | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. W. L. Wilson | Mr. Joe Zehnder |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. George Miller |
| Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. | |

This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing with the committee, which had been appointed at the previous special meeting, their report on their interviews with various attorneys.

After lengthy discussion about the different attorneys, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that we meet with Mr. Al Marret and that he be employed, on a fee basis, as attorney to assist Mr. Monohan and the directors on all legal matters. It was suggested that Mr. Marret be present at the regular meeting, July 14, at 7:00 P. M.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary



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RONALD C. KELSAY

Will make recommendations

Police Chief Sworn In At St. Matthews

St. Matthews' officials last night met as a Council for the first time since the City gained fourth-class classification last month.

Ronald C. Kelsay, former Louisville policeman and now a student at the University of Louisville, was sworn in as police chief. He will assume his duties August 1.

Louisville Patrolman Is Appointed Chief of Police In St. Matthews

U. of L. Student Gets \$300 Month

Patrolman **Ronald C. Kelsay** 24, resigned from the Louisville Police Department yesterday and became chief of police of St. Matthews.

Kelsay, a student at the University of Louisville, will have no police force in St. Matthews for the time being.

James H. Noland, chairman of

the St. Matthews Board of Trustees, said Kelsay's first job will be to study the policing problem of the fourth-class city and recommend to the trustees the size of force he will need. Kelsay's salary will be \$300 a month.

Kelsay lives in Leopold Hall on the U. of L. campus, but plans to move to St. Matthews immediately. He will continue his studies in psychology and law-course preparation.

He joined the Louisville police force in February, 1952, and entered the U. of L. in the fall of

1953. He had already completed his freshman year at the University of Idaho. While on the force, he has served most of the time on the 4 p.m.-to-midnight shift in the Third District.

Kelsay was born in Columbia, Adair County. He served in the Navy as an airman in World War II.

St. Matthews became entitled to a police force when the last Legislature promoted it from the sixth to the fourth population class.

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July 14, 1954: 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 M. Monohan, Jr., on Wednesday evening, July 14, 1954.

Directors present were:

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. W. L. Wilson | Mr. Fred Boss |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. Joe Zehnder |
| Mr. J. P. Terry | Mr. George Miller |
| Mr. Marty Kamer | Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. |

Mr. Monohan called for the election of officers and directors whose terms expired this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson that Mr. Fred Boss and Mr. Louis Schweitzer be elected as directors for the regular term of four years.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that Mr. John Monohan, Jr. be elected as President for a period of one year.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry that Mr. W. L. Wilson be nominated for the office of Vice-President. A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wilson that Mr. Marty Kamer be nominated for Vice-President. On a ballot, Mr. Kamer was elected by a majority of five votes.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that Mr. George Miller be nominated as Secretary. A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that Mr. Wilson be nominated for the office of the Secretary. On a ballot, Mr. Miller was elected by a majority of five votes.

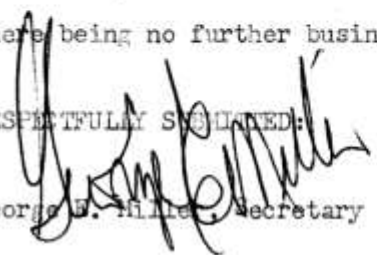
On a motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, that Mr. Fred Boss be elected as Treasurer for a period of one year, the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Terry that Mr. Monohan be elected chief. Mr. Monohan was unanimously elected.

On a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Kamer that Mr. J. P. Terry be elected as Process Agent for a period of one year, Mr. Terry was unanimously elected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary

At 12:30 p.m. the group will pick up the gold-plated shroud and walk first street.

His old friend, Nelson Perry, will deliver the invocation at a suitable celebration. Civic leaders including mayors of the cities of Portland, Astoria, Clatskanie, Tillamook and Seaside have been invited to the luncheon. Russ Dellavene, commander of the Clatskanie Fire Department, will read the Clatskanie Legion, will present laurels, and the procession from church to the Y grounds, just west of the High School, will be led by the Clatskanie Legion to the Farm Bureau Building.

Exhibits, tents, and ritual ceremonies. (The guides will serve lemonade).

Judge Van Arsdale will deliver greetings following a flag-raising ceremony. Y gentlemen will then appear and will introduce the principal speaker, Archie Cochran, president of the Metropolitan Y. He will then urge the men to work. After eight years, his hard work has borne fruit.

It was in 1916 that a Y.M.C.A. (Continued on Page Four)

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July 15, 1954: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:* All these articles may be seen on my Waggener High/St. Matthews site in their entirety. <http://ringbrothershistory.com/alsprojects/alsprojects.htm>
I wanted you to see the front page and our first fire house.

Ellie garage. Anthony Ellie was the first president. Xavier Schuler was the first chief and Andrew Niechler the first captain. Mr. Niechler became chief in 1921 and held that position until 1939.

In 1931 the department bought a new fire engine to replace the Model T Ford chemical engine, which had a one-ton truck holding three 35-gallon chemical tanks. The department moved to 109 Breckinridge Lane in 1931.

In 1952, under John Monohan, chief since 1941, the department moved to St. Matthews Avenue, north of Shelbyville Road. It now has three modern fire trucks. The rates are \$3 a year for subscribers. If the department answers the fire alarm of a non-subscriber, it charges \$50 per hour per piece of equipment used.

In 1931 fire insurance rates here were 98 cents per 100 valuation on real property. Today, all houses within 1,000 feet of a fire plug or three miles of the St. Matthew Volunteer Fire Department pay 24 cents.

The department began adding radios to its fire trucks this year.

The great St. Matthews development, begun on such a small scale, proceeded slowly. A few subdivisions were built up before the 1920's. There was a boom in the 20's, followed by almost no activity in the 30's. The boom picked up again in 1938 and lasted until the war. The last great boom started in 1945, and is still going. St. Matthews, however, is about 90 per cent developed, and the boom is moving eastward and northward, to Middletown and Lynden.

• Prior to 1925, St. Matthews was mostly a series of farms.

The Holzheimers' 1840s wagon was in the Southwest corner of Shelbyville Road and Breckinridge; Lt. Henry Holzheimer's holdings also extended across Shelbyville Rd., and bordered along the west side of Chenoweth Lane. The Zehnder Dairy Farm was in the corner south of Lexington Road and east of Cannon's Lane.

The R. W. Herr farm was south of the Holtzheimer farm, along Breckinridge Lane. The Tinsley farm was between the Herr farm and Beargrass Creek. Across Beargrass Creek was the Murphree farm.

Between Browns, Lane and Breckinridge Lane were the Nantz and Neuner greenhouses, the Veeb farm, the later Winchester farm, East of Browns Lane were the later Hahn farm, the James Brown estate and the later Monahan estate.

The Chenoweth farm bordered along Chenoweth Lane from Brownsboro Road, halfway to Westport Road. The Stick farm was immediately south, extending to Westport Road. East of there were the Henry Hahn farm, the Hubbard farm, the Rudy farm, the Herr farm and

the Hite farm.

The Arterburn farm was between Westport Road and Shelbyville Road, next to the old Bauer grocery.

The present day streets in those areas got their names from the farms.

These farms today have been broken up into about 10 subdivisions, providing homes for about 6,000 families and businesses.

The first big boom opened modestly in 1913, when Sara Thompson laid out 15 lots on Brews Lane. William Randolph pushed it along in 1925, when he subdivided Fairlawn, near Druid Hills, into 75 lots. Mr. Randolph's subdivision, and two others he laid out in the next two years, were developed by the Wakefield-Davis Company (now known as Wakefield-McMakin, and one of St. Matthews' great builders.)

The boom reached enormous proportions in 1926, when nearly 900 lots were laid out.

Henry Holzheimer sold the property bordered on the north by Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue to J. C. and Lula Turner for the astonishingly high sum of \$3,000 an acre. That set the standard for all future transactions here until the Depression. Mr. Holzheimer's dad had once owned the property at Gilman's Point, and owned a grocery and livery which later became Gilman's. He knew the value of the land.

The Turners bought the property, which extended southward to Nanz, east to Breckinridge Lane, and west to Lexington Manor which came up to Baper Avenue. They subdivided it into 300 lots and developed it.

That same year, the U. S. Realty Association subdivided and developed 260 lots in Lexington Manor, which extended from Lexington Road to Willis and from Cannon's Lane up to and including Cornell Place.

Also in 1926, Joe Oeschel laid out 146 lots in Excella Place. This extended from one block east of Browns Lane to the Arterburn Estate and included Ridgeway, and Brown Avenues.

William Randolph laid out 110 lots on Fairy Drive and Elfin in Druid Hills in 1926, and added

Norbourne Estates was also laid out in 1927 by the Moorhouse Corporation and included 199 lots between Browns and Breckinridge Lanes.

A. J. Elime laid out the Herrington subdivision in the 1920's, named Warner and Grandview Avenues, and built 80 homes. In 1923, he subdivided Plainview, 14 lots on Sherrin Avenue.

The area comprising the original City of St. Matthews was built up during the 1920's by Harry Elmer and Alex. Elmer.

The first restaurant opened

during the 1920's in St. Matthews on the present site of the Whirligig.

During the 20's the American Legion Zachary Taylor Post was organized here, and an auxiliary was formed in 1931.

The St. Matthews Boosier, which seems to have been St. Matthews' first newspaper, was first published in 1925 just as the boom started. In 1939, when the Depression was starting, it was a full-size sheet of four pages, and was running a series of articles by Hardin Herr on the history of St. Matthews. H. C. Keiling stated in the paper that St. Matthews' population was about 4,000.

Efforts were being made to keep the Community Club alive. It had been organized in 1924. The Marshall Planning Mill had been established on Breckinridge Lane. The Booster reported that a rate of 40 cents on each \$100 of taxable property in Jefferson County had been adopted by the Fiscal Court. Property subject to taxation in Jefferson County for 1930 was \$218,742.61, an increase of \$18,731.26 over 1929.

The Eight-Mile House was burned to the ground in March, 1930. It had been established 40 years earlier by Martin Ochsner.

E. S. Monahan, who had come to St. Matthews in August, 1877, died in April at the age of 74. There were 5,000 subscribers in the Belmont telephone exchange and less than 2,500 were in St. Matthews. There was a miniature golf course on Lexington Road between Bauer and Shelbyville Road.

The Booster reported June 12, 1939, the sale of a five-acre tract between St. Matthews Avenue and Chenoweth Lane north of the railroad tracks to the Palmer Astorland and Rubber Company of Chicago for construction of a \$1 million plant. Holy Trinity organized its first P.T.A. and elected a Mrs. Wine president.

A second bank was opened in St. Matthews during the 1920's. Called the Farmer's and Depositors Bank, it failed during the depression. It was revived again in 1933, and Walter Crady was the president.

(A third financial institution, Colonial Federal Savings and Loan Association was opened here in 1944).

During the Depression, lots in St. Matthews were selling for as low as \$300, and land along Rudy Lane, now worth \$3,000 per lot was moving slowly at \$1,000 an acre.

Building was stopped almost completely during the 1930's. Business was bad everywhere. A few tracts of land were subdivided. Judith and Sevier Bonnie laid out 16 lots in Bonnewood which lay between Napanee and Ormond Road, and St. Matthew and Chippewa Avenues.

A. J. Elline in May, 1933, laid out 45 lots in English Village No. 2. These lay along Hycliffe and St. Germaine Ct. between Hreckbridge Lane and Wallace. In December, 1935, English Village No. 3 was laid out in 53 lots. These were along Hycliffe, St. Germaine and Norbourne Boulevard from Marcon to Wallace.

In 1933 and 1934, A. J. Lline developed Hycliffe from Breckridge Lane to Browns Lane but they moved slowly.

A. J. Krine, who sold Fords from 1913 to 1927, switched to Buicks and Pontiacs for five years at his present location. In 1933 he began selling Chevrons.

Stores began building up slowly along Frankfort Avenue in the 20's and 30's and Bittner's record and Radio Shop opened in 1934.

Things began to move in 1923 following two significant developments. First Shelbyville Road and Frankfort Avenue were converted into a four driving-lane U. S. highway, channeling traffic into St. Matthews.

Second, Taylor Drugs built a series of stores in the triangle at the junction of Levee and Broad and Crockett Avenues.

St. Matthews now had a modern laundry, and its first shopping center. The pall of the depression began to lift.

Waffle C-McMinn began in-
vite up Springhill and the firm
now's undivided Soudersbridge, La.
1960, the pace picked up as
Charles and Rita Smith, with
Mark Lister, laid out 110 hole
long Grandview, Breckinridge
Club, Jordan, Hovel's Win-
ery, and Lyons Lane.

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July 15, 1954: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, the first of its kind in Kentucky, was organized in 1919 and was located in the Eline garage. Anthony Eline was the first president. Xavier Schuler was the first chief and Andrew Neichter the first captain. Mr. Niechter became chief in 1921 and held that position until 1939.

In 1921 the department bought a new fire engine to replace the Model T Ford chemical engine, which had a one-ton truck holding three 35-gallon chemical tanks. The department moved to 109 Breckinridge Lane in 1921.

In 1932, under John Monahan, chief since 1941, the department moved to St. Matthews Avenue, north of Shelbyville Road. It now has three modern fire trucks. The rates are \$3 a year for subscribers. If the department answers the fire alarm of a non-subscriber, it charges \$50 per hour per piece of equipment used.

In 1931 fire insurance rates here were 96 cents per 100 valuation on real property. Today, all houses within 1,000 feet of a fire plug or three miles of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, pay 34 cents.

The department began adding radios to its fire trucks this year.



The St. Matthews Fire Department, pictured in 1919, was begun in Eline's Garage, on Frankfort Avenue, where Charles Morgan's Men's Store now stands.

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Five Towns Join Fire Fight

Volunteer firemen from five communities fought grass fires between Jeffersontown and Tucker's Station from 1:40 to 4 p.m. yesterday.

The Louisville Fire Department reported 15 brush fires in the City between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Firemen blamed the fires mainly on carelessness with matches or cigarettes and sparks from diesel locomotives. Three other fires in the county area were reported.

The Jeffersontown-area fires started along several miles of Southern Railway tracks and were spread by brisk winds before firemen got them under control.

Robert Martin, captain of the Middletown volunteers, said damage was negligible because firemen kept the blaze away from all buildings.

He said the cause of the fires was unknown.

Besides Middletown, communities sending firemen and equipment were Buechel, Jeffersontown, Fern Creek, and St. Matthews.



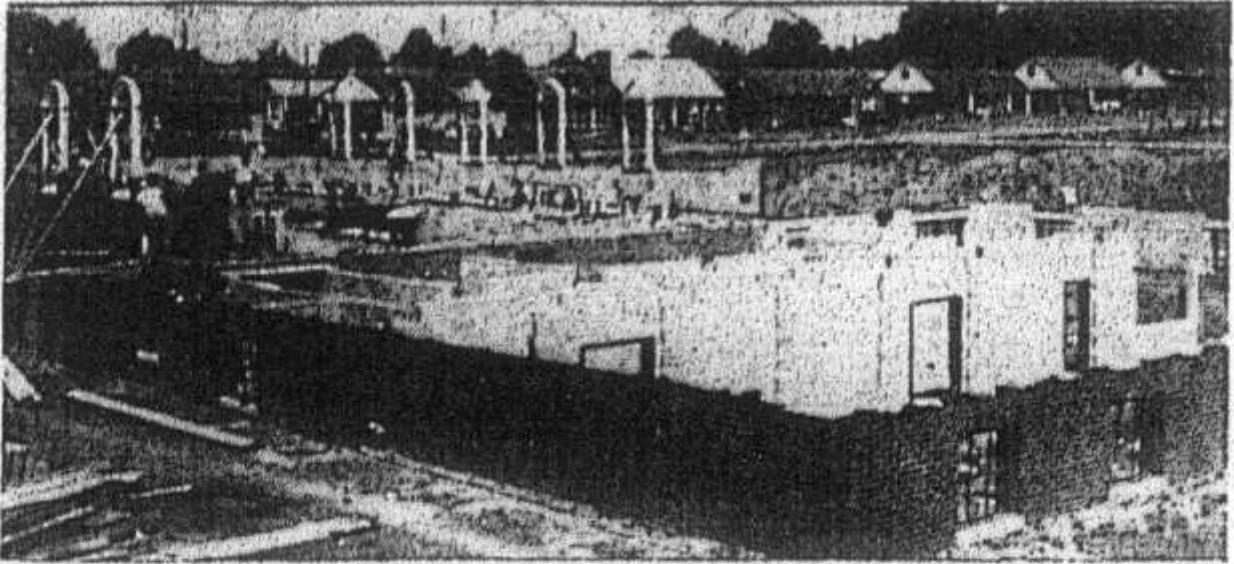
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JEFFERSONTOWN FIREMEN FIGHT BLAZE ALONG SOUTHERN TRACKS

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July 1954: The Chief, J. P. Terry, Jack Monohan, Dick Wheeler and John Kaster went to Columbus, Ohio to the Seagrave plant.

July 22, 1954: *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:



Symbolic of the post-war build-up of St. Matthews is this picture of the Beechwood Baptist Church under construction, with the lovely homes of Beechwood Village in the background. The continuing demand for homes and church facilities in Greater St. Matthews has created the greatest building boom in the history of Kentucky. Meanwhile, Beechwood's congregation holds worship services and Sunday School at Stivers School.

July 30, 1954, The Courier-Journal

No Unpaid Bills

City of Druid Hills Reduces Taxes From \$12 to \$6 A Year

The City of Druid Hills has cut its taxes in half. Residents will now pay \$6 instead of \$12 a year, according to Mayor Jack Small.

All homes in the sixth-class city off Brownsboro Road north of St. Matthews are assessed a uniform \$6,000 and have been taxed 20 cents per \$100. The new rate is 10 cents.

For the \$6, residents get protection from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and maintenance of the streets. The city has installed five fireplugs at a cost of about \$480 each.

"All the roads are in good shape," Mayor Small said. "All

the bills are paid and we have a small reserve—so we cut the taxes."

Highbaughs Set New \$5 Rent Cut In 54 Apartments

Monthly rentals will be cut to \$75 from \$80 next month on 54 West End apartments owned by L. Leroy Highbaugh and his son, L. Leroy Highbaugh, Jr.

The apartments are on 44th Street between Elliott and River Park Drive.

July 27, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:

Departments Refuse Calls To Fight Fire

But One Answers Second Request Outside Limits

Three fire departments yesterday turned down calls from the County police to fight a brush fire because it was outside their jurisdictions. But the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded on the second call.

County Police gave this story:

They called St. Matthews firemen when the fire was spotted at 4:45 p.m. in the 2400 block of Mellwood Avenue. The St. Matthews department said the fire was out of its jurisdiction, which ends at Rolling Fields subdivision.

Police next called the Louisville Fire Department, which refused to make the run because the fire was outside the city limits, which crosses Mellwood east of Shiloh Avenue.

Says Bureau Sets Limits

Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department refused because its boundary is Zorn Avenue. Finally St. Matthews was called again and responded, reaching the fire at about 5:45 p.m.

The fire, which burned a 10-by-100-yard patch along the north side of Mellwood, was quickly put out.

Volunteers from St. Matthews and Harrods Creek explained that their jurisdictions are limited by the Kentucky Fire Inspection Bureau, which sets fire-insurance rates.

May Sell Protection

The County's volunteer fire units may only sell protection within a three-mile radius from their firehouses. Only within that area can a homeowner get seventh-class fire-insurance rate—24 cents per \$100 of insurance. Where there is no fire protection—in a 10th-class area—the rate is 62 cents per \$100.

Volunteer fire companies are reluctant to leave their limited areas because they then may leave unguarded the area they have contracted to protect.

In practice, however, the volunteer units are usually prompt to respond to fire calls outside their areas where there is no contracted protection or when another fire unit asks for aid.

One Already on Call

(A St. Matthews volunteer fireman explained that his unit did not respond on the first call yesterday because one of its three fire trucks already was on a call. Sending out a second truck to Mellwood, he said, left the St. Matthews area without adequate protection. The Fire Inspection Bureau's rule is that two fire trucks must respond to a fire at a house in a seventh-class area.)

The Louisville Fire Department will also respond to calls outside the city limits when more fighting equipment is needed to stop a serious fire.

Louisville Fire Chief John Krusenklau said, however, that the City's policy is not to respond to a county fire on private property on the first call.

Has Contracts

He said the City Fire Department has contracts to protect cities bordering or within Louisville's limits and industries not too far from the city limits.

The unprotected area around Mellwood is about a mile square, beginning at Louisville's boundary at Shreve Avenue and extending east along the Ohio River to Zorn.

Other unprotected gaps are mainly in the sparsely populated southern part of the county and along Taylorsville Road.

July 28, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:

St. Matthews Firemen Called to Spot 3d Time

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department last night made its third run in about 24 hours to brush fires in the 2400 block of Mellwood.

Chief John Monohan said the fire rekindled in a hollow tree. The volunteers made their first run at 5:45 p.m. Monday, and the second and third at 4 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. yesterday.

After the third run the firemen cut the top off the tree and poured water inside. Monohan said the County should cut the tree down.

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Policy Explained: Volunteer departments traditionally are reluctant to leave their own areas unguarded to fight minor fires outside the districts set for them by the Kentucky Fire Inspection Bureau, an agency which establishes fire insurance rates.

Louisville's policy is not to respond on the first call on private property in the county, said City Fire Chief John Krusenklau. However, the City and volunteer departments will respond when additional fire equipment is needed to fight serious fires.

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Area Is Mile Square

In today's fire, they responded to the County Police's second call when told the fire was getting worse. They quickly put out the blaze each time.

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July 30, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:

One Jefferson Area Has No Fire Protection

By BOB HERMANN

The Mellwood Avenue section just northeast of Louisville is the last "orphan" area in Jefferson County not protected by some fire department, a County fire-protection official said yesterday.

Three departments—Louisville, the Harrods Creek volunteers, and the St. Matthews volunteers—refused calls to fight a brush fire in the 2400 block of Mellwood on Monday. St. Matthews finally went, and has been back twice since when the blaze flared up again.

Daniel Boone, director of the County fire-protection program, said every other part of Jefferson County is served, either by one of 19 volunteer fire departments or by a municipal fire department.

Oversight Blamed

Boone said the Mellwood area, covering about a square mile between Zorn Avenue and the Louisville city limits at Shreve, was neglected through an oversight.

He said that those who parceled out the county to volunteer fire-fighting companies believed that Louisville's limits extended east to Zorn.

Thus the Harrod's Creek department's coverage extends to Zorn, but no farther.

Boone said the unprotected area contains more than 400 homes. It also includes the new Veterans Hospital, which has an agreement with the City of Louisville for fire protection.

In 1952, Boone recalled, he tried to interest residents of the area in forming their own volunteer fire department. But he said they feared Louisville would annex them before they could pay for any equipment they might buy.

Louisville Chief Explains Policy

One official, who declined to be identified, speculated the St. Matthews department might be willing to give protection to the "no man's land." Such protection would not reduce the area's fire-insurance rates, because the section is too far from the St. Matthews Firehouse, but it might save some houses, he said.

Chief John Monohan of St. Matthews said, however, "We're not contemplating taking that over."

Louisville Fire Chief John Krusenklus said his department

answers no calls from individuals or firms outside the city unless they are covered by a fire-protection contract with Louisville. (Some industries and sixth-class cities have such contracts.)

But, said Krusenklus, if the chief of a volunteer fire department calls for help with a serious fire outside the city, Louisville sends help.

Until about two years ago, Louisville firemen made runs three miles past the city limits, and in some cases even farther. "But the city got so big we couldn't keep it up," the chief said. A City ordinance now forbids such runs.

Boone said some parts of the county still have 10th-class (unprotected) insurance rates, but that all such places can get a fire truck for a house fire, possibly excepting the Mellwood area.

Such protection is not "official" farther than three miles from a firehouse. It does not bring reduced insurance rates, and volunteer fire departments may skip minor fires beyond the three-mile limits. They also may charge a fee for going beyond three miles.

The 10th-class gaps are sprinkled over many parts of the county, Boone said. There is one between Jeffersontown and St. Matthews, for instance, and others lie between Okolona and Fairdale and between Fairdale and Pleasure Ridge Park.

Volunteers Serve Without Pay

All but four of the 19 volunteer units have gotten insurance rates in their "official" three-mile areas cut from 10th class (62 cents per \$100 of insurance) to ninth class (40 cents) and seventh-class (24 cents), Boone said.

The volunteer fire departments are supported by contributions, by contracts with municipalities in their areas, and by financial aid from the County. Their members serve without pay, and take training similar to that given professional firemen.

The Kentucky Inspection Bureau decides when a fire department is efficient enough to warrant a lower insurance rate in the area it serves.

The volunteer departments operating in Jefferson County are:

Harrods Creek, Worthington, Lyndon, Middletown, Eastwood, St. Matthews, Jeffersontown, Buechel, Fern Creek, Highview, Black Mud, Okolona, Camp Taylor, Fairdale, Pleasure Ridge Park, Dixie Suburban, South Dixie, Lake Dreamland, and South Oldham.

County Department Ran Under 5 Years

The South Oldham Department, based on Oldham County, is co-ordinated with the Jefferson County program, and its area includes part of the northeastern section of Jefferson County.

Municipal fire departments at Shively and Anchorage include some volunteers, too.

The volunteer network is a successor to the short-lived County Fire Department, which functioned from 1945 to 1950. It had stations at Pleasure Ridge, Newburg, and Middletown.

Early in 1950, the Democratic Administration of the new County judge, Roman L. Shamburger, abolished the County department amid a welter of controversy. Shamburger said the County did not have the money to give adequate fire protection.



DANIEL BOONE
Director of County program

1954

July 29, 1954:

Firemen Whip Legion 14-5 In First Game

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department defeated the American Legion Zachary Taylor Post 180 14-5 Friday at Holy Trinity Field, in the opening game of their best-two-out-of-three slow-pitch softball series. The second game will be played tonight at 8:30. Joe Kempf was the winning pitcher. Rich Herdt hit two homers for the firemen. Red Westwood and John Kaster also homered.

August 5, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:
St. Matthews' Oldest Car Dealer Sells Out To Caudill Chevrolet, Tony Eline Had first Ford Agency in County in 1913, Built 500 Homes

August 12, 1954,
Board meeting:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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

The regular monthly Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association meeting, was held on Thursday, August 12, 1954, at the St. Matthews Fire House, at 7:45 p. m.

Members present were John M. Monahan, Jr., Louis H. Schweitzer, J. P. Terry, Joe Zehnder, Marty Kamer, and E. Leland Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

John Monahan reported on letter written to the City of St. Matthews and his conference with the officials of the town of St. Matthews regarding Fire Protection. He also read a letter from the City of St. Matthews, of August 7, 1954, containing its offer to the St. Matthews Fire Association.

Joe Zehnder made a motion, seconded by Louis Schweitzer to reject the offer made by the City of St. Matthews. Motion carried.

John Monahan and J. P. Terry reported on their trip to Columbus, Ohio, to inspect Seagrave Fire Fighting Equipment.

Louis Schweitzer moved that St. Matthews Fire Association purchase Fire Fighting Truck, for approximately, \$21,250.00, seconded by J. P. Terry. Motion carried.

John Monahan reported the resignation of our Assistant Secretary, effective September 15, 1954, and appointed Marty Kamer, Louis Schweitzer and Leland Wilson to interview John Caster August 17, 1954, at the Fire House, regarding the above position.

No further business meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leland Wilson, Secy Fire Trk

Leland Wilson
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August 13, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:

American Legion Wins

Jack Correll's Zachary Taylor Post of the American Legion defeated the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department 9-8 in slow pitch softball at Holy Trinity Park yesterday.

Winning pitcher was Monty Monroe.

Rien Hurtz socked a three-run homer for the Firemen.

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August 3, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:



Courier-Journal Photo

COOL, COOL WATER spills down **St. Matthews** Avenue, as it did in many parts of Louisville yesterday. It reached a depth of two feet and stalled cars in some slow-draining streets. Mrs. Helen Watson, 3065 University, and Miss Marie Thompson, 2540 Griffiths, sample its cooling qualities.

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August 12, 1954, The Voice Of St. Matthews:

Dogs To Be Inoculated At Fire House Tomorrow

The Louisville and Jefferson County Board of Health will hold mass rabies' inoculation clinics at St. Matthews and other locations throughout the County tomorrow.

The clinic in St. Matthews will be held at the St. Matthews firehouse on St. Matthews Avenue from 1 to 5 p.m. A standard fee of \$1.50 will be charged.

The clinics will be staffed by members of the Jefferson County Veterinary Medical Society and aided by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which has spearheaded the drive for adequate rabies control.

The new rabies law went into effect July 1 and requires immunization for all dogs. The three-year vaccine recommended by the State Board of Health will be used.

Dr. H. F. Fleming will administer the shots here.

Other clinics will be held at the Okolona and Shively fire stations, at the Louisville fire station at 100 North 34th street, and at the city

Five St. M. Volunteer Firemen Are Promoted

Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department announces the following promotions:

To captain—George Westwood and Marty Kamer.

To lieutenant—Richard Wheeler, John Kuster, and Mel Zehnder.



August 19, 1954,
Letter

August 19th 1954

Eureka Fire Hose
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Nashville, 5, Tenn.

Att'n Mr. Tom Flynn

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of the six Fire Helmets which you shipped us recently.

Upon inspection we find that you have shipped us black helmets whereas our order was for red ones.

Please advise what disposition you would like for us to make of these black helmets and ship us the red ones as ordered.

Yours Very Truly,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc.
John M. Monohan, Jr. Pres. & Chief.

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September 2, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

September 9, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, September 9, 1954, at 7:30 P. M.

Directors present were

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| Mr. J. P. Terry | Mr. John M. Monahan, Jr. |
| Mr. Marty Kanar | Mr. George E. Miller |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. W. Leland Wilson |

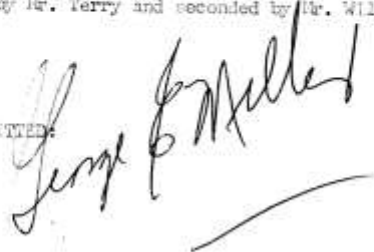
The meeting was called to order by President Monahan.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Monahan. On a motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Kanar, the minutes were approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Terry that Mr. Monahan be authorized to sign checks at any time Mr. Boss is not present or able to do so and that the Secretary is to notify the First National Bank of St. Matthews of the authorization of Mr. Monahan's signature. The motion was approved.

On a motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Wilson the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



George E. Miller
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September 11, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*

\$2,000 Fire Damages Interior of Cottage

Fire of undetermined origin caused an estimated \$2,000 damage to a cottage at the rear of the property of Gus Bryant, 3819 Washington Avenue, at 2:55 p.m. yesterday. The **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department fought the fire 2 hours. The interior of the cottage was gutted.

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September 16, 1954, *The Voice OF St. Matthews*:

Report from John K. "Kint" Tully: September 15, 1954, Murphy Lane & Westport Road: You have a picture of me on a ladder during a fire on Brownsboro Road as we assisted Worthington. As I recall, shortly after that picture, the structure caved in, and I fell into the middle of what I thought was a garage. Fortunately, I was not hurt but my buddies had a great laugh as I made it out from the rubble. I guess my most difficult fire was a fatality at a fire in Rolling Hills.

September 15, 1954: St. Matthews Fire Department responded to a house fire at the corner of Murphy Lane and Brownsboro Road in Worthington Fire Department's area. The alarm was received at 10:00 PM and Engines 1 & 2 responded with Mel Zehnder and Capt. J. V. Kaster in charge. They returned at 11:25 PM. Kint Tully is on ladder, firefighters with hose line are Denny Engnehl and Bailey Ross.



Canary Cottage owner Dick Wheeler checks with Mary K. Hartlarge, president of the junior class at Ursuline, to see if the 20 freshmen and juniors she led on a tour of the St. Matthews business district Friday are comfortable. Dick treated the crowd to drinks after their walking tour of the community. They were welcomed in St. Matthews by Karl Straub, chairman of the St. Matthews Committee of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce.



1954

September 19, 1954: There was a very bad lightning storm which caused two fires. It was Sunday night and the department fought a house fire at 205 Exchange at a house owned by Mr. Shaffner and 40 minutes later the department was called to 3913 Hillsboro Road to Mr. Oberlin's house. Shaffner's house lost 4 bedrooms and furniture, \$20,000. The Oberlin house's second floor and study ruined, \$15,000. Many businesses and roads were flooded.

September 23, 1954, *The Voice OF St. Matthews:*

Lightning Causes Two Fires Here, Storm Hits Hard

Two houses badly burned, store windows broken, and floors flooded. That's what Sunday night's storm did to St. Matthews.

The two fires came almost at the same time. Both were caused by lightning. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was still fighting one, when the other was reported.

The home of Elmer A. Shaffner, 205 Exchange, was struck about 9:30. About 40 minutes later, the fire department got a call from Richard Oberlin, 3913 Hillsboro Road.

Personal and property damage at the Shaffner home was estimated at \$20,000. At Oberlin's it was about \$15,000.

Whoever turned in the alarm on the Shaffner fire reported it was Marshall's Planing Mill nearby. The fire department dispatched all three of its trucks to the scene. They were still battling the blaze when the call came about the Oberlin home.

One of the trucks was immediately dispatched to the new fire, about one mile away. The truck had to radio for help, and a second truck was sent.

Mr. Oberlin said he and Mrs. Oberlin were playing bridge with guests when the lightning struck. He immediately investigated and couldn't locate any fire. But several minutes later, the house began filling with smoke, and he and his neighbors fought the fire until the fire trucks came.

Four bedrooms were destroyed on the second floor of the Shaffner home. Also destroyed was the uninsured furniture his son had stored there a few days ago.

Mr. Oberlin's house is uninhabitable. The second floor, his study, was destroyed and there are large holes in the roof. He is staying with friends and looking for a place to live. "I've got the best neighbors in the world," he said. "The way they've helped us has been really wonderful."

Nobody was injured in either fire.

A panel of glass 15 feet high and six feet wide was destroyed in Byck's show window on Lexington Road. Lightning hit the evaporator on the air-conditioner at Ashbury-Berman Drugs and burned out the motor.

There was an inch of water on Vanetti's floor. The A & P floor was also flooded and Monday was given over to a bailing out operation by employees.

A lake 100 feet long formed on Willis Avenue midway between Breckinridge Lane and Cannon's Lane. It flooded yards and garages. It was nearly two feet deep in the middle and several cars were temporarily stalled.

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September 30, 1954, *The Voice OF St. Matthews*:

Fire Victim Thanks Firemen, Neighbors

Elmer A. Shaffner, Sr., told the Voice Tuesday he wished to thank the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for the "wonderful job" they did when his home, 205 Exchange, was set ablaze by lightning September 19.

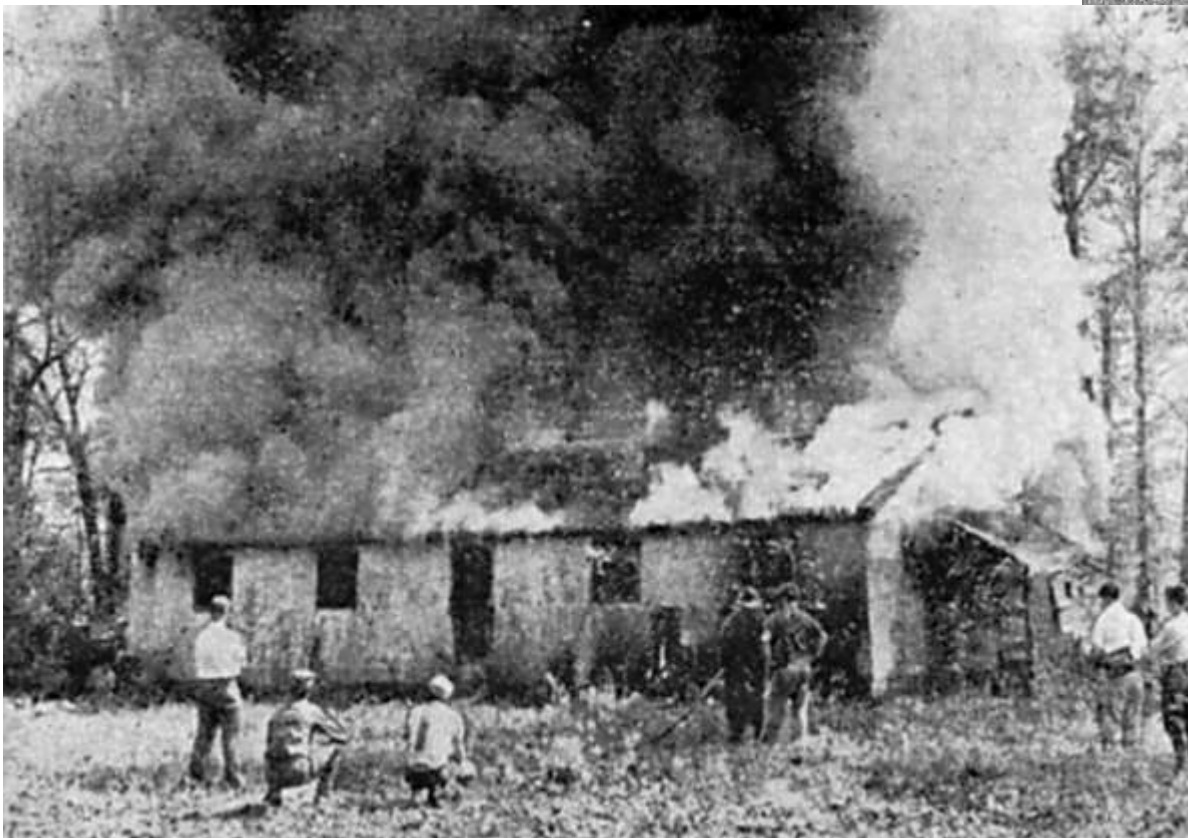
Mr. Shaffner said the firemen were quick to answer his call, and did good work in fighting the blaze. He also thanked his neighbors for all the help they gave him.

Damage to his home was estimated at \$20,000. He said repair work was underway now. Meantime, he is living at 220 South Seats.

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Training fire in 1954:



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October 7, 1954:

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**MEMBERS OF THE ST. MATTHEWS
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Fire Prevention Week -

Top Row: Bill Medina, Jim Wexler, Wells Meyer, J. P. Terry, Pop Wriwers, Mell Zehnder, John Monohan, Jr., Dick Wheeler, Jack Monohan, Ed Foley, Marty Kamer, Joe Kempf

Middle Row: Phil Schneider, Billy Smith, Dan Sullivan, Jr., John V. Kaster, Denny Engnehl, Bob Brenzel, Melvin Schrode

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October 14, 1954, Letter:

October 12 1954

Mr James W. O'Hern Jr.
210 Exchange Ave.
Louisville 7 Ky,

Dear Sir;

Relative to your request concerning the City of St Matthews paying your Fire protection out of the Taxes collected that was their intention and had entered into a Contract with us for that purpose, however an Infjunction Suit tied that plan, and is waiting Court Action before they can sign such Contract, for 1954.

Our Board of Directors in official meeting therefore ordered on September 15th. that all Members of the Association of the past should be, for their protection, be sent statements for this years dues, and thats why you recieved this statement.

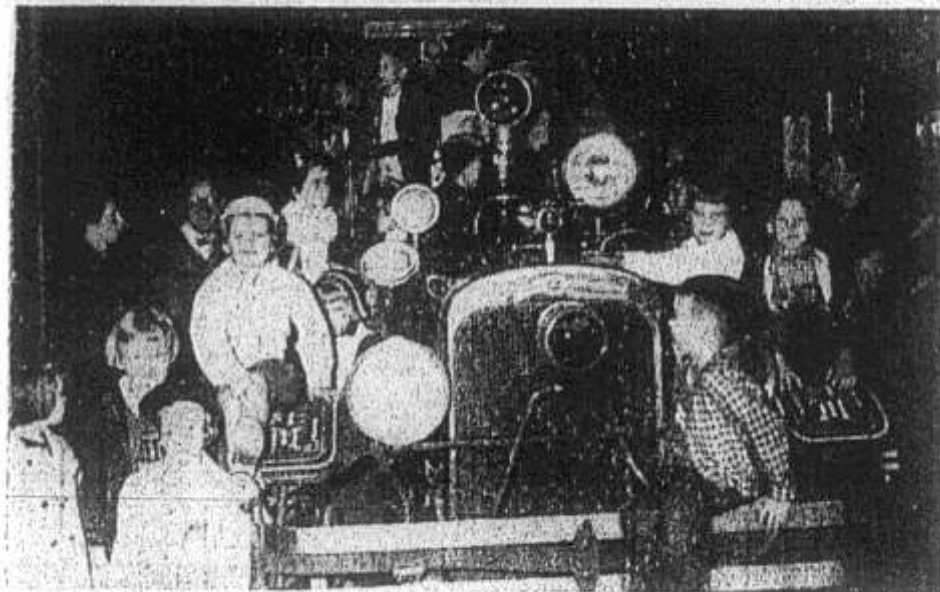
We trust this clears up the question, and we hope the City of St Matthews will be able to win the Suit and be able to close the Contract for 1955.

Yours Respectfully

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

V.A. Beam, Asst-Sec'y.

October 14, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*



The Beargrass Nursery School paid a visit to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week and took over one of the trucks. At left is teacher Mrs. W. E. Rogers and at right is Lt. Dick Wheeler. The children spent the entire week studying fire prevention.

Bicycle Shop Opening Here

The Thornbury bicycle shop, 117 Breckinridge Lane, is open for repair work, although the modern showroom of new and used bikes won't be ready for about two more weeks.

Proprietor James Thornbury said his service department would repair all makes, whether domestic or foreign. Pick-up and delivery will be free, he said.

All well-known brands of bicycles and accessories will be sold, he said. Bob Noe is in charge of service.

Mr. Thornbury, 3908 Hyatt, is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Three of his children, Tom, 12, Carol, 8, and Jerry, 8, go to school there. The fourth, Lolly, 15, goes to Sacred Heart Academy.

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Ray Steltenpohl Heads Bank Of Louisville Opening Here Saturday

Resigns Citizens Fidelity Post, Was St. Matthews Banker 15 Years

The Bank of Louisville will open its St. Matthews branch Saturday, and Ray F. Steltenpohl, formerly a St. Matthews banker for 15 years, will be manager.

The surprise announcement was made by a bank spokesman Tuesday.

Mr. Steltenpohl, 45, was named vice-president of the Citizens Fidelity Bank of Buchel in February. He had been vice president of the Citizens Fidelity Bank of St. Matthews.

He came to the old Farmers and Depositors Bank in St. Matthews in 1928. He was made vice president while serving overseas in the Army in 1945. He retained that position when the bank was transferred to the control of Citizens Fidelity in early 1952.

Mr. Steltenpohl's title will be vice president of the Bank of Louisville in charge of the St. Matthews branch. His resignation from his post with Citizens Fidelity was effective after working hours yesterday. His new appointment became effective this morning.



RAY STELTENPOHL

"We're opening now to give the people of St. Matthews the extra convenience of our extra banking hours even sooner than originally planned."

Mr. Steltenpohl is a leading figure in St. Matthews life. Living at 308 Monahan, he is treasurer for the new sixth class City of Parkside.

He served as chairman of the tax subcommittee of the St. Matthews committee of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce. He was finance chairman for the St. Matthews Charity Bazaar in 1953, and for its predecessor, the Potato Festival, from 1947 to 1952.

A member of the St. Matthews Rotary Club, he was for two years treasurer and a director. He is a director of Wildwood Country Club and a member of the Zachary Taylor Post 129, American Legion. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

The Bank of Louisville branch will be at 4460 Shelbyville Road. Until the new building is complete, business will be transacted in a temporary structure at the construction site, just east of Delaney Furniture on the south side of Shelbyville Road.

The bank's spokesman could make no prediction about when the new building would be complete. Dismantling of an old home on the site is now under way. The temporary bank building was put together from part of the old home joined with a wood structure on the property.

The bank will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. An 11:00 a.m. opening will be given away. Bank hours beginning next week will be 9 to 4 Monday through Friday, and from 9 to noon Saturdays.

The bank's spokesman said,

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October 14, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, October 14, 1954, at 7:30 P. M.

Directors present were

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

The meeting was called to order by President Monohan.

Minutes of the last meeting, September 9, were read by Mr. Monohan. On a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry, the minutes were accepted as read.

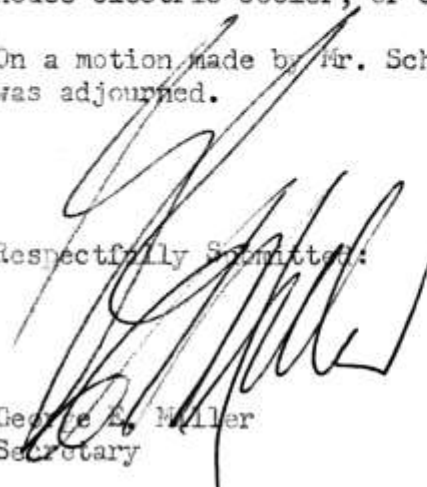
Discussion on request of City of St. Matthews for meeting with some members to sit down and discuss the situation where City of St. Matthews could not arrange to enter in a contract on account of indebtedness beyond their limit.

Motion was made by Mr. Monohan that a committee of two, Mr. Miller and Mr. Terry, be appointed to meet with him and with two members of the council or aldermen of the City of St. Matthews to discuss ways and means to react the settlement for fire dues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweitzer.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that a Westinghouse electric cooler, or comparable model, be purchased for the firehouse.

On a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Wilson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:



George E. Miller
Secretary

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October 14, 1954, The Courier-Journal



THIS COTTAGE WAS MOVED and connected to the house behind it to provide a place for Bank of Louisville's St. Matthews branch until a new building can be built.



DESIGNED by Walter C. Wagner and Joseph H. Potts, architects and engineers, this is the building which will be built to house the branch bank later.

Branch Bank To Open at St. Matthews Saturday

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1954: Unknown Newspaper article: Brush Fire Spreads Over Large section. Concerted efforts of members of five volunteer fire departments were credited with preventing a blaze from spreading to homes and outbuildings in the Tucker Station area last Friday afternoon.

The blaze of undetermined origin was confined to an area between two and two and a half miles along the Southern Railway right-of-way, east of Jeffersontown. Firemen fought the blaze from 1:40 to 4 p.m.

Engines from the Jeffersontown, Middletown, Buechel, Fern Creek and St. Matthews Departments responded to the call.

Field fire in Broadfields:



The Ford, S3-Henry Monohan on left side



William E. "Bill" Medina (in coat with hose, left), Jim Engles, Randy Robinson, Rich Herdt on back of apparatus.



Betsey, S2-John Kaster running, Mel Zehnder in coat



Philip "Leaky" Schneider (no coat, William E. "Bill" Medina (in coat)

NOTE: Ken Reising former STMFD firefighter —I was there as a kid when this fire occurred. I believe I was coming home from caddying a Big Springs golf course. I would park my bike behind the house on Hillsboro Rd., at the end of Macon avenue and cut through the field and across the creek to get to the golf course. I also spent a many a hour in this field and at the creek as a boy against my mothers wishes. I believe the pictures are from the 8-14-57 run because this is the fire I was at, and the trees have leaves on them whereas they would still be bare in early March. I also remember that S-2 had been pulled south down a dirt road at the west edge of C.C. Moore's cattle farm, which is where S-2 is located in the picture. S-2 is on the road that separated the cattle farm from the field. (Look at the shadows of the firefighters in the picture with S-2 in it, the sun is in the western sky casting late afternoon shadows).

3-3-57 155pm southwest of Broadfield Subdivision S-1, S-2, S-3 (old Ford) These runs from STMFD Run book

8-14-57 300pm S. of Hillsboro off of Breckenridge ln.

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, The temporary structure was positioned to the left (East) of the structure being demolished to make way for the new branch delineated on the sign in between. 1954, Caufield & Shook collection. 284831, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



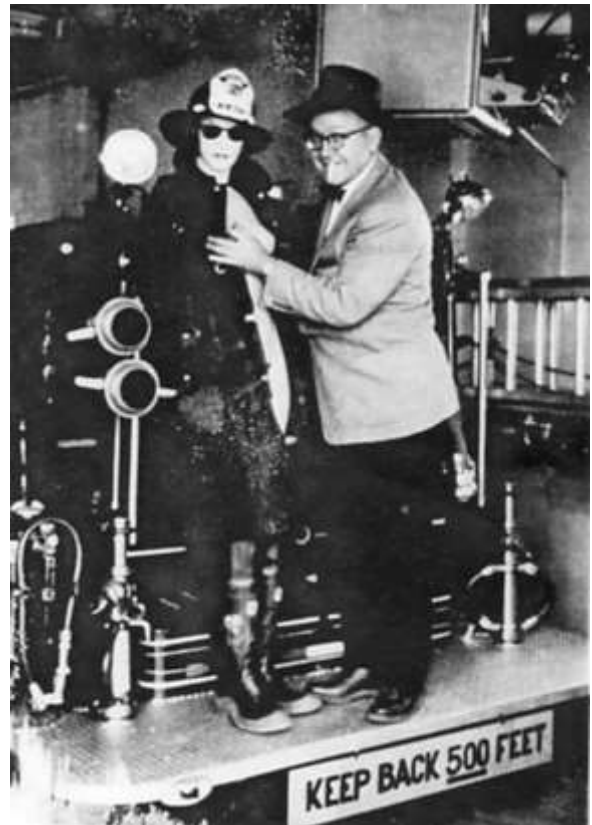
October 23, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

City, Firemen Reach Agreement

John M. Monohan, Jr., president of the St. Matthews Fire Association, and E. R. Grinstead, councilman for the City of St. Matthews, jointly announced today negotiation of an agreement approved by the Fire Association and St. Matthews for continuation of fire protection for the City.

This announcement was made by the City of St. Matthews office Tuesday. No clarification was given, except a comment by a city spokesman that people living in the City no longer have to pay for fire protection.

Terms of the agreement were not announced. The City and the Fire Association have been trying for months unsuccessfully to reach an agreement. The main area of disagreement was the price the Association wanted for giving protection to the City's 1,600 homes, several apartments, and about 200 stores and offices.



1954, STMFD photo, P. M. Wheeler

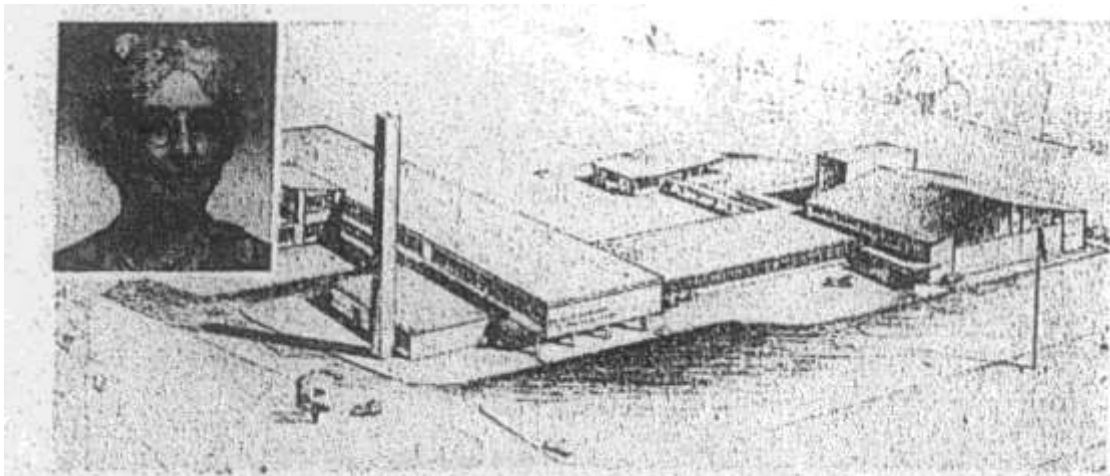
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Courtesy of Bluegrass-St. Matthews Historical Society: Later became Jim Booher Chevrolet, December 1954——Looking east on Shelbyville Road, August, 1954——East Drive In & Ranch House, Icons of our youth, July, 1954

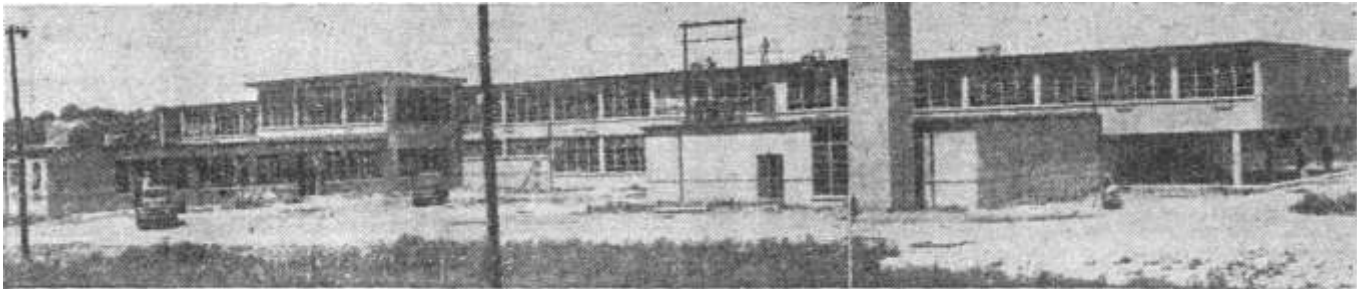


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October 26, 1954, Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives, *The Voice of St. Matthews*



The new junior high school planned for St. Matthews, pictured here in an architect's drawing, has been named after Mrs. Mayme S. Waggener, inset, former principal of Greathouse School, who died at the beginning of this year. Mrs. Waggener, during her 30-year tenure at Greathouse (28 years as principal) was among the pioneers in recognizing the needs of teen-agers, and over objections, began organizing teen-age gatherings at the school building. She was active in effecting closer relations between parents and teachers until her retirement in 1946. The worthy projects she sponsored at Greathouse included the starting of the school boy patrol, the drum and bugle corps, attendance at Louisville Orchestra concerts, biennial trips to Frankfort for seventh and eighth graders, and the school carnivals. Construction on the school will begin shortly. Bids have been opened and approved by the County Board of Education. The building, which will be located between Browns Lane and Hubbards Lane south of Shelbyville Road, will cost about \$939,465. The architects are Haristern, Louis and Henry.



The Waggener Junior High School on Hubbards Lane will be ready for the fall semester.

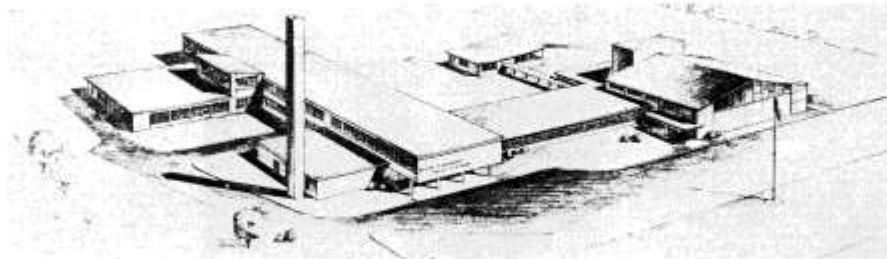
Dedication and Open House

MAYME S. WAGGENER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

October 26, 1954

6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

7:45 P.M. Dedication



Master of Ceremonies

RICHARD VANHOOSE, Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools

Speaker

DR. FRANK DICKEY, Dean, College of Education, University of Kentucky

Invocation

REVEREND CARROLL HUBBARD, Pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church

1954

October 28, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Mr. Barker is sales representative for Sunshine Biscuits. A resident of St. Matthews, 30 years, he has lived at his present address 10 years. He belongs to Our Lady of Lourdes Church and is a member of its Men's Club.

His eldest son, Phil, a freshman at Bellarmine, was a star on Eastern High School's basketball squad last year. Phil and his twin sister, Violet, are 18.

The Barkers have three other children, Donald, 22, Allan, 19, and John, Jr., 8, a Lourdes second grader. All the children live at home.



JOHN BARKER

Future STMFD Board Member



Pictured is the bank being constructed just west of Delaney's on the south side of Shelbyville Road for the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company's Shelbyville Road branch. It will have a drive-in window, and should be ready by spring. Wilbur Chapin, executive vice president of the bank, said it will provide complete banking services including safety deposit boxes. It will be 100 feet off the road and will have parking for about 75 cars. "With people moving into the suburbs, we have to bring the bank to them," said Mr. Chapin. "After an intensive survey, we have come to the conclusion that St. Matthews is the fastest-growing suburb in the County and the most substantial future growth will take place in the St. Matthews area, both commercially and residentially." The building, under construction by Wakefield-McMakin, will be 30 by 100 feet. Mr. Chapin could give no indication of who would manage the bank but said it would probably be a member of the bank's present personnel. A similar branch at Hardstown Road and Gardiner Lane is also planned, with complete banking and safe deposit service. This will make four suburban branches for Lincoln Bank and Trust.

October 29, 1954: Tax Bill.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE ASSOCIATION
ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

253 LOT 24,
16 ST. MATTHEWS SUB.

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DISTRICT ORIGINAL
COUNTY NO. 97652
DISTRICT 1
1954 STATE AND COUNTY TAX
RECEIPT FOR PROPERTY TAXABLE
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, UNDER
ASSESSMENT AS OF JANUARY
1, 1954.

| Description and Levy | Assessed Valuation | State | County | Universal School | Grand Total Taxes |
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(Sheriff's Receipt)
BRUCE HOBLITZELL, Sheriff

By _____, Deputy
Date 10-29-54, 1954

JAMES F. QUEENAN,
County Court Clerk

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Verlin Arnold Beam

May 29, 1884 to Assistant Secretary to the Board, October 1954 to 1961

February 26, 1963



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May 29, 1884 to February 26, 1963

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CAPTAIN BEAM

wage a long fight in the 1934 State Legislature to keep the Department out of politics. The firemen won.

The captain is married, and has three children and six grandchildren.

Verlin A. Beam



Verlin Arnold Beam was born May 29, 1884 in Bardstown Kentucky. After completing seventh grade, Verlin was forced to leave school and go to work to help support his family. He married Bess Hicks and together they raised three children, two daughters and a son.

V.A Beam was hired by the Louisville Fire Department in November, 1917. He was not a big man, measuring only 5'6", but his lack of stature did not slow his progress through the fire service. V.A. served on various engine companies throughout the city and on the water tower. He was quickly promoted to Engineer in 1919. V.A. spent ten years as Assistant Drill Master for the Louisville Fire Department beginning in 1927. In 1932 V.A. Beam was named Captain of Engine Company One, a position he held along with Assistant Drill Master until his retirement in 1937. He became well known in the fire education circles teaching the trade with every opportunity throughout the Commonwealth.

In 1931 Verlin Beam was elected President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association, the seventh individual to hold this prestigious position. In 1932 V.A. was elected to a second term as KFA president, making him one of only six persons to serve more than one term as president of the KFA. The annual KFA Conference held during his first term of office as President was held in his home city, Louisville. The KFA Conference of 1932 was hosted in Corbin.

In 1937 V.A. Beam retired from the Louisville Fire Department and in 1938 he was named State Fire Coordinator. He traveled to municipal and volunteer fire departments across Kentucky lecturing on fire prevention and fire fighting. V.A. Beam was one of the founding fathers of the outstanding fire prevention programs seen throughout Kentucky today.

In 1956 Mr. Beam was hired by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department as their Office Manager and Spokesman, making him the first paid employee of that department. He worked with St. Matthews until 1962, when he retired from the fire service at the age of 78.

V. A. Beam was also a member of the Aurora Masonic Lodge and Shawnee Baptist Church. He passed away on February 26, 1963 and is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

The KFA is honored to recognize one of our founding fathers, Mr. V.A. Beam of the Louisville and St. Matthews Fire Department as an inductee into the KFA "Hall of Fame".



1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:



WEIGHT OF APPARATUS
March 3 1958

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Quad S 4 | 22,000 lbs |
| Engine S 1 | 20,750 " |
| Quint S 5 | 30,900 " |
| Engine S.2 | 11,100 " |

A.E.Andriot
4035 Massie Ave

Tw5-0235
Tw5-0553
12/8/21

BABCOCK, HARRY Tw.5-0473
413 Sprite Rd Bus Ju.7-0911

Jan 19-1928

ISSUE

✓Coat
✓Boots
✓Helmet
✓Hose Chair
✓FlashLight.

*FEB 1960
Signed in*

Boots
Coat
Pants
Hose Chain
Flashlight
Key

Radio.

Helmet # 15
Brentzel, Robert C. Tw,3-3813
3718 Grandview Ave

K29-963

Nov 26-1936

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash Light & Hose Chain

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Brown, Ronnie Tw.3-2322
3833 Chenoweth Ct
Store Tw3-7074
May 8 1940

Chev. 60 -
K 7300

Coat Boots
Pants
Hose Chain
Helmet #

Paul E. Cramer
132 MacArthur Tw5-9529
Em 3-3551
Ex. 75

3/19/46

Helmet # 35

Carr, John
122 Harris Place

Tw.5-1093

J 96-018
Sept 14-1935
Dut

Coat
Pants
Boots & Inn-Soles
Suspenders
Flashelite

Helmet # 33

Dawson, Paul I
304 Fairlawn Rd.
U.S. Post Office

Tw.6-1037

Mich 13-1430
Dut

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-Lite & Hose Chain

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet 3-#4 # 34

Egnehl, Denny L. Tw.6-9830
318 Merriman Ave
Hi.1994

Apr 14-1946

Coat

Pants

Boots

Flash-Lite & Hose Chain

Helmet #25

Fletcher, Walter N. Jr Me.4-9646
830 Packard Ave
St Matthews Armory Tw.5-5262
113 Sherrin Ave

*blue 36-726
black 36-725*

Aug 2-1946

Coat

Boots

Helmet -Lts. owns.

Elorence, Franklin (Rannish)
3709 Norbourne Blvd Tw.6-1380

*890-181 murray
890-217 - waf.*

Nov 3-1934

Coat

Pants

Boots & IN-soles

Flash-Lite & Hose Chain

Radio--#5030

Helmet--Lts.

Foley, Edward C. Tw.6-1677
217 Fairmeade Road
Self -Bus.

*Gen 12 - R13-132 Jan 10-1908
mm - 31-619*

Coat

Boots

Pants

Flash-Lite 7 Hose Chain

Radio--# 5027

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet #31

Grimes, Patrick, J. Tw.5-2035
227 Clover Lane

Nov 30 - 1970

Coat

Pants

Boots

Flash-Lite & Hose Chain

Helmet #1

Haeberlin, Albert R. Tw.6-1814
~~222 Chenoweth Lane~~

G.E. 3536 Graham Rd

J 4 - 349

Nov 28 - 1936

Coat

Pants

Boots & In-soles

Flash-lite

Haepler, Wm.

Tw,5-7585

J 64 - 280

Dec 27 - 1929

out

Helmet #2

Haeberlin, Geo.C. Tw.6-1814

~~222 Chenoweth Lane~~

GE. 3536 Graham Rd

J 4 - 352

Aug 24 - 1933

Coat

Pants

Boots & In-soles

Flash-lite

Radio # 5041

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

HERMAN, JACK L.
River Road Rt. #1

Out

Helmet #7

Herrick, Gene
105 Staebler Ave

Tw.3-5211

J 25-695

Aug 5-1435

Out

Flash-Lite

Owms other Clothing,

Helmet-- Lts,

3825 Elmwood Ave Tw.6-4019

Herd. Richar W.

J 21-744

Oct 31-1917

Helmet--Asst-Chief's

Herd, Richard C. Tw.3-3794
3913 Massie Ave

Sept 1-1988

Coat

Pants

Boots

Flash-lite

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Jewell, David
2138 New Main
Student
Chevp56--K25-168

TW.5-0362
March 7 1940

Coat
Pants
Boots
Hose Chain
Flash Light

Radio

Helmet--Captain's

Kaster, John V.
204 Beechwood Rd
Office

Tw.5-7188

Tw.5-8024

f 92-990

Feb 9-1929

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite

Radio--# 5032

Helmet--Asst-Chief's

Kamer, Marty
4103 Hillsboro Rd
Kroger, Lex.Rd

Tw.6-4331

Tw.6-0514

*Feb - f 66-495
Plymouth f 66-496*

Feb 15-1918

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite & Hose Chain

Radio, #5029

Helmet # 36

Kaster, R.E.
3715 Grandview Ave

Tw.3-5177

f 92-991

April 25-1900

Coat
Boots
Pants
Flash-lite

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet # 4

Kempf, Ralph E.
157 St Matthews Ave

Tw.6-6367

J 50-456

aug 27-1932

cut

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite & Hose Chain

Radio # 5035

Eugene Klapheke Jr Tw6-1234
Buddy
502 Fairlawn Ave

Birthday

8/22/33

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flashlight

Kempf, Joseph L.

Tw.5-1430

J 6-516
✓

may 18-1933

Coat
Pants
Boots & In-soles

Helmet #

KUHN, HENRY C.
4026 Gilman

9/20/60
Tw6-9801


May 8 1924

✓Coat
✓Pants
✓Boots
✓Flashlight
✓Hose Chain

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Capt. V.A. Beam Tw. ~~6-8471~~ ⁵⁻⁶⁵⁴⁷
112 Meridian Ave, St. Matthews
Louisville 7 Ky
~~Tw. 6-8471~~
Tw. 5-6547


Lieut. Beam illustrating a rope slide
at
LEXINGTON KY
1928
Capt. V.A. Beam
~~911 Thru~~ 163 So
Louisville 1-
6-8315

Helmet #13
McCoy, Henry L. Tw. 6-0463
306 Brunswick Rd
Koster -Swope
899-119
out
Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet # 11

McGrath, Robert
209 Ahland

Tw.3-7848

Tw.7-2571

K18-080

may 16/1925

Out

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite & Hose Chain

Helmet #17

McNally, Allan Jr
3831 Elmwood Ave

Tw.3-5241

June 19-1914

Coat
Pants
Boots

Howard Martin
327 Norbourne Blvd. Tw3-7181

7/12/23

✓ Boots
✓ Pants
✓ Coat
✓ Hose Chain
✓ Flashlight
✓ Key

Helmet #18

Medina, William E.
3946 Massie Ave

Tw.5-4279

Dodge - K12-074
Ford - K12-073

aug 12-1927

Out

Coat
Pants
Boots & In-soles
Flash-Lite

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

| | |
|--|--|
| Helmet--- Own | Helmet #3. |
| Meyers, Welles 301 Hillcrest Ave Standard Auto Co. | Tw.7-2442 Ju.5-5821 |
| <i>J 84-303</i> | |
| <i>In active</i> | |
| Coat Pants Boots Flash-lite | Coat Pants Boots Flash-lite & Hose Chain |
| Radion # 5031 | |
| Henry A. Monohan-Director Browns Lane Pont. Fr Tr Sta Wag. | Helmet-- Lts. Monohan, Jack M. 111 Tw.3-7302 3909 Elmwood Ave Ford Coupe <i>838-845-shely Co</i> <i>June 3-1937</i> |
| <i>aug 27-1914</i> | Coat Pants Boots Flash-lite |

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet--White Chief's

Monohan, John M. Jr Tw.3-9302
3909 Elmwood Ave
Reynolds Sp.2-3651
Farm 21-6878

838-866 plum.

Mar 26 - 1911

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite

Radio # 5036

Helmet #14

Resch, Phil. Ray Tw.6-0181
212 Blankenbaker In

Out

Coat
Pant
Boots & in-soles
Flash-lite & Hose Chain

John Olliges
3907 Massie

Tw6-9717
Tw6-9141

Out

Clothing Issue

Coat
Pants
Boots

Kelvin J. Rice
~~119 Wiltshire Ave~~
Birthday

✓ Tw3-3357
Jan, 22 1939

100.B Jola. apt 1

Helmet # 8
Coat
Boots 3/4/
Gloves
Hose Chain

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet #26

Robertson, Randy
3419 Warner Ave

Tw. 5-1562

Dec 24 - 1911

out

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite

Helmet # 17

Rueff, Martin
3632 Warner Ave

Tw. 6-1643

Mich. 1 - 1936

out

Coat
Pants
Boots & In-soles
Flash-lite & Hose Chain

Helmet #21

Ross, Bailey
210 Beechwood Rd
Reynolds

Tw. 6-8616

Me. 4-1581

816 - 135

Coat
Boots
Pants
Flash-lite & Hose, Chain

Helmet

Saurer, Paul B.
310 Brampton Rd
Koster-Swope

Tw. 5-8027

Tw. 5-2454

out

out

Coat
Boots 3/4

Turned in

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet #5.

Schneider, Phil L. Jr
3923 Grandview Ave

Tw5.2085

*ex K1-432
in R11-185*

Jan 14-1915

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite

Helmet #30

Smith, Billy Jr
3806 Napanee

Tw.3-3415

J 50-145

aug 18-1914

Coat
Pants
Boots 7 Insoles
Flash-lite & hose Chain

Helmet-- Own

Sullivan, Dan.
4042 Ormond Rd

Tw.3-5309

J 99-895

Oct 48-1913

Coat
Pants
Boots & In-soles
Flash-lite & Hose chain

Helmet--Captains.

Terry, J.P.
119 Ridgeway Ave
Service Station
Cad. *J 60-074*

Tw.3-3525

Tw.6-9217

Dec 7-1912

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite 7 Hose chain

Radio--#5040

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet #

Tully, Kint Tw.3-5372
523 Breckinridge Ln

Oscar Von Allmen
4027 Hycliffe

Tw6-8762

5/3/24

Coat
Pants
Boots

✓ Coat
✓ Boots
✓ Pants
✓ Hose Chain
✓ Flashlight
✓ House Key

Robert Walling Tw5-9596
122 Fairmeade Rd Tw5-2475

June 4-1926

Sherrill Wayne Sr
3827 Staebler Ave

*Tw-5-9798
ju. 7-9593
June 7-1934*

Clothing Issue
Radio Monitor
Boots
Coat
Pants
Helmet

Pants ✓
Boots ✓
Coat ✓
Hose Chain ✓
FlashLight ✓
Key ✓

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Wathen, Robt. Tw,7-2874
Ju,4-4071

J47-128

out
Philadelphia
Run

Helmet #9

Webb, James E. Ju.4-1071
1028 S. Shelby Tw.7-2874
Bus

J 58-566 Jan 15-1928

out

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite & hose chain

Helmet #19

Weixler, James A. Tw.5-6817
211 Staebler Ave

J22-078

out 24-1932

out

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite & hose chain

Helmet #12

Wernert, Walter L. Tw.5-3274
3826 Massie Ave
Terry's Service Sta Tw.6-9217

7/27/1935

Coat
Pants
Boots & In-soles
Flash-lite & Hose chain

1954

This is Capt. Beam's Booklet from STMFD:

Helmet Captains

Westwood, George
202 Biltmore

Tw.3.7733

Nov 18 - 1910

Coat
Pants
Boots
Flash-lite & Hose chain

Radio--# 5028

Helmet--Captains

Wheeler, Richard M, Jr
3722 Lexington Rd
Canary Cottage

Tw3-7260
Tw.6-8829

6/29/21

18 37-399

Coat

Boots 3/4
Flash-lite & hose chain

Radio--# 5033

Helmet #8

Writers, Wm. W.
120 Meridian Ave
E. & R. Church

Tw.5-1386

Tw.3-3146

June 24 - 1885

Coat
Boots
Pants
Flash-lite & Hose chain

1954

November 11, 1954: Board meeting:

Minutes of the Meeting of the Volunteer Fire Association

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, November 11, 1954, at 7:45 p. m. at the Fire House. The meeting was called to order by the president.

The following directors were present John Monahan, Marty Kramer, Fred Boss, Joe Zehnder, J. P. Terry, Louis Schweitzer, and W. Leland Wilson.

The president reported the accident of George Miller.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after the correction of Fred Boss's name being omitted from last meeting they were approved.

The Assistant Secretary Beam's reported was read by the president.

The committee appointed at the September meeting to meet with the officials of the City of St. Matthews reported they had made a contract with the City for two months, ending December 31, 1954.

The president reported the arrival of the water cooler.

Louis Schweitzer moved that action the purchase of Penn. R. R. Bonds be postponed until later. Seconded by Joe Zehnder. Motion carried.

Joe Zehnder moved that Thanksgiving turkeys be purchased by the Association for all Volunteer Firemen, the Assistant Secretary, a group at Belmont S&B Company, and the Board of Directors. The turkeys to be purchased by the president for delivery to the Fire House on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1954. Seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Fred Boss, seconded by Marty Kramer, the the telephone from the Fire House to the Cab Company be discontinued as we now have radios. Motion carried.

J. P. Terry moved that meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p. m. seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Leland Wilson, Secy Pro Tem.

November 11, 1954:
The Voice Of St. Matthews:



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Louisville's Annexation Policy—The Facts, Ma'am, We Just Want The Facts

If the public pronouncements of the Mayor of Louisville in regard to annexation are confusing to you, don't be disturbed. There's nothing the matter with you. It's the pronouncements.

Like the man on "Dragnet" says, all we want are the facts, ma'am, just the facts. And without further ado, here they are:

From a speech by the Democratic candidate, new State Senator, Arthur Grafen, before the St. Matthews V.F.W. October 12, 1954:

"It is a particular pleasure therefore for me to give to you the pledges of our candidate for Mayor, Andrew Broadbush, our candidate for County Judge, George Wetherby, and the entire (Democratic) legislative fleet concerning this vital subject of annexation.

"The new City Administration under Mayor Broadbush pledges that it will make no new effort under the present annexation law to annex territory where it is clear that a majority of the people are opposed to being annexed."

From the Courier-Journal, November 3, 1953, after the election:

"Mayor-elect Andrew Broadbush will not announce until after December 1 his decision on whether Louisville will proceed with its attempt to annex the St. Matthews business district."

From The Voice, November 26, 1953:

"The City of Louisville will go ahead with current plans to annex the St. Matthews business district. Mayor Andrew Broadbush made the announcement Monday. He said he would instruct the city's law department to try to annex the area with a pending seven-year-old ordinance recently reactivated.

"Mr. Broadbush said he knew nothing about a petition signed by 175 St. Matthews businessmen and women saying they wanted to be annexed by St. Matthews. 'I haven't seen it,' he said. 'Petitions don't mean anything.'"

From the Voice March 4, 1954:

"(Mayor Broadbush) added . . . 'I would certainly ask for the Metropolitan Sewer District to take over St. Matthews' sewer debt. I think St. Matthews would have every right to refuse to be annexed unless we do so. It's a two-way street.'"

In an interview with The Voice August 21, 1954 Mayor Broadbush declared:

"I don't want to take any hasty action or force people to come into Louisville. I think we can work together with the suburbs on a partnership basis and solve out mutual problems. We ought to make it so attractive that they'll want to come in, and will ask to come in."

From the Courier Journal, September 1, 1954:

"Mayor Broadbush will not ask the Board of Aldermen to put up to the City of St. Matthews voters in November the question of annexation by Louisville.

"This is far too important a decision to be made so hurriedly," he said. He said he did not want to be accused of "trying to ram this thing through by asking the aldermen to approve the

necessary election ordinance with so little deliberation."

Broadbush recalled his campaign pledge to seek annexation of surrounding areas only "when it is mutually agreeable."

From a speech October 4, 1954, at the St. Matthews V.F.W. by Ken Grafen:

"It gives me a particular pleasure to be here tonight with Mayor Broadbush and be able to say with pride that we kept our campaign promises in regard to annexation, as contrasted with the promises made by the Republicans in 1952."

From The Voice, October 28, 1954:

"Mayor Andrew Broadbush, evidently surprised at objections to proposed annexation by Louisville of territory in the Mockingbird Valley area, said he would not push the matter.

"He said he thought he would wait a while and let the objectors 'cool off.' He said he had been under the impression that people there wanted to be annexed, and that's why the ordinance was proposed.

"Two suits were filed Monday protesting annexation . . . One suit protesting annexation of the entire area . . . claims that more than 75 per cent of residents in the area are opposed to annexation."

From the Courier-Journal, November 4, 1954:

"Mayor Broadbush says he will fight for annexation of 190 acres of exclusive homesites between Zorn Avenue and Mockingbird Valley Road. He will also ask the Board of Aldermen to complete action as soon as possible on the annexation of a larger, two-square-mile area west of Zorn on both sides of McPherson as far west as Lett-

ter. "Broadbush insisted that his decision to proceed with annexation of the two areas despite opposition was not a violation of a campaign pledge. He said in his campaign for election that he would not seek annexation of any territory unless it would be mutually beneficial and agreeable to Louisvillians and those in the area to be taken in.

"The names on the beef revision petition in no way represented a majority of the residents and property owners in the larger area, he said.

"And he argued that a subdivision developer, who owns the biggest part of the smaller annexation area and asked to be taken in, represents a potential majority in this area."

Fall Festival Nov. 18

Holy Trinity Church's fall festival will be held Thursday, Nov. 18, at the church on Cherrywood Road, and serving will begin at the turkey snack bar beginning at 4:30. The public is invited.

1954

November 15, 1954, The Courier-Journal

Firemen Will Collect Muscular-

Members of The Louisville Fire Department and several volunteer fire departments in the county will collect funds for muscular dystrophy, starting the day after Thanksgiving.

Plans for the house-to-house canvass were announced yesterday by John H. Chrimes, president of the Louisville Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America.

Col. John H. Krusenklau, chief

of the Louisville Fire Department, will be honorary chairman. The drive chairman for Local 343, A.F.L. International Association of Fire Fighters, will be William Tyree, a member of Engine Company 11.

Muscular dystrophy, for which the money is being collected, is a crippling, usually fatal, disease. It starts almost unnoticed with the weakening of some muscles, especially of the arms and legs.

It then proceeds from one group of muscles to another until either total disability or death takes place.

Most of its victims are children from 3 to 13. It may, however, strike at any age.

The firemen will canvass on their days off. They hope to complete the campaign over the week after Thanksgiving. Pledge envelopes will be distributed by mail in advance, Chrimes said.

Dystrophy Funds

Firemen of New Albany and Jeffersonville also have arranged similar marches on the North Side.

Volunteer fire departments that will take part include those at Highview, Jeffersontown, Lake Dreamland, Cane Run, London, Shively, and St. Matthews.

All money collected will be used for research into muscular dystrophy and for the operation of clinics and other services for

people who have the disease. A clinic for the Louisville area is maintained at St. Anthony Hospital here.

Nationally, the muscular-dystrophy fund campaign was adopted by the firemen's union at its annual convention earlier this year in Miami. Similar canvasses are scheduled in most other major cities.

1954

November 18, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Many fire Hazards Seen Here, But Average Good, November 18, 1954

The Kentucky State Fire Prevention Association gave St. Matthews a through going-over Tuesday and announced that while there were plenty of fire hazards here, the town is in "pretty good shape," comparatively speaking.

President Jack Redmon said St. Matthews was about 59 percent defective as against a State average of 80 percent. He said his men had investigated 211 stores, schools, and churches here and found 126 risks. They made a total of 231 recommendations.

Fire hazards ran the gamut from faulty wiring and rubbish to wrong size fuses. Mr. Redmon said notices would be sent to building owners here listing the defects, and recommending corrective actions.

Schools here were in pretty good shape according to Mr. Redmon, and secretary D. P. Vandivier. They inspected Greathouse, Waggener, Stivers, Chenoweth, Holy Trinity High, Holy Trinity Grade, and Our Lady of Lourdes.

They praised the cooperation of local churches. They inspected 10 and found only one locked.

The inspection was made without cost in cooperation with the following St. Matthews organizations. Volunteer Fire Department, Lions, Optimists, Rotary, and Kiwanis.

Tuesday evening, a joint meeting was held at the Woman's Club of St. Matthews. The principal speaker was Harry H. Wolff from the Western Actuarial Bureau of Chicago.

Twenty members of the Fire Prevention Association, including Mr. Vandivier, Mr. Redmon, and vice president John R. Blackmarr, participated. Also assisting were J. W. Mullican, assistant fire marshal, and three deputies.

November 22, 1954, Letter:

St. Matthews, Kentucky

November 22, 1954.

D RIVER'S
ATTENTION

St. Matthews Volunteer
Fire Department,
St. Matthews, Ky.

We wish you would remind your
firemen of the traffic humps
which we have on Norbourne
Boulevard.

In answering an alarm they
should avoid using Norbourne
Boulevard or drive over these
more slowly.

CITY OF NORBOURNE ESTATES

Louis Hammerle

1954

November 26, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

DON'T MISS IT!

NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY — FRIDAY — SATURDAY — DECEMBER 2—3—4
PLAN TO ATTEND OUR

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Johnny Doyle Shell Service
(Formerly Shell Dealer At Freshfort & Weisert)
5001 SHELBYVILLE RD., ST. MATTHEWS
(Next Door To East Drive-In Theatre)

November 26, 1954, Letter:

November 26 1954

Mr P.B. Wheeler
206 Heady Ave
Louisville 7 Ky.

Dear Mr Wheeler;

We are returning your check submitted for Fire Protection from the St Matthews Fire Department because of the fact that you now live in the Richlawn City.

This City contracts with us on an anual basis, and your Taxes paid into this city also takes care of the Fire Dues.

Thank you for your consideration.

St Matthews Fire Department.
V.A. Beam
V.A. Beam, Asst-Sec'y.

Firemen Get \$3,600 For Dystrophy

The St. Matthews and Lyndon Volunteer Fire Departments collected over \$3,600 for the Muscular Dystrophy Fund by Tuesday evening, and the St. Matthews men still had a lot of calls to make.

St. Matthews fire chief John M. Monohan, Jr., said his firemen, with the help of Legionnaires from the Zachary Taylor Post and other volunteers, had collected \$2,867 and expected to get about \$3,250 altogether.

Mrs. Buzz Pierce, wife of the Lyndon fire chief, said his men had collected \$790.15 from 1,250 homes in the area Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Twenty-two of the 30 Lyndon firemen helped in the drive.

Chief Monohan informed the Voice Tuesday the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department had ordered a \$23,500 engine and expected delivery by January 15.

Chief Monohan's work force of about 70 includes 42 St. Matthews firemen. They ran into some difficulty over Thanksgiving because so many people were away from home. They planned to continue the drive through last night in an attempt to reach everyone in the St. Matthews area.



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Courtesy Beechwood Baptist Church: Dedicated December 4 and 5, 1955.



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December 9, 1954: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, December 9, 1954.

Directors present were:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mr. Fred Boss | Mr. John Monohan, Jr. |
| Mr. Louis Schweitzer | Mr. Marty Kamer |
| Mr. Leland Wilson | Mr. J. P. Terry |
| Mr. Jos. Zehnder | Mr. George E. Miller |

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Monohan.

Minutes of the last meeting, October 14, were read by Mr. Monohan. A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Boss that the minutes be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss that the committee dealing with the City of St. Matthews make an agreement that they pay on a basis of \$.10 per \$100.00 on state and county assessments for the year of 1955, on a monthly basis. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that turkeys be purchased for all the firemen for Christmas.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry that the meeting be adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
George E. Miller
George E. Miller
Secretary

December 9, 1954, Letter:

SO THAT WE MAY GIVE YOU PROPER CREDIT
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM
Print Name Opposite Proper Category

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Owner | <u>Edward C. Janzen</u> | |
| Tenant | <u>4026 Greenwood Rd</u> | |
| Single Res. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Duplex | 1st Fl. | 2nd Fl. |
| Multiple Unit | Apt. No. | |
| If Tenant—List Owner's Name Below | | |
| Name | Address | |

-If you have sold this property or moved please advise us of new owner or tenant by mail or phone TA. 8812.

I had the experience of passing the engine house at the time a call came in. The speed and order which I saw certainly gave me a feeling of pride and security.

Francis P. Janzen

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December 15, 1954: Lumber Mill Damaged by \$120,000 Blaze.—Part of Brownsboro Road Blocked Off Awhile: Pupils Watch Fire From Chenoweth School. Scores of school children watched from their classrooms yesterday as a fast-spreading fire destroyed three buildings, machinery, and stock at the Variety Millwork Company, 3640 Brownsboro Road. The loss was estimated at \$120,000.

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Cloud Day

Furnished by The U. S. Weather Bureau

KENTUCKY — Rather cloudy Tuesday with high of 40 to 45. Wednesday partly cloudy with moderate temperature.

TENNESSEE — Rather cloudy Tuesday with high of 42 to 48. Wednesday partly cloudy with

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STUBBORN FIRE FIGHTERS battle a wind-whipped blaze at the Variety Millwork Company, 3640 Brownsboro Road. The total loss was estimated at \$120,000. Courier-Journal Photo

December 15, 1954, Letter:

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Fire Chief Monohan
St. Matthews Fire Dept.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you and all your volunteers for your response to my call for assistance last Saturday, December 11, 1954. It was through your prompt and successful action that damage was held to a minimum, and what could have been a tragedy to my family was averted.

Thanking you again in this matter, and extending to you the Season's Greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

J. D. Schwarzer

J. D. Schwarzer
3909 Brownsboro Road
Louisville 7, Ky.

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December 15, 1954, Letter:

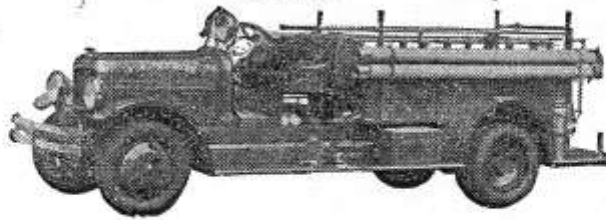
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

December 15, 1954

Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America Inc.

P.O. Box 307

New York 6 N.Y.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find checks totaling \$2996.13 These checks represent the total amount collected in our fire protection area.

Yours truly

John M. Monohan Jr.
Chief.

STMFD 1954 Letter Head

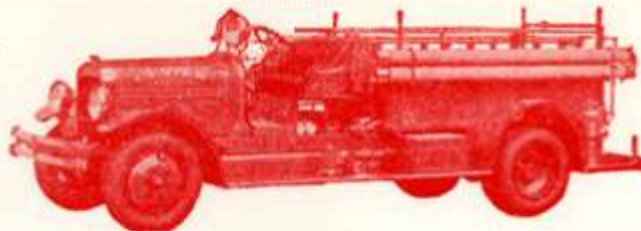
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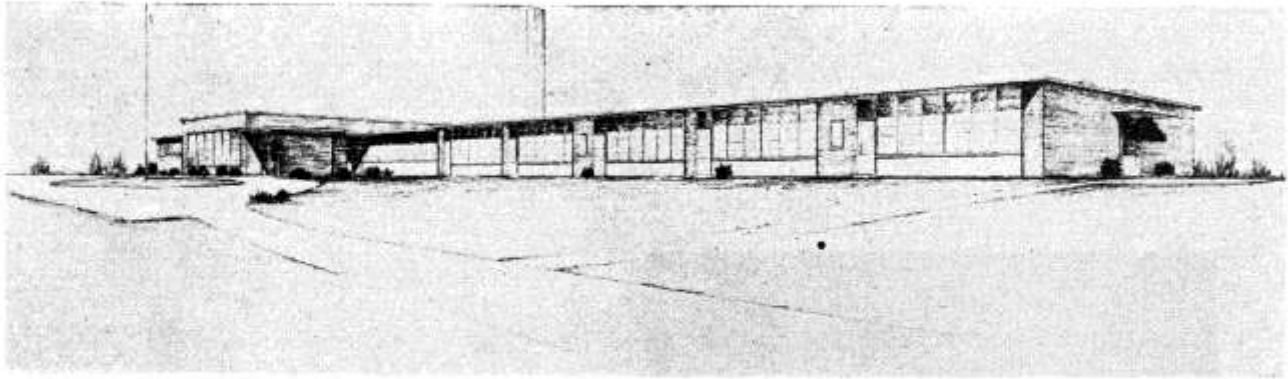
Dedication and Open House

JOHN H. CHENOWETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 16, 1954

6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

7:45 P.M. Dedication



Master of Ceremonies

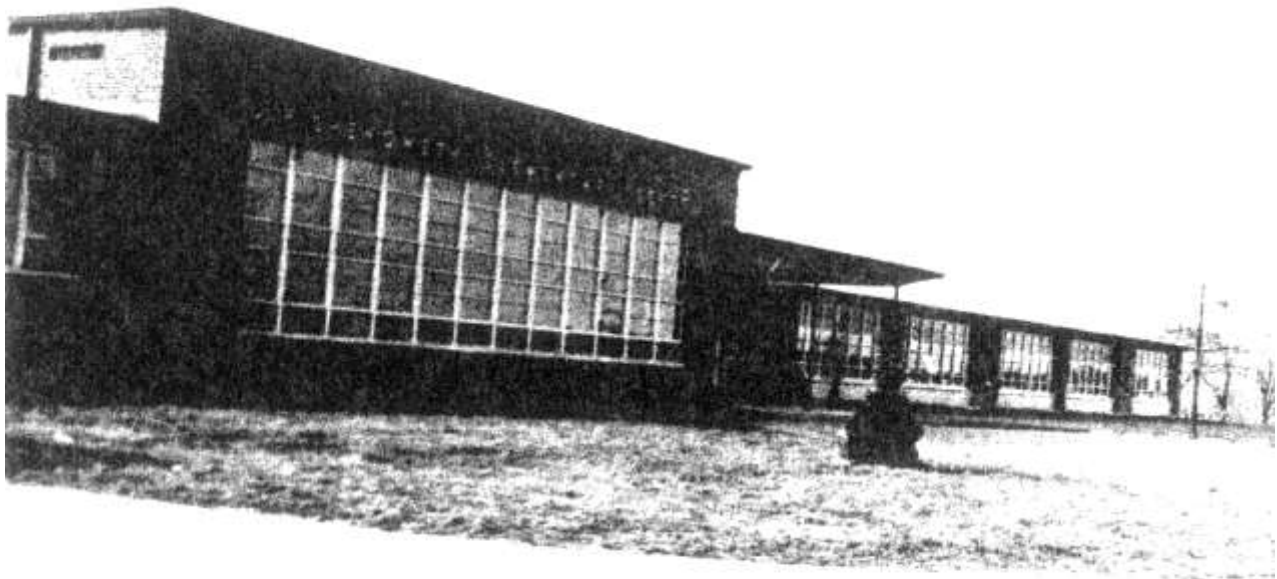
ALBERT E. BOWEN, Member, Jefferson County Board of Education

Speaker

DR. KENNETH P. VINSEL, Executive Vice President
Louisville Chamber of Commerce

Invocation

REVEREND STEPHEN R. DAVENPORT, Rector, St. Francis-in-the-Fields



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December 16, 1954:

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Mr. A. Clemens, Engineer
Ky, Inspection Bureau
Louisville Ky,

Dear Clem;

Here is a list of the Board of Directors, and the
available Day Men.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

John M Monohan Jr Pres,
Marty Kamer Vice-Pres.
Geo. Miller, Sec'y Board.
Fred C. Boss, Tress.
J. P. Terry
Joe Zehnder
Louis Schweitzer
W. Leland Wilson
Meet every 2nd Thursday
of each month.

Available Day Men.

J. P. Terry, Captain
John Westerman, Captain
Marty Kamer, Lt.
John V. Kaster, Lt.
~~Wm. Writter~~
Ed Foley
Melch. Zehnder
Dick Wheeler
Phil Resch
Jack Monohan
Walter Fletcher
John Carr
Randy Florence
Robt. White
Pete Blackwell
Walter Wernert
Kent Tully
Geo. Haerberlin
Albert Haerberlin
Mel Shrode

There is an enrollment of 45 men, and all are available after
5 P.M.

Believe this will help your files.

Yours very truly

Captain V. A. Beam, Asst. Sec'y.

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December 20, 1954, Letter:

December 20 1954

Col. Norman Davis
Underwriters' Laboratory
Chicago Ill.,

Dear ~~Norm;~~

As you may know by this time, on July 1st of this year the State Department concluded that I had reached the Retirement age as setup by state laws, however shortly thereafter this department chose me as their Assistant Secretary in charge of Finance, so it has proven an ideal connection as far as I am concerned.

Today I was talking with Al. Clemens of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau concerning some approved Hose, and he suggested that I write you for a copy of the Booklet listing Approved or Labeled material such as hose, and other equipment.

We have a new 750 Seagrave Quad coming about January 15th, and of course we want some additional equipment, now the Chief here has said he was willing to abide by my suggestions, however the department is controlled by a Board of Directors, so by following the U.L. listing, it will be easier to convince them on any recommendation.

Hope to see you in Memphis next February.

Yours very truly

V.A. Beam, Asst-Sec'y

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December 23, 1954, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Beargrass Annex Damaged By Fire

The fire that broke out in Beargrass Christian Church's annex Wednesday, Dec. 15, caused damage conservatively estimated at \$6,000.

The caretaker's apartment upstairs, where the fire broke out between 8:30 and 9 p.m., was severely damaged. The Sunday School rooms downstairs suffered water and smoke damage.

Cause of the fire was undetermined. It broke out in the kitchen of the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stoess, caretakers for the church. The kitchen and bathroom were badly burned. Mr. and Mrs. Stoess suffered the loss of much of their personal property.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department fought the blaze for about two hours.

St. M. Man Named Head Of Bank's Local Branch

John Emrich, 369 Oxford Place, has been named manager of the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company's St. Matthews branch.

Mr. Emrich, 47, will take over his new duties when the bank, now under construction on Shelbyville Road, is opened in the spring.

He has been with the bank since 1926. He is now in charge of the downtown office's home improvement loan section of the installment and loan department. He has been in the latter department five years.

His experience at the bank has been wide. He started as a runner, and has worked in the retail and bookkeeping departments, and was for a time a discount trailer and a commercialeller.

He and his wife, Myrtle Margaret, have a son, John 12, a seventh grader at Waggener Junior High School. Mr. Emrich is a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He is a member of the retail credit manager's association.



—Photo by Jim Miller
JOHN EMRICH

December 29, 1954: *The Louisville Times*: \$100,000 Fire Hits Building In St. Matthews. An early morning fire swept through a St. Matthews store and office building today, causing damage estimated at possibly \$125,000.

The State fire marshal is investigating its cause. The Consolidated Sales Company, a retail merchandising firm which leases much of the space in the buildings at Chenoweth Lane and Frankfort Avenue, suffered losses amounting to an estimated \$100,000.

The St. Matthews Trim Shop, an automobile upholstery firm in the rear of the building, suffered a loss of about \$12,000 to \$15,000.

The owners of the building were as yet unable to estimate the damage to the structure, which was gutted by flames.

The fire was discovered at 2:35 a.m. by Tom Hodges, a part-time driver for the Belmont Cab Company. Hodges threw the St. Matthews Fire Department siren switch which is in the cab company office in a building near the scene of the fire.

Alarms on Burning Building: The department's two sirens atop the Consolidated building sounded the alarm. They later fell to the ground when part of the roof of the building collapsed.

The three trucks of the St. Matthews department answered the alarm and were later joined by two trucks from the Louisville Fire Department. In all, approximately 3,500 feet of hose was laid.

Almost all of St. Matthews 42 volunteers answered the call. They had held their weekly meeting last night, working until late evening cleaning their equipment. (NOTE: The old log book shows that Engines 1, 2, & 3 made the Consolidated fire. Apparently the Quad wasn't in service yet.)

Chief John Monohan, of the St. Matthews, volunteers said that the fire appeared to have broken out simultaneously in two separate parts of the building. When the volunteers arrived, he said flames were coming from the front display window and from the second story rear of the building.

Both parts of the building are leased by Consolidated Sales.

Traffic Is Rerouted: Early morning traffic was rerouted off Frankfort Avenue and Chenoweth Lane which were blocked by hoses.

Captain Andrew Harrington of the Louisville Fire Department said that the rain kept the smoke close to the ground. He said that he had to drive through "a solid cloud of smoke for two blocks" to get to the fire.

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The two-story brick structure is divided into three sections, which suffered varying damage.

The section fronting on Chenoweth Lane, leased on the ground floor by the St. Matthews Trim Shop and used on the second floor as a store room for Consolidated Sales, was a total loss, according to Chief Monohan.

The retail merchandise on the ground floor of the area fronting on Frankfort Avenue was also a total loss, Monohan said.

The other areas of the building were relatively undamaged, Monohan said. Clothing on the ground floor of the third section and the five offices on the second floor were damaged only by smoke and water, he said.

Sales Firm Insured: The president of Consolidated Sales, Martin Lewis, 596 Garden Drive, estimated the damage and said that it was covered by insurance. H. S. Mattingly, owner of the St. Matthews Trim shop, said that his losses were not fully covered by insurance.

The five offices in the building are the Cross Roads Beauty Shoppe, Sanitation District No. 1 (the St. Matthews sewer board), Yoakum & Mann, dental laboratory, Barry R. Grimes, insurance agency, and one that is unoccupied.

The building is owned by Louis J. Herrmann and Turner A. Summers, Sr.

In 1943 the building was the scene of a \$75,000 fire which destroyed 27 automobiles. The building was at that time occupied by the St. Matthews Motor Company, owned by Hermann and Summers.

NOTE: In less than 24 hours the department had another siren installed and our alarm system was functional again



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December 29, 1954: The department needed a new siren quick and got it.



December 30, 1954, *The Courier-Journal*:



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KELSO-BURNETT ELECTRIC CO. AND ASSOCIATES
ROBERT E. BARRY ELECTRIC CO.
MARINE ELECTRIC CO., INC.
Electrical Contractors
General Electric Company
APPLIANCE PARK, KENTUCKY

Telephone
Cherokee 4671

No. 943
Date 12-30-54

Address Reply To
P. O. Box 1824
Lexington, Ky.

Account No. 200-89

TERMS: Cash

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price | Schedule |
|----------|------------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 | STL 10 - Federal 10 HP Siren | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
Dec. 30 1954

M Kelso Electric Co. & Associates

For Services Rendered
Please deliver to Bearer one (1) Federal Siren Model S P10.
I discussed with you over phone a few moments ago.
We agree to pay \$250.00 for same.

Yours
Chief St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.

*check mailed
Dec 30 - 1954
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MATERIAL RECEIVING REPORT
KELSO-BURNETT ELECTRIC CO. AND ASSOCIATES
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY APPLIANCE PARK
BUECHEL, KENTUCKY

EL MEAS

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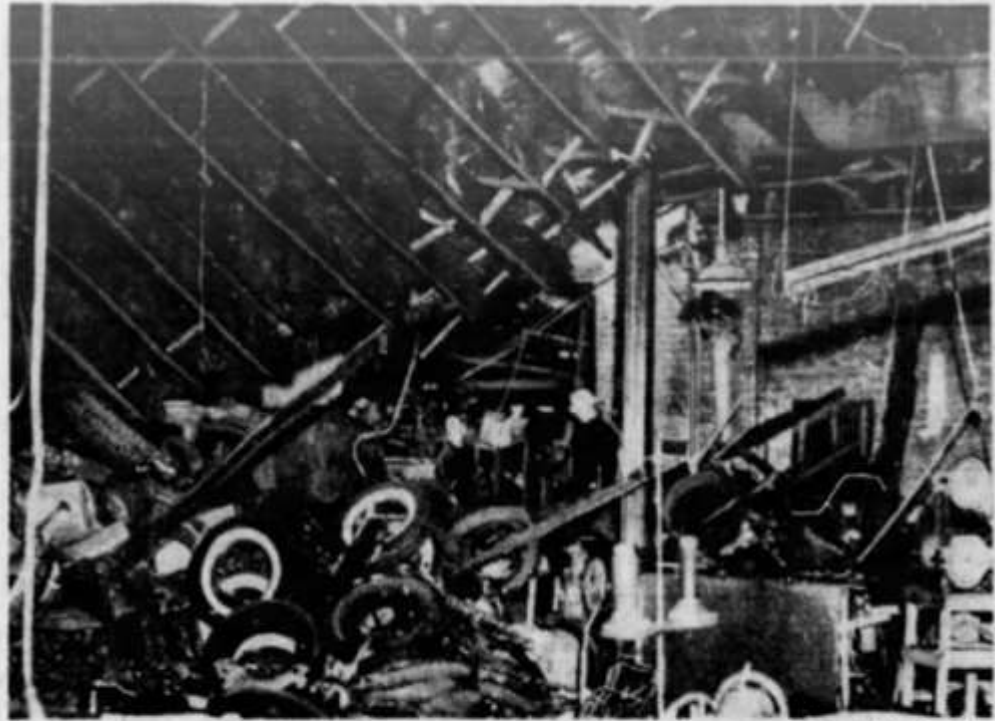
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Note below if tally of material received differs from Bill of Lading or Shipping Notice.
(RE. PO EL-9494 Req-9107)

Various photos of this type siren. None of these photos are of STMFD's siren.





Courier-Journal Photo

DEBRIS left by a fire at 3827 Frankfort, St. Matthews, is inspected here by firemen. This section of the building was occupied by St. Matthews Trim Shop, an automobile-upholstery shop. Roof, upper left, has partly collapsed.

\$115,000 Fire at St. Matthews Damages Store-and-Office Building

Blaze Breaks Out In Two Places

One of the worst fires in St. Matthews' history caused damage estimated at more than \$115,000 to a combination store and office building at 2:35 a.m. yesterday.

Flames spread rapidly and enveloped almost half of the two-story brick building, at 3827 Frankfort, by the time three trucks of the **St. Matthews Fire Department** arrived.

Firemen said the blaze appeared to have broken out at the same time in two parts of the building. The State fire marshal's office is investigating. Cause of the fire was not known.

Loses \$100,000 In Stock

Most of the first-floor space in the building is leased by Consolidated Sales Company, a retail merchandising firm. The firm's

loss was estimated at \$100,000 in stock.

St. Matthews Trim Shop, an automobile-upholstery firm in the rear of the building, suffered damage estimated at between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Louis J. Herrmann, co-owner of the building, said he could not estimate damage to the structure, at Frankfort and Chenoweth Lane. He said it would be rebuilt. The other owner is Turner A. Summers, Sr.

Cabdriver Discovers Fire

Tom Hodges, a part-time driver for Belmont Cab Company, discovered the fire. He quickly drove to the nearby cab-company office and threw the St. Matthews Fire Department siren switch. The department's two sirens atop the burning building sounded the alarm. The sirens later fell to the ground when part of the roof fell in.

Two trucks from the Louisville Fire Department joined the three St. Matthews trucks in the fire fight. About 3,500 feet of hose was laid.

The alarm was answered by almost all of St. Matthews' 42 volunteers. They had held their weekly meeting Tuesday night and had worked until 11 p.m. cleaning their equipment.

Five offices on the second floor of the building above Consolidated Sales were damaged by smoke and water. They are occupied by Cross Roads Beauty Shoppe; Sanitation District No. 1 (the St. Matthews Sewer Board); Yoakum & Mann, dental laboratories; Harry R. Grimes, insurance agency, and the H. K. Hazelip real-estate office.

The second floor above the Trim Shop is used by Consolidated Sales as a storeroom. This section was damaged by fire.

The loss to Consolidated Sales is covered by insurance, but damage to the Trim Shop is only partly covered, officials of the firms said.

While used by an automobile agency in 1943 the building was the scene of a \$75,000 fire that destroyed 27 automobiles.

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Statistics From March 11, 1954 To End OF 1954

Total number of fire runs: 75
Total working fires: 11
Total hours of fire fighting: 45
Total 1 1/2" hose used: 2,000 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used: 12,000 feet
Back up City of Louisville:
Number of A. M. runs: 23
Number of P. M. runs: 52
Number of runs made by fire apparatus:
Engine 1: 57
Engine 2: 31
Engine 3:: 44

Types of fire runs:
House 21
Commercial 9
Automobile 8
Field & trash 30
Miscellaneous 2
Malicious false 5

Working fires:

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| 3/11/1954 | 8:30 p.m. | Garage and Trucks on Lowe Road. Singler property on Lowe Road, with Jeffersontown |
| 4/16/1954 | 7:50 p.m. | House, 36 Sheridan Road, basement |
| 6/13/1954 | 3:05 p.m. | House, 102 Staebler Avenue, 2 nd floor |
| 9/10/1954 | 2:55 p.m. | House, 3819 Washington Avenue |
| 9/15/1954 | 10:00 p.m. | House, on, corner of Murphy Lane & Brownsboro Road, empty, with Worthington |
| 9/18/1954 | 9:40 p.m. | House, 205 Exchange, roof hit by lightning |
| 9/18/1954 | 10:10 p.m. | House, 3913 Hillsboro Road, roof hit by lightning |
| 12/15/1954 | 2:05 a.m. | Neimier Planing Mill, 3640 Brownsboro Road, Louisville helped, 11 hours out (Fire actually in Louisville City limits.) |
| 12/15/1954 | 8:45 p.m. | House, 4116 Frankfort Avenue, fire in attic |
| 12/29/1954 | 2:30 a.m. | Consolidated Sales Company, Total loss with Trim Shop, also lost our siren. Address, 3827 Frankfort Avenue |

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Courtesy Rick Albers

1954 ST. MATTHEWS FIRE RUNS (from March 11, 1954)

| DATE | TIME | 100# TIME | COMPANIES RESPONDED | Run # | NO OF FF'S | OFFICER IN CHARGE | STREET ADDRESS Or LOCATION | NARRATIVE |
|------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| 3-11 | 830 PM | 1130 PM | St. Matthews #1 J-town #1 & 2 | | | Chief Monohan | Lowe Road (4500 blk) | Working fire in storage garage – Singler property 300 of 1-1/2" 1500' of 2-1/2" |
| 3-13 | 955 AM | 1034 AM | St. Matthews Truck #1 & 3 | | | E. Foley J. Kaster | West of Breckinridge Lane in The 500 block | Field Used all of booster lines |
| 4-6 | 714 PM | 900 PM | Cab stand, firehouse, #1-2-3 | | | Chief Monohan J. Kaster | St. Matthews | Test – 5 hydrants |
| 4-6 | 1000 PM | 1020 PM | Trucks #1 & 2 & 3 | | | Chief Monohan | 119 Ridgeway Avenue J.P. Terry Residence | Hot water heater Used boosters |
| 4-8 | 330 PM | 342 PM | Truck #1 | | | J.P. Terry | 4170 Shelbyville Road | Contents of truck Used booster |
| 4-13 | 700 PM | | Truck 1, 2 & 3 | | | Chief Monohan | St. Matthews | Test – training |
| 4-16 | 750 PM | 1130 PM | Trucks 1 & 2 City Engine 20 | | | Jack Monohan J.P. Terry | 36 Sheridan Road Meadowview Estates | Working house fire – basement Used 2-1/2", 1-1/2", booster, roof ladder |
| 4-18 | 740 PM | 920 PM | St. Matthews Truck #3 | | | Chief Monohan | Beauchamp Road (now called Cannons Lane) | Trash & dump Used booster – 3 tanks |
| 4-19 | 210 PM | 215 PM | Truck #3 | | | Mel Zehnder | 4020 Norbourne Blvd | Yard – burning trash Used booster, 1/2 tank |
| 4-21 | 515 PM | 535 PM | Truck 1 & 3 | | | J.P. Terry R. Westwood | 512 Club Lane | House – melting wax in kitchen caught curtains |
| 4-26 | 1140 AM | 1205 PM | Truck #1 & 2 | | | Mel Zehnder Kaster | 213 Ring Road | Clothes Dryer |
| 4-30 | 1110 AM | 1145 AM | Truck #1 & 3 | | | J.P. Terry K. Tully | 3820 Staebler Avenue | House – fire under first floor Used booster |
| 5-7 | 1110 PM | 1125 PM | Truck #1 | | | Chief Monohan | in front of 3939 Staebler Avenue | Automobile – short in wiring, out on arrival |
| 5-15 | 1115 AM | 115 PM | Truck #2 | | | Jack Monohan | - | Parade – no fire |
| 5-16 | 805 AM | 835 AM | Truck #3 | | | Chief Monohan | 142 Chenoweth Lane | Rescue – remove owl from tree, same being entangled in kite string |

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| 5-18 | 705 PM | - | - | | | Chief Monohan | - | Test |
| 5-28 | 1030 AM | 1225 PM | Trucks #1, 2 & 3 | | | Chief Monohan | 3810 Lexington Road J.P. Terry's Texaco Service | Gasoline truck – overflow of gasoline on street, fumes ignited by flair, used booster |
| 6-1 | 715 PM | 1011 PM | Trucks 1 & 3 Cab Stand | | | Chief Monohan | - | Training & test |
| 6-8 | 700 PM | 1020 PM | Truck #3 | | | Chief Monohan | - | Training & test |
| 6-13 | 305 AM | 505 AM | Engine 1 & 3 | | | Chief Monohan | 102 Staebler Avenue | House – 2 nd floor front room, used 1 booster & two 1-1/2" lines, laid 800 ft. to hydrant |
| 6-13 | 835 PM | 905 PM | Engine 1 & 3 | | | Chief Monohan | Chenoweth Lane & U.S. 42 | Automobile – used Johnson pump |
| 6-29 | 845 AM | 855 AM | Engine #1 | | | R. Wheeler | 421 Oread Road | Clothes dryer in basement |
| 6-29 | 535 PM | 552 PM | Engine #1 | | | J.P. Terry R. Wheeler | 3500 Norbourne Blvd. | Field – used 100' of booster |
| 6-26 | 310 PM | 350 PM | Engine #1 & 2 | | | J. Kaster | Brownsboro Road & U.S. 42 | Automobile – used booster |
| 6-30 | 1250 PM | | Engine #1 & 3 | | | J. Kaster | Rear – 3924 Frankfort Avenue | Restaurant – used booster |
| 7-8 | 700 PM | 805 PM | Engine #1 & 2 | | | Chief Monohan | River Road & Indian Hills Trail | Automobile – used booster |
| 7-9 | 350 PM | 420 PM | Engine #1 & 3 | | | Wheeler Kaster | Thierman Lane & Shelbyville Road | Weeds – used booster |
| 7-10 | 1230 PM | 300 PM | Engine #2 & 3 | | | Jack Monohan | Holy Trinity grounds | Picnic – 7 sec. 2-1/2" & 8 sec. 1-1/2" |
| 7-15 | 240 PM | 300 PM | Engine #1 | | | Kaster | Rear of 4214 Shelbyville Road | Weeds – used Johnson pump |
| 7-16 | 1245 PM | 119 PM | Engine #1 & 3 | | | Zehnder & Kaster | Big Spring Golf Club & Beauchamp Road (now called Cannons Lane) | Weeds – used booster |

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| 8-23 | 135 PM | | Trucks #1 & 3 | | | Kaster | 3800 Staebler Avenue | Weeds – trash being burned by L&N Railroad |
| 8-25 | 600 PM | 620 PM | Trucks #3 | | | Terry | Alley behind Marshal Planing Mill On Breckinridge Lane | Sawdust – used booster |
| 8-27 | 1225 PM | 1250 PM | Trucks #1 & 2 | | | Kaster & Zehnder | Browns Lane J. Graham Brown Farm | False |
| 9-1 | 210 PM | 300 PM | Truck #1 & 2 | | | Wheeler, Zehnder Kaster | 500 block N. Hubbards Lane | Weeds – burning trash, used boosters |
| 9-3 | 401 PM | 435 PM | Trucks #1, 2 & 3 | | | Kaster Westwood | 4055 Elmwood Avenue | Motor on pump in basement – defective wiring, used booster |
| 9-5 | 1140 PM | 1155 PM | Trucks #1 | | | Chief Monohan | 70 Sequoya Road | Brush – burning trash, used booster |
| 9-10 | 255 PM | 415 PM | Trucks #1 & 3 | | | J. Kaster | 3819 Washington Square | House – rooming house – rear wall of house Used booster & three 1-1/2" lines |
| 9-11 | 605 PM | 750 PM | Engine 2 & 3 | | | J. Kaster | East of Beauchamp Road (now called Cannons Lane) | Weeds & trash – used booster |
| 9-12 | 1205 AM | 1218 AM | Engine 2 & 3 | | | Chief Monohan | 1008 Old Cannons Lane | Straw pile – used booster |
| 9-12 | 1205 PM | 150 PM | Engine 2 & 3 | | | Chief Monohan | East of Beauchamp Road (now called Cannons Lane) | Weeds & trash – used booster |
| 9-13 | 520 PM | 730 PM | Engine #1 | | | Wheeler Kaster | East of Bow Lane, north of Hwy. 42 | Weeds & trees – used booster |
| 9-13 | 850 PM | 920 PM | Engine #2 | | | Wheeler, Kaster Zehnder | At the end of Marshal Drive in Beechwood Village | Trash pile set earlier, used booster |
| 9-15 | 1040 PM | 1230 AM | Engine #2 | | | Chief Monohan | Indian Hills between main unit & Cherokee unit | Weeds, trash, etc. - used booster |
| 9-15 | 1000 PM | 1125 PM | Engine #2 & 1 | | | Zehnder & Kaster | Murphy Lane & Brownsboro Road | Working house fire – backup Worthington VFD – front porch of house, no lines laid by STMPD |
| 9-17 | 525 PM | 555 PM | Engine #2 | | | Kaster | Rear of 212 Clover Lane or 153 St. Matthews Avenue | Weeds – used booster |

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| 9-18 | 940 PM | 1215 AM | Engine #1, #2, #3 | | | Chief Monohan | 205 Exchange Avenue | Working house fire struck by lightning, booster, 800' of 2-1/2", 400' of 1-1/2", 2 ladders |
| 9-18 | 1010 PM | 130 AM | Engine #1, #2 | | | Chief Monohan | 3913 Hillsboro Road | Working house fire struck by lightning, 600' of 2-1/2", 300' of 1-1/2", 3 ladders |
| 10-14 | 645 AM | 720 AM | Engine #1 & 2 | | | Chief Monohan | Twin Elms Trailer Court 4520 Shelbyville Road | Outdoor electric switch panel overheated Used CO2 |
| 10-15 | 905 PM | 935 PM | Engine #3 | | | M.R. Zehnder | Louisville Boat Club 4200 Upper River Road | Watchman's house – used booster |
| 10-21 | 450 PM | 515 PM | Engine #3 | | | J.P. Terry | 200 Meridian Avenue | False |
| 11-5 | 335 PM | 350 PM | Engine #1 | | | Kaster Wheeler | 421 Bauer Avenue | False |
| 11-6 | 853 AM | 920 AM | Engine #1 & 3 | | | Kaster Wheeler | Twin Elms Trailer Court 4520 Shelbyville Road | False |
| 11-11 | 810 AM | 823 AM | Engine 1 | | | Zehnder | Our Lady of Lourdes 510 Breckinridge Lane | False |
| 11-20 | 1250 PM | 115 PM | Engine #1 | | | J.P. Terry | 3600 Block Brownsboro Road | Auto accident – County Police called to wash gas off road |
| 12-8 | 845 AM | 915 AM | Engine #3 | | | Kaster Wheeler Zehnder | 113 N. Hubbards Lane | Furnace blower motor |
| 12-8 | 130 PM | 145 PM | Engine #1 | | | Wheeler Zehnder | 4009 Brownsboro Road | Furnace smoke – no fire |
| 12-11 | 1115 AM | | Engine #1 & 2 | | | J.P. Terry | Stivers Lane | New home – no fire |
| 12-11 | 910 PM | 1055 PM | Engine #1 | | | Chief Monohan | U.S. Highway 42, now Brownsboro Road 3809 | Residence – studding over fireplace, faulty construction, used Johnson pump |
| 12-13 | 205 PM | 137 AM | Engine #1 & 2 | | | Chief Monohan | 3640 Brownsboro Road Neimeir Planing Mill | Large working fire in lumber mill, used 4200' of hose, out 11-1/2 hours, used 1 ladder |
| 12-14 | 600 PM | 620 PM | Engine #3 | | | Jack Monohan | 711 Indian Ridge Road | Furnace smoke, no fire |

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| 12-14 | 1220 AM | 120 AM | Engines #1 & 2 | | | Chief Monohan | 3640 Brownsboro Road Neimier Planing Mill | Called back to fire found after the day before |
| 12-15 | 845 PM | 1200 AM | Engines #1 & 2 | | | Chief Monohan | 4116 Frankfort Avenue Beargrass Christian Church | Working fire in residence 300' of hose used |
| 12-16 | 235 PM | 307 PM | Engine #1 | | | Marty Kemer | 202 Brampton Road | Clothes dryer in basement, used Johnson pump |
| 12-23 | 540 PM | 615 PM | Engine #1 & #3 | | | Zehnder | 411 N. Hubbards Lane | False |
| 12-29 | 230 AM | 845 AM | Engine #1, #2, #3 | | | Chief Monohan | 3827 Frankfort Avenue Consolidated Sales Co. | Large working fire - Dry goods, trim shop, supply. Used 3500' of hose, our fire siren fell thru roof |
| 12-29 | 915 AM | 1018 AM | Engine #3 | | | Zehnder | 3827 Frankfort Avenue St. Matthews Trim Shop | Trim shop - called back from earlier fire, used booster |

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FIRE RECORD OF *St. Matthews Volunteer*

| Date | Time | Alarm by Phone or Box No. | COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type | Time Arrived | Time Discharged | Hours of Service | Miles Traveled | Officer in Charge | Kind of Building or Property | STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION | OWNER | OCCUPIED BY | Purpose Used For | *Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No |
|----------------|----------|---------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| March 11, 1954 | 8:20 PM | Phone | St. Matthews #1 Jeffersonian #2 | 11:30 | 3 | 5 mi | | J. H. Henson | George Trucks | Lower Road west of Brookline Lane 14 500 Black | H.C. Surpfer F.R. Surpfer J.G. Brown | Same J.C. Daughless | STORAGE GARAGE FARM | No |
| March 13, 1954 | 8:55 AM | Phone | TRUCK #1 #3 | 10:34 | 39 min | 1 1/2 | | J. H. Henson | FIELD | | | | | No |
| April 6, 1954 | 7:14 PM | TEST | Cab stand FIRE HOUSE TRUCKS 1, 2 & 3 | 9:00 | 1 hr | | | J. H. Henson | TEST | St. Matthews | KY | | TEST | No |
| April 6, 1954 | 10:00 PM | Phone | TRUCKS 1, 2 & 3 | 10:21 | 10:20 | 19 min | 1 | John Henson | Hipodrome Theater | 119 Ridgeway Ave | JAMES BIRCH TERRY | SAME | HEAT WATER | No |
| April 6, 1954 | 3:30 PM | Phone | TRUCK #1 | 3:52 | 3:42 | 10 min | 1 1/2 | J.P. Terry | CONTENTS OF TRUCK | 4170 Shelbyville Rd. | PAUL THORNTON | SAME | | No |
| April 12, 1954 | 7:00 PM | TRAINING | TRUCK 1, 2 & 3 | | | | | John Henson | TEST | St. Matthews | | | TRAINING | |
| April 16, 1954 | 7:50 PM | Phone | Trucks 1 & 2 206 sq ft - FCJ, ST. MATTHEWS TOWER #3 | 8:55 | 11:38 | 3 hr | 5 mi | John Henson | House | 86 Sheardon Rd. | F.I. Hittinger | SAME | House | No |
| April 16, 1954 | 7:40 PM | Phone | Trucks 1 & 2 | 7:43 | 9:20 | 1 hr 40 | 1 1/2 | John Henson | Truck Dump | Brownship Road | J. GARRAH BROWN | Vacant Ground | Pump | |
| April 17, 1954 | 2:10 PM | Phone | Truck #3 | 2:11 | 2:15 | 4 min | 2 | Zander | Yard | 4070 Norbourn | R.L. Griffin | Same | Yard | No |
| April 17, 1954 | 5:15 PM | Phone | Truck #1 & 3 | 5:18 | 5:25 | 7 min | 3 | Terry Watson | House | 513 Club Lane | P.F. Starks | Same | Home | No |
| April 17, 1954 | 11:40 PM | Phone | Truck #1 & 2 | 11:42 | 11:05 | 35 min | 3 | Zander | Bath Dryer | 213 Ring Rd. | Bob White | SAME | Home | No |
| April 20, 1954 | 11:10 AM | Phone | Trucks 1 & 3 | 11:12 | 11:45 | 33 min | 1 | J.P. Terry | House | 3820 Stables Ave. | Thomas E. Powell | SAME | Home | No |
| May 7, 1954 | 11:10 PM | Phone | Truck #1 | 11:10 | 11:25 | 15 min | 5 | J. H. Henson | Automobile | 1400 Kent Ave | COOL DARR JR | SAME | | No |
| May 15, 1954 | 11:15 PM | | Truck #2 | 11:15 | 1:15 | 2 hr | 13 mi | John Henson | Trucks | 3835 SCHUBERT | | EASTMAN High School PARKADE | | |
| May 16, 1954 | 8:05 AM | Phone | Truck #3 | 8:05 | 8:35 | 30 min | 1/2 | J. H. Henson | Rescue | 142 Chenoweth Lane | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FROM *March 11 - 1954*TO *May 18 1954*

| Part of Building Where Fire Started | CAUSE | Extinguished by S. Bunker C. Chemicals H. Hydrant Stream P. Pumper S. Sprinkler | Number of Hydrants Available | Hours Pumper Worked | Size and Kind of Hose Used | Size and Number of Ladders Used | Gathered at Checkpoint | INSURANCE RECORD | | | | CONTENTS | | | | SPECIAL NOTES |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Estimated Value | Insurance Carried | Estimated Loss | Insurance Paid | Estimated Value | Insurance Carried | Estimated Loss | Insurance Paid | |
| 1 | Undetermined | H-P | Done | 3 | 500 ft | | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 2 | Undetermined | Boosters | NONE | 39 min | 500 ft | | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 3 | Undetermined | | | 5 | TESTED NONE | | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 4 | BURGLED | Undetermined | Boosters | 1 hr | 1/2 | Boosters | | | | | | | | | | RADIO USED FOR FIRE USE ONLY |
| 5 | " | " | " | ONE | 10 min | 1 | | | | | | | | | | " " " |
| 6 | " | " | " | " | " | " | | | | | | | | | | RADIO USED FOR TEST & TRAINING ONLY |
| 7 | Basement | undetermined | Boosters, Hydrant, Pumper | ONE | 3 1/2 | 3 1/2 | ONE | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 8 | " | undetermined | Booster | NONE | | | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 9 | " | burning trash | Booster | ONE | 3 mi | Booster 1/2 Tank | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 10 | " | " | " | " | " | " | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 11 | Kitchen | molting water on kitchen counter | | ONE | 100 ft | ONE | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 11 | Basement | paper trash | | ONE | 100 ft | ONE | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire use only |
| 12 | Under Foot Home | undetermined | Booster | ONE | 30 min | Booster NONE | | | | | | | | | | " " " |
| 13 | Under Hood | short in wiring | ONE | ONE | 100 ft | NONE | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire service only |
| 14 | No fire | " | " | " | " | " | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire service only |
| 15 | Repaired out from fire - same being extinguished in fire story | " | " | " | " | " | | | | | | | | | | Radio used for fire service only |

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| Part of Building Where Fire Started | CAUSE | Extinguished by A. Bucket C. Chemical H. Hydrant Stream P. Pump S. Sprinkler | Number of Hydrants Available | First Pump Worked | Size and Feet of Hose Used | Size and Number of Ladders Used | Radius of Clouds Used | INSURANCE RECORD | | | | CONTENTS | | | | SPECIAL NOTES |
| | | | | | | | | Estimated Value | Insurance Carried | Estimated Loss | Insurance Paid | Estimated Value | Insurance Carried | Estimated Loss | Insurance Paid | |
| Basement | Gasoline | Bucket | 1 | 1 | 1 1/2" | 2 | 10' | | | | | | | | | Radio Used for Training Only |
| 1st Floor | ? | Bucket | 1 | 1 | 1 1/2" | 2 | 10' | | | | | | | | | Radio Used for Training Only |
| Basement | ? | Bucket | 1 | 1 | 1 1/2" | 2 | 10' | | | | | | | | | Radio Used for Training Only |
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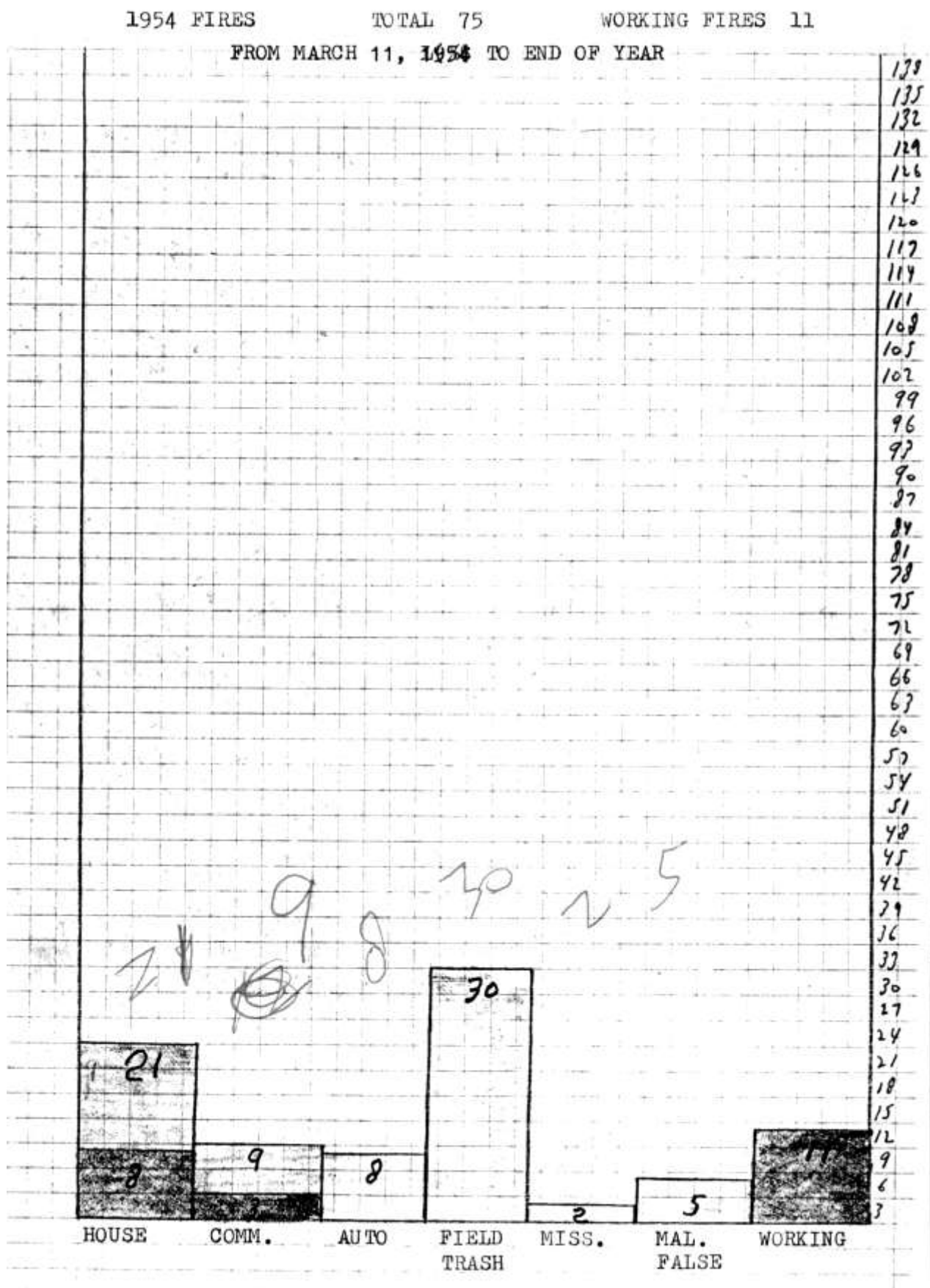
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TIMES OF FIRE RUNS AND WORKING FIRES

TOTAL FIRE RUNS 75, FROM MARCH 11, 1954 TO DECEMBER 31, 1954

TOTAL WORKING FIRES 11

TOTAL HOURS OF FIRE FIGHTING 45

TOTAL 1½" HOSE USED 2,000 FEET

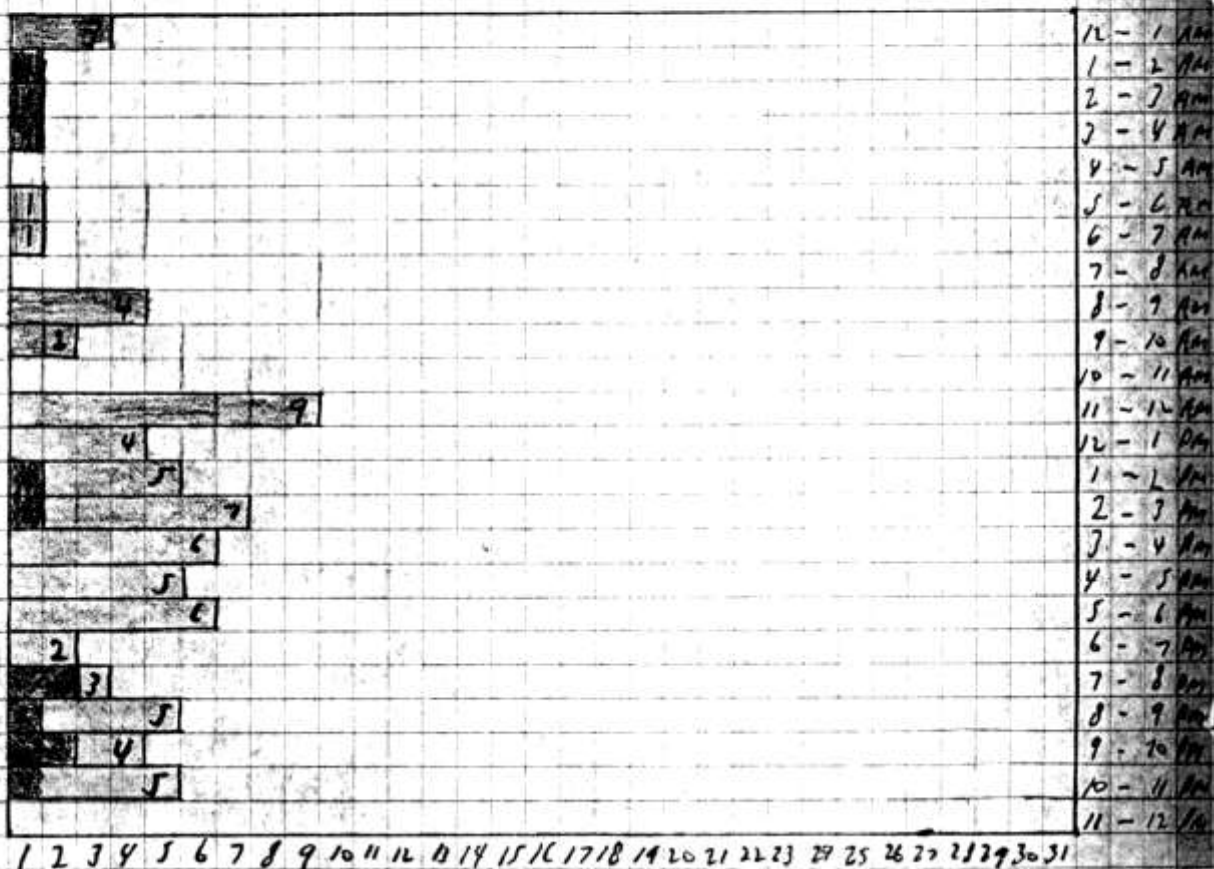
TOTAL 2½" HOSE USED 12,000 FEET

ENGINE 1 MADE 57 RUNS

ENGINE 2 MADE 31 RUNS

ENGINE 3 MADE 44 RUNS

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