

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1955 — 1956

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McMahan Volunteer Fire Department: Officially started in 1955, with its first Chief being John Westerman who had retired from the St. Matthews Fire Department. Their first fire-house was built on land at 3118 Hunsinger Lane, donated by Mr. Roy F. McMahan. In 1956 they received their first fire truck, a 1955 Ford Seagrave 500 gpm pumper.

St. Regis Park Trying To Organize Fire Unit

The City of St. Regis Park, with the help of County fire co-ordinator Daniel Boone, is trying to organize a volunteer fire department in the Hikes Point area.

St. Regis Mayor Ken D. Thompson said if the move is successful, it will mean a savings of about \$36 per home per year in fire insurance costs for each home covered.

A meeting has been set for March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Melbourne Heights School. Mr. Boone's office will invite all homeowners within three miles of Hikes Point but outside of Louisville to attend the meeting.

Mr. Boone announced that the County would match funds up to \$1,800 for yearly operation of the department; up to \$1,000 for construction of the fire house; and up to \$1,500 for a truck. This is standard procedure under the County's fire-fighting program, he said.

Mayor Thompson said St. Regis is "vitally interested" in getting the unit started, and is hiring the hall for the meeting.

If 1,000 homes donate \$20 to \$25 each to get the unit started, it can be maintained at a cost of \$3 to \$7 annually per home, he said. This would raise the area from 10th class insurance rates to sixth or seventh class, he said, and mean an annual saving of about \$53 per home.

St. Regis Park is now protected by the Jeffersontown Fire Department. However, the fire house is over four miles away from the City, and residents are charged 10th class fire insurance rates, said Mr. Thompson.

March 17, 1955

1,000 Letters To Go Out For Fire Department

About 1,000 letters will go out Monday to all homeowners within three miles of Hikes Point asking for donations of \$25 or more for organization of a volunteer fire department.

The solicitation committee headed by P. M. Wilder, met Tuesday at the Jeffersontown Fire Department and made plans for fund-raising. In the letter will be a map of the area to be covered by the proposed fire department, along with pledge cards and a complete explanation of the program.

Homeowners will be asked to return checks in the mail to the committee or to sign a pledge card contributing \$25 or more. Solicitors on April 15 will call personally on all homeowners who haven't responded.

The committee estimates it will need \$25,000 for the fire house, which will be located somewhere near Hikes Point. About \$6,000 has been collected at a mass meeting here, it said.

Officials pointed out that homeowners will save \$36 per year on fire insurance rates when the department is established.

The Following articles are from *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

March 31, 1955

Over \$6,000 Collected For Hikes Pt. Fire Unit

The move to establish a volunteer fire department in the Hikes Point area got off to a good start Tuesday evening as 234 people pledged \$25 apiece.

Mayor Ken D. Thompson of St. Regis Park, which sponsored the meeting at Melbourne Heights School, said that mail contributions brought the total to more than \$6,000.

Mr. Thompson also reported: County fire coordinator Daniel B. Boone estimated it would cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to set up the department. Under the County's fire-fighting program, the County will match funds up to \$1,800 per year for operation of the department, up to \$1,000 for construction of the fire house, and up to \$1,500 for a truck.

Mr. Boone recommended that the unit be turned over to Jeffersontown Fire Department for operation and maintenance. A committee was appointed to decide on this question and to organize a campaign of solicitation.

Tom Wilder, Ashfield Acres, was named temporary chairman. Other committee members and the areas they represent are: Fulton Brooks, Taylorsville Road; Larry Burnett, St. Regis Park; Melville T. Farquhar, Cambridge Village; Charles Bowlds, Lincolnshire; Jack Mudd, Sheffield Manor; James Shumate, Cardwell; J. L. Bullock, Houston Acres; Paul Hessel, Hillcreek Road; Charles Hough, Six Mile Lane; and Richard M. Eirk, Lazy Acres.

This group was scheduled to meet last night and make plans for raising funds. Mr. Boone assured the group there was a good possibility of getting a piece of "government ground" near Hikes Point for use free.

Annual expense to each homeowner to be covered by the volunteer fire station was estimated at \$2 to \$5. Residents of the area are asked to contact committee members and give \$25.

The committee announced plans to form a ladies' auxiliary to telephone residents of the area. Volunteer solicitors, men and women, are needed.

Mr. Boone told the group that for each fire truck purchased, one officer and seven men would have to be available to answer fire calls at all hours.

Homes in the area now have 10th class insurance rates. When the fire unit begins operations, this can be reduced to sixth or seventh class, said Mr. Thompson. This will mean a saving of about \$50 annually per home, he said.

April 14, 1955

Eastern Students, Teachers Cage \$7,000 Collected For Hikes Point Fire Department

Over \$7,000 has actually been collected for establishing a volunteer fire department at Hikes Point, the fire committee announced Tuesday.

No figure was available on the total pledges to date. The committee announced that all Lazy Acres had been covered in the drive to collect at least \$25 from all residents of the Hikes Point area. About \$25,000 will be needed for the fire department.

Ashfield Acres and Lincolnshire were reported "about 88 to 90 percent in." A drive will be held the rest of this week in effort to get to every home. A meeting of area chairman and volunteers will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the home of C. H. Howells, 29 Canterbury Drive.

People wishing to help or contribute are asked to contact the following area chairman:

Ashfield Acres, C. J. Richert, CH. 2260; Cambridge, M. T. Farquhar, CH. 3673; Cardwell Way, J. L. Shumate, 21-32423; Hill Creek Road, Paul Hessel, CH. 617; Houston Acres, John Holzmacht, CH. 6418 and J. L. Bullock, CH. 3874; Lazy Acres, R. M. Eirk, CH. 6136; Lincolnshire, C. H. Howells, CH. 4161; St. Regis, T. H. Burnett, CH. 3914; Sheffield Manor, J. B. Rottman, 21-5530; Six Mile Lane, Charles Hough, 21-3162 and Taylorsville Road, P. T. Brooks, 21-52197.

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Fire Group Over Hump

"There will definitely be a volunteer fire department at Hikes Point by Fall."

With this remark Thomas M. Wilder, chairman of the drive to raise funds for the department, opened a meeting of the fund-raising committee Tuesday night at the home of Paul Hession, Hillcreek Road, after totaling pledges and checks turned in at the meeting.

He reported membership contributions exceeded \$10,000 and with the \$4,300 the County will add to this on a matching basis, "we've got nearly \$15,000 of the \$23,000 to \$25,000 we need to erect, furnish, equip, and man our fire department," he said.

Contributions of \$300 each were reported from Bauer's and Cape Coder Restaurants, and from the Hikes Point Bowling Lanes.

County fire co-ordinator Daniel Boone commented: "With the exception of one other volunteer fire department, this group has raised more money faster than any other of the 14 volunteer groups in Jefferson County."

Mr. Wilder reported that several areas were not yet canvassed, but additional help would be given at these spots to complete the job by the middle of May.

At Boone's recommendation, the committee agreed to close all initial membership pledges effective June 1 and thereafter anyone who was given an opportunity to join and failed to do so will pay \$50 instead of \$25.

Boone said: "This is the only way to get everyone to share in this mutually beneficial effort. You don't need back-riders. You need cash on the line. Your committee is rendering a tremendous service to the people in this area. Those asked to join and not doing so should have the door closed on them."

It was also agreed that fire calls to non-members would cost \$150 each plus \$100 per hour for each truck used after the first hour.

McMahan Donates Land For Fire Department

Volunteer Group Accepts And To Name Department After Him

The fire department being organized in the Hikes Point area will be called the McMahan Center Volunteer Fire Department.

The committee in charge made the announcement after R. F. McMahan, Sr., made a surprise offer May 11 to donate free land on which the fire department can be built.

Mr. McMahan is the developer of the McMahan Center, a new shopping center on Taylorsville Road at Hikes Lane. The donated property fronts on Huntsinger Lane a few feet from the main intersection of Taylorsville Road, Hikes Lane and Browns Lane. It is about 40 feet wide and 200 feet deep.

The fire committee thanked Mr. McMahan and unanimously agreed to accept his offer. The donation ended a two-month search by the committee for a suitable site.

Committee Chairman Thomas Wilder introduced Mr. McMahan to the group, meeting at the home of Charles Bowlds, 46 Canterbury Drive.

The committee will enlist the services of County fire co-ordinator Daniel Boone in transferring the title to the land.

Organization of the volunteer fire department began in March. The committee has been soliciting \$25 donations from all homeowners within three miles of Hikes Point. The County has offered to match funds up to \$1,800 yearly for operation of the department; up to \$1,000 for construction of the fire house; and up to \$1,500 for a truck. This is standard procedure under the County's fire-fighting program.

"The drive is progressing rapidly ahead of schedule," said Mr. Wilder. "We now must complete our canvass of every home as we have actively covered only 50 per cent of the homes to be ben-

efitted by the new fire department."

He asked that all homeowners not yet contacted send their \$25 membership contributions to treasurer Carl J. Richert, 2815 Woodward Drive. Checks should be made payable to the Fire Committee Association.

Attorney William Harvin was instructed to prepare articles of incorporation for the department immediately.

The committee investigating fire equipment reported it was still awaiting further bids, but expect to make a decision this week, and place orders for a fire truck, ladders, hose extinguishers and other equipment.

Mr. Wilder reported that several builders have offered to contribute materials and labor to erect the new station.

May 19, 1955

April 28, 1955

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McMahan Vol'eer Fire Department Is Incorporated

By PHYLLIS THOMPSON

Chairman Thomas Wilder announced last week that the articles of incorporation of the new McMahan Volunteer Fire Department have been accepted by the state.

The Fire Department as incorporated will be headed by a board of seven directors. Three are to be elected from the contributing residents, three from the Volunteer Firemen and one from either of the two groups.

Those men living in the area to be served, who wish to volunteer as firemen are urged to do so immediately by contacting Mr. Wilder at CH. 2580, so that candidates for the election of board members may be nominated in the near future.

It is planned that all persons contributing to the Fire Department will be notified of those candidates so that voting may be done June 21 at 8 p.m. at the home of Charles Bowlds, 20 Canterbury Drive.

June 9, 1955

Wilder Named President Of McMahan Fire Dept.

Thomas M. Wilder was elected president of the McMahan Center Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., last week.

Other officers elected were vice-presidents Charles Bowlds and J. J. Holzknecht, treasurer J. B. Hardin, secretary J. L. Bullock, and directors L. H. Burnett and Paul Hesson.

June 30, 1955

Fire Rates Are Halved

Fire insurance rates in the Hikes Point area have been cut in half, effective immediately, thanks to the McMahan Center Volunteer Fire Department.

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Thomas M. Wilder, chairman of the Fire Department's Board, announced this week he has received a bulletin sent by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau's director, A. Clements, to all fire underwriters.

The bulletin announced the area now has a seventh class rating. This means that homeowners must pay only 37 cents per \$100 annually for fire and extended coverage on their homes. Previously, the area had a 10th class rating, and paid 75 cents per \$100.

The new rating covers property within three driving miles of the Fire Department, located at Hikes Point. That includes about 1,000 residences. Total savings for all the people in that area is an estimated \$50,000 annually in insurance rates, or about \$50 per home.

On straight fire coverage, the savings are even more significant, for the tenth class rate is 62 cents, and the seventh class rate 24 cents.

The Fire Department opened last month. The firehouse plus the 500-gallon fire engine cost about \$25,000.

April 26, 1956

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McMahan Volunteer Fire Department: Information from



In February of 1955, Daniel Boone, coordinator for the Jefferson

men, addressed the Board of Trustees of the City of St. Regis Park regarding their concerns for fire protection, as their City was outside the 3 mile limits of existing fire stations at Lyndon, St. Matthews and Jeffersontown. He proposed that financial assistance for a Fire Department would be solicited from the County and the 5 small cities within the proposed protection area. He estimated the cost for this service to be \$17 the first year per home owner and \$5 there after. He proposed that these costs would more than be made up in a savings of at least \$38 per year on fire insurance for each home owner. He proposed that the Fire Department would be owned and manned by the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department and that it would be up and running by July 1st of 1955. Finally, he proposed a town meeting to be held at the Melbourne Heights School to determine if the residents of this community were truly interested in forming a Fire Department.

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On March 22, 1955, a meeting was held at the Melbourne Heights School to consider a fire station for the 1000+ families in the eastern part of Jefferson County, Kentucky known as Hikes Point. It was estimated that \$25,000 would need to be raised to start the Fire Department. Before the end of the meeting over \$7,000 was pledged and a Fire Department was born, the Hikes Point Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department was to be funded by donations and \$25.00 subscriptions from property owners. Daniel Boone, the Director of the Jefferson County Fire Program estimated that residents would save up to 65% on their insurance programs with the proposed new fire station.

Jefferson County Government was solicited in hopes of obtaining some free property on Taylorsville Road for the station. In May of 1955, Roy F. McMahan Sr., donated a lot near his proposed shopping center and the Hikes Point Bowling Lanes on Hunsinger Lane, for the fire station. In return for the donation and due to the close proximity of the fire station to his proposed shopping center, the Fire Department was named McMahan Center Volunteer Fire Department. Building plans were drawn up and a contract was awarded to Wilson Stoess Company to construct the 30 foot by 60 foot building for a total cost of \$11,875.00. The new fire station included space for 2 fire trucks, a kitchen, 2 bathrooms, and an equipment storage room. Larry Burnett of Bryant-Burnett Heating, and a trustee with the City of St. Regis Park, provided the heating system for the fire station gratis. This was just one of the many donations that were received from civic minded persons and firms. Today, the fire station at 3018 Hunsinger Lane is utilized as a storage building by the McMahan Group.

As of July 1, 1955, over \$13,500 had been committed to the new Fire Department. The target date for the new equipment to arrive was September 1, 1955, and the scheduled completion date of the new fire station was October 1, 1955. John S. Westerman of Houston Acres was Selected as the first Fire Chief.

The first new fire engine was scheduled to arrive on January 21, 1956. By that time, the building had been completed, the hose and equipment had been delivered, and the house siren had been installed. Volunteer fire fighters were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new fire engine to start their training process. McMahan Center Volunteer Fire Department officially went into service on February 1, 1956, after receiving their official rating as a Fire Department on January 21, 1956.

On March 3, 1956, an open house was scheduled to give the public an opportunity to inspect the new fire station, truck and equipment. County Judge Bertram Van Arsdale made the dedication. Along with the open house, a raffle was held for a 1956 Pontiac and a 1956 24" Motorola TV, with the proceeds of the \$5 chances being utilized to purchase additional equipment and protective clothing.

Twenty-two additional volunteer fire fighters signed up for the Tuesday evening training sessions which began on March 5, 1956. These volunteers were required to obtain 20 hours of training before they could actually go into service. July 1956, brought the first fund raising effort. "Fun-O-Rama" ran from July 10th to the 15th. With a carnival type atmosphere including Ferris wheels, merry-go-round, and horse rides, the Fire Department was trying to raise funds to pay off their mortgage of \$9,000 on their first fire engine. Various neighborhood organizations such as St. Regis Park and Lincolnshire worked such booths as the grocery booth, sportsman's booth, and candy booth with ticket prices being 5 or 10 cents. This fund raising effort netted the Fire Department over \$2,200.

By July of 1956, the area was already starting to develop, and according to Thomas Wilder, President of the Fire Department, consideration was being made to purchase another engine for \$18,000 as well as \$2,000 in additional necessary equipment.

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McMahan Volunteer Fire Department:

In January of 1957, Chief Inspector, William Reinert, under the direction of Chief McGhee, established the first Fire Prevention Bureau in the nation in a volunteer Fire Department. All homes and businesses within their jurisdiction were inspected on a year round basis. The National Fire Protection Association conveyed an award to the Fire Department for their leadership in fire safety. Chief McGhee stated that "we have fine equipment and a nice shiny new truck, but nothing would make us happier than to never have to use it."

The original pumper was a 1956 Seagrave and was designated "Mac 1". The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department provided an additional pumper for a dollar, a 1941 Ford, designated "Mac 2", to help the Fire Department get started. In 1959, a Ford/American pumper with a 1000 gallon water tank was purchased and designated "Mac 3". During this time period fire hydrants were few and far between and this "hydrant on wheels" proved to be very useful.

In 1962, a Ford/Sutphen Pumper was purchased to replace the original "Mac 2". This unit had a front mount pump that would allow it to pump and roll at the same time. Since the area was largely undeveloped, field fires were a major concern and this unit would allow the Fire Department to better handle them. Lillian H. Barth donated a set of hydraulic tools known as a "Porto-Power" to help the Fire Department with vehicle accidents. This unit is still in service as a parade piece and auxiliary pumper. In August of 1965, Chief James Wetherby proudly reported to the residents of the St. Regis Park that the Fire Department was one of 4 across the County that had achieved a Class 6 fire insurance rating. It was also during this time period that McMahan became one of the first Fire Departments to sign up for the new Central dispatch.

In 1966, Albert F. "Sam" Barth took over as Chief and set the standard for a one (1) minute response time that is still the standard today. His fellow firefighters alleged that he slept in his car or had a radio at his bed, because no one in the County could go "10-6" any quicker than he. His son, Paul could be seen riding with him on many of the fires, getting dressed as they traveled down the road.

It was during this time period that Louisville Fire Department contracted with Mc-Mahan for services. Fire run responses almost doubled over the next 3 years. Chief "Sam" Barth was known for his commitment and dedication. Funds were so tight that Chief Barth would take money out of his pocket to purchase equipment that was needed for the Fire Department. He purchased himself, the first portable Motorola hand held radio for the Department. He also had the only "dual channel" ten-ten portable monitor and could be seen carrying this one foot by one foot square box on his shoulder wherever he went so as not to miss a call. He never took a vacation and was proud of the fact that in 10 years, he never missed a fire run.

Chief Albert Barth took a short sabbatical from the Fire Department in 1970 but returned in 1976 to serve on the Board of Trustees, where he served as Chairman until his death in November of 1993.

In 1972, under the leadership of Chief Alvin Sutt, a Ford/Pirsch Quad was purchased to help protect the fast growing community and to replace the 1958 Ford/American pumper. The old "Mac 3" was sold to Ghent Fire Department in Ghent, Kentucky. Also in the early 1970's, the original fire station on Hunsinger Lane was remodeled to add office space and a large training room to help meet the needs of the quickly growing Fire Department and community.

1975 brought major changes to the Fire Department. The Fire Department became an independent taxing district and changed its name to McMahan Fire Protection District, to reflect this new funding source. A Holding Company was formed as well, that would allow the Fire District to borrow funds beyond their annual income. As the community grew and additional fire protection became necessary, this was a way of keeping up with the growth and preparing for the future.

In 1975, a Ford/Pirsch Telesqurt, a sister unit to the 1972 Ford/Pirsch Quad, was purchased to help keep up with the growing community needs. Unfortunately, the fire station on Hunsinger Lane would not house the new apparatus. The Hikes Point area was becoming increasingly busy with traffic and this was the opportunity to move away from this traffic congested area. Under the leadership of Chief Paul O'Leary, a site was chosen on Taylorsville Road and a new building was built. The new building was "state of the art" and included 3 apparatus bays, a large storage room, large training room, and additional office space. Unfortunately the building wasn't completed until after the delivery of the 1975 Ford/Pirsch Telesqurt. The Jeffersonton Fire Protection District gladly housed the unit until the fire station was completed. In May of 1975, the new building was completed at a cost of \$352,000 and shortly thereafter, the 1956 Seagrave, "Mac I", was sold. On August 4, 1975, the old fire station on Hunsinger Lane was sold for \$70,000 and the old house siren was sold to Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District for their station #5, where it still sits today.

1977 marked the year that the Fire District received their first powered, hydraulic rescue tools. From the assistance of many donations including the Meadow Heights Women's Club, and the Sterling Road Association, a complete set of Hurst "Jaws" was purchased by Chief O'Leary. A service van was converted to carry these along with other rescue and salvage tools. Under the leadership of Chief Larry Schweitzer, a 1978 Pirsch Pumper was purchased to both add to the fleet, and to modernize the apparatus. This was the first diesel apparatus for the Fire Department. This unit was sold to Dixie Suburban Fire District in 2004 and is still in use today as one of their front line pumpers. In 1979, the Insurance Services Office inspected the Fire District and awarded a class 4 insurance rating. McMahan was one of six (6) Fire Departments across the County with this high rating. In 1981, also under the leadership of Chief Larry Schweitzer, a Ford Saulsbury rescue truck was purchased to carry the many tools that had previously been carried on a service van. Vehicle rescues were a major problem for the Fire District at that time, due to the ever increasing traffic flow in Hikes Point and Interstate 64. This unit had a front mount winch, on board generator, and many storage compartments. The unit was sold in 1986 to St. Matthews Fire Protection District for use as a command van and ambulance. It now resides at the Anchorage Fire Protection District where it is utilized as a Command and Mobile Radio Control Center for the entire city of Anchorage.

On August 1, 1983, a new era had begun, and the first career firefighters were hired. Chief Paul Barth was hired as the first career Fire Chief, with his responsibilities to administrate and oversee the operations of the Fire District on a full time basis. With the growing requests for public education programs and to keep up with the "explosion" of new construction, a Fire

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Prevention/Public Education Officer, Bill Renninger, was added to the career staff. Shortly thereafter in 1985, 2 additional career fire-fighters were added to help maintain the station and apparatus as well as perform maintenance duties. Chief Barth's philosophy was that "the volunteer firefighters time given to the Department should be spent on training and making fire run responses, not cleaning hose and fire apparatus".

In 1984, under the leadership of Chief Paul Barth, the Fire District received a Class 2 fire insurance rating by the Insurance Services Office. At the time, this Fire District was one of only two in Jefferson County receiving this high rating. This rating gave residents and businesses in our area, the cheapest fire insurance rates possible. This rating still holds true today, over 20 years later.

In 1986, in an effort to demonstrate how equipment and apparatus could be shared across the County along with true taxpayer savings, a Ford/Super Vacuum Air, Light, and Power Apparatus was purchased. This unit carries 72 spare air bottles, has a 6 bottle cascade system, an on-board air compressor and a 20,000 watt hydraulic generator. This apparatus is used throughout Jefferson County and from time to time responds outside Jefferson County and to many areas of Southern Indiana. The purchase of this unit has been the catalyst for other Fire Districts to purchase specialized equipment and apparatus to share. In 1986, a service van was purchased to replace the 1977 service van that was growing tired after being utilized as both a service vehicle, and a rescue vehicle. The 1977 service van was sold to St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

1987 brought even more changes to the Fire District. Under the direction of Chief Paul Barth, the fire station was remodeled to add bay space, more office space, additional storage space, and dormitories where 7 volunteer Fire-Fighters would live. With the addition of these new living quarters, the Fire District was able to provide a 1 minute response time 24 hours a day. This Fire Protection District was one of the first to try this new concept which today is the standard at most fire stations. 1987 also brought the addition of several more career Firefighters and a new Seagrave Pumper/Squirt. This unit was state of the art as far as fire suppression capabilities and firefighter safety. With a 4 door completely enclosed cab and air conditioning, firefighters would travel in a safe environment to incident scenes. How many times while you were hanging off the back of one of the older pumpers, did you look down at the pavement and pray that you didn't fall off? With 5 "quick lines" and a 1,000 gpm. nozzle elevated on a boom, this fire apparatus is equipped for the "big one".

In an effort to show unity of the County Fire Service as a whole and to work towards a common goal of a unified fire protection system across Jefferson County, the official name of the Fire District was changed to Jefferson County Fire Protection District 14 - McMahan and the Jefferson County Fire Service logo was adopted. This name reflects both our official taxing district number and the community we serve, yet shows unity to the other Fire Districts across the County.

In 1996, the Fire District still boasted a Class 2 fire insurance rating and was constantly working to try and improve that rating to become a Class 1. In fact, a 1996 rating by the insurance Services Offices put us within 1 or 2 points of being a Class 1 Department, of which there are only 2 in the entire United States. A 1994 Seagrave Pumper/Squirt which is a sister apparatus to the 1987 Seagrave Pumper/Squirt and a 1994 Seagrave 100' Aerial Ladder were purchased to replace two (2) apparatus that were retired from service. The 1994 Seagrave 100' Aerial Ladder is a mobile "tool box" carrying rescue, medical, and salvage equipment. The 100' ladder is available to reach the upper floors of the several high rise buildings within the District. Also in 1994, the Hurst hydraulic rescue tools were retired and 2 new sets of Holmatro powered hydraulic tools were purchased. Rescue tools are now carried on the first out pumper as well as the aerial ladder.

The 1972 Ford/Pirsch Quad was sold to Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department in Henryville, Indiana where it serves as their front line pumper. The 1975 sister unit, the Ford/Pirsch Telesquirt was sold to Whitley City Volunteer Fire Department in Whitley City, Kentucky. It will serve as their only aerial device and primary pumper.

1994 brought the first night, career firefighter employed by the Fire District. Chief Paul Barth felt that someone should be at the fire station at all times. Additional career firefighters were hired bringing the total up to 6 full time and 1 part time. In September of 1994, the Fire District became involved in an E.M.T. -D and First Responder Program in conjunction with the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services. The Fire District responds to all life threatening situations across our Fire District and in close proximity to the fire station. The front line apparatus are equipped with E.M.T. kits, oxygen kits, and other medical equipment to provide basic life support until the arrival of an ambulance. In addition, 2 defibrillators were rotated among the apparatus and staff cars to provide "jump starting" of a heart if necessary. In 1996, there were 18 E.M.T. - D's and 1 First Responder with several additional Firefighters currently in training. The new surname of McMahan Fire & Rescue more clearly defined the services that the Fire District provides to its customers.

Also in 1994, a new personnel carrier was purchased to replace the 1986 service van. With the number of volunteer firefighters increasing and the current seating arrangements on the fire apparatus limiting our manpower to 6 per apparatus, a supplemental vehicle was needed to transport fire-fighters. In 1995 a pick up truck was purchased for use as a medical response vehicle and service unit. This unit was replaced in 1996 due to damages received from an accident. Also in 1996, 3 new Ford Crown Victoria command cars were purchased to replace the 1991 models. One of the 1991 vehicles was kept for use as a medical response vehicle and staff car.

Today (2005), the Fire District still boasts a Class 2 fire insurance rating. We have successfully been able to continue this rating for well over 20 years. It has always been Chief Paul Barth's goal to achieve a Class I fire insurance rating, however, this may require a substantial increase in career staffing to achieve this goal. In October of 2004, the District took delivery of a 2004, 75 foot Seagrave Quint. This apparatus replaces the 1978 Pirsch pumper that had been in service for well over 20 years. The 1978 Pirsch pumper was sold to the Dixie Suburban Fire Protection District, and is being used as one of their front line apparatus.

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McMahan Volunteer Fire Department:

In 2002, we paved the way for a closest station response program in the District's South Hurstbourne Parkway corridor. We established a program with the Jeffersontown Fire Protection District, whereas they would automatically respond a pumper along with our Department, on all structural responses in that area. With this response program, we can insure that the closest unit to the incident, is truly responding.

Due to changes in OSHA laws, we are now required to essentially have 2 full companies, or 8 firefighters on the scene, before we can start our fire-fighting operations. The addition of this mutual aid arrangement, insures that there is no time lapse in our ability to perform our job function.

In 2005, we expanded the program, and the Jeffersontown Fire Protection District now provides a pumper to all structural responses East of Breckenridge Lane. In a similar arrangement, the Buechel Fire Protection District provides a pumper on an automatic response, to the west side of Breckenridge Lane. Our entire Fire District is covered with an automatic mutual aid response for all structural responses. It is the District's hope that an agreement which has been in the works with the Louisville Division of Fire over the last several years, will be finalized by the end of 2005, which will allow us to further improve this program, as well as providing similar services to areas within the Louisville Division of Fire boundaries.

A similar "mutual aid" program for EMS responses is in the process of being developed which would allow for both the closest unit to respond to the incident, no matter what the jurisdiction is, as well as cross-boundary mutual aid assistance when the primary responder is not available.

The Fire District resisted until March of 2003, putting on 24/48 shift Fire Fighters. Since 1983 when the first employee was hired, the employees have always worked a standard 40 hour, Monday thru Friday work shift. Due to the increase in run volume, and our needs to ensure a "one minute" response time, it became necessary to move some of the 40 hour personnel to a 24 hour shift work. This means that an employee will work a 24 hour shift at the fire station, then is off for 48 hours until the next shift.

Fortunately, Chief Paul Barth had the foresight to build a Dorm for firefighters in the fire station during renovations that occurred in 1987. For many years, only volunteer firefighters lived in the Dorm. Today, this facility is shared by both volunteer and career firefighters.



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Courtesy Kint Tully, January 1955:



Betsy, S2



1941 Ford Seagrave pumper — Betsy



JP Terry, firefighter and board member at his service station

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1955 Solicitation letter:

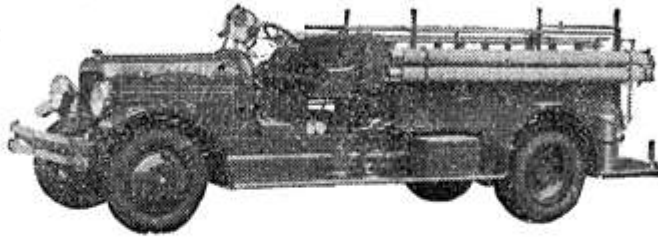
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

Due to the continuous growth of the area served by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc., we feel certain there must be many new residents and business people that have not been contacted concerning our service to the community.

This association is a non-profit organization that was incorporated some years ago, with all volunteer help. We have been able to secure a very large reduction in insurance rates in the area served and the only way we can maintain this advantageous rate is to continue our efficient operation. To do this we must keep our equipment and facilities up to date and in perfect operating condition. **THIS COSTS MONEY.** The only means we have of getting money is through your membership fees.

Our membership is made up of **PROPERTY OWNERS** and **TENANTS** alike as they share equally in fire insurance rate benefits on their real estate or house furnishings, fixtures, stock, etc. In the event of **FIRE** to property which is rented and only the owner is a member the tenant will be billed for protection of his belongings. If neither the owner nor the tenant is a member both will be billed, and, of course, if the tenant is a member and the owner is not, the owner will be billed. This arrangement is fair to all and we feel that the many folks who have paid memberships should not be expected to share the burden of non-members in event of **FIRE**.

The customary charge for making a **FIRE** run is \$100.00 per hour or fraction thereof for each piece of equipment used. Therefore, in addition to saving a large amount of money on your insurance rates, you also may save yourself a very large obligation if a **FIRE** should occur.

We feel certain that we can depend on the wholehearted support of all the people in our community so that we may continue to have **FIRE** protection and insurance rates the best possible.

The savings on your fire insurance is many times over the small fee we expect from each owner of personal property or real estate in this area. For any further information you may call TWInbrook 6-8812 and same will gladly be given you.

Sincerely,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSN., Inc.
117 St. Matthews Ave.

FULL AMOUNT DEDUCTIBLE FROM INCOME TAX
"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

1955

January 6, 1955:



ANDREW BROADBOS
MAYOR

**CITY OF LOUISVILLE
KENTUCKY**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF FIRE**

1135 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
LOUISVILLE 3, KENTUCKY
CLAY 8831

W. GEORGE MATTON
DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

JOHN H. KRUSENKLAUS
CHIEF OF FIRE DIVISION

January 6, 1955

Chief John Monohan
St. Mathews Vol. Fire Department
Saint Mathews, Kentucky


Dear Chief:

On Friday, January 14, at 1:00 p.m., the Louisville Fire Department, under the direction of the Exploratory Committee on the application of water, will conduct a number of demonstrations in a large frame building which has been acquired, and which is located on a large open space just off Mellwood Avenue in Louisville.

While this is not to be a public demonstration, the primary purpose being to demonstrate the practical application of the theory involved to those directly interested. We shall be glad to welcome any fireman in the state who wishes to attend.

Extending you a personal invitation and hoping that it will be convenient for you to be present, we are,

Yours very truly,


John H. Krusenklau
Chief of Division of Fire

January 1, 1955, The Courier-Journal



Courier-Journal Photo

READY FOR TROUBLE is the **Lyndon Volunteer** Fire Department, now equipped with the first resuscitator to be owned by a volunteer fire department here. Lyndon Fire Chief William Pierce, left, and Clark Orr, 203 Browns Lane, president of a safety-equipment firm, try the device on Robert Whitaker, Lyndon, a department member.

Lyndon Volunteer Fire Unit Is First In County To Acquire Resuscitator

Lyndon's Volunteer Fire Department now is equipped to try to revive victims of smoke suffocation or other accidents that stop the breathing.

The department's new resuscitator is the first to be acquired by a volunteer department in Jefferson County.

It was a gift of the Lyndon Community Club, which raised \$275 from member donations to buy it.

The department also has a new oxygen-tank-and-gas-mask device for a fire fighter to use to make his way into a smoke-filled area without being overcome.

This device, which cost \$214, was given by the department's ladies auxiliary. The women held a spaghetti supper to raise the money.

Mrs. William Pierce, Auxiliary vice-president and wife of the department's chief, said the equipment was bought to prevent some possible future disaster.

"We got it before we needed it," she said.

Mrs. Pierce said the department would answer emergency calls to aid victims of heart attacks or other accidents in which the resuscitator might be useful.

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January 13, 1955: 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, January 13, 1955, and was presided over by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

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

The minutes of the last meeting, December 9, 1954, were read by Mr. Monohan. A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that the minutes be accepted as read.

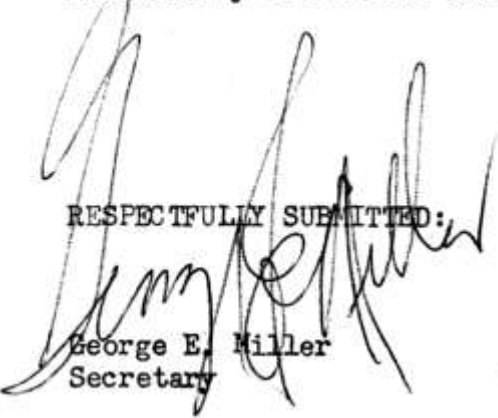
The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Karl Straub, at the First National Bank, St. Matthews, Ky., that we desire to borrow up to \$15,000.00 to pay for the new piece of equipment from Seagrave Company, to be delivered about January 20, at a cost of \$21,500.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that we appropriate \$30.00 to cover expenses for the six men to go to Columbus, Ohio to inspect the new piece of equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that the salary of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Beam, be increased \$25.00 per month, retroactive to January 1, 1955.

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

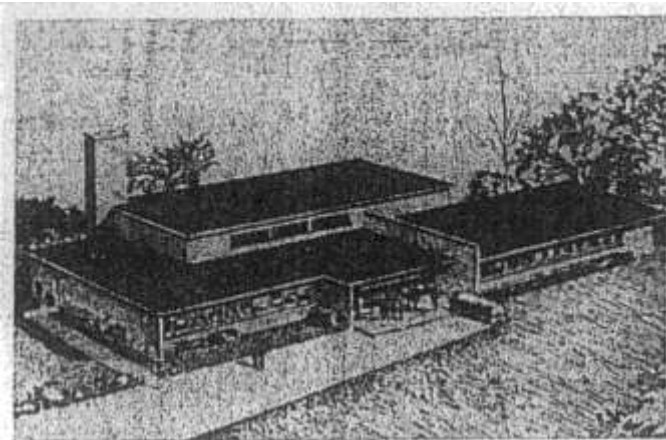
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary

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January, 1955 *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

New Y.M.C.A.



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 \$1,030.50. Ray Ogden's Red Division led with 65 members and \$330. Karl Hollenbach's Blue Division had 48 members and \$265. The special memberships team of Will Lausman and Burt Stevens had 18 memberships and \$435.50. High team in the regular teams' organization was headed by Charles Peege, captain, with \$150 and 29 memberships. High individual in Mr. Peege'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.



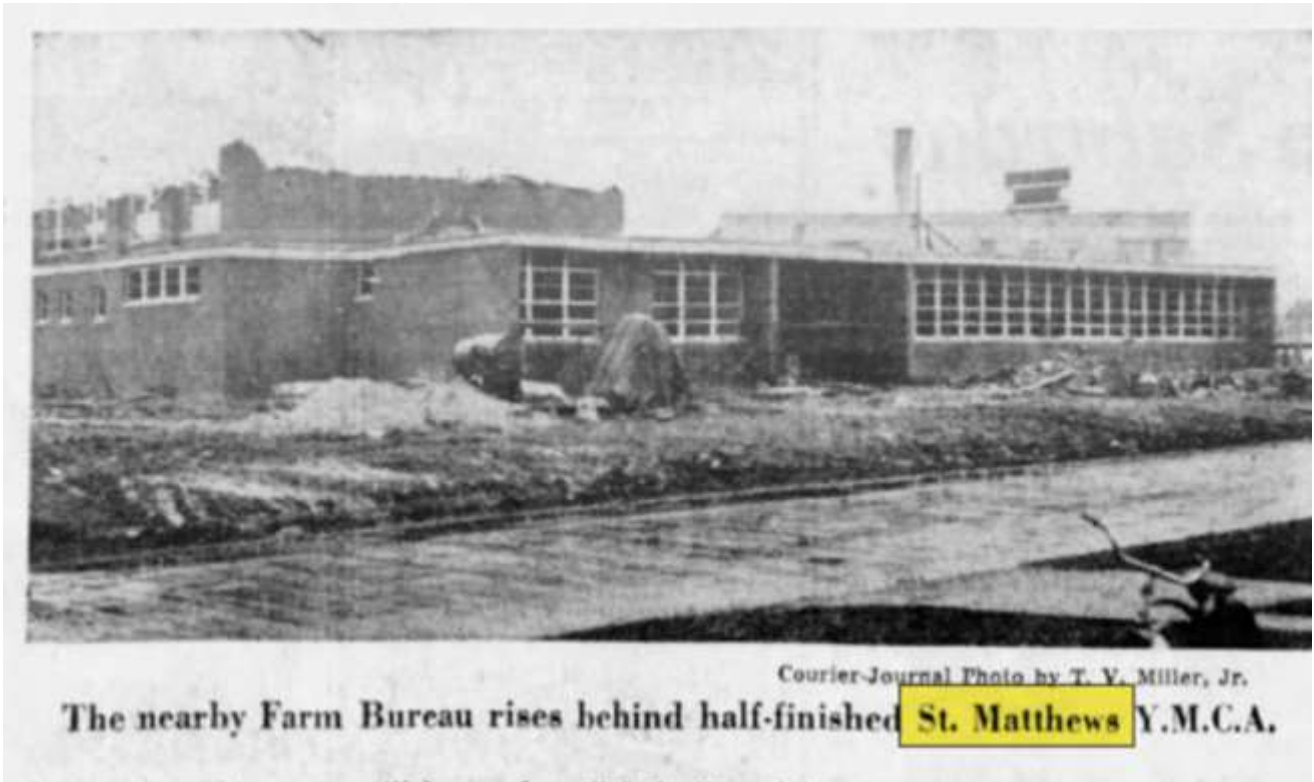
Executive Secretary Ross Chasteen, left, and Burt Stevens, look over the blueprints for the new Y. M. C. A. building to be constructed on Hubbard's Lane. Ground-breaking is Saturday, and Mr. Stevens will do the honors. In background is Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, right, and St. Matthews Methodist Church, left, both of which are currently being enlarged.



The St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. building near Hubbards Lane is fast taking shape as National Y.M.C.A. week, January 23 to 30, approaches. The St. Matthews branch is joining with 1,700 Y's throughout the nation in observance of the program's 101st anniversary of Christian service. The Y has altogether more than 10,000 branches serving three million members in 78 countries.

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January 23, 1955 , The Courier-Journal



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



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January 14, 1955, Letters:

January 14, 1955

First National Bank
St. Matthews, Ky.

Attention: Mr. Karl Straub

Gentlemen:

No doubt you know that on or about January 20, we are having delivered to us the latest piece of fire-fighting equipment manufactured. This unit added to our present equipment makes up the outstanding volunteer fire department in Kentucky.

This new unit is costing us \$21,000.00 and it is necessary that we ask your bank to grant us a loan, on a demand note at 4% interest, in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. However, we expect this note to be much less than \$15,000.00. The writer assures you that this will be paid as fast as, if not faster than, the note we had from your bank when our new building was constructed.

If you desire to discuss this before making the loan, you may call either me at 14 1304 or Mr. John H. Monahan, Jr. If you prefer we will have a committee of the board of directors meet with you at your bank.

Please let us know, as soon as possible, if you will grant this loan.

Thanking you in advance, we are,

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

George H. Miller, Secretary

January 14 1955

Col. John H. Krausenklaus
Chief, Louisville Fire Department
Louisville Ky,

Dear Colonel;

Relative to calls for assistance from the
St Matthews Fire Department;

Several years ago, after a verbal agreement a letter was written to you as to how these calls were to be sent to the Louisville Fire Alarm Office.

Recently, it has come to my attention that a call was transmitted to the Fire Alarm Office without the authority of myself or one of our officers, and I may say even when we really did not need assistance.

Henceforth, our calls for assistance will be based on a request from myself or one of the officers over our two (2) way Radio to our Operator at the Belmont Cab, or to Captain Beam in our office, who will transmit the call to the Louisville Fire Alarm office for assistance, stating by who's authority he is calling.

We trust this plan will eliminate any confusion, or unnecessary calls in the future.

Very Truly yours

John H. Monahan
Chief, St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.

January 12, 1955, The Courier-Journal

Police Protection Asked

Brown put before the Council a request from Bellewood to furnish it with police protection when St. Matthews' police force (now consisting of two men) is big enough.

Brown, who is also City attorney for Bellewood, said Bellewood would like St. Matthews to submit a proposal for police protection. He added that he had informally discussed a price with St. Matthews councilmen and that \$1,000 for the first year of protection seemed proper.

The Council directed Mayor Noland to appoint a committee to draw up a proposal offering the smaller city the same protection St. Matthews has. But it was made clear that no contract would be signed until St. Matthews has a big enough force to provide 24-hour protection to both cities.

1955

January 28, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

\$23,500 Quad Added By St. M. Volunteer Firemen

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department got its fourth piece of equipment Friday. It is the latest model of the giant Seagrave quad.

The \$23,500 truck, with a capacity of 750 gallons a minute, will give another boost to the effectiveness of the volunteer firemen.

Captain V. A. Beam said that a quad lays hose from the water hydrant to the fire. A regular engine operates just the reverse. Fire-fighters working from a quad, therefore, can have all their equipment right at the scene of the fire, he said, rather than at the hydrant.

Also, a quad permits an increase in the flow of water, he said. This is done by attaching a pumper near the hydrant and pumping the water through the quad at a rate faster than the normal water pressure.

He called the quad "four pieces of equipment in one -- a pumper, a hose wagon, a ladder wagon, and a rescue outfit."

Volunteer chief John Monahan said the company now has four trucks, two with a 750 gallon capacity and two with 500.

It carries 1,200 feet of 2½-



Captain Beam waves from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department's new quad.

inch hose, and 600 feet of 1½-inch hose.

The new quad was tested Tuesday before becoming the property of the St. Matthews fire station. It has 200 feet of ladders ranging from 14 to 50 feet each. It was built according to the specifications of the St.

Matthews firemen.

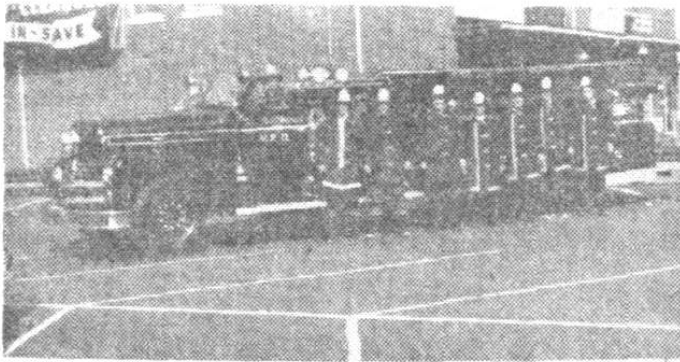
Records of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department reveal the men made 93 fire runs in 1954, and seven false alarms. All the firemen serve without pay. Homeowners are charged from \$3 to \$5 per year for protection, depending on how far

away from the fire house they are located. Non-subscribers are charged \$50 per hour per piece of equipment used.

The St. Matthews Department was the first of its kind in Kentucky. It was organized in 1910. Mr. Monahan has been chief since 1941.



1955



Quad No. 1 of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is a 1955 model with a 750-gallon-per-minute capacity.



1955

February 3, 1955:

A. M. MARRET
ATTORNEY AT LAW
604 MARION E. TAYLOR BLDG.
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

February 3, 1955

Mr. John M. Monohan
c/o St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.
217 St. Matthews Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

Pursuant to your request over the telephone yesterday afternoon, the following papers, which you wish to submit to a bank for a loan to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, are inclosed herein, which I am delivering to Captain Beam, namely: Articles of Incorporation of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association dated December 20, 1939, and recorded in Book 47, page 598, Amended Articles, dated June 26, 1950, By-Laws, Amended Articles dated September 4, 1952.

If the 6000 persons receiving services of the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Department are rentees only, then in my opinion you and the original incorporators and their assigns or the representatives and administrators of those who have died are the only persons interested in the affairs of this Association and the ultimate disposition of its assets.

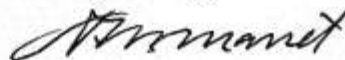
In order to amend the articles, notice should be given to all those having an interest in the Association, as their rights cannot be ignored.

I am not informed and the records of the Jefferson County Court Clerk's Office, which I examined, do not disclose who acquired the interest of W. Jesse Ogden, deceased.

When I last talked to Mr. Miller he suggested that the Proposed amendment be taken up at the next annual meeting and that notices of the proposed amendment be given all parties in interest of that meeting, so as to be binding on all parties concerned.

I spent a great deal of time on this matter, which was difficult of solution, because the articles of incorporation are general as to the affairs of the Company, but I believe that your wishes can be solved, if due and proper notice is given to all interested parties.

Yours very truly,



1955

February 5,& 8, 1955, Letters:

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P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 February 5 1955

Summary of the approximate number of Residences and Apartment Units in the St. Matthews City Boundary.

From the Phone Red Book.

Residences	1731	at \$3.00	\$5193.00
Apartment Units	1468	" 2.50	3670.00
			<u>8863.00</u>
Business			1200.00
			<u>\$10063.00</u>

Listed from Subscribers records.

Subscriber Residences	1258	At \$3.00	\$3774.00
Apartment units	488	" 2.50	1220.00
			<u>\$4994.00</u>
Did not list Business but it will run close to same			1200.00
			<u>\$6194.00</u>

These Figures will not varie over \$500.00

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P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 February 8 1955

Mr John M. Monahan Jr.
 President;

Dear Sir;

Herewith is a summary of Collections and Bank deposits for January 1955.

Deposited in January 1955	\$3169.73
Deposited in January 1954	<u>\$575.58</u>
Jan, 55 Over Jan, 54	594.15.

In January 1954 we collected from City of St. Matthews, while in 1955 we did not collect from Residences and Apartments in the same area.

Figures taken from our Bank Book.

Yours very truly
V.A. Beam
 V.A. Beam,
 Assistant- Secretary.

February 9, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fire-Protection Offer Accepted By St. Matthews

St. Matthews City Council last night voted to accept an offer by the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department** to furnish fire protection during 1955 for \$8,000.

The formal contract is scheduled to be drawn up and passed at the next meeting, February 23. It will provide for protection for about 1,700 homes and 142 apartments, and 85 business properties in the St. Matthews business district.

The Council also voted to request bids on the yearly contract for garbage collection. That contract will be awarded March 8.

1955

February 10, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, February 10, 1955, and was presided over by Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President.

Directors present were:

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

The minutes of the last meeting, January 13, 1955, were read by Mr. Monohan. A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Kamer that the minutes be accepted as read.

Secretary Miller was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. M. Talbert Hopkins, 3823 Frankfort Ave., St. Matthews, Ky., for the many years of service he and the members of his organization have given the fire department, by taking care of all the calls. Mr. Hopkins was to be told in the letter that the Directors elected him to a lifetime membership in the association for which he will not pay dues.

President Monohan reported that the loan of \$15,000.00 at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest for fifteen months had been approved by the First National Bank of St. Matthews. He was instructed to sign the note and the Treasurer is to pay for the new piece of equipment at once.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that a twelve-volt radio, at a cost of \$475.00 installed, be purchased for the new piece of equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Kamer that Mr. Monohan and Mr. Beam, the Assistant Secretary, be appointed to attend the National Fire Fighters' Conference at Memphis, Tennessee. The Treasurer was instructed to advance Mr. Monohan \$250.00 for expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Miller that a sign painter be employed to paint signs on each piece of equipment showing that it is the property of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

February 10, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

City To Fix St. Matthews Avenue, Or Get It Fixed

Accepts Fire Department Price; To Ask For Garbage Contract Bids

The City of St. Matthews is going to get St. Matthews Avenue fixed, or fix the damaged street itself. The Council Tuesday authorized city attorney Maxwell Brown to contact Sherman Wetherby, County road department supervisor for the First District, in a last effort to have the County fix the road.

Fallout there, the City will go ahead and spend its own money to repair the street.

The Council also agreed to accept an offer by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department to furnish protection for the City in 1955 for \$8,000.

The Council also voted to request bids for City garbage collection for the next year by March 1 and award the contract March 8. The present garbage contract with Cris Pennington expires April 1.

Councilman Sam Rudy, also head of the board of public works, declared "you can't drive over St. Matthews Avenue." He said there were two large holes about a foot deep on the west side between Frankfort Avenue and Westport Road, and heavy traffic had won the road down to the reinforcements.

The Council said that Ordinance 12, 1953, had annexed to the west line of St. Matthews Avenue. Ordinance 5, 1954, proposed to annex a territory including the street, but was tied up by a remonstrance suit. The street was, therefore, the responsibility of the County, the Council declared.

"But if it's an emergency, let's go ahead and fix it," said Mr. Brown. "We're proposing to annex it anyway."

"It won't cost much and it will be a service to the people of St. Matthews," said Councilman James Kemper. The block between Frankfort and Westport is a vital artery for St. Matthews traffic.

The fire department's figure was \$500 higher than St. Matthews planned to pay, but Councilman E. R. Grinstead said \$8,000 was the best price he could get. Negotiations have been going on several months.

The formal contract will be drawn up and passed at the next meeting, February 23. (This meeting was set back one day because of Washington's birthday). It provides for protection of about 1,700 homes, 142 apartments, and 85 pieces of commercial property. The fire department retains the right to assess the stock and business property of the stores for additional protection costs, to be borne by the businesses.

A. S. Summers, chairman, A. W. Pence, and William Archer were appointed tax commissioners for two years. They were ordered to meet May 18-20 to hear tax complaints. Tax assessments will be made in April.

February 17, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

LET US
OPEN THE DOOR TO HAPPINESS

Ivan Finkel
Photographer of Children
HAS MOVED TO ST. MATTHEWS

★
OPEN YOUR DOOR TO HIS NEW
UNIQUE STYLE OF TAKING
CHILDREN'S PICTURES IN
THE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE
OF YOUR HOME

★
For Appointment in Your Home
PHONE BE. 7396 TODAY!

★
BEST MATTHEWS has a wonderful opportunity to have your
children's pictures taken without all the red tape and
waiting time in town. Take an "informal" appointment — at
one of 1955 hours convenient to you — when your children are
relaxed and their pictures come out the best. There, both you
and your children will be happy. (Note: Some requests for
pictures must be made in advance.)

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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
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AT
190 COLONY WAY
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SPECIAL CELEBRATION OFFER
In celebration of our opening here in St. Matthews, we offer a
special discount on all portraits. (Limit one portrait of a different
size and for cash only. The balance of your order payable in a later
visit and credit will be given. Additional portraits may be ordered at
discount. This offer is in effect until the end of February 1955.)

WE INVITE YOUR CHARGE ACCOUNT
DON ARNOLD
Photographer of Children
190 COLONY WAY—ST. MATTHEWS

February 24, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

St. M. Fire Heads At Memphis Meet

Chief John M. Monohan and Captain V. A. Beam of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department are in Memphis this week attending the 27th annual Fire Department Instructors' Conference, February 22 to 25.

Programs for this international conference are suggested by the members and provide an opportunity for fire-fighting leaders to exchange ideas and keep abreast of latest developments in training and techniques. Last year's attendance was over 1,700, including representatives from Italy, Switzerland and Canada.

The chief and the captain will return Saturday morning.



HOWARD O. HUNN

Man Is Killed After Falling Under Bus

**Attorney Howard Hunn
Is 5th Traffic Victim**

Howard O. Hunn, 44, Louisville attorney, was killed at 2:50 p.m. yesterday when he fell under a bus from which he had alighted at Chenoweth Lane and Cleveland.

Hunn was bound for his home at 268 St. Matthews Avenue.

Deputy Coroner Harry Elstone said Hunn was run over by a rear wheel.

County Patrolmen Charles R. Warner and John Yenowine gave this account of the accident:

After Hunn alighted, the bus started south. Hunn started to walk around the bus and tripped, falling under it.

Passengers Called to Driver

The driver of the Louisville Transit Company bus, John H. Cave, 50, Pleasure Ridge, did not see Hunn fall, but stopped when passengers yelled at him. He was cited to appear in Quarterly Court Monday on a manslaughter charge.

A graduate of Louisville Male High School, University of Louisville, and Jefferson School of Law, Hunn practiced law in Louisville nine years before entering the Coast Guard in 1942. He was loan-guaranty attorney for the Veterans Administration.

Hunn was a member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church and of the Louisville Boat Club. He was a licensed Ohio River pilot.

5th Fatality of Year

His death was the fifth traffic fatality in the County this year, compared with three during the same period last year.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Hunn, a son, Charles H. Hunn; a daughter, Miss Bonnie Franklin Hunn; his mother, Mrs. R. W. Hunn; a sister, Mrs. Warren M. Schwegel, and two brothers, Robert Hunn, Los Angeles, and Hansen Hunn.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Pearson's, 149 Breckinridge Lane, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery.

City Spent \$34,216.51 Last Year

The City of St. Matthews collected \$52,248.73 in taxes for the fiscal year 1954 and spent \$34,216.51, according to the official treasurer's report released this week.

Minus the taxes, penalties and interest placed in escrow, the net revenue was \$48,065.21.

A proposed budget for 1955 calls for income of \$74,400 and expenditures of \$74,050.

It was St. Matthews' first annual report as a fourth class city.

The City at the end of the year had an unappropriated surplus of \$17,224.02. This included an unappropriated surplus of \$2,475.32 left over from the year 1953.

The City at the end of the year still had \$18,532.32 in real estates taxes not collected. Treasurer J. C. Scheibel said he expected the city would be able to collect it more easily since a recent Circuit Court decision upheld the validity of the City's tax ordinance.

\$43,091.62 of the revenue came from realty taxes. Another \$8,001 came from liquor and other licenses. The rest was listed under building and zoning permits and "other revenues."

The biggest single expenditure by the City for 1954 was for garbage collection, \$14,494.

Other expenditures:

Office furniture and equipment, \$600.55; office supplies and expense, \$583.47; printing and notices, \$1,684.17; insurance and bonds, \$492.06; telephone, \$187.83; office rent, \$720; postage \$219; office salaries, \$1,565; cleaning office, \$26; legal department, \$2,357.62;

Treasurer's expense, \$825; audit expense, \$300; engineering road construction and repairs, \$3,179.80; fire department, \$3,000 fire plug service, \$206.09; police department salaries, \$1,442.00; police department cruiser expense, \$2,193.77; and police department expense, \$40.35.

The report was prepared by the C.P.A. firm of Christen Brown, McCroskey and Rufer.

Duncan Motors Switches To De Soto, Plymouth

For the first time, St. Matthews has an authorized DeSoto and Plymouth dealership.

George D. Riggs, president of Duncan Motors, Inc., 126 Breckinridge Lane, announced that his company has accepted the DeSoto-Plymouth franchise of the Chrysler Corporation, and given up its Studebaker and Packard franchises. The change was effective last Thursday.

"We plan to continue as a large volume sales and service agency in St. Matthews, and are changed to DeSoto and Plymouth's to get lines of new cars with wider ranges of models and uses that would enable us to get into an even larger sales volume," Mr. Riggs explained.

"We are now able to offer buyers a wider choice in both new and used cars, and we are now the only DeSoto-Plymouth dealership in Jefferson County east of the city of Louisville," he added.

With the change-over, two new employees have been added to the staff of Duncan Motors. On a rotating plan, all service department employees will attend a special school for mechanics conducted by the Chrysler Corporation. The first to enroll left St. Matthews Monday night. Bill Humphrey is manager of the service department. Henry Morris is parts department manager.

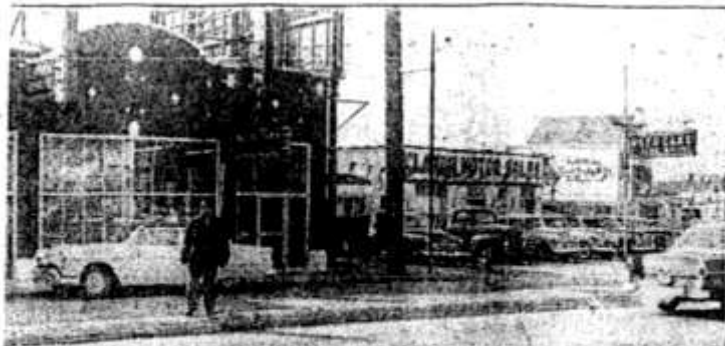
Organized last August to buy

out William Koch Motors, Duncan Motors is a family affair. James J. Cunningham, a brother-in-law of the corporation president, is vice president and heads the used car department. George's brother, Robert Riggs, is secretary-treasurer and in charge of new car sales.

George, himself, gained nation-wide fame as a top salesman of automobiles while he was employed by Koch. He sold more Studebaker cars than any other salesman in the country two years ago.



Portrait by Frederic Beck
GEORGE RIGGS



St. M. Firms Head Off Parking Worry

A Voice Feature

The purchase by Colonial Federal Savings and Loan Association of a lot next door for possible future use as a parking area points up a significant trend on the part of St. Matthews business.

Local firms have gradually been acquiring parking space to avoid the headaches of downtown businessmen in Louisville where free parking is limited and often inconvenient.

The lot purchased by Colonial is currently being used by Claxon Motor Sales. It is 142 by 113 feet, and cost \$47,500. Colonial's executive vice president, Harry King, said that for the present the lot will continue to be used by Claxon. But eventually, Colonial may make a parking area out of it, he said.

Colonial already provides free parking space behind its location at 3200 Frankfort Avenue. But Mr. King thinks it may need more in the future.

Parking is a problem for some St. Matthews firms already, he said, and may become aggravated unless corrective steps are taken now. He agreed that the trend in St. Matthews

business, as elsewhere, must be to get more parking space in order to compete with businesses in new shopping centers where parking will be ample.

(A shopping center of 24 stores with parking for more than 1,000 cars is currently under construction on Shelbyville Road between the Inner Belt and Hubbards Lane.)

"Nowadays, you must give your customers all the convenience you can," he said. "We feel parking is vital."

He admitted downtown St. Matthews was limited as to how much parking space it could provide. But he pointed out that St. Matthews firms such as Taylor Drugs, Citizens Fidelity Bank and the First National Bank have been able to do it. Ultimately, he said, downtown St. Matthews' problem could become as acute as Louisville's. Now is the time to make plans to avoid development of a similar situation.

If Louisville had started planning 20 years ago, it would not now be so congested and suffering the loss of so much business to the suburbs, he said.

March 1, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

Mayor of St. Matthews Fears Louisville Taxes

St. Matthews Mayor James H. Noland testified yesterday that if business properties in the St. Matthews business district are annexed by Louisville they will suffer through higher taxes.

Noland was a witness in the opening of a Circuit Court trial fighting a 1946 Louisville attempt to annex a portion of the present business district. The City of St. Matthews annexed all of it in 1953.

The Mayor said that the higher Louisville tax rate would give an advantage to the businesses in the district not annexed by Louisville.

The Louisville tax rate on real estate is \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation. St. Matthews' is 60 cents.

Louisville seeks to annex an area stretching along both sides of Lexington Road from Eline to Frankfort Avenue and on the south side of Frankfort from Lexington Road to Fairfax. It comprises about 44 per cent of the total business district.

Services Questioned

Noland also testified that Louisville would not get enough tax revenue from the area to pay for essential City services for perhaps as long as five years.

Another witness, Stephen A. Derry, consulting engineer and municipal expert for the City of St. Matthews, said Louisville would not be able to give the area City services for 15 years.

Asked by Assistant City Attorney Herman Frick whether the business district would be harmed if Louisville furnished City services before 15 years, Derry answered:

"No, professionally, but yes from a practical standpoint."

He said Louisville doesn'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.



Courier-Journal Photo

JAMES H. NOLAND

Mayor testifies

Matthews now has a chief and two patrolmen.

But Noland testified earlier, and repeated later, that St. Matthews has but one patrolman aside from its chief.

The suits are being brought against Louisville by Harry A. Kraft and others on behalf of themselves and the St. Matthews Annexation Protective Association.

Wilbur O. Fields, attorney fighting annexation, said in his opening statement that if Louisville is successful in annexing the area it would "cut the heart out of the St. Matthews business district."

Frick, in his opening statement, said, "We are concerned with the overall good of the

city taxpayer, would object.

Fire Protection Discussed

Derry said that Louisville would not furnish adequate fire protection since the closest fire house to the district is about three and a half miles away on Frankfort.

Under cross-examination by Frick, Derry said the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department offers fire protection as good as Louisville's and could do so even if four fires were going at once.

The St. Matthews Fire Department has three pieces of fire-fighting equipment.

He also said the St. Matthews police force offers better protection than Louisville's Police Department would. He said St.

Matthews "is concerned with the overall good of the community. We need a single, uniform government without conflicting laws and regulations."

Opposing attorneys guessed that the trial would not be completed before Thursday.

2 Knox GI's Robbed Of \$98, Watch, Shoes

Two Fort Knox soldiers reported to police they were robbed of \$98, a wrist watch, and a pair of shoes at 15th and Lytle at 8:20 p.m. yesterday.

Duane Fitzmorris and Jackie Meanes said three men offered them a ride at 15th and Main and when they reached Lytle, one of the men pulled a gun.

March 10, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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March 10, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, March 10, 1955, and was presided over by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

Mr. George E. Miller	Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	Mr. J. P. Terry
	Mr. Joseph Zehnder

The minutes of the last meeting, February 10, 1955, were read by Mr. Monohan. On a motion by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder, the minutes were approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Monohan that three monthly payments of \$1057.00 be made ~~on~~ ^{on the} the total of ~~the~~ \$3171.00 Loan at the First National Bank.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that a smaller siren be purchased, as the present large siren does not bring results to men close to the Fire Department, although it can be heard plainly as far as Middletown. This will be the same arrangement we had before the sirens were lost on the Consolidated building.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Miller that the meeting be adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

March 10, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal:

Louisville again has the annexation bug. Just recently we were hearing plans to annex the entire county to Louisville. When this super brain-storm exploded because of much opposition, we were given time to soothe our wounds caused by the annexation bug himself, Mayor Broadbuss. Now we are facing another of our Mayor's public betterment programs, this time in the form of an annexation suit for about 44 per cent of the St. Matthews business district and the whole town of Buechel.

Buechel residents are against this move by about 500 to 4. So stated the March 1 Courier-Journal. Yet the Buechel group fighting this move must get 1,120 people out of the total number of 1,493 to appear in court in order to save themselves from annexation. It seems to me that a majority is the democratic way of life.

In St. Matthews, the facts present themselves. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is an able body with three trucks at its service. The nearest Louisville fire house is 3½ miles from the district to be annexed. St. Matthews charges 60 cents per \$100 assessed valuation on their real estate while at the same time Louisville charges \$1.50 per \$100. Would St. Matthews get two and one-half times better service than they get now? I think not.

When will Mayor Broadbuss cease to yell for more property and taxes, and instead learn to run our city on its present income? ROBERT BROWN, Louisville.

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March 13, 1955, The Courier-Journal

March 17, 1955, Letter:

Deaths. Fire Chief James Lester Orrell, 39, of the Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department, of a heart attack while driving near Middletown. . . . William Herbert Hobbs, 74, retired Meade County farmer, of injuries suffered when he was struck by a car near Flaherty. . . . Edward C. Shippen, 401 Pleasantview, Louisville, auto salesman and former lumber dealer, and the following Louisvillians:

The Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Boland, 77, pastor of St. Frances of Rome Church since 1927. . . . Miss Katherine Perkins, 64, of 3023 Welbrooke, school teacher here 40 years. . . . Dr. Edward William Patterson, 77, Louisville osteopath 42 years. . . . Lee Gatewell, 65-year-old cripple, burned to death at his home, rear of 328 E. Gray. . . . Charles M. Stephens, Jr., 38, of 3808 Grandview, commercial photographer. . . . Arthur W. Stewart, Sr., owner of Stewart Printing Company.

March 17 1955

Mr J.J.Colletto
Department of Highways
Frankfort, Ky,

Dear Sir;

We recently had a meeting with the Lyndon Fire Department for the purpose of establishing our boundary for Fire Coverage,at which time it was agreed that the Rightof Way for the Waterson Express way from Shelbyville Road and Highway 42 would be our dividing lines.

We therefore would appreciate it very much if you would supply us with a plat or map showing this lay out as proposed.

Here-be-fore,we have used a 3 mile limit,but this left some property owners in a position where they did not know which departme't to call in case of Fire,nor to which one to subscribe to for Fire Protection.

You will do a public service to the Property owners and to each Fire Department,by giving us this information.

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Asm,Inc.

V.A.Bonn,Asst-Sec'y.

March 17, 1955, The Voice Of St. Matthews:

City Of Woodlawn Park Officers Are Sworn In

Officers of the new sixth-class City of Woodlawn Park were sworn in Friday by County Judge Bertram Van Arsdale. Part of the oath of office was that none of the men ever participated in a duel.

Sworn in as trustees were: Burns Speer, 48, 4308 Westportage Company, Road, assistant to the president of the Merchants' Ice and Cold Storage Company, and

John M. Owen, 48, 205 Perryman Road, secretary of the Modern Lumber and Millwork Company, Woolley Cays, 29, 211 Ahland, Terrace, sales engineer at Reynolds Metals.

John Kaster, 26, 204 Beechwood Road, real estate and insurance man.

Other officers sworn in were: Town Marshall Maurice White, 41, 19 Westport Terrace, salesman for Neville Lavelle Supply Company,

Treasurer L. B. McIntire, 45, of 109 Beechwood Road, certified public accountant,

Assessor Harley Morgan, 47, 8 Westport Terrace, sales manager of The Lang Company.

City Clerk H. E. Cuckrill, 31, 213 Ahland Road, director of production planning for U. S. Steel Homes, Inc.

City Attorney Bemis Lawrence was present for the simple ceremony, held in Judge Van Arsdale's office.

The City was formed over objections of A. J. Elme, who owns 23 acres in the area; John A. Walser, who owns about 15 acres, and the Marydale corporation, a firm headed by Mr. Walser, which owns about 22 acres.

Mr. Elme said he preferred to have the area annexed by the City of St. Matthews, because he feared Woodlawn would substitute a more restricted zoning for his property, now zoned industrial.

Judge Stuart E. Lampe overruled objections in December, and the Court of Appeals upheld him in January. Last week he created the city, the 28th of its class in Jefferson County.

There are about 244 residents in the half square mile city, lying between Westport Road and the L & N tracks, extending eastward half a mile from Silvers School on Westport Road near Hubbard Lane.



Judge Van Arsdale swears in Woodlawn Park officers. In front are treasurer L. B. McIntire, trustees John Kaster and John M. Owen, and assessor Harley Morgan. In back are trustee Phil Perkins, town marshal Maurice White, trustees Woolley Cays and Burns Speer, city attorney Bemis Lawrence and clerk H. E. Cuckrill.

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March 17, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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March 17, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

24-Hour Police Protection To Start In St. Matthews

Two Patrolmen Hired; City Hall To Be Moved

The City of St. Matthews will have 24-hour police protection, starting about April 1. That's the date two patrolmen will be added to the force, bringing its strength up to four, including the chief.

Chief Ronald Kelsay and Mayor James Noland said they were working on a plan to provide round-the-clock coverage.

This was after the City Council Tuesday approved the appointment of the two new men to the force. They are Preston Lee Roberts, 26, and Clarence Durbin, 34. They were hired by the Council after nobody living in the City applied for the job.

Mr. Roberts, 2829 Portland, is a Marine Corps veteran, now working as a guard at Kentucky Synthetic Rubber. Mr. Durbin, Fern Creek, is an Army paratrooper veteran and was an electrician for the Louisville Parks Department. Each is married and has one child. Starting salary, fixed by City statute, is \$250 per month.

Wreck Injuries Fatal To Restaurant Owner

William Z. Graham, **St. Matthews** restaurant proprietor, died at 9:30 a.m. yesterday of internal injuries suffered in an automobile accident March 11, according to Dr. George Dwyer, coroner.



WILLIAM Z. GRAHAM
Was injured March 11

Graham, 43, of Upper River Road, was hurt when he apparently lost control of his car which struck a utility pole on Frankfort at Oxford Place, police said. Two sons, Richard and William Z. Graham, Jr., who were riding with him, received only minor injuries.

Graham was manager of the Twig and Leaf Restaurant, 3957 Frankfort. He was a native of Pittsburgh, and had been here five years. Graham was a member of Third Lutheran Church.

Death City's 8th of Year

His death was the eighth traffic fatality in the city this year. There had been the same number during a corresponding period last year.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Stoffa Graham; two daughters, Mary Alice and Rosemary Graham; two other sons, Arthur and James Graham; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Graham, Pittsburgh; a brother, Robert Graham, and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude McMillan.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at Ratterman's Chapel, 3711 Lexington Road. Burial will be in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Greenup Gas Failure Shuts Some Churches

Greenup, Ky., March 28 (P)—Some church services were canceled here yesterday because of a natural-gas failure.

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March 31, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



St. Matthews Fixing Grandview, Massie Avenues; Building Walkway

The weather turned warmer Thursday and the City of St. Matthews did not miss the opportunity to get some work done.

The C. E. Schmidt Company, contractors, were busy fixing Massie Avenue from Ridgeway to St. Matthews Avenue. They filled holes in the street, and were building up and widening the shoulders.

By the time this gets into print, the street should be finished.

Also under construction along Massie was a walkway with bridges for the safety of school children going to Holy Trinity and Silvers Schools.

The bridges were up last week and the gravel down for the four-foot walkway, which runs more than 830 feet along the north side of Massie Avenue from Cherrywood to Ridgeway. It will cost \$865 and be black-topped. It runs partly across property owned by the Louisville Board of Education, south of Holy Trinity, and on the north side

of Massie.

The walkway was the result of a co-operative effort. The Holy Trinity Men's Club initiated the plan and is undertaking the job of relocating the fence that at present separates Massie from the walkway. The Louisville Board of Education allowed the use of its ground, and the City of St. Matthews is paying for construction.

The city on Monday began repairing holes the entire length of Grandview Avenue inside the City limits.

In the background of the picture, workmen repair Massie Avenue. On the bridge are Sandy Schuster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schuster, 222 Brown Avenue; Connie Muth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Muth, 283 Brown Avenue; and Sue Carol Schuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Schuler, Jr., 259 Ridgeway. On the pathway is Sandy's sister, Susan. All are Holy Trinity students.

St. M. Cafe Owner Fined For Selling Beer To Minor

The proprietor of a St. Matthews cafe paid a \$50 fine March 23 for selling beer to a minor.

Justen Wilken, owner of Wilken's Cafe, 3815 Frankfort Avenue, pleaded guilty to the charge and paid the fine in lieu of a five-day suspension of his malt beverage license. The violation occurred February 26.

The suspension was ordered by St. Matthews Alcoholic Beverage Administrator, Mrs. E. R. Grinstead, on recommendation of City Attorney C. Maxwell Brown. Mr. Brown explained that Mr. Wilken was entitled by law to pay a fine of \$10 a day in lieu of the suspension.

It was the second case brought before the City A.B.C. administrator, and the first conviction. A case last year was filed away when two teen-age witnesses failed to appear on two occasions.

Mr. Brown said the 19-year-old who'd bought the beer was married and had one child. "He could pass for an adult. It's difficult in a situation like that to be too harsh on the proprietor," he said. "However, we are going to enforce the law."

The boy and a companion, also 19, were arrested February 26 by Chief R. C. Kelsay for breach of peace. Charges against them were filed away.

Former STMFD firefighter

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Al J. Schansberg
Editor

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April 7, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



ST. MATTHEWS FINEST

The St. Matthews Police Force includes Chief Ronald Kelsay, left, Clarence A. Durkin, William H. Tolliver, and Preston L. Roberts. Patrolmen Roberts and Durkin assumed their duties April 1.

Annexation Completed; Two Police Join Force

The City of St. Matthews had smooth sailing during the week as nobody filed remonstrance suits against two annexation ordinances by the Thursday deadline, and the two policemen hired last month joined the force.

Circuit Judge Stuart E. Lampe approved annexation of the two areas, both nearly surrounded by the City.

One area runs from the corner of Fairfax and Frankfort along Fairfax to an alley south of Dayton, to Meridian, to a point about 100 feet south of Grandview, west 100 feet, north to Grandview, to Breckinridge Lane, to Barton, to Withburn, to Withburn, to Frankfort Avenue, to Fairfax.

The other area annexed lies on both sides of Lexington Road, one lot deep, from Elise to Easter Avenue. At Easter it extends to Wilmington the depth of one lot. It is mostly residential.

Ordinances proposing annexation were approved by the St. Matthews City Council March 8. The City announced the areas would start receiving municipal services immediately, and would be placed on the tax rolls.

The addition of the two policemen will allow the City to work out a schedule for 24-hour police protection, according to Chief Ronald Kelsay and Mayor James Noland.

The two men are Preston Lee Roberts, 24, and Clarence Durkin, 34. They assumed their duties April 1.

April 12, 1955, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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 GEORGE E. MILLER, Secretary

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 JOE ZIMMERER
 MARTY KAMER



P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 April 12 1955

Chief John M. Monohan Jr.,

Herewith is a summary of Deposits for the month of March 1955.

Deposited in March 1955	\$3232.45
Deposited in March 1954	916.20
Deposits over March 1954	<u>\$2314.25</u>
Deposited in Jan, Feb & March 1955	\$9450.45
Deposits in January, February & March 1954	<u>4095.78</u>
Deposits 1955 over 1954 to date	\$5354.67.

Respectfully,
Phil DeBont Beam
 Asst-Sec'y.

1955

April 14, 1955: Board meeting:

Minutes of the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'N

The regular monthly meeting of the St Matthews Fire Association was held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, April 14, 1955, at the Fire House.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present John Monahan, Fred Boss, Joe Zehnder, Louis Schweitzer, Marty Kamer and W. Leland Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by John Monahan and approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Fred Boss and accepted.

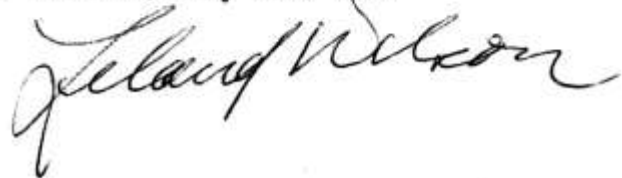
Fred Boss moved that the Association pay the First National Bank \$3171.00 on note - seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

Joe Zehnder moved that the Association purchase required number of feet of hose needed - seconded by Fred Boss. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leland Wilson, Secy Pro Tem

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leland Wilson".

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April 14, 1955, Letter:

MILES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
229 BLANKENBAKER LANE
PHONE BE-6186

April 14, 1955

Chief John T. Monohan, Jr.
St. Matthews Fire Department
Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

Re: Comanche Village
Blankenbaker Lane
Jefferson County, Kentucky

You will recall that at or about the time we originally started development in our sub-division we discussed the grade of fire protection that would be afforded through the services of the St. Matthews Fire Department and the Fire Hydrant System we were to install. It is our recollection that you told us that all of the property in our development except a few lots on the far east end would qualify for Kentucky Inspection Bureau St. Matthews Fire Protection Area.

It has just been brought to our attention that all of the property in our development is now rated as outside any protected area; and while it appears that the development qualifies as to distance from the Fire Station and the installation of fire hydrants, we are advised that the Rating Bureau will make no move to reduce the classification for fire rating from 10th to 7th Class until they are requested to do so by certification from your Department that the necessary qualifications have been met and that your Department will answer and service alarms in our area.

Would you please advise us promptly if you will make the necessary certification to the Rating Bureau, or if there is anything we must do to expedite the accomplishment of the lower rating classification.

Very truly yours,

MILES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Judith C. Miles
By *Sec. & Treas.*

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April 14, 1955, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

St. Matthews Firemen To Inspect Homes Free

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department will be glad to make sure there are no fire hazards in your home—free of charge.

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The department is offering its services to St. Matthews area homeowners April 15 through 30, chief John M. Monohan, Jr., announced last week.

"The best time to call the fire department is before the fire," he said.

To make an appointment, call TA. 8812 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or Wednesday from 8:30 to noon.

Household rubbish is the main target of this "Spring Clean-up," being sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

And while most people don't think of the many useless things they've got stored away around the house as rubbish — that's what it is and it's a major fire hazard, chief Monohan warned.

He explained that rubbish itself does not cause fire, except in some cases of spontaneous ignition. But it is the kind of fuel that fire loves and all it needs is any stray spark to start it off.

There are many different

kinds of household rubbish, but these fast-burning items, he said, are among the most dangerous—old linens, cast off clothing, mattresses, old furniture, curtains, draperies, lampshades, magazines, paper, linoleum and carpet.

Chief Monohan explained that fire hazards in the home can be controlled through good house-keeping practices and the members of the fire department will be happy to assist any household who wants to learn exactly what's safe and what's not.

The purpose is to uncover fire hazards, not to hunt out violations of regulations, he said. The fireman making an inspection determines what hazards exist and recommends ways of eliminating them in order to protect the house and its occupants.

The program is voluntary on the part of the householder, the Chief said, and it really pays off. Last year in Los Angeles, for example, home inspections were credited with cutting home fires by 25 per cent, he said.

CHANDLER

FOR GOVERNOR



ORGANIZATION MEETING

WILL BE HELD

APRIL 22—7:45 P.M.

ELINE GARAGE BLDG.

3914 FRANKFORT AVE.

All people interested in the election of Mr. A. D. Chandler are cordially invited to this meeting.

C. W. HARDIN
(Chairman "A" Committee)

BE SURE & REGISTER by JUNE 6

(If You Have Not Already Done So)

Registration can be made at the Louisville Agency every day in the week and Saturday and noon.

1955

April 21, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

City Willing To Pay Fire Hydrant Rentals

The City of St. Matthews will assume payments on fire hydrants, if the people now being billed for them would only turn in their folio numbers.

City clerk Mrs. E. R. Grinstead explained the city some time ago took over payments on the plugs, but all of them had not been reported, she discovered.

Water rental was paid annually by property-owners living within a specified distance of a fire plug, before the City took over.

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April 28, 1955, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*: Ten years later this became Al Ring's first service station, STMFD firefighter.

Old Breckinridge Lane Is Taking On A New Look

Old Breckinridge Lane is taking on a new look these days, as reconstruction of one old building is nearing completion and construction of two more is well underway.

All this activity is on the east side of Breckinridge between Willis and Frankfort Avenues.

The reconstruction, of course, is on the old Marshall Planning Mill building, 131 Breckinridge Lane, now called the Colonial Building. The new constructions are the two-story building just south of the Colonial building

being put up by architect Ed Augustus and a Porter Paint building under construction by Walter Wagner at the corner of Willis and Breckinridge.

The first floor of the Colonial Building will be ready for occupancy probably next week. The second floor will be ready in June, according to Noah Pullen, president of the Breckinridge Corporation, which purchased the property from the Marshall Company.

He said the building, all air-conditioned, will have 28 offices, including small suites on the first floor for the City of St. Matthews. They will rent for \$80 to \$100 a month each, he said, and this will include all utilities.

The offices on the first floor are divided in the middle by an 11-foot corridor. St. Matthews Trim Shop has moved into a large garage-like structure joined to the back of the building.

A large parking lot to the right of the building will accommodate 35 to 50 cars, and Mr. Pullen said a sidewalk and curb would be installed in front of the building. Spaces in front will be marked off for parallel parking.

Renovations on the old mill cost about \$50,000, he said.

Besides the City of St. Matthews, he said, four firms have contracted for offices in the building.

Mr. Augustus said his own firm will occupy the second floor of the building by putting up signs, the parking lot from the Colonial Building.

The Sherwin-Williams Company will be on the first floor, he said. The building, about 20 feet wide and 160 feet deep, will be finished in about two weeks, he said. Cost is estimated at \$25,000 for construction plus about \$12,000 for the land. There will be parking in front and rear.

The Sherwin-Williams firm is now located just south of the building, in a store owned by Mr. Wagner. When the firm moves next door in May, it will be replaced by the Tobaben Brothers dry cleaning firm. There is parking for about 10 cars in the rear.

The building going up on the corner will have parking for about 20 cars, according to Mr. Wagner. His firm is doing the building.

Porter Paint will use the 25 by 100 foot building for a retail outlet. Construction will cost about \$11,000 and should be finished about June 1.



Mrs. Donald Christain, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. K. J. Greenrose, Jr., president; and Mrs. Edmund Kapp, vice president. Also elected was treasurer C. J. Cronan III.

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1955

May 5, 1955, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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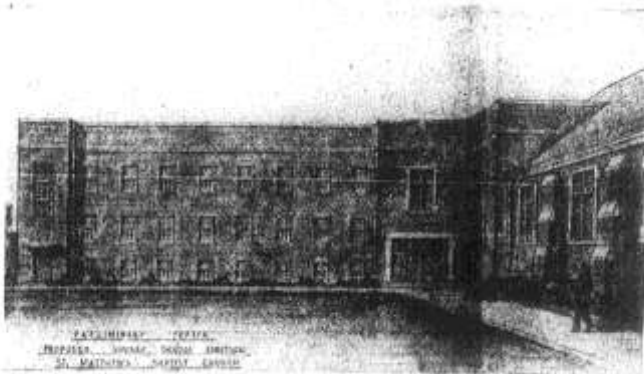
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SUNDAY
MAY 8th 10:45 A.M.

This architect's drawing shows the education building planned for St. Matthews Baptist Church. The present church structure is at right.

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
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—OF—
St. Matthews Baptist Church
GRANDVIEW AT MACON
Dedicatory Message by Dr. Carroll Hubbard
SPECIAL MUSIC BY CHURCH CHOIR
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- FIELD NURSERY NURSERIES
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9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL 2:45 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION



8 P.M.—CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC
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1955

May 5, 1955, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



The first truckload of "Span-O-Life" auto batteries is being unloaded Saturday by H. S. Mattingly at the new location of his St. Matthews Trim Shop, recently appointed distributor of the batteries in Jefferson and adjoining counties.

Fire Makes This Business Expand

"Sometimes it takes a fire to make a business expand," H. S. Mattingly, proprietor of St. Matthews Trim Shop, declared in announcing the opening of his shop in a new and much larger location.

His shop was completely destroyed last winter in the fire that razed the Consolidated Sales building at Frankfort Avenue and Chenoweth Lane. Out of business for several weeks, he found a temporary location on St. Matthews Avenue and operated only one phase of his

business there for several months.

With the rebuilding of the former Marshall Planing Mill building on Breckinridge Lane, Mr. Mattingly acquired sufficient space in the rear of the new arcade building to expand his auto top, seat cover, and furniture upholstery business and to take on a new line. The St. Matthews Trim Shop is now the distributor of the "Span-O-Life" auto batteries for Jefferson County and adjoining counties. Terry's Texaco became the

first retail dealer in the county to take on the new line of batteries which are "guaranteed for the life of your car." Garages, auto supply stores, and filling stations are being contacted to sell the batteries.

Mr. Mattingly founded the St. Matthews Trim Shop in 1950 in its former location on Chenoweth Lane, after 20 years of experience in the business. The shop specializes in custom tailoring seat covers and convertible auto tops, and does custom furniture building and upholstery.

May 13, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*

Lot Is Contributed For Fire Department

R. F. McMahan, Sr., Taylorsville Road shopping-center developer, has donated a 40-by-200-foot lot for a new volunteer fire department headquarters at Taylorsville Road and Huntsinger Lane.

The new fire unit is to be known as the McMahan Center Volunteer Fire Department. Thomas Wilder, 2814 Woodward Drive, is chairman of the organizing committee.

Orders for fire equipment for the department are expected to be placed next week.

1955

May 12, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer fire association was held Thursday, May 12, 1955, and was presided over by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

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

Minutes of the last meeting, April 14, 1955, were read by President Monohan, and were unanimously approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Boss that we reject the proposition to use our fire department advertisement on a calendar to be paid for by a dealer in St. Matthews with the understanding that we were to stand delivery expense.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry that we pay two notes ^{\$1000.00 each} on the loan, on the new piece of equipment, of \$2,000.00 and interest.

Entertainment, in the form of a stag dinner, to be held for the firemen, on Thursday, June 2. Firemen to meet with the directors at dinner, 7:00 P. M. at Canary Cottage.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that we pay Mr. Marrett \$50.00 for service, to date, as attorney.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
Secretary

5 Rabies Clinics Planned for Dogs

Five clinics for vaccinating dogs against rabies will be offered by the City-County Health Department from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday.

Locations are the **St. Matthews Fire Station**; Southern High School, Okolona; City-County Dog Pound, 1036 S. Hancock; Shively Fire Station, and Fire Department Quad Company No. 4, 100 N. 34th.

Price of the shots is \$1.50 a dog. The vaccinations, good for three years, are given in co-operation with the Jefferson County Veterinary Medical Society.

Dog owners also may buy State dog licenses at the clinics. They are also \$1.50 each.

May 23, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

May 19, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Pryor To Build New Shelbyville Road Restaurant

Austin Pryor announced last week he was planning to build a drive-in restaurant on the south side of Shelbyville Road, just east of the Shelbyville Plaza shopping center now under construction.

He has purchased a plot of ground about 170 feet wide and about 300 feet deep from the American Legion Zachary Taylor Post 180. He said purchase price was \$50,000.

Another chunk of the Legion's property, about 130 feet in width, has been purchased by the Island Oil Company which is constructing a filling station there. The back part of the property, which stretches back to the Expressway, is being retained by the Legion, which has plans in the works for building a club house there.

Mr. Pryor said he hopes to get his new restaurant open in a year. Construction will start in late summer or early fall, he said. It will be modern, strictly drive-in, and will handle about 100 cars, he said. Construction and equipment will cost about \$10,000, he said.

This will give him three restaurants, one in Louisville, and the other at Hubbards Lane and Shelbyville Road.

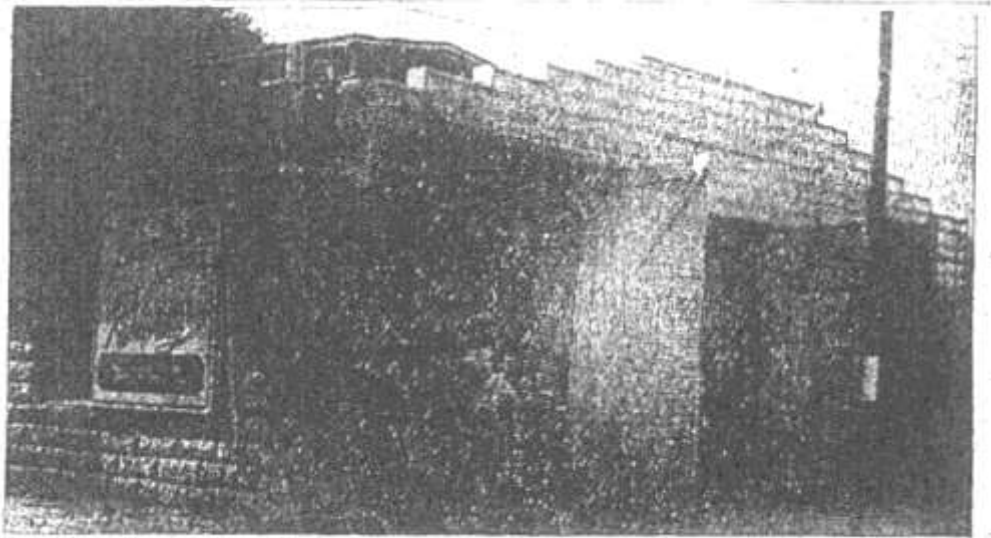
Future "Big Boy"

May 16, 1955, *The Voice-Jeffersonian:*

Rabies Clinic Set For St. M. Fire Station

A mass rabies vaccination clinic will be held at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department tomorrow from 3 to 7 p.m., the City-County Health Department announced Monday.

The vaccinations are \$1.50 and give the dog protection for three years. Dog owners may also get the annual license at the clinic for \$1.50.



The Hansen Shop—Photo by Basil Willis, Jr.

Cherokee Laundry Buys Out A. L. Hansen Shop

Cherokee Laundry and Cleaners, Inc., this week purchased the A. L. Hansen paint and body shop at 124 St. Matthews Avenue. The price was announced as \$55,000 by Dan Chitwood, president of the laundry.

Mr. Chitwood said the shop would eventually be torn down, and "some type of building for business" erected. For the present, the paint and body shop will keep operating.

The shop has been in business in St. Matthews 43 years, 38 of them at the present address. Before that it was located five years on the south side of Frankfort Avenue, west of Breckinridge Lane.

The owner and manager, A. L. Hansen, now 71 years old, said his business was one of the first in St. Matthews.

He could not say whether or when he will retire or move the business to a new location. "I don't know yet," he said.

The shop, which paints varied truck bodies and does metal work, employs 10 people. It was managed by Mr. Hansen's son until his death three years ago.

The property is 134 feet wide and 117 feet deep. The purchase gives Cherokee Laundry, with a branch at 132 St. Matthews Avenue, 234 feet of property on St. Matthews Avenue. Part of the new property will be used as parking for Cherokee customers.

Mr. Chitwood said his firm

would try to line up tenants and leases before doing any building. He said a couple of Louisville clothing stores were interested in locating in St. Matthews.

Another possibility was that a building for doctors might be erected, he said.

The present building owned by Cherokee, has a laundry store on the first floor and offices on the second floor.

Trap Shoot Set For Fern Creek

There will be a big trap shoot sponsored by the Fern Creek Sportsmen's Club, May 22, (in case of rain, June 5).

The Shoot is to be held on the Club grounds located on Brush Run Road, Southwest of Fern Creek. Turn off Bardonia Road



Proceeds of the trap shoot will go to the United Cerebral Palsy of The Falls Cities.

1955

May 26, 1955: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

May 29, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*



Lincoln Bank Branch Opens June 1

The St. Matthews branch of the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company, 430 1/2 Shelbyville Road, will open for business Wednesday, June 1, at 9 a.m.

Officials have planned no opening ceremony. "We're just going to open up and go to work," said one.

Branch manager will be John Emrich, 509 Oxford. Assistant manager will be Dan J. Goss, 123 Ridgeway. Mrs. Sanford Bishop, 402 1/2 Winchester, will be in charge of the vault. In addition, two tellers will be on duty at the bank.

The 30 by 100-foot building, with a drive-in window, is being leased by the bank from the builders, the Wakefield-McMakin Company. At present, between 60 and 80 cars can be parked in or near the bank, though this number may be reduced when adjoining property is developed.

The bank's hours will be 9 to 5 daily, plus 3:30 to 5:30 on Friday. It will open on Saturday only during those weeks in which a holiday falls.

Plans call for the bank to have a large sign, facing both east and west on Shelbyville Road. On both sides above the sign will be a time element, spelling out in numerals the time of day. Below will be a temperature element, also facing both ways.


Archie Rush is president of the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company, executive vice president.

Said Mr. Rush:

"In keeping with our policy of expanding with the community it is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce the opening of the new St. Matthews branch."

"We have watched with a great deal of interest the growth of St. Matthews over the years. The strides made in this important community are indeed a tribute to the fine people who have seen fit to locate their homes and businesses in this area. We consider it a privilege to offer our many friends downtown banking service in our neighborhood."

"Our new Shelbyville Road branch will be completely modern and air-conditioned throughout. Our drive-in window and safe deposit box facilities are just two of the many services available. This is the second branch office we have opened this year. The other was the new branch at Gardiner Lane and Bardstown Road which opened on April 5, the Lincoln Bank's golden anniversary date."



A drive-in window and safety-deposit boxes are among features of Lincoln Bank and Trust Company's **St. Matthews** branch, which opens Wednesday on Shelbyville Road east of Hubbard's Lane with John C. Emrich as manager. Emrich has been with Lincoln Bank and Trust Company since 1926.

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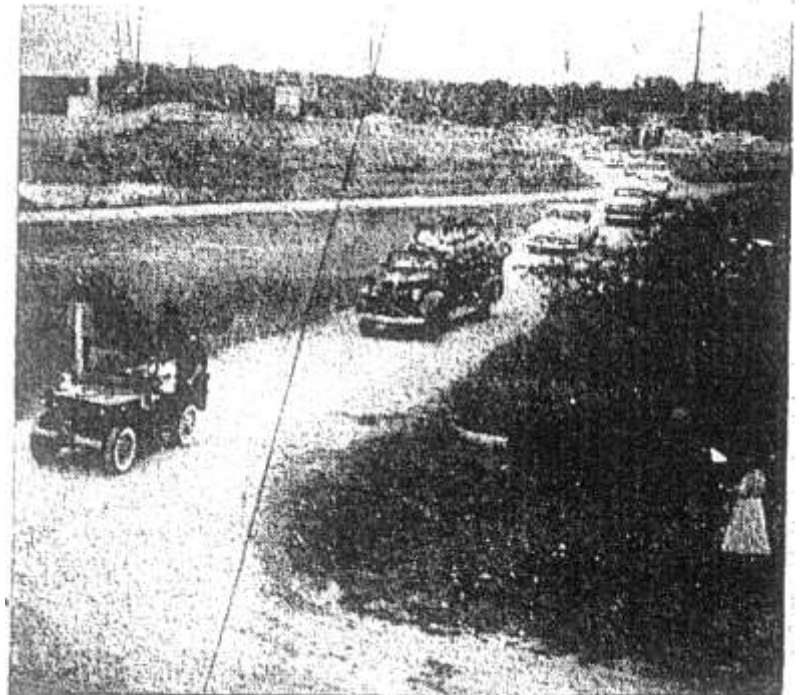
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Little League opened with a parade; the boys raced from

June 4, 1955, The Courier-Journal

2 Policemen Are Charged With Rape

**St. Matthews Officers
Free on \$1,000 Bail**

Two City of St. Matthews policemen yesterday were charged with rape in a warrant sworn to by a 23-year-old woman.

They are Richard F. Flynn, 26, of 2329 Sycamore, and Preston L. Roberts, 27, of 1819 W. Hill. Both have been members of the St. Matthews force about two months.

Both denied the charge. They were released under \$1,000 bond each for arraignment in Quarterly Court Monday.

The woman accused the pair of raping her in an office at the St. Matthews City Hall, 131 Breckinridge Lane, early yesterday.

She, Friend Were Parked

In a signed statement taken by County police, the woman said:

She and a male friend were parked on a road in Springwood, a new subdivision near Massie Avenue and Hubbard Lane, when the two officers drove up in their car.

She told the officers she wanted to keep her friend, a married man, out of trouble, and Flynn told her, "he thought they (the officers) could get us out of the trouble we were in."

The officers then released the man, and drove the woman to City Hall. There, she said, Flynn raped her twice, and Roberts once.

Got Ride at 6 a.m.

When she resisted, she said, Flynn told her, "if I wanted to see that everything worked out all right I should co-operate..."

Later, she said, Roberts took her to a hamburger stand across Taylorsville Road from Bowman Field. She got a ride home from there with a waitress about 6 a.m.

The woman and her companion of the night before went to County Police Headquarters yesterday morning where she gave her statement and took out the warrant. Her companion also gave a statement to police.

St. Matthews Police Chief R. C. Kelsay said the two officers were making "a routine patrol of a popular parking area" when the incident occurred. There have been numerous complaints of parking in the new subdivision, he said.

Officers Suspended

Kelsay said he had suspended the officers pending his own investigation. He said that both Flynn and Roberts have "expressed not only a willingness but a desire to take lie-detector tests."

After their arrest, Flynn and Roberts refused to allow a newspaper photographer to take their pictures. Nor were they photographed by County police for files, as is usual in felony cases.

1955

June 9, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Open for Business

Our New Shelbyville Road Branch
1304 Shelbyville Road — Just East of Harbords Lane




The Lincoln Bank & Trust Company has opened its new branch at 1304 Shelbyville Road. This new branch offers you the same excellent banking service you receive at our other offices. When you enter the lobby of our new branch you will know right away you are among friendly neighbors people who want you to feel that you are always welcome. Our new branch is completely modern and air-conditioned — and with a drive-in banking window for your added convenience. We pledge ourselves to offering the finest in banking facilities — whatever your need may be. Stop in today and see us. Every customer is assured the prompt, courteous service that has been so much of a tradition with us these past fifty years.

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H. S. MATTINGLY'S

ST. MATTHEWS TRIM SHOP

TA. 6177

NEW LOCATION:
131 Breckinridge Lane
Near

BUDGET TERMS

June 9 and October 4, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*

St. Matthews Police Chief Resigns

Ronald C. Kelsay has resigned as chief of police of St. Matthews, James H. Noland, chairman of the town's Board of Trustees, disclosed last night.

The resignation, submitted June 1, takes effect Wednesday.

Kelsay said his reason for resigning was that he was "making other connections."

He became the town's first police chief last July 6 after resigning from the Louisville Police Department. St. Matthews became entitled to a police force when the last Legislature promoted it from the sixth- to the fourth-population class.

Two St. Matthews policemen, Richard F. Flynn and Preston L. Roberts, were charged with rape in a warrant sworn to by a 23-year-old woman last Friday. Kelsay's subsequent suspension of the two officers left the force with only two men, including himself.

Kelsay, 25, lives at 1705 S. Fourth.

Rape Suits Citing 2 Ex-Policemen Are Filed Away

Rape charges against two former St. Matthews policemen were filed away in Criminal Court yesterday by Judge Frank Ropke. The men, who were suspended from the St. Matthews Police Force after the charges were filed, are Richard Flynn, 27, of 2939 Sycamore, and Preston L. Roberts, 27, of 1819 W. Will.

The men were charged in warrants with assaulting a 24-year-old woman at St. Matthews City Hall last June. A charge of "obstructing justice" against the woman is scheduled to be heard by the grand jury October 17.

1955

June 9, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, June 9, 1955, and was presided over by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	Mr. Louis Schweitzer
Mr. Joseph Zehnder	Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. Fred Boss	Mr. George E. Miller
Mr. Leland Wilson	<i>Geo E. Miller</i>

Minutes of the last meeting, May 12, 1955, were read by President Monohan and, on a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Kamer, the minutes were accepted as read.

A recheck of Directors' terms was made and their expiration dates were found to be as follows:

Mr. W. Leland Wilson	1955
Mr. George E. Miller	1955
Mr. J. P. Terry	1956
Mr. Marty Kamer	1956
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	1957
Mr. Joseph Zehnder	1957
Mr. Louis Schweitzer	1958
Mr. Fred Boss	1958

The next meeting will be held the night of July 13, 1955, for the election of officers and the election of the two Directors whose terms expire this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Kamer that we pay one note on the new fire equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Terry that Mr. Monohan consult an insurance company to work out a new policy to cover each fireman. It was suggested that he work out coverage as close as possible to the following scale:

\$10.00 per day for hospital
\$40.00 per week income while convalescing
\$500.00 for medical expenses
\$2,000.00 in death benefits

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

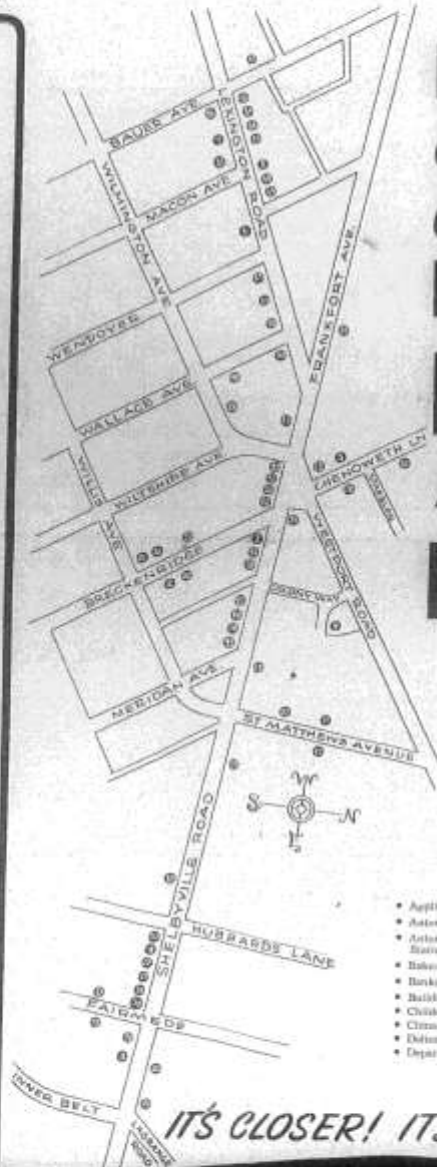
George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary

June 16, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews:*

ST. MATTHEWS SHOPPING CENTERS

Here's your key to all-inclusive
Community Shopping in
St. Matthews

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| ASHBURY-BURMAN DRUG CO. | (1) |
| 200 Franklin Avenue | |
| BALLOONA, INC. | (2) |
| 100 Northside Lane | |
| BANK OF LOUISVILLE | (3) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| BENNING PAINT & WALLPAPER | (4) |
| 400 Lexington Road | |
| BENNETT'S TRAILERS & RUBBER | (5) |
| 100 Vermont Lane | |
| BOWEN'S SHOE STORE | (6) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| K. BRITTON JEWELER | (7) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| BURBANK'S JEWELRY STORE | (8) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| CAPITAL LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING CO. | (9) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| CARROLL'S CHEMIST CO. | (10) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| CHESTER LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING CO. | (11) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| CITIZENS FURNITURE BANK | (12) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| CLARK & CLARK | (13) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| THE CLARK CO. | (14) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| CONFIDENTIAL SALES CO. | (15) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| THE COOKS CO. | (16) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| DAVIS WALLPAPER & PORTER PAINT | (17) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| DEWEY PAINT & SERVICE | (18) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| DEWEY'S, INC. | (19) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| JORDAN ROY'S SHOE SERVICE | (20) |
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| FIRST NATIONAL BANK | (24) |
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| HUGHES AUTO SERVICE | (26) |
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| HOUSE PLANT & FURNITURE STORE | (27) |
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| THE KROGER CO. | (30) |
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| LESTER JEWELRY | (31) |
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| LINCOLN BROS. & TRIST CO. | (32) |
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| LIKENS & CO. MATHEWS LAUNDRY, INC. | (33) |
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| MARIE'S WOMEN'S APPAREL | (34) |
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| MARTIN'S GROCERY | (35) |
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| A. MARY MILLER CO. REALTY | (36) |
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| N.B. MUELLER SALES & SERVICE | (39) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| OSWALD'S SHOOTING GOODS STORE | (40) |
| 100 Lexington Road | |
| OFFICE & BUREAU, INC. | (41) |
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| PERCY'S BARBER | (45) |
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| PURMAN DRUGS | (46) |
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| SANDERS CLEANERS | (47) |
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| SEARS-ROEBUCK & CO. | (48) |
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| SMITH'S SUPER MARKET | (49) |
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| PAUL D. SEIDLER GOLF SERVICE | (50) |
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| ST. MATTHEWS FISH & MEAT | (51) |
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| ST. MATTHEWS TIRE SHOP | (52) |
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| SHIRLEY'S | (54) |
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| VANETI APPLANCE CO. INC. | (56) |
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| WINTER'S DRUG STORE | (57) |
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| THE WRIGHTS | (58) |
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| WRIGHT'S BARBER | (59) |
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| WRIGHT'S E. KENNEDY CO. | (60) |
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June 30, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews*:

Construction's All He's Ever Done

Construction is the only type work young Edwin W. Shaver has ever done. A native of Greenville, Ky., he started his career in Louisville at the age of 26 as a "sort of lay-out engineer."

The Army tapped him at the age of 23 for four years service and he was an anti-aircraft battery commander in Hawaii with the rank of first lieutenant. Afterwards, he finished college at Auburn in Alabama, majoring in building construction, and graduating in 1949.

He worked in Alabama six months, finally yielding to an "irresistible urge" to leave and go in business for himself. Returning to Louisville, he built his first home in Mooregate in 1950, and sold it immediately.

About that time, he met William A. Nunnally, Jr., a young architect at Boland-Maloney, and the two decided they could build contemporary houses. Unfortunately, they found an extremely limited market. The only demand for contemporary came from young people who couldn't afford to finance them.

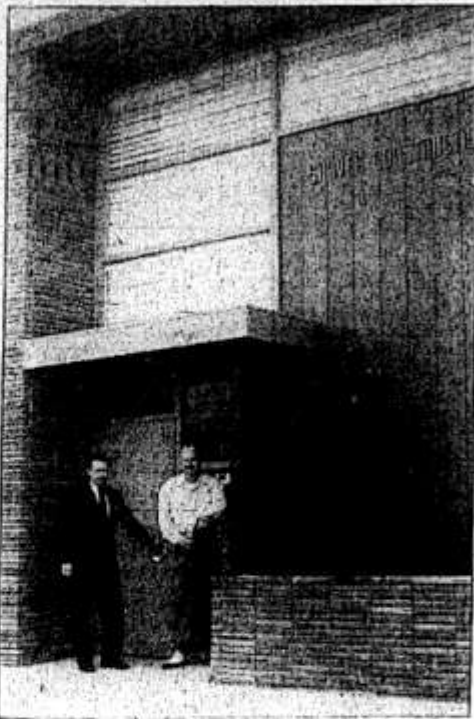
Business advisers pointed out to young Mr. Shaver the obvious solution: build what people who can buy demand. He streamlined his organization, standardized procedures, and began building a home a week as a regular operation.

About 60 of the houses in Beechwood Village was one result. Another is Bellemade, which he is in the process of building.

He bought 55 acres, cut them up into 117 lots, and now has 25 homes in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 price range under construction. This month, he opened his model Hot Point home for public inspection, and the daily crowds have numbered in the thousands.

A pragmatic man, young Mr. Shaver is not adept at uttering glib generalities about the construction business in general. All he'll say is that he tries to build a comfortable home, tailored in some of the details to fit the individual buyer, and that he sells them without any trouble.

Describing his model, brick 1½ story house, he says it is "a sort of Cape Cod house turned



Edwin Shaver and William Nunnally pose before the office building they built on Fairmeade Road.

sideways with a garage attached, so of course it's no longer a Cape Cod."

He can't quite say what the architecture is but he's sure that it embraces "the functional ideas of the present day, and is accepted in this area as being compatible with the traditions of Kentucky."

He's built only one commercial building—his own office on Fairmeade Road, a two-story affair with three other offices, and decorated in front with redwood paneling and Roman brick.

If he has his way, and he's the boss of the Shaver Construction Company, there'll be no more commercial building. And he won't go into any related fields of construction, such as lumber

mills. He just wants to build homes. If there's any expansion of his company's activities, it'll be by way of building homes in other price ranges.

Last year, he was president of the Associated Home Builders of Louisville. This year, he is a director of the National Association of Home Builders. He and his wife, the ex-Kathryn Simons of Lafayette, Alabama, live with their three children, Mary Kathryn, 10, Robert, 8, and James, 10 months, in a home he built at 210 Brunswick Road.

At 26, Mr. Shaver and his 27-year-old architect, Mr. Nunnally, are unquestionably among the most successful young builders in the State.

St. M. Merchants Split With Brady, Defeat Firemen

The St. Matthews Merchants Baseball Team won two games out of three over the weekend in the Louisville Amateur Baseball Federation.

The Merchants split with the Bradymen on Saturday at Trinity Field, copping the first game 6-1, behind the pitching of Johnny Lott, and dropping the second 4-1. Mike Johnson got two hits in four trips to spark the victory.

The Merchants on Sunday edged the Fire Department 7-6. Larry Powers went the distance for the victory. Ed Hamilton's hitting and Jerry Wibbels' fielding were the high spots of the game. Hamilton blasted four hits in five trips, and Wibbels made three great catches in left field.

The Merchants on Saturday play a double-header against Club Cuero at Shawnee Park, beginning at 1:30. They drew a bye for Sunday, but there is an L.A.B.F. game scheduled that day for Trinity Field. The teams and time will be announced later.

1955

July 9, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:



Courier-Journal Photo

EXCURSION in high water in front of the **St. Matthews' Fire** Department on St. Matthews Avenue followed yesterday's downpour in the area. Riding in an old soft-drink cooler is David Meisner, 15, of 103 Brown. Pushing the craft are Jackie Bekman, 11, of 125 Colonial Drive, left, and Steve Monohan, 14, of 3909 Elmwood. Lt. Melcher Zehnder of the **St. Matthews Fire** Department stands on curbing with a fishing rod. Shortly before photo was taken, the water was a foot higher.

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July 14, 1955: 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 held Thursday evening, July 14, 1955, and was called to order by President John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

Mr. Louis Schweitzer	Mr. W. Leland Wilson
Mr. Martin Kamer	Mr. Joseph B. Zehnder
Mr. George Miller	Mr. Fred C. Boss
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	Mr. J. P. Terry

Mr. Al Marrett, attorney, was present and is drawing up the new amended article of the corporation so that it will be a perpetual corporation.

Minutes of the last meeting of June 9, 1955 were read by Mr. Monohan and on a motion made by Mr. Jos. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Fred Boss the minutes were accepted as read, after the correction was made that Mr. Boss had paid two notes, instead of one, on the equipment.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Boss that we pay one note on the equipment, leaving four notes.

The two directors up for reelection for a period of four years, terms to expire the second Wednesday in July, 1959, are George E. Miller and W. Leland Wilson. On a motion made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Zehnder, Mr. Miller and Mr. Wilson were unanimously reelected for a period of four years.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that Mr. Monohan be re-elected President and Chief of the Fire Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kamer was elected Vice-President.

After a motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer, Mr. Boss was elected Treasurer.

On a motion made by Mr. Kamer and seconded by Mr. Boss, Mr. Miller was elected Secretary.

Mr. Monohan reported, on his interview concerning the insurance to cover all volunteer firemen, that all members and directors are covered but the policy has not been received.

On a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by ~~seconded by~~ Mr. Monohan, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller, Secretary

July 15, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

**Monohan President
Of Fire Association**

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

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

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July 14, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:



The interior of the new Porter Paint Company Service Center, which opened this week at Brookridge Lane and Willis Avenue, has no shelf displays of paint. Instead the store is designed to guide customers' selections of colors and patterns by showing paint and wallpaper in use. Paint is shelved in the rear of the store, and wallpaper samples are convenient in clever sliding panels. Ben Cohen (left), of 1507 Armore, will be decorator, and store manager will be R. Lee Reinhardt (right), of 411 Hillcrest. Both were transferred from the downtown store.

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July 21, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Merchants Play Two This Weekend

The St. Matthews Merchants Baseball Club will play the Fire Department Saturday at 2:30 at Trinity Field. The two teams are tied for second in the Saturday League, and the winner of Saturday's game will enter the National Amateur Baseball Federation play-offs later in the season.

Sunday, the local boys play Kingfish at 2:30 at Trinity Field. Kingfish is tied with Spaydies for first, and the Merchants are in third place.

Manager Epp Stich promised his boys would do a good job, and urged St. Matthews people to come out and support the team.

Dystrophy Group Honors St. Matthews Firemen

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc., has presented the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department with a merit award for the Department's work in collecting funds last fall.

The St. Matthews Department ranked third among all fire departments in Kentucky, and first among volunteer fire departments, collecting \$3,008.31 in one evening to fight the disease.

Only the Louisville and Lexington Fire Departments, with \$25,178 and \$5,383, respectively, did better. The St. Matthews showing was considered exceptional since this area's population is only a fraction of Louisville's and Lexington's.



CHIEF MONOHAN

John Monohan, chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, said this week he wished to thank all the people in the St. Matthews area for making it possible for his Department to win the award, by contributing so generously to this worthy cause. "I feel sure that everyone having a part in the drive will feel proud of the fact that he or she is considered as a sharer of this award," he said.

July 21, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

State Traffic Plan For St. Matthews

Citizens and business people have appealed to the Highway Department for relief of the traffic problem. The Highway Department has made studies and offered several plans on a number of occasions; but, in each case, every plan has been rejected either by committees from the merchants and civic clubs or from the officials of the City of St. Matthews.

PROBLEM

US 60, through St. Matthews, carries the heaviest traffic load of any highway in the State. Over 4,000 cars have been counted in the peak hour at the intersection of US 60 and Chenoweth Lane-Breckinridge Lane. Parking and turning movements on Lexington Road are uncontrolled. Enforcement of regulations in other areas has been lax. During field investigations, cars have been noticed parked within the intersections, on the sidewalks, in bus stops, and other restricted zones.

Critical locations are Lexington Road between Bauer Avenue and Frankfort Avenue, the intersection of St. Matthews Avenue and Frankfort Avenue, intersection of Westport Road and St. Matthews Avenue, and the intersection of Chenoweth Lane and Westport Road.

LEXINGTON ROAD

Construct a non-mountable median island three feet wide on the center line of Lexington Road, flat on top, between Frankfort Avenue and Bauer Avenue, with openings only at street intersections, namely Wallace, Windover, and Macon. This would confine left turns to the intersections. It would also provide a refuge island for pedestrians crossing the street.

Change the angle parking on the north side of Lexington Road from 90 degrees to 45 degrees and restrict the parking to westbound traffic only.

ST. MATTHEWS AVENUE AND WESTPORT ROAD

Make St. Matthews Avenue one-way north between Frankfort Avenue and Westport Road. Make Westport Road one-way west between St. Matthews and Chenoweth Lane.

These one-way movements would provide a freer movement of circulating traffic and tend to eliminate congestion. It is to be expected there will be opposition to the one-way streets due to the extra distance some people will have to travel. However, field inspection shows that Massie Avenue and Ridgeway Avenue can be used, which would not make distance travelled unreasonable.

In order to induce traffic to Ridgeway, it is recommended that a shadowed left turning lane be provided at the intersection of Frankfort Avenue and Ridgeway.

The proposed plan may seem radical, however, radical measures must be taken for the existing streets to carry the traffic load.

AN ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND STREET CAPACITIES

Lexington Road, Bauer Avenue to Frankfort Avenue

Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
1270	1680	1420*	89%	118%

*Prohibition of left turns between blocks and prevention of cars backing into driving lanes when departing will increase this capacity by 20% making this figure 1620.

Frankfort Avenue—Chenoweth Lane—Breckinridge Lane Intersection

Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
2280	3010	2750*	83%	109%

*With parking permitted. Parking is prohibited on south side of Frankfort during afternoon peaks raising this figure to 3450.

Frankfort Avenue—St. Matthews Avenue Intersection

Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
1740	2420	2080	84%	116%*

*Making St. Matthews Avenue one-way east and re-timing of existing signal will reduce this figure to below 100% at all times.

Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane Intersection

Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
468	620	400*	117%	155%

*Prohibiting left turns from Chenoweth and making Westport Road one-way west increases this figure to 920.

July 26, 1955: Amendment To Articles Of Incorporation Of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

John M. Monohan and George E. Miller, president and secretary, respectively, of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a non profit corporation without capital stock, organized and created under Articles recorded in the Jefferson County Court Clerk's Office of Kentucky dated July 9, 1941, and of record in Corporation Book 48, page 451, and also of record in the office of the secretary of state of Kentucky at Frankfort, Kentucky, do hereby certify that a majority of the members of said St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, who were present at a meeting held at 117 St. Mathews Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky, duly called upon notice given to all members of said Association notifying them of the specific purpose to amend the Articles of said Association as hereinafter indicated, and all members having been given notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting, it was moved and seconded at said meeting that the articles of Incorporation of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association to amend as hereinafter set out and said motion being put to a vote, passed unanimously and was adopted by the vote of the holders of the majority of the voting power of all members of said Association present at said meeting and entitled to vote, by virtue of which said Articles of Incorporation of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association were ordered and same are amended as follows:

"Upon death or resignation of any member of the corporation the directors then holding office of the corporation shall have the power to fill such vacancy by electing a successor for the person so dying or so resigning by a majority vote of said directors present at the meeting, and the term of the members so elected shall be until his death or resignation as aforesaid." "If the purpose for which the corporation was originally created under its charter recorded December 29, 1939, and of record in Corporation Book 47, page 598, Jefferson County Court Clerk's Office of Kentucky, ceases to exist, then a majority of the directors may reduce all of the assets of the corporation and dissolve the corporation by distributing the cash assets, to civic organizations, churches, public libraries, hospitals, institutions for the poor, or community chest, which are situated and have their office and principal place of business in the State of Kentucky, or such persons who, in the opinion of the directors, are entitled to compensation for loyal and valuable services rendered the corporation."

"The duration of said corporation shall be perpetual."

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My commission expires January 26, 1956.

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NOTARY PUBLIC, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Articles of Incorporation of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association were produced to me in the County in the State aforesaid by George E. Miller, who, as secretary, signed and acknowledged the same to be the act and deed of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a party thereto, this the 26th day of July, 1955.

My commission expires January 26, 1956.

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NOTARY PUBLIC, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY.

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JUL 28 1955

Charles T. Russell
SECRETARY OF STATE OF KENTUCKY
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY
BY *J. L. Davis*
CHIEF CORP. CLERK

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July 26, 1955: Amendment To Articles Of Incorporation Of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Asso-

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- A. "Upon the death or resignation of any member of the corporation the directors then holding office of the corporation shall have the power to fill such vacancy by electing a successor for the person so dying or so resigning by a majority vote of said directors present at the meeting, and the term of the members so elected shall be until his death or resignation as aforesaid."
- B. "If the purpose for which the corporation was originally created under its charter recorded December 23, 1939,

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C. "The duration of said corporation shall be perpetual."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Witness the signature of John M. Monohan as President and George E. Miller as Secretary of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, and also the official seal of said Association affixed to the foregoing amendment this the 26th day of July, 1955.



John M. Monohan PRESIDENT
George E. Miller SECRETARY

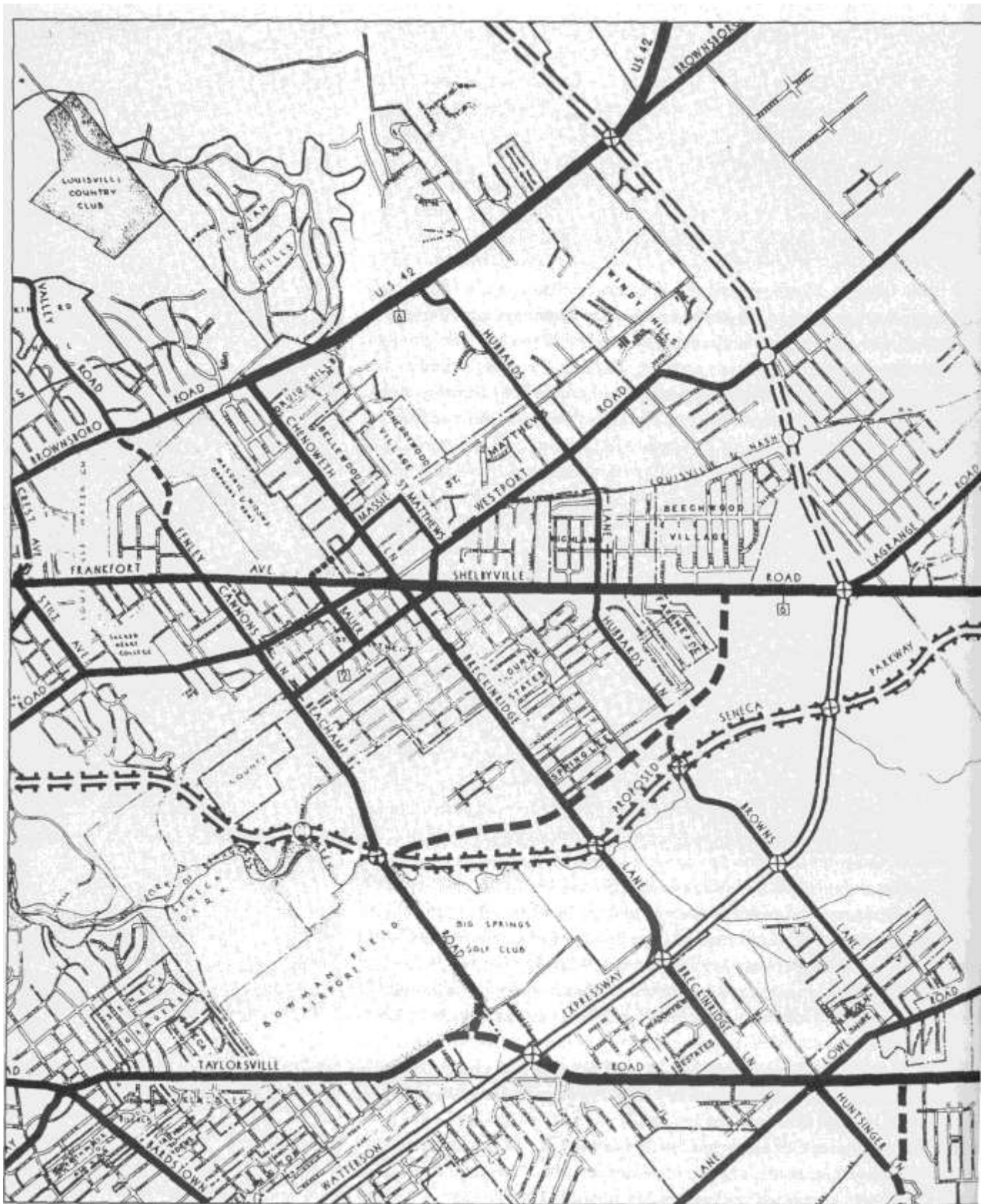
STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

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Courtesy, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass*, 1999, by Samuel W. Thomas, Section from major street plan prepared by Harland Bartholomew and Associates, St. Louis, for the Louisville and Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan, dated July 1955.



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July 28, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



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August 4, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*

Fire on Asphalt Spreader Postpones Demonstration

A scheduled demonstration of an asphalt spreader in St. Matthews yesterday was postponed. The machine caught fire just as St. Matthews officials were gathering to look it over.

A column of black smoke shot several hundred feet into the air when the tar mixture boiled over the sides of the machine's tank and was ignited by a kerosene burner below.

Three members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department received slight burns on their faces and hands in ex-

tinguishing the flames. They were George and Albert Haeberlin and Jack Monohan.

The asphalt spreader, property of the Bogie Equipment Company, caught fire at 8:40 a.m. as it stood in a parking lot at 126 Breckinridge Lane.

R. C. McMichael, manager of the Bogie Company, 4397 Poplar Level Road, said he didn't know what made the mixture boil over. He estimated damage to the machine at between \$300 and \$400.

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August 8, 1955, Letter:

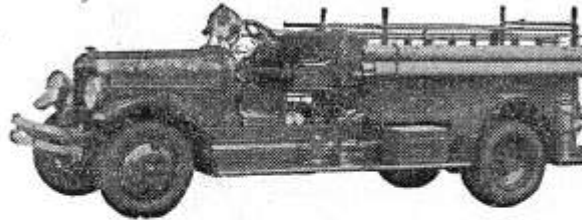
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Chief John M. Monohan Pres.

Herewith is a summary of deposits to Aug. 1 1955 as compared with the same period of 1954.

Deposits for July 1955	\$2,938.11
Deposits for July 1954	<u>2,039.33</u>
Increase over 1954	\$ 898.78

Deposits for first 7 mo, 1955	\$18,921.69
Deposits for First 7 mo. 1954	<u>10,813.35</u>
Increase over 1954	\$8,108.34

Recorded from Bank Book.

Respectfully

J. A. Beam

1955

August 11, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, August 11, 1955, and was called to order by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

Mr. Louis Schweitzer	Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	Mr. George Miller
Mr. W. Leland Wilson	Mr. Joseph Zehnder

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the minutes of the last meeting of July 14 be accepted as read by President Monohan.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that we pay one note on the piece of fire equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that Mr. Terry discuss with Mr. Marret the cost of filing papers and for us to vote a fee.

On a motion made by Mr. Kamer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
George E. Miller, Secretary

August 11, 1955: *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

City Hires Two Police

The City of St. Matthews has hired two new patrolmen, bringing the police force up to three.

Sworn in by the City Clerk, Mrs. E. R. Grinstead, were Kenneth Cook, 36, of 1601 Brashear, and Edgar N. Kelley, 37, of Shelbyville. They began working last week.

Starting salary for both men is \$259 a month.

Patrolman Cook was born in Hancock, Ky., and attended Union School in Ohio County. He farmed until he was 20, and was in the Army from 1941 to 1946. He was captured on Corregidor and was a Jap prisoner of war from 1942 to 1945. He has been a member of the State Industrial Police for a year. He is a nason, is married, and has three children.

Patrolman Kelley has been a Lagrange police officer since February. Before that he was fire and police chief at Eminence, Ky., for two years.

Born in Shelbyville, he still lives there, but plans to move to St. Matthews as soon as possible. He attended Shelbyville High. He is married and has one child.

The men were selected from 15 applicants by a screening committee composed of the following City officials: Mayor James Noland, councilman E. R. Grinstead, engineer Steve Derry, and patrolman William Tolliver.

William Tolliver has been named police captain and is in charge of the force. He was the only man left on the City police force after the resignation of Chief Ronald Kelsay this summer, and the suspension of two patrolmen indicted for rape.

Both new patrolmen plan to move to St. Matthews as soon as they can find a place here.

BELMONT and ST. MATTHEWS CAB COMPANIES

HAVE INSTALLED STRICTLY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THEIR CUSTOMERS A FREE DIRECT LINE PHONE SERVICE AT THE LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW:

Just pick up call box receiver and you are automatically connected with dispatcher

FREE CALL BOXES LOCATED

- | | |
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| ● Webb's Drug Store
4200 Shelbyville Road
CALL BOX JUST OUTSIDE THE
MAIN ENTRANCE | ● Ashbury-Berman's
Frankfort Ave. and Beechknidge Ln.
CALL BOX JUST OUTSIDE MAIN DOOR |
| ● A. & P. Food Store
2929 Frankfort Avenue
CALL BOX JUST OUTSIDE
FRANKFORT AVENUE ENTRANCE | ● Taylor Drug Store
3201 Frankfort Avenue
CALL BOX ON SIDE OF BUILDING
FACING FRANKFORT AVENUE, BOX STOP |
| ● Crescent Hill Loop
CALL BOX AT TAYLOR CORNER | ● Kroger Food Market
3721 Lexington Road
CALL BOX LOCATED INSIDE STORE |

FOR
BELMONT
CAB SERVICE
CALL
TW 3-3661

FOR
ST. MATTHEWS
CAB SERVICE
CALL
TA 0344

1955

August 27, 1955: SAFE DRIVING DAY flag to fly on accident free days was presented to the department.



Courier-Journal Photo

SAFE DRIVING DAY flag to fly on accident-free days was presented yesterday to the City of St. Matthews by Zachary Taylor American Legion Post. From left are William M. Burwinkle, a member of the post's safety committee; County Police Capt. G. D. Littrell; St. Matthews' Patrolman E. N. Kelley, and Fire Chief John Monohan. The legion post also gave the community a "mourning" flag to run up on days when traffic fatalities occur, and an American Flag. The presentation came after a parade.



1955

September 8, 1955: Board meeting:

August 30, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

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 Thursday, September 8, 1955, and was called to order by Vice-President Kamer.

Directors present were:

Mr. Louis Schweitzer	Mr. Fred Boss
Mr. Joseph Zehnder	Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. W. Leland Wilson	Mr. George Miller

The minutes of the last meeting of August 11, were read by Vice-President Kamer.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that the minutes be approved as read.

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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOC



P. O. Box 115

St. Matthews, Ky.

September 8, 1955

1954
Jan 2575.58
Feb 594.00
Mar 918.20
Apr 1531.55
May 748.00
Jun 2402.03
Jul 2039.33
Aug 1054.00
11879.69

1955
Jan 3159.73
Feb 3048.27
Mar 3232.45
Apr 3221.55
May 3776.10
Jun 3536.48
Jul 2938.11
Aug 1920.90
20843.12

Monahan, Pres.

Herewith is a summary of Collection for August, and a comparison with 1954:

August 1955	\$1920.50
August 1954	1064.00
Increase over 1954	\$ 856.50

For the 8 months 1955	\$ 20,843.12
For the 8 " 1954	11,879.68
Increase over 1954	\$ 8,963.44

Recorded from Bank Book.

W. A. Beas
Capt. W. A. Beas

Tar Vat Burns At Store Center

A tar vat at the new shopping center on Shelbyville Road, opposite Beechwood Village, burst into flames at 5:25 a.m. yesterday.

Firemen said the fuel line to the heating unit beneath the tar vat broke, causing the vat to catch fire. The blaze was put out in 20 minutes by the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department**.

Workmen were preparing the vat for roofing work on the unfinished shopping center.

MEMORY-SWIFT Inc. DELIVERS More Homes for St. Matthews Area 9 HOMES DELIVERED IN ONE DAY 45 HOMES DELIVERED IN AUGUST!



Here are 6 of the 9 homes that arrived in St. Matthews last week with great homes to be added to the St. Matthews area. The ready-to-move-in homes are all in compliance to city officials. Transportation delivery from the 2 White St. from the west side. Each home is available in one week.

GET THE FACTS TODAY!
INSPECT MODEL HOMES
ON DISPLAY! SEE FOR YOURSELF

PRE-REASON WHY YOU SAVE

SEND FOR FREE COLOR FOLDER
AND SUGGESTED FLOOR PLAN

Name _____
Address _____
Do you own a lot? Yes ☐ No ☐



The Highland

\$3,195

"DO IT YOURSELF"

or let's show it to you in one day!
Chances of top grade of Cypress Hill

Plans for 1 to 5 Bedroom Homes

NO DOWN PAYMENT

We Carry Our Own Financing

MEMORY-SWIFT HOMES, Inc.

Shelbyville Rd. & LeGrange Rd. (Corner Hwy 50-460 & Watterson Expressway)

Open Daily
9 A.M. to 6 P.M. **PHONE BE. 3471**

Open Sunday
1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

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September 15, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

FALSE ALARM

Fire Chief John Monohan reported that the fire alarm at 7:55 a.m. last Friday is thought to be a malicious action and is being investigated.

The call was reported as a house trailer on fire at 701 Breckinridge Lane. There is no such number.

Monohan said that some information has been obtained concerning this call and that the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and the St. Matthews police department are continuing the investigation. The offense is punishable by a fine of \$50 and a possible jail sentence, he added.

Eline Builds New Office

Another effort to plug the dike of demand for office space in St. Matthews has been undertaken by the Eline Development Co. with the construction of a new 16 room, two floor office building at 3620 Lexington Road, near the southwest corner of Bauer and Lexington.

Construction has been underway for little more than a week, with framing and partitioning up at this time. The brick veneer structure will be air conditioned throughout. A. J. "Bud" Eline, reported. Professional people will be sought particularly as tenants, he added.

Parking space for 16 cars will be provided on the east side of the building. Prior to this construction, the lot was used by used car, lawn mower, and rental trailer agencies.

At the same time, Mr. Eline announced that the same company is developing a new residential area of 68 lots across Dutchman's Lane from the Big Springs Country Club.

The development will be called Big Springs Gardens. Streets are now going in. Deed restrictions will limit residences to brick or stone construction with a minimum of 1,200 square feet of floor space, he added.

PRYOR'S NEW DINING ROOM IS INVITING!



The cool, beautiful new dining room at Pryor's—St. Matthews is fast becoming a 'must' for the supper crowd. A truly appetite-inspiring menu features Chicken-In-the-Rough, Fried Chicken served unjointed without silverware, lots of shoestring potatoes, jug of honey and hot buttered rolls... also such tasty treats as Chuck Wagen Steaks and Barbecue Pig. You're invited—right now—to Pryor's—St. Matthews; Shelbyville Road at Hubbards Ln. Plenty of parking space.

—adv.

(HAVE FUN ON OCTOBER ONE)

ST. MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER

BOOSTER DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1955

Come Early! 10 A.M. til ? ? Stay Late!

★ EATS ★

CHICKEN

BARBECUE

SERVED ALL DAY

★ PRIZES ★

VALUABLE

DOOR PRIZES

EVERY HOUR

ON THE HOUR

★ FUN ★

RIDES GALORE

... FOR THE CHILDREN

BOOTHS & BOOTHS

... FOR ONE AND ALL

★ ATTRACTIONS ★

DEMONSTRATIONS

CONTESTS

EXHIBITS

... ALL DAY & EVENING

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

★ ★ PLAN NOW TO BE THERE ★ ★

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, RELATIVES

Profit for Expansion of St. Matthews Community Center Recreation Facilities

—Admission suggested by The Voice of St. Matthews, Inc.

WELCOME to The HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - EVENING

SEPTEMBER 17

★ FISH ★ BRATWURST ★ HAMBURGERS ★ REFRESHMENTS



● RIDES for the KIDDIES

● GAMES

● PRIZES

EVERYONE CORDIALLY INVITED

Holy Trinity High School Grounds

FRANKFORT AVE. AT ST. MATTHEWS AVE.

1955

September 28, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

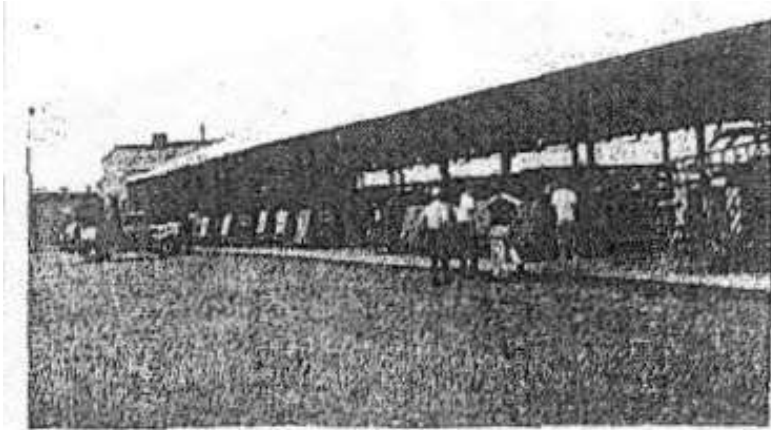


Courier-Journal Photo by Whit Wootton

BUSY NIGHT for St. Matthews volunteer firemen was provided by a fire at 7:40 p.m. which destroyed this structure at the rear of the home of Gus Bryant, 3819 Washington Avenue. Fire Chief John Monohan said the building, which he described as an old shack, was being used for storage. Monohan said it was not insured, and the owner did not estimate the loss. No other building was threatened.

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September 29, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



One-time center of a zoning controversy, this is the new office and truck and equipment storage building erected on the Marshall property for Southern Bell, which the telephone company moved into last weekend.

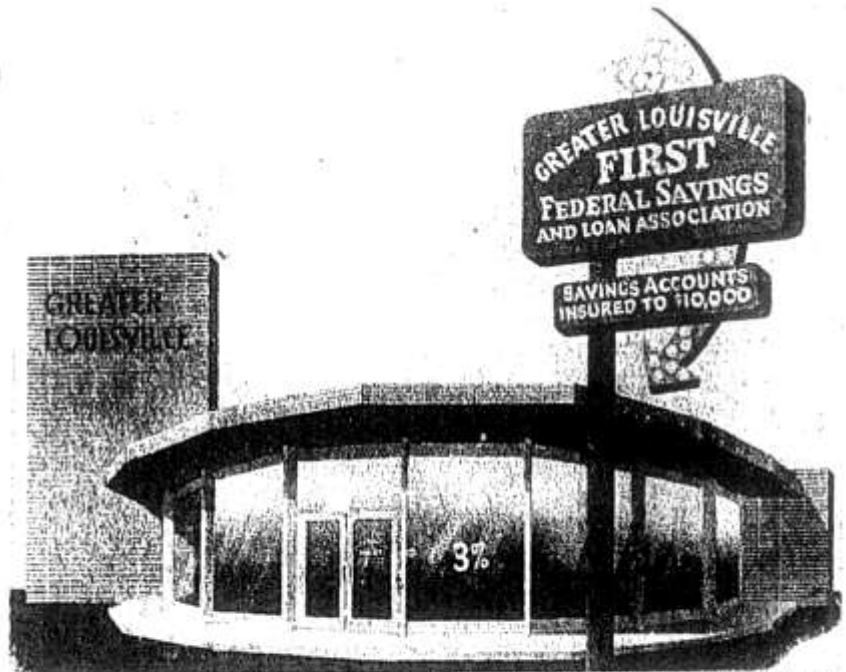
Unique Method Moves 99 Phone Men To New Site

Base of operations for 99 Southern Bell Telephone Co. maintenance, installation, and construction employees was moved Thursday from various locations in Louisville to the new Southern Bell building on the Marshall property at 280 N. Hubbard Lane.

Emmett Goodwin, 2414 Manchester Road, the company's East Plant manager, who was in charge of the moving, accomplished the task quickly through use of a unique method.

All of the men reported to work at the new location, and were then transferred to their former work stations to pick up their trucks and equipment and their orders for the usual day's work. Upon completing the day's work, they checked out, leaving their equipment at their new base on N. Hubbard Lane.

*A company spokesman said the move was another effort to de-centralize, to cut down truck mileage, and to improve service with greater economy.



Saturday, Oct. 1 will be opening day of the new sixth branch of the Greater Louisville First Federal Savings and Loan Association at 4310 Shelbyville Road, St. Matthews, and also the 10th anniversary of the association. L. Frank Withers, president, announced, Henry H. Scherff will manage the branch, assisted by George M. Taurman, Jr. In a unique circular design, the new building is set back on the lot to provide parking space for 80 cars, according to Gustav Flexner, executive vice-president and secretary, who will also observe 10 years with the association on Saturday. The new St. Matthews branch will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through October 10. Many special features will mark the opening and the month-long 10th anniversary celebration.

October 4, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:



Photo by Larry Spitzer

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN Philip Ray Resch, left, and James Weixler, members of **St. Matthews Fire Department**, examine the burning bedroom at the home of Howard J. Bilharz, Sr., 3709 Fairway Lane. Minutes later Resch climbed into the smoking room and found Mrs. Dorothy Bilharz dead on the floor near the window.

Wife of Stores' Owner Dies In Home Blaze

Mrs. Dorothy Bilharz, wife of a downtown Louisville businessman, was burned to death last night in the bedroom of her home, 3709 Fairway Lane, in Rolling Fields.

Her husband, Howard J. Bilharz, Sr., owner of George Moore's women's apparel shop and Davidson's millinery shop, was burned on his legs when he tried to enter the burning bedroom. He suffered shock and was admitted to St. Joseph Infirmary.

Philip Ray Resch, a member of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, found Mrs. Bilharz' body on the floor at the foot of her bed, near a window. Resch and Volunteer Firemen Richard Wheeler and Paul Dawson carried the body out a window.

Chief Deputy Coroner William T. Kammerer said she died of burns over her entire body.

Dawson said the position of the body when Resch found it

indicated Mrs. Bilharz was trying to get out the window when overcome by the smoke.

Bilharz, 55, and his 49-year-old wife were the only persons in the house when the fire broke out about 9:45.

Firemen were unable to determine how the fire started.

The interior of the bedroom of the seven-room, one-floor house was gutted. Other parts of the house were damaged slightly by smoke and water, firemen said.

The body was taken to Pearson's, 149 Breckinridge Lane.

October 4, 1955, *The Louisville Times*:



Fireman Inspect Scene of Fatal Fire

An unidentified fireman uses a flashlight to peer into a smoke-filled room in the Howard J. Bilharz home, 3709 Fairway Lane, Rolling Fields, where Mrs. Dorothy Bilharz perished in a fire last night. Firemen said Mrs. Bilharz had tried to escape through the window. Fireman at right is wearing a portable respirator. The picture was taken by amateur photographer Larry Spitzer, 416 Bauer.



MRS. DOROTHY BILHARZ
Dies of Burns In Home Fire

Woman Dies as Flames Sweep Suburb Home; Official Probes Start

Officials probed today into the cause of a fire in a Rolling Fields home that took the life of a 51-year-old woman and burned her husband as he apparently tried to rescue her.

Dead is Mrs. Dorothy Bilharz. Her husband is Howard J. Bilharz, Sr., 55, a downtown Louisville store owner.

Chief Deputy Coroner William T. Kammerer said it may be several days before Bilharz will be able to talk about the blaze. He is suffering from shock and from burns on his hands and face.

He said there was nothing out of the ordinary in the circumstances of the fire although its cause is a mystery.

Officials at St. Joseph Infir-

mary told Kammerer that Bilharz had a good night, but was so shaken by the tragedy that he would be in no condition to talk about it until tomorrow.

Two Investigations Begin

Kammerer and St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan are conducting separate investigations into last night's fire. The Bilharz home is at 3709 Fairway Lane, in Rolling Fields off Brownsboro Road.

Bilharz operates George Moore, Inc., a women's apparel shop at 630 S. Fourth, and Davidson's Millinery, 531 S. Fourth.

Kammerer said Mrs. Bilharz died of second and third-degree burns over most of her body.

Monohan said dense smoke was pouring from the bedroom of the Bilharz home when the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department arrived about 9:45 p.m.

The firemen wore gas masks to enter the house. Four lines of hose were used to confine the fire to the bedroom. The flames were soon extinguished.

Paul Dawson, a volunteer fireman, found Mrs. Bilharz's body. It was at the foot of her bed, near the window. Dawson said it appeared Mrs. Bilharz was trying to escape through the window when she was overcome by smoke.

All Furniture Charred

All the furniture in the bedroom was charred. Monohan said there were indications the fire started under a night table. A hole was burned there through the floor.

But there was no wiring near the table and the home's heating plant was not turned on.

The home is a seven-room brick structure, all on one story.

The body of Mrs. Bilharz is at L. D. Pearson's, 149 Breckinridge Lane.

Surviving, besides her husband, are a son, Howard J. Bilharz Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Britman, Chicago.

Courtesy *The Courier-Journal*, October 4, 1955:

Bilharz Says He Couldn't Arouse Wife Before Fatal Fire

Husband Tells of Bringing Food To Room and Knocking on Door

By ROBERT CLARK

Mrs. Dorothy Bilharz asked her husband to bring fried chicken home to her a few hours before she was found burned to death in her bedroom Monday night.

But when the husband, Howard J. Bilharz, Sr., and a business friend returned to the home after eating at a restaurant, they couldn't arouse Mrs. Bilharz in her locked bedroom. The fire was discovered about an hour later.

Bilharz, hospitalized with pneumonia and minor burns at St. Joseph Infirmary, and the friend, William Crissman of Cleveland, told this to a reporter yesterday.

Crissman said he rapped hard on Mrs. Bilharz' door about 8:40 p.m. and again about 5 minutes later, without getting a response.

The men figured "she didn't want it, or maybe she was sleeping," Crissman explained, so they put the chicken in the kitchen.

Bilharz then went to bed in his own bedroom and Crissman left to spend the night at a motel.

Crissman had stayed overnight at the Bilharz home at 3709 Fairway Lane last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. But he said he left about 8:45 p.m. Monday so he could get an early start out of the city Tuesday morning.

Doesn't Know What Awakened Him

Bilharz said he woke up and discovered the fire about 9:45 p.m. He didn't know what awakened him, he said.

At first he thought something was burning in the kitchen, and went there. Then he saw smoke pouring out of his wife's bedroom from above and below the door. The Bilharzes' bedrooms were in separate areas of the one-story house.

St. Matthews volunteer firemen, who fought the blaze, found

Mrs. Bilharz' body on the floor at the foot of her bed, near a window.

It appeared she had tried to escape through the window but had been overcome by smoke, firemen said.

Cause of the blaze, which was confined to the bedroom, is not known. St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan said the fire apparently started under a night table, where a hole was burned through the floor.

Monohan and Chief Deputy Coroner William T. Kammerer are making separate investigations of the fire. Kammerer said Wednesday a coroner's inquest probably would be held at 1 p.m. next Thursday.

Bilharz and Crissman also said yesterday that a Boxer dog named Dagmar often stayed with Mrs. Bilharz at night in her bedroom. Crissman, however, let the dog out of the house about 6 p.m. Monday.

Says Dog Sometimes Stayed Away

The dog "always stayed with her, all the time," Crissman said. But Bilharz said the dog would sometimes stay out two or three nights a week, "tomcatting around."

Bilharz said if the dog had been at home, it was possible she would have aroused him or his wife when the fire broke out. "But she wasn't a barking dog," Bilharz said.

Bilharz, 55, a slight, gray-haired man of 134 pounds, is owner of two downtown women's stores.

He appeared weary and was tearful at times as he recounted from his hospital bed what he could remember of Monday night's events.

He said his wife always locked her bedroom because he was often out of town and she "got in the habit" of flipping the night latch.

His wife "wasn't a smoker," Bilharz added, although she might smoke a couple of cigarettes one day and then none for a week. There was no wiring near the table where the fire started and the house's heating system was not on, firemen said.

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"It took me about six leaps before I finally made it—pulling myself up—because I'm not very strong.

"I don't know if I actually got in all the way, or was frightened out of it by the flames. I just don't know.

"Then I went to the garage and grabbed an ax to break open the door but I couldn't get it open."

He said he tried several times to break the door, and finally pried it open.

"There was just a sheet of flames, that's all.

"From that time on, I don't know what happened. I tried to crawl over the bed (which was near the door) or over the floor, but I didn't know if she was there or where she was."

Told City Firemen Couldn't Make Run

After this, he called the telephone operator and asked for the Fire Department.

He was given the City Fire Department, he said. He was told the City firemen could not make the run since Bilharz lived outside the city (in Rolling Fields).

Bilharz asked if the City department didn't have a direct line to the St. Matthews Fire Department, but was told no. He was given the telephone number of the St. Matthews department.

"I more or less blanked out again," Bilharz went on.

The St. Matthews Fire Department reported that County police turned in the alarm. Police had no record of who called them.

Bilharz said he then went outside and "sat on the front steps to get fresh air, waiting to direct firemen to the room she was in."

Bilharz said he had been in business in Louisville since 1927. He is a native of Chicago and came here from New Orleans. He has a son, Howard J. Bilharz, Jr., who lives at 422 Sunny View Road.

The elder Bilharz said he felt no pain from his slight facial burns. The pneumonia, a doctor said, was caused from his inhaling flames.

Bilharz said he expected to leave the hospital by next Monday or Tuesday.

Coroner and Fire Department Plan Probes Into Death of Woman In Fire

Burned Husband Is In Hospital

Two separate investigations are planned of the Monday-night fire in a Rolling Fields home in which a 51-year-old housewife was burned to death.

Mrs. Dorothy Bilharz, 3709 Fairway Lane, was found on the floor of her bedroom near the window.

Cause Not Determined

Her husband, Howard J. Bilharz, Sr., a downtown Louisville store owner, was in St. Joseph Infirmary last night, suffering from shock and burns of the hands and face. He apparently tried to enter the burning bedroom to rescue his wife.

Both Chief Deputy Coroner William T. Kammerer and Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department said they were waiting to talk with Bilharz.

Kammerer said he was told that Bilharz would be in no condition to talk about the fire before today. The deputy coroner said he wanted more information before ruling on Mrs. Bilharz' death.

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The fire alarm was phoned to County police, who notified the St. Matthews Fire Department. Since no record of who made the call.

Don't Know Who Called

Neighbors around the Bilharz house said they did not call. They assumed Bilharz did.

Besides her husband, surviving Mrs. Bilharz are a son, Howard J. Bilharz, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Brickman, Chicago.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Pearson's, 149 Breckinridge Lane. Burial will be at 3 p.m. tomorrow at Clinton, Iowa.

3 Senators In Rome

Rome, Oct. 4 (AP) — Senators Kilgore (D., W. Va.), Chavez (D., N. M.), and Saltonstall (R., Mass.) today began an inspection of United States Embassy installations in Rome. The three are touring U. S. installations in Europe.

Y MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1955.

Inquest Into Bilharz Death Tentatively Set Next Week

A coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. Howard J. Bilharz, Sr., probably will be held at 1 p.m. next Thursday, Chief Deputy Coroner William T. Kammerer said yesterday.

Mrs. Bilharz died Monday night in a fire at the Bilharz home at 3709 Fairway Lane.

Kammerer said he and County Police Detective William Volz talked yesterday with her husband, owner of two downtown-Louisville stores. But Bilharz was still very "hazy" on events of the fire, Kammerer said.

planned separate investigations of the fire. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department fought the blaze.

Bilharz Attends Funeral

Bilharz left St. Joseph Infirmary for his wife's funeral yesterday afternoon at Pearson's, 149 Breckinridge Lane. He returned afterward to remain under treatment for shock and burns. Apparently he tried to enter his wife's burning bedroom to rescue her.

St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan said he expected to talk to Bilharz today. He and Kammerer had said earlier they

Week To Promote Safety Is Proclaimed

"Emergencies Don't Wait Week" begins Saturday and continues to October 14, according to proclamations by Governor Wetherby and W. S. Milburn, who was acting Mayor earlier this week.

The annual campaign seeks protection of families against accidents by eliminating home-safety hazards and providing homes with basic first-aid equipment.

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"Then I went to the garage and grabbed an ax to break open the door but I couldn't get it open."

He said he tried several times to break the door, and finally pried it open.

"There was just a sheet of flames, that's all.

"From that time on, I don't know what happened. I tried to crawl over the bed (which was near the door) or over the floor, but I didn't know if she was there or where she was."

Told City Firemen Couldn't Make Run

After this, he called the telephone operator and asked for the Fire Department.

He was given the City Fire Department, he said. He was told the City firemen could not make the run since Bilharz lived outside the city (in Rolling Fields).

Bilharz asked if the City department didn't have a direct line to the St. Matthews Fire Department, but was told no. He was given the telephone number of the St. Matthews department.

"I more or less blanked out again," Bilharz went on.

The St. Matthews Fire Department reported that County police turned in the alarm. Police had no record of who called them.

Bilharz said he then went outside and "sat on the front steps to get fresh air, waiting to direct firemen to the room she was in."

Bilharz said he had been in business in Louisville since 1927. He is a native of Chicago and came here from New Orleans. He has a son, Howard J. Bilharz, Jr., who lives at 422 Sunny View Road.

The elder Bilharz said he felt no pain from his slight facial burns. The pneumonia, a doctor said, was caused from his inhaling flames.

Bilharz said he expected to leave the hospital by next Monday or Tuesday.



MARTY KAMER

Store Manager

is very proud of the many new conveniences built into his new, remodeled store. He and his employees invite you to come in and register for the New Ford Station Wagon and also take advantage of these new features to make your shopping a pleasure.

October 10, 1955, The Courier-Journal

Fire Strikes Century-Old Area Home

Estimate Sets Blaze Damage At \$25,000

Fire badly damaged a 100-year-old Harrods Creek home yesterday afternoon just three weeks after its new owners had finished remodeling it. Damage was estimated at \$25,000.

The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koenig, Jr., Lime Kiln Lane near River Road.

The fire started about 2:15 p.m. while Mrs. Koenig was alone. She discovered it when she went to the second floor of the 14-room frame house and smelled smoke. She called neighbors, who summoned firemen.

Started on First Floor

Firemen from Harrods Creek, St. Matthews, and Lyndon volunteer fire departments fought the blaze 3 hours before bringing it under control.

Harrods Creek Fire Chief Karl Greenrose, Jr., said the blaze apparently started near a first-floor fireplace in which embers had been left smoldering. The cause was not determined.

Greenrose said the fire spread up a wall and engulfed the entire second floor. The roof of the two-story home was destroyed. The first floor also was damaged by smoke and water.

Greenrose said firemen, the Koenigs, and neighbors saved much of the furniture. Because of the damage, however, the Koenigs were not able to stay there last night. They spent the night with relatives.

Covered by Insurance

The home is owned jointly by Koenig and his two sons, Frank Koenig, III, and Charles Koenig. They are partners in a plumbing firm at 1026 S. Third.

The Koenigs bought the home last December. Charles Koenig said remodeling since then had been "extensive." Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koenig, Jr., moved in three weeks ago after remodeling was completed.

The elder Koenig estimated the damage. He said he based his estimate on fire damage only. Water and smoke damage might run the total higher than \$25,000, he said. The loss is covered by insurance, he added.

Koenig said the house had been enlarged at least three times by different owners since it was built a century ago. He said he did not know the original owner's name.



Photo by Larry Spitzer

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN fight flames that caused an estimated \$25,000 damage at the 100-year-old home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koenig, Jr., on Lime Kiln Lane.

1955

October 13, 1955: 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 Thursday, October 13, 1955, and was called to order by President John M. Monohan.

Directors present were:

Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. George E. Miller

Mr. Joseph Zehnder
Mr. John M. Monohan
Mr. J. P. Terry

The minutes of the last meeting were read by President Monohan and, on a motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer, they were accepted as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Terry that we buy two Scott air packs at a total cost of \$496.00 and one Koehler, 1500 watt, portable generator, complete with four 300 watt flood lights for \$472.75.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer that we pay one note on the new piece of equipment.

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Monohan, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

George E. Miller, Secretary

October 13, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



Popular Pryor's Puts Appetites Into Action

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—Adv.

October 14, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

Bilharz Death Ruled Accident by Jurors

Mrs. Dorothy Bilharz was burned to death accidentally October 3 at her home, 3709 Fairway Lane, a coroner's jury held yesterday.

The jury's report did not determine the cause of the fire, which started on the floor of the bedroom in which Mrs. Bilharz was sleeping.

St. Matthews volunteer firemen told of finding her body on the floor near a window in the bedroom. They theorized she may have been overcome by smoke while trying to get out of the window.

Husband Testified

The victim's husband, Howard J. Bilharz, Sr., owner of two downtown Louisville stores, recounted to the jury his previous story of how he awakened in his own bedroom and saw smoke coming from the locked door of his wife's bedroom.

Bilharz said he attempted to get into a window before prying open the door with an ax, only to find himself forced back by a wall of fire.

St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan said the fire could have started from a cigarette, defective wiring, or a lamp bulb breaking.

Name Confusion Noted

Although **St. Matthews fire** men got to the fire promptly, the jury, in its report, recommended that zoning authorities look into the "similarity" of names of thoroughfares in Jefferson County.

Other thoroughfares with

names similar to Fairway Lane are Fairlawn Road, Fairmeade Road, Fairmount Avenue, Fairland Avenue, Fairfield Drive, and Fairdale Road.

Such a project has been under way for more than a year. James J. Tallon, assistant planner with the City-County Zoning Commission, has recommended several hundred changes for street names in the city and county that are confusing.

A Few Changes Made

A few changes have been made, but Tallon said, "It's going along very slowly. People would rather change the names of their children than change the names of their streets," he said.

Tallon thought the St. Matthews streets in the "Fair" group were among his proposed changes, but his list was not available yesterday.

The coroner's jury yesterday commended firemen for their "prompt and efficient action" in confining the fire to the bedroom.

Attorney Charles W. Morris represented Bilharz at the hearing. Also present at the hearing was attorney Arthur W. Grafton. He said he was representing a relative of Mrs. Bilharz.

1955

October 18, 1955: Meeting and inspection and visit to Palmer-Ball Plant.

Meeting: Oct. 18, 1955

1. Rongie Florence
2. Phil Schneider
3. Tom Sullivan
4. Bill Brewer
5. Ed Foley
6. Dick Whelan
7. John Hacter
8. Bob Turner
9. R. H. Schultze
10. Bill Medina
11. M. J. Shadler
12. Billy Smith Jr.
13. R. E. Kumpf
14. M. J. Shadler
15. A. M. C. Kelly
16. Phil Resch
17. Geo. Washburn
18. Robt Turner
19. Joe Kemp
20. Jim W. Tyler
21. H. M. C. Coy
22. R. E. Kumpf

Left Inoist + visit
to Palmer-Ball Plant.

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Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

St. Matthews Elementary School

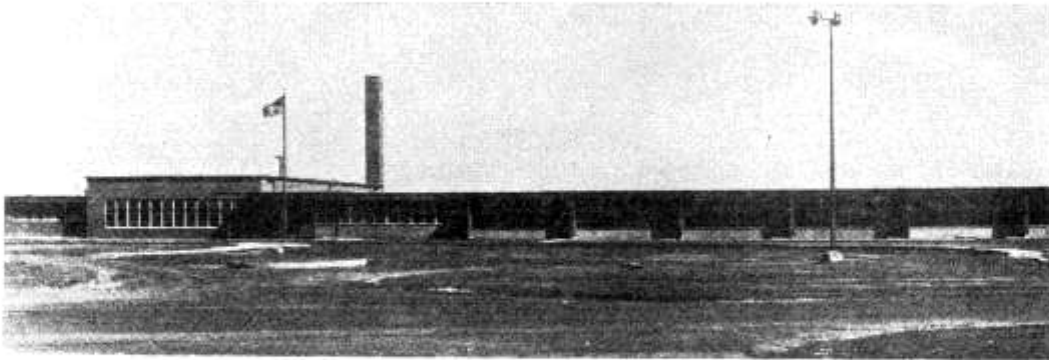
Dedication and Open House

ST. MATTHEW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 20, 1955

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M. Dedication



Master of Ceremonies

ALBERT E. BOWEN, Member, Jefferson County Board of Education

Speaker

RICHARD VANHOOSE, Superintendent

Will dedicate the building and discuss Jefferson County's School problems.

Invocation

REVEREND SAMUEL P. DIEHL, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church



October 20, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

BRAND NEW IN ST. MATTHEWS

OPENING SOON!

CHENOWETH CAR WASH and SERVICE

(Chenoweth Lane at RR Crossing)

- **Car Washing**
Quick, Thorough and Courteous Service At All Times
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Modern Polishes and Techniques To Bring A Brilliant Luster To Your Car's Finish
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This coupon entitles bearer and his family to "Surprise Treat"

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TO BE ELIGIBLE —

- You must have moved into Greater St. Matthews within the last year.
- Bring your entire immediate family to our store.
- Present this coupon to pharmacist on duty.
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1955

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Directors present were:

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


The minutes of the last meeting, on October 13, 1955, were read by President Monohan, and, on a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss, the minutes were accepted as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that we pay the last payment on the new piece of equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that we purchase turkeys for all the firemen and directors for Thanksgiving and that Mr. Monohan be instructed to advise the firemen that their party is approved for December 3 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary

November 12 1955

November 12, 1955: Letter:

Hon. James Noland
Mayor of City of St Matthews
St Matthews Ky,

Dear Mr Mayor;

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association wishes to extend congratulation to you upon your selection as Mayor of St Matthews; We wish to assure you of our cooperation and support for you coming regime.

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn, Inc.

by _____
President and Chief.

November, 1955: Unknown Newspaper article, Rolling Fields Ballot Is Set On Annexation Property Owners Will Vote Monday: Property owners in Rolling Fields subdivision will vote at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Chenoweth Elementary School on whether they wish to be annexed by Louisville. Waller Grogan, 429 Country Lane, who heads a seven man committee of Rolling fields residents, said a letter was drafted last night that will go to the subdivision's 230 property owners.

Grogan said ballots on which property owners will vote at the meeting will go with the letters. The vote will be taken after the pros and cons of annexation are discussed.

Letters Going Out Soon: The letters, which will go out in the next day or two, will quote the metropolitan Sewer District as saying the cost to property owners of extending City sewer lines to the subdivision will be from \$350,000 to \$400,000, Grogan said. The letter also will say it will take about two years before the lines are installed.

Grogan said his committee understands Morris Foreman, chief engineer for M.S.D., will be at the meeting to explain the details of extending sewer service to the subdivision. Grogan added it was understood that Mayor Broaddus also would attend.

Broaddus has promised Rolling Fields would not be annexed unless a majority of the property owners approved.

Ordinance Passed: Louisville's Board of Alderman last Tuesday passed a long-pending ordinance proposing to annex the 172-acre subdivision. But it was emphasized that it was a move to keep alive the City's proposal, which otherwise would have died.

Louisville cannot annex the area until 30 days after passage of the ordinance, which allows property owners wishing to block annexation an opportunity to file court suits.

November 17, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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November 17, 1955

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SWEATERS Regular 2.99 2 for 5.50

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PANTIES 2 for 1

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PANTIES Regular 1.99 4 for 1

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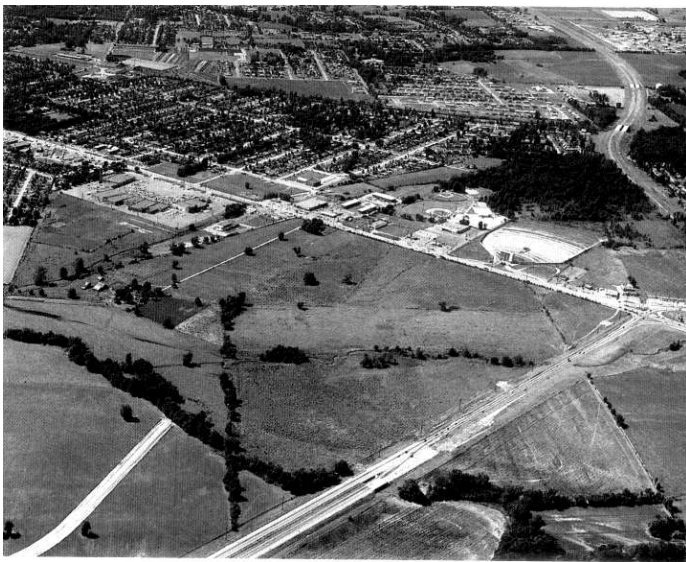
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SHELBYVILLE ROAD PLAZA

CHARGE LAY AWAY
NEXT DOOR TO GATWAY BE 6124

1955

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*, November 24, 1955:



Aerial view showing Watterson Expressway before completion North of Shelbyville Road and the completed Shelbyville Road Plaza. By Billy Davis, 7 July 1960. Louisville Since The Twenties, 192. Below, 1967 photo, Billy Davis Collection, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



1955

November 24, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

November 28, 1955, Letter:

Fire Departments To Collect Funds For Dystrophy

St. Matthews and Eastern county areas are giving support to the 1955 Muscular Dystrophy Fund campaign which lasts through November 30.

Fire departments in Buechel, Anchorage, Fern Creek, Jefferson-town, Lyndon and Middletown, serving as headquarters for solicitation material in the house-to-house canvass and many members of these departments and their families are participating in the "marching." The home visits are being made by workers throughout an 11-day period which started November 20.

Sanders Cleaners in St. Matthews is including pledge cards and descriptive leaflets in its regular 10,000 mailing to residents of this area. Campaign chairman Charles F. Wood urged recipients to return the cards and contributions to Dystrophy, Commerce Building, Louisville 2.

Mrs. Carl Thomale, Lyndon, is serving as woman's chairman for the 1955 campaign. Dr. C. H. Blandford of Lyndon, is acting president of the Muscular Dystrophy Clinic. Three of his children were stricken with the disease. Two have died.

ROLLING FIELDS.

Listed Property	W Collect from.
7 on Basswood	6 @ \$5.00 \$30.00
60 Brownsboro \$72.00	24 @ 3.00 72.00
48 Club Lane	43 @ 5.00 215.00
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3 Crocus Lane	3 @ 5.00 15.00
6 Edmond In	5 @ 5.00 25.00
26 Fairway	24 @ 5.00 120.00
13 Pennington	15 @ 5.00 75.00
Church @	15.00 15.00
32 Rolling In	27 @ 5.00 135.00
21 Swing Lane	14 @ 5.00 70.00
17 Tiffany	10 @ 5.00 50.00
232 @ 5/00 1160.00	216. Semomin Over Apt. House \$1047.00
60 @ 3.00 180.00	We now collect--- 140.00
Apt. House 140.00	\$1187.00
\$ 1480.00	Possible

If annexed by Louisville, we stand to lose.

11/28/55
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1955

December 1, 1955, Sign in sheet:

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Frank Hulseover
John Hoffmeyer
Thomas M. Sitter
Bob M. Lee
Buddy Kern
Howard Beckham
James Baird
John A. W. Thompson
Shirley L. Hall
Let Sawyer
H. Breake
Harry B. Jones Jr.

McMan Fire Dept at St. Matthews
Thursday Dec. 1st for delivery
by VAB & Chief Wampler
A New Organization at Hiker Point

December 5, 1955, Letter:

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
828-30 W. JEFFERSON ST.
LOUISVILLE 5, KY.

December 5, 1955

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

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing our check for \$10.00 to cover our subscription to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association for our store at 27 Shelbyville Road Shopping Center.

Yours truly,
T. P. TAYLOR & CO., INC.
T. P. Taylor
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

OK 12/12/55
10.00

December 6, 1955, Letter:

December 6 1955

Woodlan Park;

Gentlemen;

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Inc, will be happy to give Fire Protection to your Area on a Contract basis, our contracts are written thusly;

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Department does hereby agree to respond to all Alarms of Fire within the now existing boundaries of Woodlan Park, for a period of one (1) year for a sum based on \$3.00 per residence, and .25¢ per vacant lot.

A discount of .8¢ will be allowed if paid within 30 days from date of contract, however no discount on vacant lots.

We desire that you furnish us with a map of your Area, showing the Streets and Hydrant layout, for our information and study.

We believe this a more attractive plan for your community, than the idea of each person paying his Fire Protection Subscription individually.

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Inc.

By _____
Capt. V.A. Beam, Asst-Sec'y.

1955

December 8, 1955, 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 Thursday evening, December 8, 1955, and was called to order by President Monohan.

Directors present were:

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

The minutes of the last meeting, on November 10, 1955, were read by President Monohan, and, on a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder, the minutes were accepted as read.

The attorney's bill of Mr. Al Marret was presented to the meeting. There was an actual expense of \$12.00 for filing the new articles of incorporation. A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that we send a check for \$100.00 and an additional \$12.00 for actual expense, as a fee, to Mr. Al Marret.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that Mr. Monohan be instructed to order turkeys for all the firemen and directors.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:


George E. Miller, Secretary

1955

December 8, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews*:



The Chenoweth Car Wash opened for business recently, and manager George Chle watches as one car on the assembly line goes through the water spray. Located on Chenoweth Lane just north of the railroad tracks, it is St. Matthews' first automatic-type, assembly-line car wash.

December 13, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:

2 Contracts Awarded By Beechwood Village

Beechwood Village trustees last night awarded garbage-collection and fire-protection contracts for next year.

P. B. Williams, board chairman, said St. Matthews Sanitation Service will again serve the sixth-class city's 465 single-family residences and 38 apartment units. The cost will be \$900 a month.

The **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department will provide protection during 1956 for about \$1,300, Williams said.

December 15, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews:*
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December 22, 1955, *The Voice of St. Mat-*

Firemen Get First Call In 9 Days—A False Alarm

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department received its first call in nine days on December 10. At 5:10 p.m. a "malicious false" alarm was received for 4212 Churchill Road.

On December 11 at 2:45 a.m. the call for an automobile fire at 413 Highfield was received. Only the wiring on the motor burned. A short in the wiring was the possible cause of the fire.

At 5 p.m. on December 13 an alarm was received for an automobile fire at 113 Chenoweth Lane. The fire was caused by distilled anti-freeze on the motor. Only the wiring on the motor was damaged.

Fire Chief Says Be Careful With Christmas Party

For homes, churches, schools and places of business planning holidays parties, Fire Chief John Monohan, of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, recommends that fire safety be made just as much a part of these plans as the decorations or refreshments.

Holiday parties, explained the Chief, often center around a Christmas tree, and because such trees are extremely combustible, these safety rules are suggested:

1. Don't set the tree up near any stairway or elevator shaft which would provide a draft.

2. The tree should not block a door or any exits.

3. Someone in authority should inspect the tree every day to determine whether it should be left up for a longer time.

4. Be sure plenty of ashtrays are provided for smokers. Don't allow smoking near the tree.

5. See that all decorations in the room have been flameproofed.

An added fire hazard exists if dresses, costumes or children's clothes made of net or gauze-like fabrics are worn. If it is impossible to avoid wearing them, they should be made flame-resistant with the following solution. Mix nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric in this solution, wring by hand, then hang to dry. Ironing does not affect the flame-resistance of the fabric, but the treatment must be repeated after each laundering.

A word of caution. Don't expect too much from the term, "flame-resistant." If you hold a match to flame-resistant material, it will burn. But it will not continue to burn when you take the match away. There will be no deadly or disfiguring "flash fire."

Fire Chief Urges Precautions With Christmas Trees

Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department urges the public to take these precautions with Christmas trees:

1. Choose a small tree rather than a large one.

2. Store it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.

3. When you bring it in, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit.

4. Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in good condition — no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally, you never use candles!)

5. When you buy new sets or cords, look for the UL label. The ones that bear it have passed Underwriters' Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards.

6. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.

7. Ornaments should be made of fireproof materials, like metal or glass. Never decorate with cotton or paper unless they are labelled "fireproof" or "flameproof."

8. Never set up electric trains under the tree.

9. Don't let gift wrappings pile up under or near the tree.

10. Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is home.

11. From time to time, see whether needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.

12. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it—outdoors!

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December 28, 1955, Letter:

December 30, 1955, Letter:



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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
December 30, 1955

St. Matthews Fire Department
Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The writer has recently moved to 706 Indian Ridge Road. It is my understanding from a telephone conversation with your department today that by making a yearly contribution, which at the present time is \$3, that I am entitled to the use of your department without any further charges. I am attaching *cash* ~~check~~ for this amount hereto.

I assume that in some manner you will notify me when the next subscription is due.

Very truly yours,
WHAYNE SUPPLY COMPANY

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Board of Directors
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn;

Gentlemen:

My wife and I wish to thank you for the most enjoyable gift of the Christmas Turkey.

We surely did enjoy this delicious present on Christmas day, as did the rest of the family; It was so nice of you to remember us at this season of the year.

Yours very truly

Capt. A. Beam

December 22, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews:*

Sanders Cleaners To Build \$50,000 Addition

Construction of a \$50,000 addition to Sanders Cleaners, 129 St. Matthews Avenue, is scheduled to start this week, according to Al J. Sanders, one of the owners.

Demolition of a four-room cottage just south of the present structure was begun this week to clear the way for the addition.

Mr. Sanders said expanded business called for a bigger plant. "We now service about 1,500 customers a week, and have a total of about 4,500 customers," he said. "We are currently doing about twice the business we did three years ago."

The new building, completely air-conditioned, should be finished in 60 to 90 days, he said. It will be 47 feet long and 47 feet wide.

Clothes ready to take out will be in the new place. The present structure, 50 by 120 feet, will be used solely for production, he said.

Mr. Sanders noted that the property on which the present building is located cost only \$9,500, when purchased more

than three years ago. Cost of the new property, somewhat smaller in size, was \$17,000 when it was bought 1½ years ago, he said.

The new place will have drive-in facilities, he said. It will be connected with the present building by fireproof doors.

Mr. Sanders said his firm has spent \$6,000 for new electronic conveyor racks, the first in the South.

The present structure cost \$75,000 to build, he said. The firm has been located there three years. Before that, it was at 3937 Frankfort for seven years.

The firm has about \$25,000 worth of equipment and plans to buy more to enlarge production, said Mr. Sanders. Thirty-five employees work at the plant.

The business is owned and operated by Mr. Sanders, his brother, Carroll M. Sanders, and their father, I. J. Sanders.

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December 31, 1955: Grass & weed fire 11:50 a.m. 375 Foeburn Way

375
Foeburn Way

12/31/55

11:50 am
Grass & weed

ROSTER, ST MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. William T. Beeson

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4. Robert Brentzel

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John Carr

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14. R. C. Herdt

15. Marty Kamer

16. John V. Kaster
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17. R.E. Kaster
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36. Dan Sullivan

37. J.P. Terry

38. Kint Tulley

39. Robert F. Turner

40. James A. Weixler

41. Richard M. Wheeler Jr.
Rich Wheeler

42. Walter Wernert

43. George Westwood

44. Wm. W. Wrivers
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45. Melchoir R. Zehnder
Mel. Zehnder

46. V.A. Beam
Frank Baumga

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1955 "Ready to Roll."



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1955: STMFD Apparatus and Personnel, taken in lot across from the firehouse at 117 St. Matthews Avenue.



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Fire Statistics For 1955

Total number of fire runs:	96
Total working fires:	7
Total hours fire fighting:	31 1/2
Total 1 1/2" hose used:	1,800 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used:	1,700 feet
Back up City of Louisville:	
Number of A. M. runs:	34
Number of P. M. runs:	63

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:		Types of fire runs:	
Engine 1:	69	House	48
Engine 2:	12	Commercial	8
Engine 3::	28	Automobile	13
Quad:	24	Field & trash	17
		Miscellaneous	8
		Malicious false	3

Working fires:

1/21/1955	7:35 p.m.	House, 3721 Edmond Lane, fire above fireplace
3/6/1955	6:30 p.m.	House, 133 St. Matthews Avenue
9/25/1955	2:08 a.m.	Shed, Thierman Lane & U. S. 60
9/28/1955	7:43 p.m.	Out building, 3819 Washington
10/3/1955	9:42 p.m.	House, 3709 Fairway Lane, fire in bedroom, 1 fatality
11/29/1955	1:10 p.m.	House, 300 Sprite Road, fire in attic
12/22/1955	9:25 a.m.	House under construction – basement fire, Mount Vernon Rd. in St. Regis Park. (McMahan VFD organized but not operational as of this date.)

Responded to two separate rescues at auto accidents, one man killed at each accident

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DATE	TIME	1008 TIME	COMPANIES RESPONDED	Run #	NO OF FF'S	OFFICER IN CHARGE	STREET ADDRESS Or LOCATION	NARRATIVE
1-17	730 AM	745 AM	Engine #3	1		Zehnder & Wheeler	3516 Hycliffe Avenue	Residence – furnace with oil overflow Used Johnson pump
1-20	720 PM	745 PM	Engine #3	2		Pumphandle, Sr.	4205 Winchester Road	Residence – couch ignited by lighter Used Johnson pump
1-21	330 PM	346 PM	Engine #1	3		Kaster	155 Totem Road	Residence – furnace
1-21	735 PM	845 PM	Engine #1	4		Pumphandle, Sr.	3721 Edmond Lane	Residence – fireplace – faulty construction Used Johnson pump & booster
1-31	620 PM	650 PM	Engines #1,2,3	5		Pumphandle, Sr.	3814 Cleveland Avenue	Residence under construction – salamander in bedroom, turned it off.
2-3	256 PM	334 PM	Engine #1	6		Kaster & Zehnder	219 Brunswick Road	Residence – dryer wasn't emptied, turned it off
2-5	1142 AM	1230 PM	Jeep Co. #1	7		Pumphandle, Jr. & Kaster	138 Sagamore Road	Residence – motor on washing machine, turned it off
2-18	345 PM	405 PM	Engine #3	8		Terry, Monohan Wheeler	Chenoweth Lane	Clean up after wreck – called to wash blood off road where man had been killed – used booster

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3-4	850 PM	905 PM	Quad & Engine 1	9		J.V. Kaster	3806 Frankfort Avenue	False
3-5	1008 AM	1015 AM	Engine #1	10		Lt. Zehnder	Parked at 3930 Frankfort Avenue	Buick automobile – backfire thru carburetor
3-6	630 PM	700 PM	Engine #1	11		Capt. Kamer	133 St. Matthews Avenue	Residence – defective flue Used 450' of 1-1/2" & 28' ladder
3-9	445 PM	515 PM	Engine #1	12		J.V. Kaster	210 Choctaw Road	Washing machine motor
3-12	1130 AM	1200 PM	Jeep Co. #1	13		Wheeler & Aide	316 Westport Drive	Chest in basement – set buy son playing with matches
3-31	915 AM	930 AM	Engine Co. #2	14		J.V. Kaster	4159 Westport Road	Woman locked out of house – used 24' ladder
4-1	623 PM	655 PM	Engine #1 & 2	15		Chief Monohan	4150 Upper River Road Fairview Beach	Cottage – out on arrival
4-4	105 PM	125 PM	Engine 1	16		Zehnder	4001 Ormond Road	Log against garage – used booster
4-5	123 AM	200 AM	Engines #1 & 2	17		Chief Monohan	4108 Ledyard Road	House – lightning strike – upstairs Used pump can & 24' ladder
4-9	1239 PM	100 PM	Engine #1	18		J.P. Terry	3806 Lexington Road	Car – motor of car & under dash – wiring Used booster & pump can
4-14	515 PM	545 PM	Engines #1 & 2 & Quad	19		J.V. Kaster, Zehnder, Terry	3738 Lexington Road	Paper box/crate – used booster
4-30	1040 PM	1110 PM	Engine 1 Quad	20		Chief Monohan	105 S. Hubbards Lane 107 S. Hubbards Lane	Awning in front of building – used booster & pump can, 12' ladder
5-4	1012 AM	1035 AM	Quad & Engine 1	21		M. Zehnder	4028 St. Germaine Court	Residence – grease in skillet left unattended Put in sink
5-5	1002 AM	1026 AM	Quad & Engine 1	22		Zehnder	3814 Frankfort Avenue Chism Hardware Co.	Trash bin – tar kettle, fire spread, used both boosters & 12' ladder
5-6	1245 PM	115 PM	Engine Co. #2	23		No officer	End of Beechwood Road	Dump – fire set by Eline, let it burn

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DATE	TIME	1008 TIME	COMPANIES RESPONDED	Run #	NO OF FF'S	OFFICER IN CHARGE	STREET ADDRESS Or LOCATION	NARRATIVE
5-7	410 PM	430 PM	Quad & Engine #1	24		Zehnder	Vanette Appliance Co.	Trash in back, used booster & 16' roof ladder
5-7	500 PM	532 PM	Quad Engines #1,2,3	25		R. Herdt	Stoneview Drive & Brownsboro Road	Garage roof caused by lightning, used booster & 14' roof ladder
5-7	915 PM	930 PM	Used CO2	26		No officer	117 St. Matthews Avenue St. Matthews Fire Department	Car - came to firehouse - brake stuck on, used CO2
5-7	555 PM	626 PM	Engines #1 & 2	27		Chief Monohan	Stoneview Drive & Brownsboro Road	Garage & storeroom, used booster & 14' room ladder
5-14	910 PM	935 PM	Engine 1	28		Chief Monohan	225 Ridgeway Avenue	Car - engine wiring out on arrival 1954 Nash, Jefferson Co. 530-032
6-7	340 PM	410 PM	Engine #3 & Quad	29		Terry/Wheeler Zehnder	319 Merriman Road	Basement fire caused by child looking for money with candle, used booster
6-13	705 AM	810 AM	Engine 3 - Engine 1 Quad	30		Capt. Terry	New shopping center 4600 Shelbyville Road	Tar kettle - used booster & dry powder
6-13	915 AM	945 AM	Engine #3	31		Lt. Kaster	4000 blk. Frankfort Avenue	Wrecked car fell off wrecker, spilled gas in street Used booster (Nash - 439-094, Jeff. Co.)
6-16	1045 AM	1120 AM	Engine #1	32		Zehnder & Kaster	105 Travols Road at Brownsboro Road	Weeds - left trash fire unattended, used broom
6-17	1040 AM	1055 AM	Engine #3	33		Terry, Zehnder Kaster	4005 Brownlee Road	Gas leak in house
6-18	415 PM	440 PM	Engine #1 & 3	34		Kaster Zehnder	535 N. Hubbards Lane	Weeds & field, used booster & brooms
7-8	145 PM	215 PM	Jeep #1	35		Jack Monohan	4305 Winchester Road	TV set hit by lightning. Pulled service and advised to call service man
7-8	146 PM	215 PM	Engine 1	36		Lt. Zehnder	315 Foeburn Lane	Electric stove shorted by lightning strike
7-9	145 PM	220 PM	Engine 1 & 3 Quad	37		Terry	Greathouse School 3930 Grandview Avenue	Chimney hit by lightning, used 70' of ladders
7-28	1010 PM	1025 PM	Engine No. 1	38		Zehnder	Cornell Place & Wilmington Avenue	Car fire under dash

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8-9	840 AM	920 AM	Engine 1 & Quad	39		Lt. Zehnder	Rear of 126 Breckinridge Lane	Asphalt spreader - entire machine involved Used 2 boosters
8-12	115 PM	130 PM	Engine 1 & Quad	40		Lt. Zehnder & Kaster	4235 Alton Road	Residence - gas stove, grease in oven
8-12	810 PM	820 PM	Engine 1	41		Lt. Wheeler	Lexington Road & Cannons Lane	Auto - didn't find car
8-15	1120 AM		Engine 1 & 3	42		Chief Monohan	200 Gibson Road	Garage - outside wall, used booster
8-15	1210 PM	1225 PM	Engine 1	43		Lt. Zehnder	3337 Dayton Avenue	Tree - caught on fire by burning trash
8-15	645 PM	705 PM	Engine #1 & Quad	44		Chief Monohan	213 Exchange Avenue	Residence - attic. Overheated electric motor & homemade wiring, out on arrival
8-18	430 PM	640 PM	Jeep	45		Jack Monohan	3933 Kennison Avenue	Tree falling on house, no fire Covered with tarpaulin
8-19	1102 AM	1120 AM	Quad	46		Lt. Zehnder	405 Rolling Lane	Baby locked in bathroom
8-19	830 PM	850 PM	Engine 3	47		Capt. Terry	S.E. corner of Willis Avenue & Breckinridge Lane	Truck in rear of florist & greenhouse Used booster
8-29	530 AM	615 AM	Engines 1-2-3 Quad	48		Chief Monohan	New shopping center 4600 Shelbyville Road	Oil tank truck, used 3 boosters & fog
8-30	1259 PM	115 PM	Engine 1 & Quad	49		Lt. Zehnder	3707 Warner Avenue	Cook stove ignited food, used pump can
9-1	345 PM	405 PM	Jeep	50		Lt. Zehnder	225 Ridgeway Avenue	Stove in kitchen, gas flash
9-2	200 PM	250 PM	Quad & Engine 3	51		Lt. Zehnder & Wheeler	4715 Kitty Hawk Road	Weeds set by children playing, used 2 boosters
9-3	925 PM	1030 PM	Engine #1	52		Chief Monohan	Brownsboro Road, 100' east of city limits across from Bauer's	Washed highway after fatal accident
9-4	320 PM	350 PM	Engine #3	53		Chief Monohan	End of Primrose Drive	Weeds - used booster & Johnson pump

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9-7	300 PM	328 PM	Engine #1	54		Zehnder & Kaster	Brampton & Shelbyville Roads	Weeds – caused by a little match Used booster
9-8	1025 AM	1135 AM	Engine 3	55		Lt. Kaster & Wheeler	Macon & Grandview Avenues	Wet down street for construction Used 1-1/2" line & 4 tank loads
9-8	1214 PM	1242 PM	Engine 3	56		Kaster & Wheeler	3929 Leland Road	Residence – transformer in basement
9-9	755 AM	815 AM	Engine 3 & 1	57		Capt. Terry	701 Breckinridge Lane (no such number)	Malicious false
9-12	140 PM	210 PM	Engine 1 & Quad	58		Capt. Terry	35 So. Sheridan Road Meadowview Estates	Residence – TV set
9-12	355 PM	420 PM	Engine 1	59		Lt. Zehnder	Gate at Bowman Field near Big Spring Golf Club	Field – used booster
9-19	750 AM	845 AM	Engine 3	60		Lt. Wheeler & Kaster	3939 Frankfort Avenue	Department store – standby while man using torch
9-19	445 PM	511 PM	Engine 1 & 3	61		Wheeler & Zehnder	Thompson Avenue & Plymouth Road	Sawdust
9-25	708 AM	750 AM	Engine #1 & Quad	62		Kaster & Zehnder	Thierman Lane & Shelbyville Road	Shed – totally involved Used 1-1/2" & booster
9-27	1115 AM	1130 AM	Engine 3	63		Kaster & Wheeler	4030 Brookfield Road	Transformer for doorbell – poor electric wiring Used pump can & CO2
9-27	230 PM	245 PM	Quad	64		Lt. Zehnder	4163 Westport Road, Apt. 3	Apartment house – lock out Used 16' ladder
9-28	743 PM	1020 PM	Engine 1 Quad	65		Chief Monohan	3819 Washington Square	Outbuilding, used 950' of 2-1/2" & 500' of 1-1/2"
9-29	650 PM	930 PM	Engine 1	66		Chief Monohan	432 Country Lane	Wire down in back yard, no equipment used
9-29	700 PM	800 PM	Engine 3	67		Geo. Westwood	Browns Lane, J. Graham Brown Farm	Wire down on Browns Lane, no equipment used
9-29	800 PM	809 PM	Engine 3	68		Chief Monohan	124 Blankenbaker Lane	Residence – attic struck by lightning, out on arrival No equipment used

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9-29	920 PM	940 PM	Engine #2	69		J.P. Terry	3812 Nanz Avenue	Residence – tree fell on house
9-29	915 PM	930 PM	Car	70		M. Zehnder	Briarwood Road & Browns Lane	Tree down across road
10-3	942 PM	1230 AM	Engine 1 & Quad	71		Chief Monohan	3709 Fairway Lane	Working house fire – Mrs. Billharz found dead on bedroom floor, multiple lines used, ladders, etc.
10-8	240 PM	310 PM	Engine #3	72		J.P. Terry	Thierman Lane & Shelbyville Road	Residence – used booster
10-9	240 PM	555 PM	Engine #1	73		Geo. Westwood Zehnder/Kaster	West side of Lime Kiln Lane, south of River Road	Residence – called by Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. for aid
10-15	1008 AM	1045 AM	Quad & Engine 1	74		Lt. Zehnder	4211 Churchill Road	Residence – leaking gas stove
11-1	108 AM	145 AM	Engine 1 & 3	75		Westwood	Shelbyville & Fairmeade Roads	Trash – used boosters
11-4	812 AM	830 AM	Engine 1	76		Lt. Zehnder Wheeler/Kaster	3838 Frankfort Avenue	Restaurant – behind oven, used booster
11-8	110 PM	155 PM	Engine #1	77		Zehnder & Kaster	Lot #7 – Commanche Village	Residence- fire over incomplete fireplace Burning scraps in fireplace, used pump can
11-14	103 PM	140 PM	Quad & Engine 1	78		Kaster & Terry	Woodhill Road	Residence – fire in wall from plumber's blow torch Harrods Creek area & they work fire
11-19	1128 AM	1140 AM	Engine 2	79		Lt. Zehnder	Frankfort Avenue Zehnder Brothers Dairy	Dairy – electrical wiring
11-19	800 PM	808 PM	Quad & Engine 1	80		Lt. Kaster & Lt. Zehnder	110 Wallace Avenue (no such number)	No building – malicious false Bill Stivers gave call from WA 7143
11-21	1222 PM	1250 PM	Quad & Engine 1	81		Capt. Terry Zehnder/Kaster	4015 Elin Avenue	Residence – fire in kitchen, set clothes on toaster Used booster
11-28	830 AM	840 AM	Engine 1	82		Terry & Zehnder	237 Clover Lane	Residence – smoke in furnace pipes
11-28	322 PM	345 PM	Engine 1	83		Kaster & Zehnder	3500 block Dayton Avenue	Truck – used booster

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1-29	110 PM	510 PM	Quad Engine 1 & 2	84		Capt. Terry Lt. Zehnder	300 Sprite Road	Brick bungalow - working fire in attic, defective flue Used booster, 300' of 1-1/2", 500' of 2-1/2"
11-30	1030 AM	1040 AM	None took out	85		Capt. Kamer	117 St. Matthews Avenue St. Matthews Fire Department	Garbage truck bed ignited from hot ashes Used 50' of 1-1/2"
12-1	855 AM	925 AM	Quad & Engine 1	86		Zehnder & Wheeler	3926 Napanee Road	Residence - furnace motor
12-10	510 PM	530 PM	Quad & Engine 1	87		Kaster, Wheeler Zehnder	4212 Churchill Road	Residence - false alarm
12-11	255 AM	340 AM	Engine 1	88		Capt. Westwood	413 Highfield Road	Auto - burned wiring, used CO2
12-13	500 PM	525 PM	Engine 1 & 3(cancelled)	89		Lt. Zehnder	133 Chenoweth Lane	Auto - spilled antifreeze, used CO2
12-21	630 PM	710 PM	Engine 1 - 3 Quad	90		Chief Monohan	140 Breckinridge Lane	Christmas tree stand & house - oil stove Used boosters & 2 16' ladders
12-22	925 AM	1005 AM	Quad & Engine 3	91		Capt. Terry Lt. Zehnder	Mount Vernon Road In St. Regis Park	Working fire- basement- new residence-salamander, used booster, party could not get J-town on phone
12-22	1104 AM	1114 AM	Engine 1	92		Lt. Zehnder	3815 Frankfort Avenue	Used booster to wash antifreeze from street
12-22	1040 PM	1105 PM	Quad & Engine 1	93		Chief Monohan	403 Wendover Avenue	Residence - flue on furnace stopped up, out on arrival
12-25	345 PM	400 PM	Engine 1	94		Capt. Westwood	3704 St. Germaine Court	Burning trash in back yard, used booster
12-26	1255 PM	110 PM	Engine 1	95		Jack Monohan	3803 Warner Avenue	Burning trash in back yard, used pump can
12-29	410 PM	425 PM	Quad & Engine 1	96		Capt. Terry Zehnder/Kaster	451 Macon Avenue (?)	Reported as oil furnace - malicious false
12-30	1150 AM	1210 PM	Quad & Engine 1	97		Zehnder	375 Foeburn Way	Weeds - burning trash, out on arrival

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FIRE RECORD OF St. Matthews[illegible]

FROM Dec. 14 to Feb 18 TO

Part of Building Where Fire Started	CAUSE	Extinguished by: A. Bucket B. Chemical C. Hydrant Hose D. Pump E. Sprinkler	Number of Hydrants Available	Hoses Pumped Worked	Size and Kind of Hose Used	Size and Number of Ladders Used	Gelling of Chemical Used	INSURANCE RECORD						SPECIAL NOTES		
								BUILDINGS				CONTENTS				
								Estimated Value	Insurance Carried	Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid	Estimated Value	Insurance Carried		Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid
Called Back For a Fire Found after the Day before		Boston Off #1	3	1		None	None									Radio was Not Paid, Just Turned ON
ATTIC		Hedgepeth Pump	1	3	3016 H	?	None									" " "
Basement	UNKNOWN	Thomas Pump	1													Radio USED FOR FIRE USE ONLY.
		H & P.	2	6	3500	FLL	None									Radio USED FOR FIRE USE ONLY
Called BACK FROM FIRE 8:25 EARLY.		B.	2	1	hose											" " "
End of 1924								End of 1924								
Start of 1925								Start of 1925								
furnace	oil burner	Thomas Pump	1													RADIO USED FOR FIRE USE ONLY.
coach	lighter	" "	1													Radio USED FOR FIRE USE ONLY
		" "	1													FIRE USE ONLY
FURNACE	Not KNOWN		2													RADIO USED FOR FIRE USE ONLY.
Fire place	Faulty Comb.	Thomas Pump	1		45 Min.	None	None									" " "
Salamander in bedroom	Salamander	turned it off	1													" " "
Dried	wasn't emptied	turned it off	1		37 Min.	None	None									" " "
Motor on Washing Machine	unknown	turned it off	1		45 Min.	None	None									" " "
		Booster	2		20 Min.											Called by County Police

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TO May 6 1955

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Date	Time	Alarm by Phone or Box No.	COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type	Time Arrived	Time Dispatched	Hours of Service	Miles Travelled	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
Aug 3	8:10	Phone	Eng 1 + Diesel	9:20	46:00	1 mi	1/2	St. John's	apartment	R-124 Burke St	2397 Apple Ln. Borge Craft Co	Parking Lot	no	
Aug 10	1:15	Phone	Eng 1 + Diesel	1:30	16:00	2 mi	1/2	St. John's	Res.	4235 Alton Ave	6 Borge Hermet	R.H. Deane	no	
Aug 12	8:30	Phone	Eng 1	8:40	16:00	1 mi	1/2	St. John's	Auto	Exp. St. Common St	not known	not used food car	no	
Aug 13	11:25	Phone	Eng 1 + 3	11:30	16:00	1 mi	1/2	St. John's	Garage	200 Salmon St	W.H. Collins	Garage	no	
Aug 15	12:30	Phone	Eng 1	12:40	10:00	1/2	1/2	St. John's	Tree	3337 Dayton	M.L. Sprankle		no	
Aug 18	6:45	Phone	Eng 1 + Diesel	7:00	15:00	1/2	1/2	St. John's	Residence	213 St. John's Exchange	G.D. Hancock	Same	No	
Aug 19	4:30	Phone	Jeep	4:50	6:00	2 mi	1/2	St. John's	Tree	3933 Kumin Ave	H.L. Kerlark	"	no	
Aug 19	11:00	Phone	Diesel	11:00	11:00	15:00	1/2	St. John's	Residence	405 Rollins St	G.W. Kirby	"	no	
Aug 20	8:00	Phone	Eng 1 + 3	8:10	8:10	15:00	1/2	St. John's	Flour	4500 St. John's Birch St	Wong + Neuman	"	no	
Aug 21	5:30	Phone	Eng 1 + 2 + 3	5:40	6:00	16:00	1/2	St. John's	Auto	New Shopping Center	Wm. Roofnagle	at manufacture	no	
Aug 23	13:00	Phone	Eng 1 + Diesel	13:10	1:15	10:00	2 mi	St. John's	Auto	Shelbyville Road	Knopfle's Farm		no	
Sept 1	3:45	Phone	Jeep	3:50	4:00	15:00	1/2	St. John's	Stone	3707 Warner	Carl Kernig	same	Res.	no
Sept 2	9:00	Phone	Diesel + Eng 3	9:05	9:00	25:00	1/2	St. John's	Stone	235 Ridgway	P.C. Bates	same	Res.	no
Sept 4	9:30	Phone	Eng 1 + Diesel	9:35	10:00	15:00	1/2	St. John's	Vehicle	4715 Kettling	Luther Bone	same	Field	no
Sept 7	3:30 PM	Phone	Eng 1 + Diesel	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	30:00	1/2	St. John's	Highway	at Hwy	Fatal	accident	Browns bldg	RD
TOTALS	15		22			34 1/2			ROADS	END of PAIRROSE DR.	E/100	same		No

TO Sept 4 1955

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FIRE DEPARTMENT										FROM		September 7 1955		TO		Sept 29 - 1955	
Part of Building Where Fire Started	CAUSE	Investigated by A. Beam C. Chaskey H. Hudson P. Pumper S. Spradley	Number of Hydrants Available	House Pumps Worked	Size and Heat of House	Size and Number of Lodging Used	Status of Cleanable Used	INSURANCE RECORD				CONTENTS				Radio SPECIAL NOTES	
								Estimated Value	Insurance Carried	Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid	Estimated Value	Insurance Carried	Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid		
1	Match	Booster	1	2000	Booster												Radio used for Fire use only.
2	Match	Booster	1	500	170												Radio used for Fire use only.
3	Basement False	Booster	1	200	200												Radio used for Fire use only.
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FIRE RECORD OF <u>St. Matthews</u>														
Date	Time	Alarm by Phone or Box No.	COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type	Time Arrived	Time Dismissed	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
5 Sept	8:30 PM	Phone	Engine #2	8:25	8:48	-	1 mi	J. P. King	Residence	3812 N. Hwy	C. F. Cuyper	Same	Resid	No
20 Sept	4:15 PM	Phone	Sec	9:30	9:50	-	1/4 mi	M. Nichols	Residence	Brownwood & Brown	-	-	-	-
10 Oct	9:45 PM	Phone	Eng 1 + Qu	9:45	10:30	3 mi	3 mi	J. Nichols	Residence	8709 Tanning Ln	H. J. Belhary	same	Residence	no
9 Oct	3:40 PM	Phone	Eng #3	3:45	3:50	-	1/4 mi	J. Nichols	Residence	1111 E. 1st St.	UNOCCUPIED	UNOCCUPIED	WNRK	no
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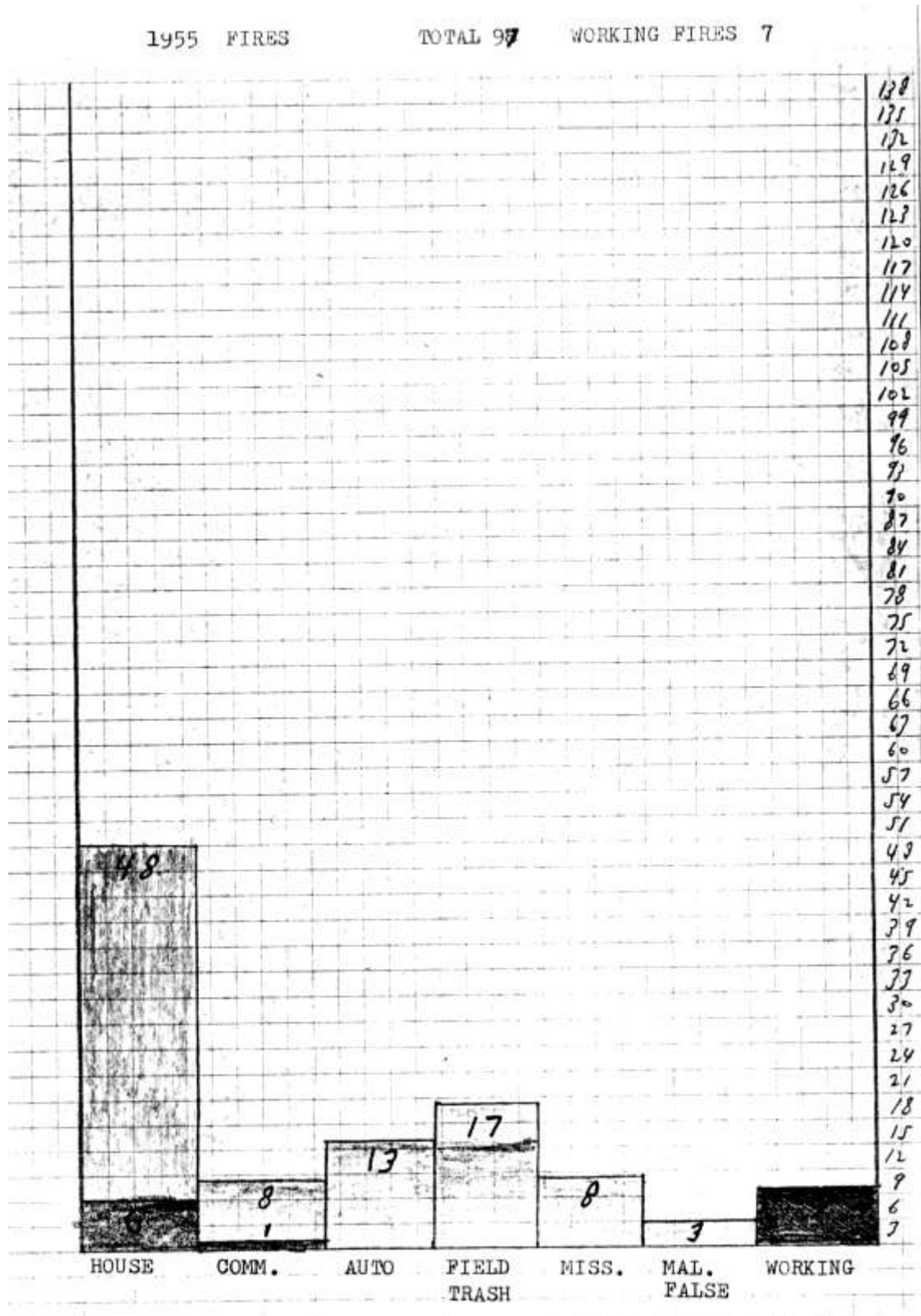
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STMFD Fire charts made by Al Ring

1955
total 97—7 working



1955

TOTAL FIRE RUNS 97

TOTAL WORKING FIRES 7

TOTAL HOURS OF FIREFIGHTING 31½

TOTAL 1½" HOSE USED 1,800 FEET

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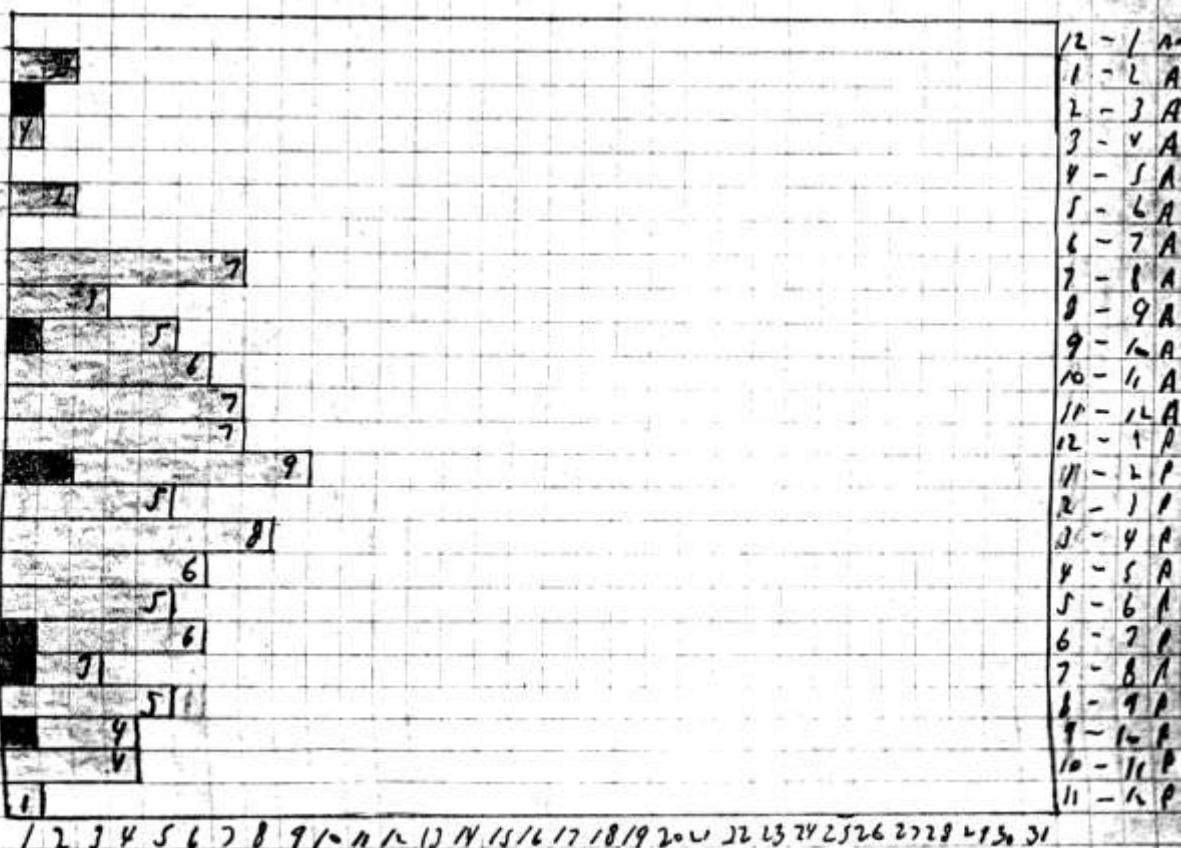
RESPONDED TO TWO SEPERATE RESCUES AT AUTO ACCIDENTS. ONE MAN
KILLED AT EACH ACCIDENT.

ENGINE 1 MADE 69 RUNS

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QUAD MADE 34 RUNS



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1956

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January 1 & 2, 1956, The Courier-Journal

Fire Jan 1 1956 John Walser Co
Sunday 12:20 AM

ROSTER, ST MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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| 1. William T. Beeson | 17. R. E. Kester | 33. Phil. L. Schneider Jr.
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| 12. George C. Haberlin | 28. Randy Robertson | 44. Vin. W. Winters
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| 13. W. Richard Herdt
<i>W. R. Herdt</i> | 29. Bailey Ross
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<i>Mel Zehnder</i> |
| 14. R. C. Herdt | 30. Martin Ruff | 46. V. A. Bean |
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Fire Destroys Builder's Offices, Storage Space

Fire early today destroyed the offices and storage facilities of John A. Walser, builder and architectural engineer, at 4050 Westport Road.

The blaze broke out about 12:20 a.m. in a large building recently added to the offices as storage facilities for building materials and trucks. The frame addition collapsed.

The blaze spread rapidly through the converted residence housing the firm's offices, and to several garages on Ridgeway Avenue. The garages were damaged slightly.

Several hundred persons, many New Year's celebrants, watched volunteer firemen of the St. Matthews and Lyndon fire departments fight the blaze.



THERE WAS A HOT TIME ... New Year's Eve revelers interrupted their partying to watch a fire early yesterday that destroyed the offices and storage facilities of John A. Walser, Inc., 4050 Westport Road. Henry F. Walser, vice-president and treasurer of the building and architectural engineering firm, estimated damages at \$50,000. St. Matthews, Lyndon, and Middletown Volunteer Fire Departments used 2,100 feet of hose to fight the blaze. The hose was connected to hydrants across the Louisville & Nashville Railroad tracks there and three trains were held up until the fire was out.

January 12, 1956: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Only Minor Fires Reported Here This Week

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department had to contend only with minor fires during the past week.

A list of fires follows:

January 3—at 3:10 p.m. a weed fire on U.S. 60 opposite the Shelbyville Plaza.

January 5—8:45 p.m., the padding was burnt off an overheated ironer at 105 Bauer Avenue.

January 6—1:55 p.m., a field fire at Hycliff and Cannon's Lane; at 11 p.m. a field fire at the Louisville Board of Education property at 4085 Massie.

January 7—4 p.m., a mantle was blistered by flames at 413 Rolling Lane when Old Christmas decorations were thrown into an open fire place.



Artist's Drawing of the New Legion Building Now Under Construction.

Cornerstone-Laying Set For New Legion Building

The American Legion Zachary Taylor Post 180 will lay the cornerstone for its new building on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 3 p.m., Commander A. D. "Tony" Zehender announced this week.

The structure, which will cost about \$125,000, is going up at the

Post's new location on the south side of Shelbyville Road, just east of the Shelbyville Road Plaza.

After the ceremony, everyone is invited to the present Post home at 137 St. Matthews Avenue. The Ladies' Auxiliary will serve a smorgasbord and refreshments. Reservations may be made by calling TW 6-4734.

Commander Zehender said:

"Since January, 1925, Zachary Taylor Post has been serving veterans and their families, and taking a very active part in civic affairs in the community of St. Matthews.

"With a large, modern building, and adequate parking and recreation grounds, the Post can better serve members and our community. All veterans who are eligible are invited to join the Zachary Taylor Post and take an active part in all American Legion activities."

The present Post home on St. Matthews Avenue is to be sold.

At the ceremony, Commander Zehender will introduce the following:

National Vice Commander Gilbert H. Sterdock from King, Wisconsin; Department Commander Darrell Hancock; Department Adjutant Tom Hayden; Fifth District Commander Charles Plamp; Department American Legion Auxiliary President Mrs. Louise Schoenburger; Fifth District President Mrs. Ray Yeager; and Mrs. William Heimerdinger, Zachary Taylor Unit President.

Two St. Matthews Men Buy A. L. Hansen Shop

Two St. Matthews residents have bought the A. L. Hansen Paint and Metal Shop, 124 St. Matthews Avenue, for an undisclosed price.

They are James Branger, 48, of 142 Chenoweth Lane, and William Datwyler, 52, of 4241 Westport Road.

Mr. Branger announced the shop would continue to operate under the old name, and he and his partner had a one-year lease on the building, purchased last year by the Cherokee Laundry, from Mr. Hansen.

Mr. Branger operated Jim's Body Shop, located at the corner of St. Matthews Avenue and Westport Road, for 10 years, until he sold it about four years ago. He has been in the auto and truck repair business for 27 years.

Mr. Datwyler is in the nursery business, and is now working for the Ostrander Landscape Service on Lexington Road. Mr. Branger said he would start work in the shop immediately, and Mr. Datwyler is scheduled to come into the shop in May.

Branger is a former STMFD firefighter, Hansen's is former

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January 12, 1956, 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 Thursday evening, January 12, 1956, and was called to order by President Monohan.

Directors present:

Mr. John Monohan, Jr.	Mr. Joseph Zehnder
Mr. Louis Schweitzer	Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. Fred Boss	Mr. J. P. Terry

The minutes of the last meeting, on December 8, 1955, were read by President Monohan and, on a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder, the minutes were accepted as read.

The financial report was read by President Monohan.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer to give the city of Woodside Park a bid for fire protection.

A committee was appointed to meet with officials of the city of St. Matthews to set up fire protection rates.

Mr. Zehnder made a motion to send two men from the department to the Memphis Instructors Conference, February 21 through 24, 1956. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweitzer.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer to purchase helmets for all the firemen. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boss.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder to purchase a hose washer.

Mr. Boss made a motion to pay \$25.00 to the Volunteer Firefighters for annual dues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer to raise Capt. Beam's salary \$25.00 per month, retroactive to January 1, 1956. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary

*Minutes were taken by Mr. Kamer in my
absence*

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January 16 & 20, 1956, Letters:



January 16, 1956.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn., Inc.,
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your invitation to bid on the following items.

We propose to furnish the following items, f.o.b. St. Matthews, Ky. for the below listed prices.

One (1) only, Roto Jet Hose Washer complete less roto tables, as made by The Circul Air Corp., Detroit, Michigan @ \$ 665.00	\$ 665.00
Forty-two (42) Cairns #350 one piece Aluminum Fire Helmets complete with Shield, Lining, Chin Strap and Ear Lugs @ \$ 15.00 ea.	\$ 630.00
Forty-two (42) Cairns #900 Flintflex Fire Helmets complete with Shield, Lining, Chin Strap and Ear Lugs @ \$ 17.00 ea.	\$ 714.00
Forty-two (42) N.S.A. Regulation Fire Helmets complete with shield, Lining, Chin Strap and Ear Lugs @ \$ 13.50 ea.	\$ 567.00

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely,
Jack R. Becker
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Mr. John Monahan, Chief
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

Dear Chief:

Mr. O. L. Gore has requested we quote you the delivered price on (1) Roto-Jet Fire Hose Dryer.

Roto-Jet Fire Hose Washer	\$650.00
Plus estimated p.p.d. frt	15.00
	\$665.00

Shipment in about 30 days.

Terms NET 30 days.

We appreciate your continued interest in our products and hoping we may have the privilege of serving you again.

Yours very truly,
O. L. Gore
O. L. Gore, V. P.

cc:al



BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE
FIRE DEPT. SUPPLIES



P. O. BOX 380 TELEPHONE 1144



MIDWEST FIRE TRUCKS
MAXIM FIRE TRUCKS

January 21, 1956, Letter:

The departments was a much older version of this unit.



St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.
Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

Attention Capt. V.A. Beam

Dear Capt. Beam:

Thank you very much for your order for one Circul-Air Hose Washer.

This order has been placed with factory for best possible shipment and should reach you with out delay.

The Circul-Air Corp. will mail their invoice direct to you when shipment has been made.

Thank you again for every thing.

Sincerely yours,
O. L. Gore
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EVERYTHING FOR YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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January 14, 1956: Trailer fire in "Bauer Avenue Trailer Park," east side of Bauer Avenue between Frankfort Avenue and Lexington Road. Trailer Park was in middle of 100 block on east side. Fire Department records showed working fire at 3701 Lexington Road. On first picture, Frank Florence is entering the trailer.



St. Matthews Firemen

To the Editor: Commendations are due the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and the Southern Bell Telephone Company for their speed and efficiency in reporting and extinguishing a fire in a house trailer in St. Matthews Saturday afternoon.

The fire was out of control before any of the neighbors noticed it. My wife notified the telephone operator, and before she had given details of the address, we heard the fire siren at St. Matthews, showing that they had received the report. Before four minutes had gone the department had water on the fire and it was extinguished with all the skill of a professional fire department.

Every resident and property owner in the St. Matthews area should gladly pay the \$3 annual fee which is all this highly trained organization asks for its skilled services.

J. S. CRAIK.
St. Matthews, Ky.



We think this goes with this fire:



FRED BOSS

Boss Elected President Of Masonic Relief

Fred C. Boss of Lyndon Saturday was elected president of the Masonic Board of Relief of Louisville and Jefferson County.

Mr. Boss, 59, has been secretary of the St. Matthews Lodge 906 since 1927.

He has been treasurer of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department since 1935, and is senior warden and treasurer of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lyndon. He is employed as a supervisor for the Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

He succeeds Robert T. Roulston.

The annual election was held at Masonic Temple in Louisville. Also elected were Thomas R. Perkins, of Boaz Lodge 850, vice president; Stanley W. Greaves, past master of Compass Lodge 223, secretary-treasurer for the 12th consecutive year.

Burning Trailer Only Call For St. M. Firemen

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department had only one call the past week. Capt. V. A. Deam reported Tuesday.

The call was for a burning trailer in the rear of 3701 Lexington Road at 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

The bedroom portion of the trailer, owned and occupied by Mrs. John Tate, was wrecked, and the plastic fixtures throughout the trailer were melted.

Nobody was injured. Cause of the fire is unknown. Firemen worked on the blaze for about a half hour.

January 25, 1956, Unknown:

St. M Fire Unit to Get \$2,000 More

The City of St. Matthews will pay \$2,000 more to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department approximately \$11,200 this year for fire protection, an increase of about \$2,000 over last year.

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

The City Council enacted an ordinance fixing the maximum salary of the chief of police at \$4,500 a year; captain of police, \$3,500; sergeant, \$3,000; patrolman with more than six months' service, \$3,000, and patrolmen under six months, \$2,000.

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

St. Matthews To Pay \$11,300 to Fire Unit

St. Matthews' City Council last night agreed to pay about \$11,300 to the **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department for fire protection this year.

The price, based on 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of property, is about \$3,000 more than last year. However, this year it will cover rented business houses, apartments, and homes.

Previously, renters of such property had to pay for their own protection.

The Council also passed an ordinance which set maximum salaries for a chief of police, a captain, a sergeant, and patrolmen. Top pay for the chief would be \$4,800 a year; for the captain, \$4,400; for the sergeant, \$4,000; for patrolmen after six months of duty, \$3,600, and for patrolmen under six months, \$3,000.

The City has a police force of a captain and three patrolmen. Mayor James H. Noland said there was no intention of hiring

a chief or sergeant or any specific number of patrolmen now.

St. Matthews' 1956 budget anticipates an increase of about \$23,000 in revenue over last year. Almost all of the increase is from property annexed last year which will become taxable this year.

The budgets lists revenue at \$102,000 compared with \$78,946 for last year. The city ended 1955 with a surplus of about \$2,000.

Man Gets 21 Years For Fatal Stabbing

Prestonsburg, Ky., Jan. 24 (AP) —A Floyd Circuit Court jury today found Malin Junior Mitchell

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CAPTAIN BEAM

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City Agrees To Pay All Fire Protection Costs

Businessmen, Apartment Dwellers, Renters Will No Longer Be Billed

Businessmen in St. Matthews will no longer be billed by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for protection of their furnishings and office equipment.

The same goes for apartment dwellers and those renting houses here.

From now on, the City of St. Matthews will pay the whole bill for fire protection in this community.

The City Council Tuesday authorized Mayor James Noland to sign a contract to this effect.

Under the contract the City is entirely covered for the year for a price of about \$11,337, or about \$3,000 more than last year, according to the Council. This price represents a charge of 10 cents per \$100 valuation on all property in the City.

Previous to this year, the City paid for fire protection for all buildings in St. Matthews. But the firemen sent separate bills to business firms, apartment dwellers and home renters for their furnishings and equipment.

Councilman E. R. Grinstead said this method has been unsatisfactory to the Fire Department, the City, and the people paying the extra bill.

He said the Fire Department and the City have been contracting for protection on a temporary basis for two years. The present arrangement is expected to be permanent.

ground conduits. One will run under the sidewalk on the north side of Shelbyville Road from Chenoweth to St. Matthews Avenue. The other will run along the east side of Breckinridge Lane from Shelbyville Road to the easement south of Winchester.

Mr. Jones, of 3903 Olympic, has been serving as informal legal advisor for the City of Druid Hills. He is also chairman of the Brownshoro Road-U. S. 42 Protective League.

A spokesman for the Fire Department said the volunteers have been "going along" with the City because of its past difficulty in collecting taxes, due to adverse ruling by the courts.

But with taxes coming in steadily, both the City and the Fire Department felt the City could bear the full weight of complete fire protection for St. Matthews.

Mayor Noland announced attorney J. W. Jones would act as special counsel for St. Matthews.

City attorney Maxwell Brown went to jail this week to serve a year-and-a-day sentence for Federal income tax evasion.

Mayor Noland said Mr. Jones was not City attorney, but had been helping the City in legal matters for the past year and a half, working with Mr. Brown. The Mayor did not say what the Council planned to do about filling the job of City attorney.

The Council heard a report from the Board of Public Works about street lights. A letter from the Louisville Gas and Electric Company was read, stating that mercury vapor lights, controlled by the sun, could be installed at six points in St. Matthews for about \$1,446.55.

The lights would go at Willis Avenue and Breckinridge Lane, Willis and Meridian, Willis and Shelbyville Road, Westport Road at St. Matthews Avenue, Westport Road 500 feet west of St. Matthews Avenue, and Westport at Chenoweth Lane.

The Council instructed Chet Scheibel, member of the Board of Public Works, to bring to the next meeting an estimate of operating costs, and an exact figure as to costs of installing the six lights.

The Council granted the Southern Bell Telephone Company permission to install two under-

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Captain V. A. Beam of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department reported that there were 109 fires reported to the department in 1955, plus five false alarms. The 1954 figures were 84 calls, plus nine false alarms.

The Voice Of St. Matthews: January 31, 1957,

Walser Building Nears Completion

Builder John Walser announced last week that tenants will begin to move into his new, modern building at Westport Road about February 1.

However, the building and landscaping won't be completely finished until about April 1, he said.

The two-story building, with about 16,000 square feet of floor space, plus the 180 by 200 foot lot, is valued at about \$250,000. Mr. Walser started construction after another building he owned on that site was destroyed by fire on January 1, 1956.

Mr. Walser said most of the space already has been rented out. Tweed and Tartan, a ladies' wear shop has rented the front on Westport Road, he said. All the rest is office space.

He said the upstairs already has been taken by the following: State Farm Mutual Insurance's adjusting office, Asphalt Institute of Kentucky, Tecon Engineers, the Kentucky District office of Pan Am, and realtor Harvey White.

He said the Federal Housing Administration wants to take the entire first floor and move its Louisville office there. The request to do so is now going through channels in Washington, he said, and "we should know about February 1."

The parking lot will be asphalt covered and will hold about 70 cars, he said.

The outside of the building is made of glass and porcelain panel., with aluminum windows frames and mullions. The outside colors are a pinkish orange and a colonial blue.

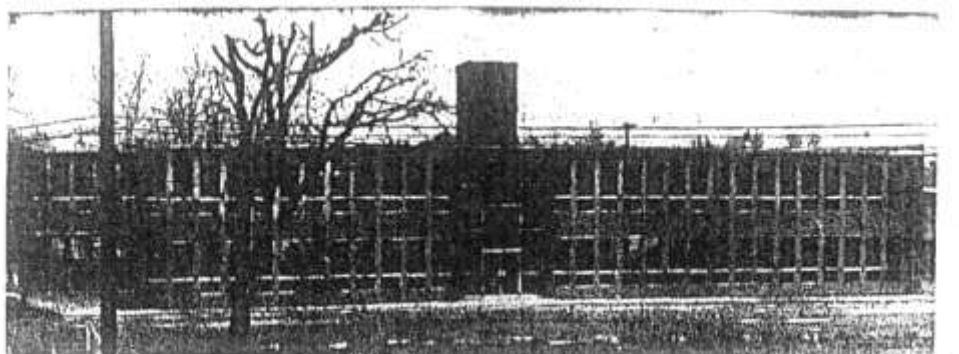
Mr. Walser, an architectural engineer, designed and built the building himself.

Most of the east and west walls are made of a special glass, designed to keep down the heat from the rays of the sun, he said. "It's like the green glass used for that purpose in cars."

The building has "zoned" air-conditioning. This system throws the bulk of its coolness to the east side of the building in the morning and to the west in the afternoon, it follows the sun, he said.

Mr. Walser said his building firm won't have an office in the building. For a while, he will stay in a storage building in the rear, and then find suitable quarters elsewhere.

He explained he needed storage space for his building equipment.



The New Walser Building

—photo by Charles Stone

Replacement building that burned the first day of the year.

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February 8, 1956, Bastian & Blessing, Int. photos of fountain at Taylor Drug store Shelbyville Road Plaza. U of L Digital Collection, Royal Photo Company Collection.



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February 6, 1956, Letter:

Jan. 1956

174.50
112.57
98.00
173.28
154.50
130.00
100.00
50.25
127.50

1673.75

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION



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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
February 6 1956

Chief John H. Monohan;

Herewith is a summary of Deposits for January 1956, as compared with January 1955;

Deposited January 1955	\$5,169.73
Deposited January 1956	1,673.73
Decrease from 1955	\$1,495.98

This of course is due to the fact that in January 1955 we collected from all the incorporate Area's, whereas the contracts we sent out in December 1955 for 1956, and most of them paid in December, a total of \$2,629.16 and this added to what we have deposited would make the difference, or as a comparison, had those cities paid in January 1956 as they have previously done, the total would have been; \$4,302.91

However St Matthews has not paid for this year, nor have we received our quarterly check from Jefferson County.

Yours very truly

J.A. Beam

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 Thursday evening, February 9, 1956, and was called to order by President Monohan.

Directors present:

Mr. J. P. Terry	Mr. John H. Monohan, Jr.
Mr. George E. Miller	Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. Joseph Zehnder	Mr. Louis Schweitzer

The minutes of the last meeting, January 12, 1956, were read by President Monohan and, on a motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, they were accepted as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that Melch Zehnder and Capt. Beam be advanced \$300.00 to make the trip to the Memphis Instructors Conference.

President Monohan was instructed to get a price on finishing the inside of the firehouse and report it next week for approval.

A contract was made with Woodside Park for fire protection for a period of two years at \$418.00 per year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Kamer and seconded by Mr. Terry.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller

February 9, 1956,
Board meeting:

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February 16, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Some Smoke But No Flame

Where there is smoke, there is not necessarily fire. Our St. Matthews Fire Department found this out Monday morning at 12:30 a.m. when they received a call from 310 Lotus Avenue. A defective regulator caused an oil furnace to function incorrectly and the house was filled with smoke. There was no flame, however, and no damage, save smarted eyes.

This was the only "hot" news reported by the Volunteers this past week.

February 21 – 24, 1956: Mel Zehnder and Captain Beam went to Memphis conference.

February 23, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

St. M. Firemen At Conference In Memphis

Capt. V. A. Beam and Lt. Melchior Zehnder of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department left Monday evening for Memphis for the four-day annual Fire Department Instructors' Conference.

About 2,000 firemen from throughout the United States and from foreign countries are attending. The Conference opened Tuesday morning and runs through tomorrow afternoon. The two St. Matthews men will return Saturday.

Chief John Monohan and his son, Jack, will hold down the St. Matthews fire office while Capt. Beam is away.

At the conference, 44 phases of fire fighting, prevention and training will be discussed.

Capt. Beam is a paid employee of the Department. Lt. Zehnder is a volunteer. His regular job is with Zehnder's Dairies in St. Matthews. The Fire Department will pay the expenses of the trip, and Lt. Zehnder's father, Joe, who helped organize the Department years ago, said he would pay his son's regular salary while he was away as a contribution to the fire-fighting program in St. Matthews.

March 1, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

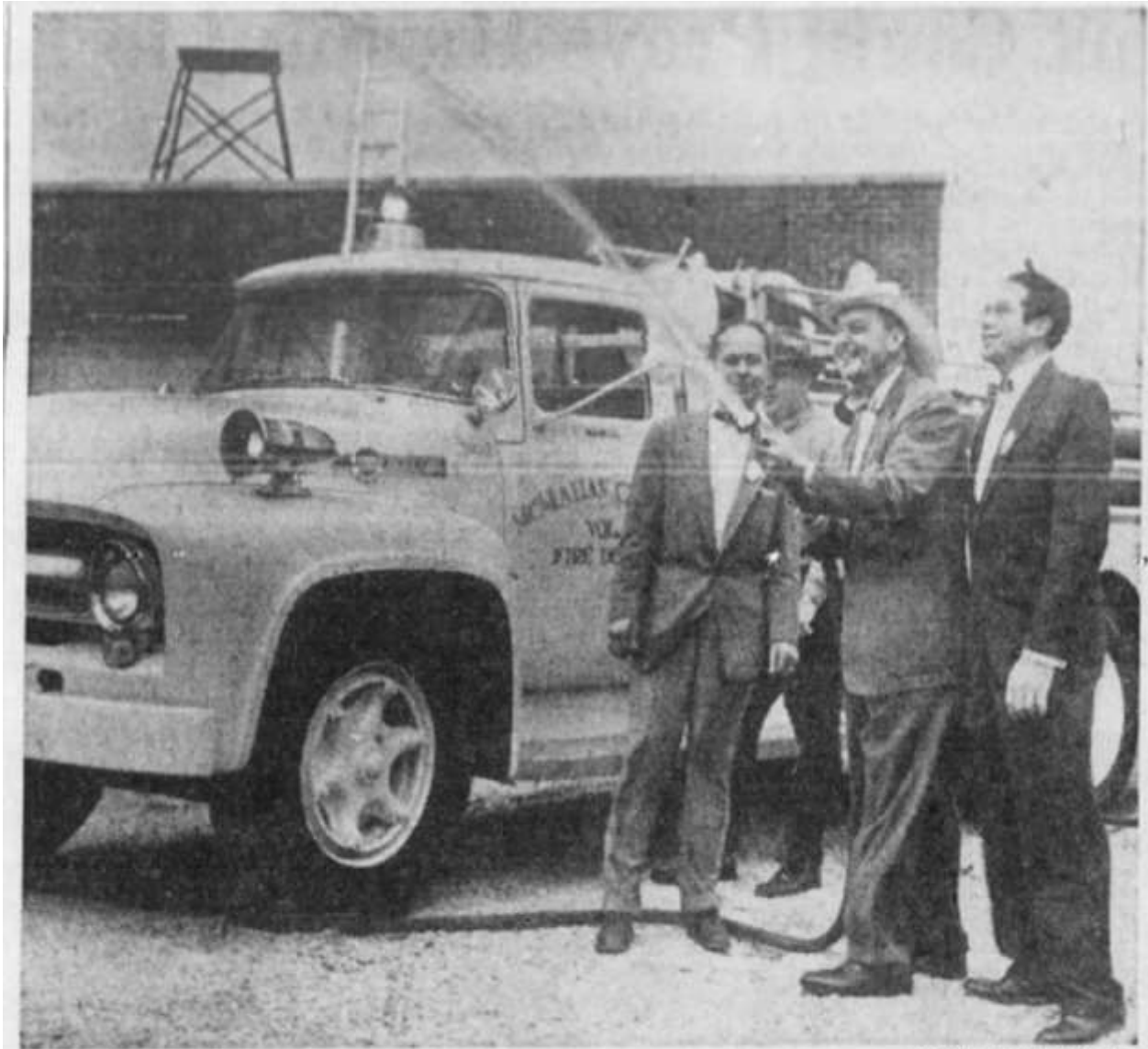
Fire Dept. Snuffs Small Brush Fire

The St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Department answered a call last Sunday evening at 6:38 p.m. and snuffed out a "brush fire" on the Dr. Haidball Estate at 4160 Westport Road.

The cause of the fire was not determined.

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March 4, 1956, The Courier-Journal



Courier-Journal Photo.

HONORARY FIRE CHIEF, County Judge B. C. Van Arsdale, squirts a salute to the new **McMahan** Center **Volunteer** Fire Department, dedicated yesterday. Looking on are Thomas M. Wilder, left, department president, and Chief John Westerman. The department, on Huntsinger Lane off Taylorsville Road, will serve the nearby communities of St. Regis Park, Lincolnshire, Cambridge Village, and Houston Acres.

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March 4, 1956, Bid:

Mar 4, 1956

Painting Estimate,
St Matthews Fire House
St Matthews Ave

Fix cracks, caulk and apply
one (1) coat Thruoseal to all outside
concrete blocks.

Apply two (2) coats Porters Suede
paint to all unpainted blocks
and ceiling inside house, and one (1)
coat Porters Suede to rooms that
are now painted

Apply two coats of Porters outside
paint to all wood inside and outside
building.

\$607.00

H. T. Hardy
TW-3-5974

Please acknowledge

March 5, 1956, Letter

Feb 1956

THEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCI.



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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
March 5 1956

M. Monahan;

Herewith is a summary of our
for February, as compared with February 1955;

Deposited February 1955	\$3,048.27
Deposited February 1956	2,536.86
Deposits under 1955	<u>\$ 511.41</u>

Deposited for first two months 1955.	\$6,218.00
Deposited for first two months 1956	4,210.61
Deposits under 1955	<u>\$2,007.39</u>

We have added over 100 New Subscribers in past 4 months, and
more to come, if response is made to Letters and Statements
sent out recently.

Yours very truly
Capt W. A. Beane

1956

March 8, 1956, Board Meeting:

Minutes of St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, March 8, 1956, at 7:30 p. m. in the Fire House on St. Matthews Ave.

The following Board members were present - John Monohan, Louis Schweitzer, Joe Zehnder, Fred Boss, Marty Kamer and W. Leland Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by John Monohan and corrected to clarify charge of \$418.00 for the first year on contract with Wood Side Subdivision - the second year as per contract. Louis Schweitzer moved that minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion duly seconded and passed.

Mr. Monohan gave a report on Capt. Beam's and Mr. Zehnder's trip to Memphis meeting for Firemen's Instruction Conference.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Painter E. T. Hardy's bid for \$607.00, as per contract, to paint the fire house was read. Louis Schweitzer moved that this bid be accepted, duly seconded by Joe Zehnder. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Joe Zehnder -seconded by Fred Boss that Marty Kamer be made Assistant to Assistant Fire Chief R. C. Herdt. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Leland Wilson, Secy Pro Tem

1956

March 9, 1956, Notice:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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MARTY KAMER

P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
March 9 1956

TO ALL FIREMEN:

EFFECTIVE AS OF NOW, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN REGULAR SESSION MARCH 8 1956 APPOINTED CAPTAIN MARTY KAMER TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT-CHIEF OF THE ST MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALL MEMBERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY AS OF THIS DATE.

March 10, 1956, Letter:

By order of Chief John M. Monohan Jr.

3/9/56

March 10 1956

Mr A. Clemens, Eng
Kentucky Inspection Bureau
Louisville 2 Ky,

Dear Mr Clemens;

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association does hereby agree to extend the boundaries of its Fire Protection area to include Comanche Village, Jefferson County Ky.

Comanche Village is located on the eastwardly side of Blankenbaker Lane, and within the three (3) mile distance as measured from the Fire Station.

One Standard Fire Hydrant is located on the Northwardly side of Pawnee Trail within 750 feet of the farthest point in the Area.

A Map of Comanche Village was delivered to your Office Thursday March 8 1956.

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn, Inc.

By _____

1956

March 13, 1956, Letter:

March 13 1956

Mr Henry T. Hardy
3712 Grandview Ave
Louisville 7 Ky

Dear Henry;

Confirming our phone conversation, the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Inc. has accepted your bid to Paint the Fire Station outlined in your letter dated March 4th 1956 for the sum of \$607.00.

You will proceed with the painting at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn, Inc.

John M. Monohan, Chief

by _____

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU

KENTUCKY INSPECTION BUREAU

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

G. H. PARKER, MANAGER.

March 15, 1956

Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr., President
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Monohan:

ST. MATTHEWS, KENTUCKY
EXTENSION OF FIRE
PROTECTION AREA

We have for acknowledgment your letter with reference to the extension of the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area to include the Comanche Village subdivision.

Our Bulletin regarding the fire insurance rates will be published within the next two or three days.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,
we are

Yours very truly,

G. H. Parker
MANAGER

Dictated by Mr. Clemens:mts

March 15, 1956, Letter

1956

March 22, 1956: *The Voice Of St. Matthews*: Martin Kamer Named Assistant Fire Chief. The Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department appointed Martin A. Kamer, 20 year veteran of the department, assistant fire chief.

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As assistant fire chief, Kamer will be Chief John Monohan's right hand man in complete operations at the fire station and at the scene of fires. Upon his appointment, Mr. Kamer praised the work of his predecessor and said he would do his best to do the very best of his ability to relieve some of the pressures on the Chief in protecting the lives and property of the community.

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1956

March 27, 1956, *The Courier-Journal*:

Boy and Motorcyclist Badly Hurt In Accidents

An 8-year-old baseball player and a motorcyclist were injured seriously in traffic accidents yesterday.

The boy, Edward Leachman, 3312 Linwood Road, was taken to Children's Hospital with a broken left leg, fractured ribs, and possible internal injuries.

He ran into the path of an automobile while playing baseball in the 3400 block Cane Run Road at 6:15 p.m. The driver of the car, James Quiggins, 19, of 2203 Woodland, was not held.

Motorcyclist Charged

William L. Southard, 21, of 1909 Bank, suffered a broken neck and face cuts when he lost control of his motorcycle and it crashed into a support wire on a utility pole at 21st and Dumesnil at 4:25 p.m.

Patrolman Ernest Claxon said

Southard's motorcycle, east-bound on Dumesnil, skidded about 80 feet as he turned north onto 21st. Claxon gave him a citation for reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Southard was admitted to General Hospital.

In another accident, Roy B. Hays, 16, of 2907 Dundee Road, received face cuts when his east-bound auto struck a tree on Hycliffe at Breckinridge Lane at 4:55 p.m. and caught fire.

Traffic on Breckinridge Lane was blocked for about 15 minutes while the **St. Matthews Fire** Department put out the fire.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 31 MAY 1956
A. M. 4:05 P. M.
Location Westport Road at
Owner Brimwood Subdivision
Signed _____
Occupant _____
Signed _____
Building or Property Residence
Cause #3
Special Notes Called by
Lyndon Fire Dept
Officer in Charge W. W. W. W.

March 31, 1956, STMFD Fire Report

Fireman Sees Red Over Brush Fire

The face of Captain V. H. Beam, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, was the color of his fire truck last week. He wasn't embarrassed, but was righteously indignant.

The indignation was brought on by another "brush fire" and a malicious false alarm answered last week.

The brush fire at 217 Sherrin occurred Friday at 2:05 p.m. and was caused by the wind scattering burning rubbish. The burning rubbish was unsupervised. The false alarm was on Churchill Road.

"We've had several brush fires the past few weeks," the captain said, "and most of them could be avoided. I strongly urge the residents to keep a close eye on the trash they burn, especially during these windy months. This fire almost endangered a couple of garages on Brown Lane."

Fire Chief Urges Clean-Up For Safety, Health

Rubbish, litter and tall grass create conditions unsafe for children, Fire Chief John M. Monohan reminded local residents today as he announced the beginning of Clean-Up Week in the St. Matthews area.

Chief Monohan expressed particular concern over vacant lots overgrown with grass and weeds and, in many instances, used as unauthorized dumping grounds.

"Places like that are apt to attract youngsters," he pointed out. "Most children like to explore, and to poke around piles of old lumber or boxes or cans. But playing there can be dangerous. Tall grass is a fire hazard. So is rubbish — and it may also breed disease germs."

However, he added, a thorough clean-up could transform these danger spots into play areas and get the children off the streets. He expressed the hope that owners of such property would take steps to tidy it up during Clean-Up Week.

Chief Monohan concluded his reminder with a few other basic rules for children's safety, recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters:

1. Put matches where small children cannot reach them.
2. Keep children away from outdoor fires unless there is an adult present. Keep a sturdy fire screen in place whenever there is an open fire in your home.
3. Satisfy children's curiosity about fire by letting them help with carefully supervised jobs—blowing out matches, or helping to light a fire. But teach them the meaning of the word "hot," and show them that fire is nothing to play with.
4. Never leave little children at home alone!

1956

April 7, 1956: Fire at 109 Oxford Place. Firefighters Henry McCoy, J. P. Kaster, Bailey Ross, J. B. Kaster at basement window. Basement Fire.



april 7-56- 109 Oxford Pl. 11:40 am

ROLL CALL

1. William T. Poonen

2. Pete Blackwell

3. Fred Bringer

4. James J. Brontzel

5. Robert Brontzel

6. John Carr

7. Paul L. Dawson

8. Henry L. Engel

9. Walter Fletcher Jr.

10. Eugene E. Lane

11. Edward C. Foley

12. Patrick J. Wrisen

13. Albert R. Heberlein

14. George C. Heberlein

15. T. Richard Herdt

16. R.C. Herdt

17. Marty Kauer

18. John V. Kaster

19. R.E. Kaster

20. Joseph L. Kempf

21. Ralph E. Kempf

22. Henry L. McCoy

23. Allan McNally Jr.

24. William E. Medina

25. Valles Meyer

26. Henry A. Monahan

27. Jack M. Monahan

28. John M. Monahan Jr.

29. Philip Ray Rasch

30. Hardy Robertson

31. Bailey Ross

32. Martin Saff

33. James E. Sauer

34. Paul E. Sauer

35. Mill L. Schneider Jr.

36. Richard R. Schalte

37. Billy Smith Jr.

38. Dan Sullivan

39. J.P. Terry

40. Kint Talley

41. Robert F. Turner

42. James A. Weisler

43. Richard M. Woodley Jr.

44. Walter Wernert

45. George Westwood

46. Wm. L. Wrisen

47. Heinrich R. Zehnder

48. V.A. Zehnder

49. Gene Zehnder

FIRE VOLUNTEERS EYE RADIO HOOKUP

By DAVID W. HACKER

Louisville Times Staff Writer

A \$30,000, shortwave radio network linking the 21 volunteer fire departments "blanket" Jefferson County outside of Louisville in the not-too-distant future.

Dan Boone, County fire co-ordinator, said today "We hope to have all the equipment installed by July."

St. Matthews, Buechel, Black Mud and Camp Taylor departments now have radio equipment operating. Middletown, Okolona, Dixie Suburban, Lake Dreamland and Pleasure Ridge No. 1 and No. 2 have equipment either partially installed or ordered.

The others are expected to order equipment in the next few months. They are Harrods Creek, Worthington, South Oldham (Crestwood), Lyndon, Eastwood, McMahan Center, Jeffersonsonton, Fern Creek, Highview, Fairdale and South Dixie.

Frequencies Differ

St. Matthews and Buechel are now operating on different radio frequencies. The others will be on a third frequently until all 21 departments are radio equipped. After that, Boone said he hoped all the departments would join together on a single frequency.

Here is the plan as outlined by Boone:

Each department will have its own transmitting station. The fire trucks and chiefs' cars will be equipped with sending and receiving radios.

But the real core of the system will be small, portable receiving radios.

These compact units—costing \$40 to \$150 each, depending on the type, will be assigned to each volunteer. They can operate on batteries or can be plugged into a home wall socket or the cigarette lighter of a car.

How Receivers Operate

The receivers will operate only when a fire call is sent over the air.

Each department will have its own alarm that can be controlled by the station. Thus volunteers of one department will hear only their department's alarm. However, if Department A has a fire

and needs help it can send an alarm for volunteers of Department B by punching a button on the transmitting set to include Department B's alarm.

Boone listed these advantages to the system:

1—Quicker response to a fire. With only a siren and telephones now used to notify volunteers of a fire, minutes often elapse before a fireman finds out there is a fire.

2—Eliminate the need for a fireman to go to the firehouse to find out where the fire is. The siren now tells him only that there is a fire.

3—Keep knowledge of a fire largely within the fire department. Curiosity seekers often clog roads looking for a fire now after a siren sounds.

4—Enable a department to get help from other departments quicker. Non-radio equipped departments now have to rely largely on telephones in the event aid is needed.

To help pay for the equipment—estimated to range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 exclusive of the monitoring receivers—Fiscal Court has agreed to put up matching funds of up to \$500 for each department, Boone said.

First Plan Fell Through

The original plan to finance the radio equipment as a Civil Defense communications project through Federal matching funds fell through, Boone said, because such funds would be available only if:

1—The entire network cost over \$60,000.

2—Title to the equipment would remain with some Federal, state or County agency.

"The departments didn't want to give title to someone else," Boone said.

On Saturday at 11:40 a.m., they answered a call at 109 Oxford Place, where a fire in the basement of the residence had broken out. The fire was caused by clothes hanging too close to the furnace. The residents of the home were away at the time.

There was not much damage, since the boys did a good job in confining the fire to the seat of its origin.

April 11, 1956, *The Courier-Journal*:

Boone Foresees End Of County's Fire Sirens

If Daniel B. Boone has his way, the moaning sirens atop Jefferson County's volunteer fire departments will be a thing of the past by the end of the summer.

In their place, Boone said yesterday, he foresees a highly efficient, county-wide radio network—and volunteer firemen toting portable radio receivers everywhere they go.

The plan of Boone, co-ordinator of the county's volunteer fire departments, is viewed with something less than enthusiasm by some volunteer fire fighters.

'Quite A Long Way Off'

"In my opinion, that's quite a long way off," said John Monohan, chief of **St. Matthews** volunteers.

Monohan said he understands the price of a county-wide radio setup would be prohibitive—\$80,000 at "rock bottom," he said he was told.

But Boone said the whole plan can be put into effect for about \$32,000—without raising the present \$5-a-month fee the volunteer departments charge each homeowner for fire protection.

Sees Central Transmitter

Boone envisions an \$8,000 central transmitter—perhaps on Holsclaw Hill, in southern Jefferson County—that would send alarms and instructions to fire fighters throughout the county.

Each fireman's portable receiver could be plugged into any

electrical outlet—the cigarette-lighter hole on a car's dashboard, for example.

The firemen would take their receivers with them everywhere—even to work, if their employers permitted.

Trip to Firehouse Avoided

Each fire department would have two-way radios in its firehouses and on its trucks, Boone said.

When a siren sounds now, the volunteers have to go to the firehouse to find out where the fire is, Boone said. Individual receivers would eliminate the need for this.

Boone said four departments—St. Matthews, Buechel, Black Mud, and Camp Taylor—now have two-way radios between fire trucks and firehouses.

Cites Fiscal Court Offer

He said Fiscal Court has voted to grant up to \$500—on a matching-fund basis—to each county volunteer department for radio equipment.

The individual departments would put up the rest of the money, Boone said.

Ted Travelstead, president of Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., the volunteers' association, said his group discussed the county-wide plan but found "we just weren't getting anywhere."

He said the firemen feel they need more information about the plan.



Courier-Journal Photo

BLACK MUD VOLUNTEER Fire Chief Frank Harden puts out a call on his radio transmitter. This radio equipment could become part of a county-wide radio network for volunteer fire departments, co-ordinator Daniel B. Boone believes. System would cost estimated \$32,000.

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April 12, 1956, Board meeting & Resolution:

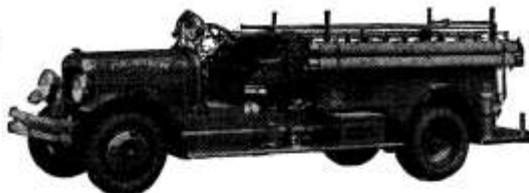
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P. O. Box 115

St. Matthews, Ky.

Meeting of The St. Matthews Vol. Fire Dept. held Thursday April 12 1956 /

Meeting called to order by President Mr. Monchan who read the minutes of the last meeting held March 8 1956.

Motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Boss that they be approved as Read

Directors present

Geo E Miller	J s Zehnder
Fred Boss	Marty Kmer
W. L. Wilson	John Monchan

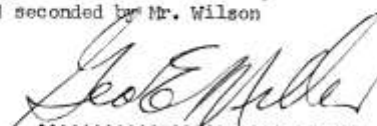
It was decided that we would wait until the next meeting to decide on a replacement on the board of Directors for Mr. Schweitzer

Resolutions were drawn up and signed by officers and directors expressing sympathy to the family and citizens of Stt. Matthews in the great loss of Mr. Schweitzer. Copy attached and a part of these minutes. Copies of this resolution were sent to the family and also to the press.

Mr. Monchan was instructed to get more information on the units of radio to go in the fireman homes and report back at next meeting.

Their being no further business

Motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wilson that we adjourned


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Geo. E Miller Secy.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

Where as, this Association, and the Citizens of the St Matthews community has lost a devoted member dedicated to the Safety and Welfare of all people within the confines of the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Department,

Be it Resolved, That we express herein our sincere sympathy to the Family, and the Citizens of St Matthews in this great loss; and be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the local Press, and a copy be spread on the records of the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

Signed Board of Directors.

_____	President
_____	VICE-PRESIDENT
_____	TREASURER

_____	SECRETARY.



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

Mr. Schweitzer is survived by his wife, Dora Peyeler Schweitzer, four brothers, Cornelius, Frank, John, and James Butler Schweitzer, and two sisters, Miss Stella Schweitzer and Mrs. Alvin Nuss. Funeral services are today at 8:45 a.m. at Batterman's and 9:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church. Burial will be at Cave Hill Cemetery.

Firemen Fight 3 Fires, One In Methodist Church

There was a potential fire in the basement of the St. Matthews Methodist Church last Sunday during the 11 a.m. service, but the congregation was not disturbed by it. Possibly, they were not aware of it, since the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department used good judgement in keeping it quiet.

Sirens from the fire truck

were silenced and the organ music in the church played on uninterrupted. The firemen moved in silently and quickly and located the "fire," a smoking sump pump that had become overheated. There was no damage, excepting to the pump itself.

The volunteer firemen also were kept busy with two other fires last week.

On Saturday at 11:40 a.m., they answered a call at 109 Oxford Place, where a fire in the basement of the residence had broken out. The fire was caused by clothes hanging too close to the furnace. The residents of the home were away at the time.

There was not much damage, since the boys did a good job in confining the fire to the seat of its origin.

At 4:35 p.m. on Monday, they put out a fire in the equipment locker for Southern Bell located on Breckinridge Lane. The firemen who covered the fire thought it was caused by a burning cigarette dropped into the locker, which contains many inflammable materials.

KEENELAND IS OPEN!

RACING

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- Vodka
- Champagne
- Scotch
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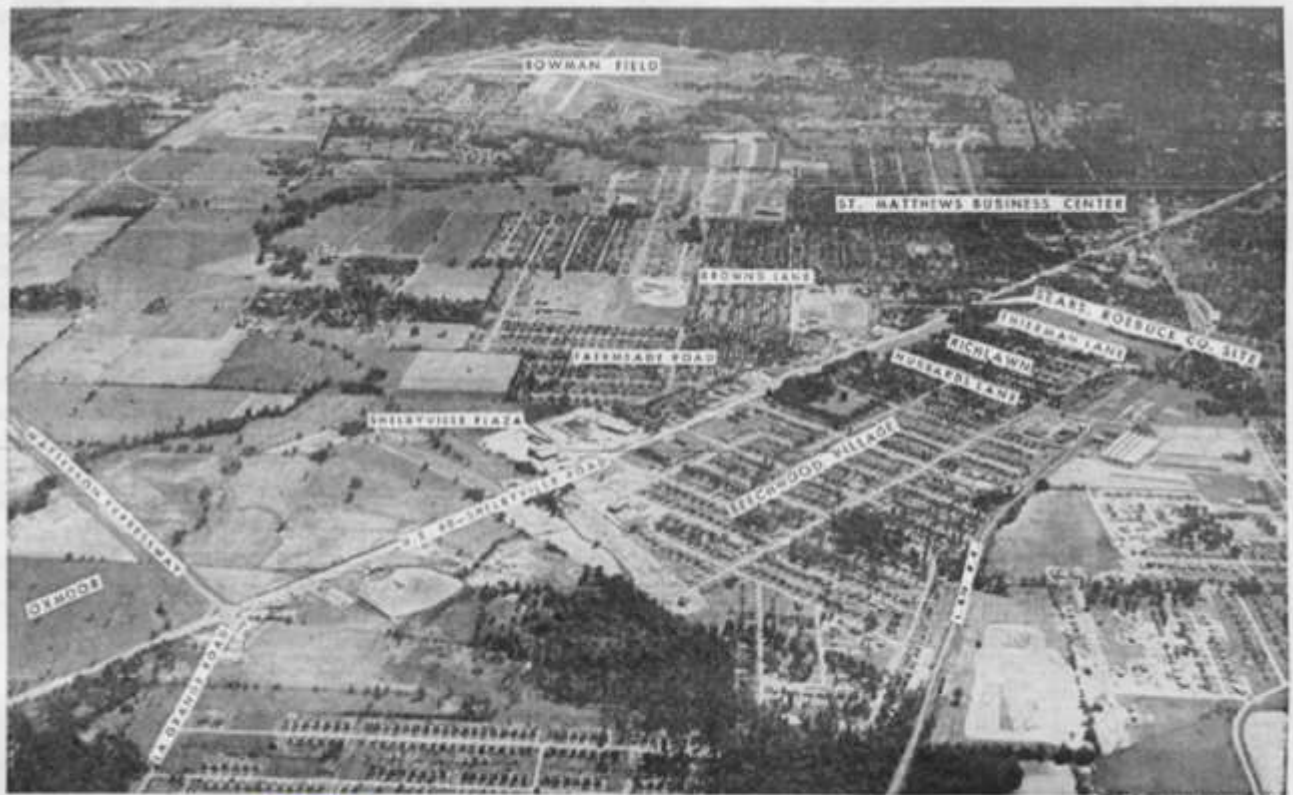
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137 Breckinridge Lane TW. 6-1426
SCORER FROM ST. M. POST OFFICE

1956

April 15, 1956, The Courier-Journal



Land along Shelbyville Road between **St. Matthews** and Waterson Expressway is either "gone commercial" or is likely to be zoned for commerce as the result of a Court of Appeals decision. This strip has been the scene of repeated zoning controversies, the latest one involving the Sears, Roebuck & Company proposed store site at Thurman Lane.

'Strip Zoning' O.K. May Mean Shelbyville Road 'Windfalls'

April 19, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

St. Matthews Personalities

Puckett's Station Plans Grand Opening This Week

Carl Puckett's Shell Service Station, 4516 Shelbyville Road, will have its formal grand opening today through Saturday.

The public may register free for the following prizes: two Goodyear tires, a set of seat covers, and a steam iron. A set of drinking glasses will be given to gasoline customers. Top value stamps will be distributed.

Anyone registering within the three days will get coupons entitling them to a free quart of oil when they're ready for an oil

change, and similar advantages on a car wash, or on a new set of plugs.

Manager of the station is Carl Puckett, 32, of 101 Marshall Drive in Beechwood Village. A native of Elizabethtown, Mr. Puckett attended Glendale Elementary and High Schools.

He is a Navy veteran, having served three years during the Second World War. He was on a battleship in the South Pacific for 2½ years. The battleship was the Tennessee, the flag ship of the Seventh Fleet.

He was in the battle of the Leyte Gulf, and in the attacks on Okinawa, Iwo Jima, the Gilbert Islands and Guam. He attained the rank of second class petty officer in ship's service.

He has been in the service station business six years, and this is the fourth one he's owned. It opened for business March 6.

Mr. Puckett is married to the former Martha Glyan of Glendale, Ky. They have two children, Bonnie Sue, 12, a seventh-grader at Waggener Junior High, and Carl, Jr., "Butch," 7, a Stivers second-grader.

Mr. Puckett is a member of the St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. and the Beechwood Baptist Church.



CARL PUCKETT

LAST CALL

RICHMAN'S

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RICHMAN'S SHELBYVILLE PLAZA AND LOUISVILLE STORES

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MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE SPORT SHIRTS	regularly \$1.99	1.99
MEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT POPLIN JACKETS	regularly \$2.99	2.99
MEN'S NYLON STRETCH & ARGYLE HOSE	regularly 49c	49c
MEN'S KNIT SPORT "T" SHIRTS	regularly 79c	79c
MEN'S FINE COTTON PAJAMAS	regularly 1.99	1.99
MEN'S GABARDINE & FLANNEL SLACKS	regularly 8.89	8.89
BOYS' FINE ALL WOOL SPORT COATS	regularly 12.99	12.99
BOYS' 100% WOOL FLANNEL SLACKS	regularly 5.99	5.99
BOYS' SHORT SLEEVE SPORT SHIRTS	regularly 1.39	1.39
BOYS' RAYON & ACETATE SLACKS	regularly 3.59	3.59
BOYS' COTTON CHINO SLACKS	regularly 2.39	2.39
MEN'S BIG HE-MAN HANDKERCHIEFS	7 for 1.00	

RICHMAN BROTHERS

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OPEN MON. THROUGH SAT. 10 AM TO 6 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM

May 3, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

May 1, 1956, *The Courier-Journal*

Quiet Affair

ST. MATTHEWS—Sh-h-h! Never has a fire been fought as quietly as was the blaze in the basement of the St. Matthews Methodist Church while the congregation continued to worship upstairs.

Somebody phoned the firemen, telling them the basement was full of smoke, but asking them not to disturb the worshippers unless it was necessary. The firemen arrived, never once sounding their siren, tiptoed in and put out a blaze in the sump pump, according to *The Voice of St. Matthews*.

Then they single-filed out, while upstairs the organ played on. Didn't even shout, "Holy smoke!"

Firemen Express Sympathy To Louis Schweitzer Family

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May 3, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Sanders Cleaners Opens New \$50,000 Addition

The new \$50,000 addition to Sanders Cleaners, 129 St. Matthews Avenue, was completed this week and is now in full operation, Al J. Sanders, one of the owners, announced.

The new building is a completely air-conditioned service plant for clothes ready to take out, with electronic conveyor racks, the first used in the South, according to Mr. Sanders. It is connected with the old building by fireproof doors. Drive-in facilities have also been added, along with equipment worth \$10,000.

Construction on the new building began around last Christmas when expanded business called for a bigger plant. The new building is 47 feet long and 47 feet wide. The older building, which is 50 by 120 feet, will be used solely for production.

Mr. Sanders noted that the property on which the old building is located cost only \$9,500 when purchased more than three years ago. Cost of the new property, somewhat smaller in size, was \$17,000 when it was bought 1½ years ago.

The old building cost \$75,000 to build, he said. The firm has been located there three years. Before that, it was at 3937 Frankfort for seven years.

The business is owned and operated by Mr. Sanders, his brother, Carroll M. Sanders, and their father, J. J. Sanders. Thirty-five employees work at the plant.

Fast Track Slow-Firemen Do Well

"Big Red" got a workout on a fast track and a slow track last week.

It took "Big Red" — the fire engine belonging to our St. Matthews Volunteers — just five minutes to get out of the starting gate at the station on Wednesday, April 25, in answering a call from 4029 St. Germaine Court.

Captain V. A. Beam, the timer, took the call at 4:03 a.m. and by 4:08 a.m. the engine was manned and on its way to put out the "fire", which was an overheated motor on a furnace blower.

"I think this is pretty quick action," Captain Beam said, "considering a lot of our volunteers have a good distance to come from their jobs."

The firemen got away fast again on Monday, April 30, but were held up for three or four minutes at the railroad crossing at Chenoweth Lane in a traffic snarl caused by repair work being done there.

However, they managed to arrive at the scene of the fire, Woolworth's Department Store, Shelbyville Plaza, before any serious damage was done. The fire was in the stock room where an accumulation of rubbish had accidentally been ignited.

Pendergrass Takes Over Caudill Chevrolet Co.

The Caudill Chevrolet Company Tuesday became the Pendergrass Chevrolet Company.

J. L. Pendergrass, vice president and general manager, announced yesterday he had bought the stock of president Arthur Caudill for an undisclosed price.

Mr. Pendergrass is now president. He said the firm was now Pendergrass Chevrolet, Co., Inc. Other new officers have not been picked yet, he said.

Mr. Caudill said he was not ready to announce future business plans at this time. "I'm getting my fish hooks ready," he said.

In August, 1954, Mr. Caudill bought out the Elmer Chevrolet Co. and moved it from the heart of St. Matthews to the present location, 4156 Shelbyville Road.

It became the Caudill Chevrolet Co. and Mr. Caudill was president and general manager.

Mr. Caudill operated a Chevrolet Agency at London, Ky. for eight years before coming here. A native of Morehead, he now lives at 103 Tristan Road.

Mr. Pendergrass, a St. Matthews resident for the past 10 years, lives at 309 Monahan Drive. He had been associated with the Louisville branch of the Chevrolet Motor Division for 25 years before going to work for the Caudill Co. For Chevrolet, he was district manager travelling Eastern Kentucky, and was City manager for the Chevrolet dealership in the metropolitan Louisville area.

He and Mrs. Pendergrass have

two sons and a married daughter, Mrs. R. A. Ferguson of Columbia, S. C.

His son, Earl, has been working with his father at the Caudill Co. and will continue to work for him in the new set-up. The other son, Harold, is with the Chevrolet Motor Division at Jacksonville, Fla.

The agency's 18,000 square feet of space on Shelbyville Road makes it one of the largest display, sales and service headquarters in the Falls Cities. It has a frontage of 331 feet with space at the side and rear of the building for a used car lot and customer parking.

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May 10, 1956, Board meeting:

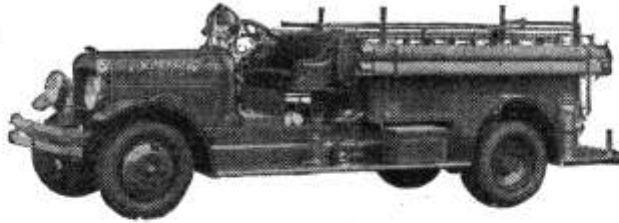
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

Minutes Of the Monthly Meeting of The St. Mathews Vol Fire Dept.
held Thursday May 10th 1956.

Directors Present.

W. Leland Wilson	Joe Zehnder
Marty Kemer	Geo E Miller
John Monahan	Fred Boss
J.P. Terry	

Minutes of the last meeting held April 12 1956 read by the
Pres. Mr. Monohan Motion made by Mr Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Boss that they
be accepted as read.

The unexpired term of Mr. Louis Schweitzer runs until June 1958
Motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Terry that we appoint
Mr. Henry Monohan as director to replace Louis Schweitzer for the unexpired
term.

Mr. Monohan and Mr. Kemer gave their report on the radio receivers for the
homes of firemen. It was moved by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kemer
that action be postponed on buying these units.

Motion was made by Mr. Boss seconded by Mr. Terry that Leland Wilson be
appointed to Replace Mr. Louis Schweitzer as a member of the association .

Motion by Mr. Terry seconded By Mr. Kemer that we buy 1000 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ " hose
also 500 feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose from the General Rubber Co.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

G. E. Miller

Secy

W. Leland Wilson Secy Pro Tem.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

May 17, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Monohan Named To Fire Board

Henry A. Monohan, of Browns Lane, on Thursday was elected to the board of directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Louis H. Schweitzer.

Mr. Monohan has been associated with the department since 1931 and was chief for a short time, resigning in 1941. Before that he was assistant chief.

Lt. Melchior Zehnder resigned from the department on May 10. He is moving to Evansville.

Fire Volunteers Get One Call

The St. Matthews Volunteers had a cool week until a hot water heater at 436 Country Lane blew up on Tuesday at 10:35 a.m.

They answered the call and put out the small fire that had broken out with a CO₂ bottle. The fire was caused by a leaky gas pipe. Except for the heater, no other property was damaged.

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Thanks again and I will always be a booster for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Yours very truly, L. C. Moore, 4108 Dellridge Drive, St. Matthews, Ky.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROGRAM
ROOM #12
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DANIEL B. MOORE
DIRECTOR

May 31 1956

Mr R.F. Wieseir
3640 Brownsboro Road
Louisville 7 Ky,

Mr. Scott W. Hamilton, Treasurer
Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Upper River Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Scotty:

The Kentucky Inspection Bureau is holding up publishing the new Eighth Class fire insurance rates because there is some dispute as to whose area Woodhill, Columbia Rd. and the houses on top of the hill West of Blankenbaker Lane are in. I have written the enclosed letter to the Bureau, after having discussed this with John Monohan.

According to your contract with the Fiscal Court, your boundary line is 500 feet West of Blankenbaker Lane until you get to the second curve at or near the North edge of Smithfield Subdivision. Now your Department began to collect on top of this hill is of no concern but the territory actually belongs, according to your contract, to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

If the suggested letter to the Bureau is not satisfactory I would appreciate having your suggestions. Please bear in mind the fact that considerable money in insurance premiums is being delayed because of this misunderstanding about the boundaries. I urge you to take immediate action to get this matter straightened up so that the Eighth Class rate can be published.

Very truly yours,

DBB
Daniel B. Moore

DBB:cc

cc: Chief John Monohan, St. Matthews
Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Sir,

On November 1, 1955 this Department mailed you Statement concerning Fire Protection dues for your property, and after 60 days we sent a reminder, to date we have had no response.

When you realize the fine work this department rendered at your fire, which was covered by your former subscription, and considering that the charge for Fire runs to non-subscribers of \$100.00 per hour for each Apparatus used at a fire, we cannot understand why you have not taken advantage of this low Fire Protection Fee.

Concerning the Fee, which is based at .1% of the Assessed valuation, as set by the County Assessors office, we consider this a very reasonable amount.

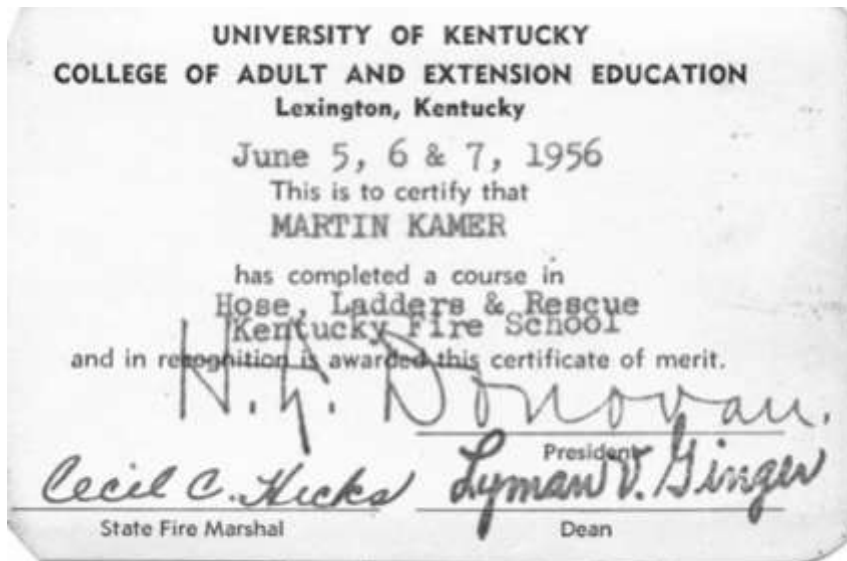
Awaiting your reaction.

Yours very truly

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

May 23 & 31, 1956, Letters:

Courtesy Marty Kamer, June 1956:



May 29, 1956, STMFD Fire Report

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June 8, 1956, The Courier-Journal

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date May 29 1956
A. M. _____ P. M. 5:25
Location 313 TYNE ROAD
Owner Dr Geo F Doyle
Signed X Man George F Doyle
Occupant Same
Signed _____
Building or Property Residence
Inad. Eng 1 Eng 5
Cause _____
Special Notes Fire in bed room
closet - front
Officer in Charge McDonough

June 7, 1956, STMFD Fire Report

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 6-7-56
A. M. _____ P. M. 7:20
Location Vogue Theatre
Owner W. W. Rosenthal
Signed Mr. G. B. Smith
Occupant G. B. Smith
Signed G. B. Smith
Building or Property Picture Theatre
2nd floor in gas
burned pop-corn
machine
Cause ←
Special Notes filled out by
W. W. Rosenthal
Officer in Charge McDonough

Popper Hot, 300 Pop Out Of Theater

Corn Machine Starts Small Fire at Vogue

Three hundred patrons who were watching "On The Threshold of Space" took a sudden trip yesterday.

Their trip was only across the threshold of the Vogue Theater, 3727 Lexington Road, at 7:20 p.m., when a popcorn machine overheated in a small room on the second floor.

Orien Smith, manager, announced the small fire from the stage. He said the audience filed out in a calm, orderly fashion. The **St. Matthews** Volunteer Fire Department sent four engines and the blaze was extinguished by chemicals in a few minutes.

Smith said the corn is popped in the machine and then sold in the lobby. The customers were back in their seats by 7:45 p.m., he reported.

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

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June 14, 1956: 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 Thursday evening, June 14, 1956, and was called to order by President Monohan.

Directors present:

Mr. John M. Monohan	Mr. Joseph Zehnder
Mr. Fred Boss	Mr. Henry Monohan
Mr. W. Leland Wilson	Mr. George E. Miller

Minutes of the last meeting, May 10, 1956, were read by President Monohan and, on a motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Boss, they were accepted as read.

The terms of two directors, Mr. J. P. Terry and Mr. Marty Kamer, will expire on the date of the next meeting, Wednesday, July 11. The new directors will be appointed for a term of four years, expiring in 1960.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson that we purchase one base station unit and fifteen receiver units to be installed in firemen's homes. The units are to be selected by Mr. Monohan and Mr. Kamer at an approximate cost of \$3,750.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Boss.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary

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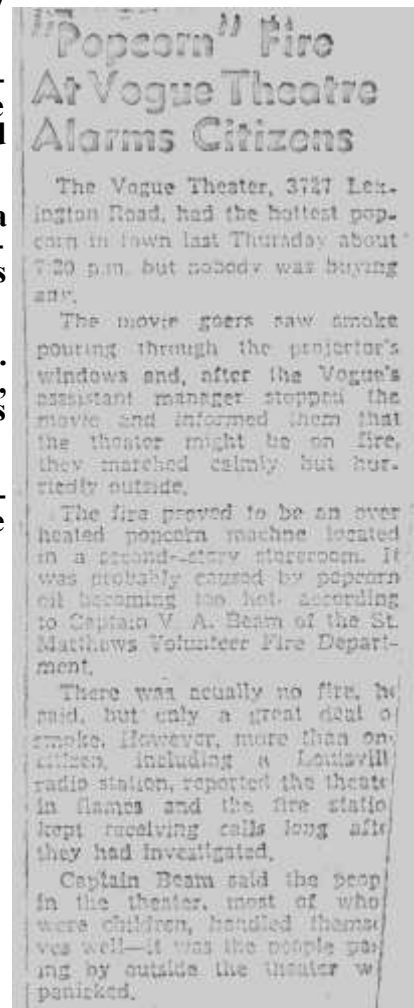
June 14, 1956: "Popcorn" Fire At Vogue Theatre Alarms Citizens. The Vogue Theater, 3727 Lexington Road, had the hottest popcorn in town last Thursday about 7:20 p.m. but nobody was buying any.

The movie goers saw smoke pouring through the projector's windows and, after the Vogue's assistant manager stopped the movie and informed them that the theater might be on fire, they marched calmly but hurriedly outside.

The fire proved to be an overheated popcorn machine located in a second-story storeroom. It was probably caused by popcorn oil becoming too hot, according to Captain V. A. Beam of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

There was actually no fire, he said, but only a great deal of smoke. However, more than one citizen, including a Louisville radio station, reported the theater in flames and the fire station kept receiving calls long after they had investigated.

Captain Beam said the people in the theater, most of who were children, handled themselves well—it was the people passing by outside the theater who panicked.



Coming from door:

Bill Micou, J. P. Terry, Chief Monohan.



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June 25, 1956: St. Matthews Firemen To Pay For Street Light: St. Matthews City Council last night accepted the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department's offer to pay for installation of a street light directly across from its firehouse at 117 St. Matthews Avenue. Cost of the mercury vapor light will be \$285. The Council agreed to pay maintenance costs, about \$5.00 per month.

June 28, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Escaped Gas Stirs Firemen

The St. Matthews Fire Department answered one call last when fumes from a gas stove filled the kitchen at 3911 Olympic Avenue.

Food cooking on the stove boiled over and put out the burners, causing gas to fill the room. The residents there were not in the kitchen at the time, but smelled the gas, and quickly called the fire department.

An explosion and fire was avoided as most of the gas escaped through an open window.

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July 5, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Dish Pan Burned At Cell's Foods

The St. Matthews Volunteer Firemen answered one call last week when a dish pan became overheated at Cell's Foods in Shelbyville Plaza on Sunday, July 1 at 8:40 a.m.

A gas heater was left burning under a pan containing dish water. It became overheated, filling the kitchen with smoke and burning the bottom of the pan. There was no other damage.

It was a case of "definite carelessness," according to Capt. V. H. Beam of the Volunteers.

July 12, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Christian Scientists Build \$200,000 Church St. M. "Landmark" To Be Leveled For Parking Lot

Work is well underway on the new church building the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, on Frankfort Avenue at the corner of Thiernan Lane. Ground was broken June on the site, which was for many years the Arterburn homestead.

This newest church addition to the community is modified Early American in design and furnishings. The main entrance faces Shelbyville Road; the auditorium, shown in the accompanying picture runs eastward along the front and has a seating capacity of more than 300 persons. The Sunday School wing stretches northward toward the rear and will comfortably seat 200 or more children. The wing shown on the left of the spire is the Reading Room, entrance to which may be had either from Shelbyville Rd. or Thiernan Lane. This Reading Room will be open to the public during week days, where books on Christian Science may be read, borrowed or purchased.

The C. Wilbur Foster Associates are the architects, and the Christian Scientists expect to hold services in their new church "in not too distant future," according to church clerk, Mrs. Louise Wolke. The cost of the building is upwards of \$200,000.

Many of its members are residents of the St. Matthews and surrounding area, and the congregation is presently holding services in the Arterburn residence on the property. The new church will

replace the old one at Fourth and York which recently was sold to the Standard Auto Company.

John Hart is chairman of church board of trustees.

A building that has become a St. Matthews landmark over the past 50 years will be razed soon and a parking lot will be built in its dust.

The building is the A. L. Hansen Paint and Body Shop, 124 S. Matthews Avenue, now operated by James Branger and William Datwyler under a one-year lease from its present owner, the Cherokee Laundry and Cleaners, Inc.

Purportedly one of the oldest businesses in St. Matthews, the shop was sold in May of 1955 to Cherokee Laundry by A. L. Hansen for a reported \$55,000.

Now, Buene Dry Goods here has leased the property from Cherokee and will tear down the building, making a clearing for

a parking lot for customers.

A new paint and body shop under the Branger-Datwyler management will be located at 2920 West Chestnut Street sometime next month. The shop will retain the old Hansen name.

The shop has been in business in St. Matthews "about 50 years," according to Mr. Hansen, former owner and manager, now retired. He said it was one of the first businesses in St. Matthews.

Over the years, the old stone building bearing the sign "A. L. Hansen, Auto Truck Painting, Body and Fender Repairing" had withstood the elements and the financial exchanges that saw it switch hands three different times this past year, to become something of a "landmark."



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July 11, 1956, Annual Board meeting:

July 18, 1956, STMFD Fire Report

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

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Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.	Mr. Joseph Zehnder
Mr. Henry A. Monohan	Mr. J. P. Terry
Mr. Martin Kamer	Mr. W. Leland Wilson

The minutes of the last meeting, June 14, 1956, were read by President Monohan and, on a motion made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Kamer, the minutes were accepted as read.

A recheck of Directors' terms revealed the following expiration dates:

Mr. J. P. Terry.....	1956
Mr. Martin Kamer.....	1956
Mr. John M. Monohan.....	1957
Mr. Joseph Zehnder.....	1957
Mr. Henry Monohan.....	1958
Mr. Fred C. Boss.....	1958
Mr. W. Leland Wilson.....	1959
Mr. George E. Miller.....	1959

The terms of two directors, Mr. Terry and Mr. Kamer, have expired and new directors must be elected. On a motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson, that Mr. Terry and Mr. Kamer be elected for a term of four years, expiring in July, 1960, Secretary Miller cast one vote for all that they be elected.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Henry Monohan that the present officers be continued in office. They are:

Mr. John M. Monohan, President
Mr. Martin Kamer, Vice-President
Mr. Fred C. Boss, Treasurer
Mr. George E. Miller, Secretary
Mr. John M. Monohan, Chief
Mr. R. C. Hardt, Assistant Chief
Mr. Martin Kamer, Assistant Chief

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Henry Monohan that Mr. Terry and Mr. John M. Monohan select place for street to be maintained by the City of St. Matthews. Installation only to be paid by us for approximately \$285.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary
GEM/mrc

Date 7-13-56 Box _____
A.M. 7:25 P.M. _____
Location 77 Walwood Rd
Building was _____ Story 2
Ins. on Building, \$ _____
Companies ENGINE #1 & QUAD

Ins. on Contents, \$ _____
Companies _____

Originated on _____ Floor _____
Owner NORMAN B. RONNING
Occupant _____
Used as a _____
Cause Fighting spit house
a went into built in
oven in kitchen
gkaster

Cherrywood Has \$1,104.63 End Of Fiscal Year

The City of Cherrywood Village has a balance of \$1,104.63 in its treasury as of the end Fiscal Year 1956.

That is an increase of \$174.53 over last year's balance, which was \$930.00.

The city took in \$5,192.67 in taxes, penalties, arrests and fines during the year and paid out \$5,018.12.

All outstanding bills were paid by June 30, 1956.

The Receipts were:

Taxes	\$4,670.70
Penalties & interest	5.41
Interest earned on certificates of deposit	12.50
Fines	504.00
For a total of	\$5,192.67

The Disbursements were:

Garbage collection	\$1,130.40
Grass cutting	75.00
Fire plug rental	74.16
Audit	23.00
Street signs	75.27
City attorney	250.00
City clerk	250.00
Insurance and bonds	171.88
Christmas party & exp.	111.13
Fire protection	402.46
Tree service	100.00
Policeman	148.05
Equip. for policeman	89.67
Sewer repairs	30.00
Misc. expenses	123.00
Purchase of typewriter	52.50
Certificate of deposit	1,000.00
For a total of	\$5,018.12

Lightning Strikes Causing Fire

Lightning never strikes twice at the same place, they say, but it can certainly strike twice at the same time, especially on Friday the 13th.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Firemen will attest to that.

This past Friday the 13th had a proper setting for ill fortune complete with rain and wind thunder and lightning. And the latter caused two fires almost simultaneously.

At 7:25 a.m. the firemen were called to 77 Westwind Road where lightning found a good place to strike in an electric kitchen stove. It kicked off the metal doors of the stove and frightened the residents but no fire actually resulted.

While the firemen were out on this call, the station got another at 7:35 a.m. The remaining fire truck was sent to 314 Bonner, where a fire had already gotten a strong start in a bedroom there.

This one was also caused by lightning, which had followed a TV antennae lead into the house, setting the bedroom on fire. The boys managed to confine it to the bedroom by using "fog-nozzles," which converts the stream of water into steam upon contact with heat and "smothers" the fire.

There was considerable damage to the bedroom, and the firemen worked to 9:30 cleaning it up. The residents were away at the time and the fire was reported by a neighbor at 320 Bonner.



Cherokee Unit No. 5 City officers listen while their attorney, John Davis, explains the legal aspects of starting a new City. Left to right are trustees W. H. Jape, Mr. Davis, marshal Robert White, trustees Charles W. Arnold, C. Miller Scott, and Philip O. Mulkey.

St. Matthews Area Now Has 18 Cities

Cherokee Unit No. 5 Incorporated

The St. Matthews area now has 18 Cities. The latest addition is Cherokee Unit No. 5, which was officially made a sixth class City Friday by Circuit Judge Moseley Smith.

Judge Smith appointed the following officers:

Trustee, C. Miller Scott, 4303 Tolachi Way, W. H. Jape, 202 Cherokee Road, Charles W. Arnold, 204 Sycamore Dr., Charles W. Wheeler, 3410 Germantown Trail, and Philip O. Mulkey, 210 Cayuga Rd.

Also announced were police Judge Armer Mahon, 212 Squoyn, town marshal Robert W. White, 218 Squoyn, and City assessor, C. J. Whitaker, 382 Squoyn.

The officers met at Mr. Scott's home Monday evening. They set

Wednesday, July 25, at 8 p.m. at Mr. Scott's home as the first formal meeting. Then they are scheduled to elect a Mayor and set a regular meeting time.

Application for formation of the City was made last month by attorney John J. Davis. When no objections were raised in the 30-day waiting period required by law, Judge Smith approved the petition.

The City has 82 lots, 50 lots, about 60 houses have been built. The population is more than 200 people.

The City is half a mile square and lies northeast of the City of Indian Hill.

Courtesy of *The Voice of St. Matthews*, July 16, 1959. *Caption-Fairfax Building, built 1956.*



1956

Courtesy *The Courier-Journal & Louisville Times Company*: The intersection of Shelbyville Road and Breckenridge Lane was already busy by 1956. Saint Matthews Station shopping mall has replaced the drugstore. This was the location of the old alarm station where Doc. Ogden set of the STMFD siren.



1956

July 26, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*

St. Matthews— It's Always Changing

There's only one thing certain about St. Matthews: it's always changing. Just recently it was announced that the old Hansen Paint and Body Shop building, a veritable landmark, would be torn down for a parking lot. This week comes the news that the Zachary Taylor Post of the American Legion, in St. Matthews has sold its old building on St. Matthews Avenue, and the Legionnaires have moved into their \$125,000 new building on Shelbyville Road. The old Post home will be converted into offices.

And now the Y.M.C.A., whose building was finished just a year ago, announces plans for an indoor swimming pool and an all-purpose room for civic club meetings.

We congratulate the Legionnaires on the progress they've made. They raised all the money themselves, and their efforts promise to be most rewarding for the community, as they have announced that civic groups here are perfectly welcome to use their building.

We also congratulate the Y. We would remind the community that the Y's plans cannot be carried out without a great deal of help. We need that pool in St. Matthews. To go it, we are going to have to give the Y extraordinarily heavy support in its annual membership campaign in the fall.

Old Legion Building Sold To Realty Firm

The American Legion Zachary Taylor Post building on St. Matthews Avenue has been sold to the Lehman-Davis Realty Co., owned by Mike Lehman and Arch C. Davis, Jr.

The Legionnaires completed the sale just as they moved into their brand-new building on Shelbyville Road, just east of the Plaza. They had been in the old building since 1941.

The new building cost \$125,000. Commander William Burwinkle this week invited the public to "come visit our new home." Formal opening ceremonies will be held later, he announced.

The building contains a 47 by 80 foot auditorium, a family room, a recreation room, a complete kitchen, and a refreshment bar.

The Legionnaires have also laid out a softball diamond in back, and plans call for lights to be installed for night games.

The sale was closed Thursday. Agent was the J. Ashby Miller Co. of St. Matthews.

John Barker Sworn In As City Councilman

John Barker was sworn in as a City Councilman for St. Matthews Tuesday evening at City Hall by acting City attorney J. W. Jones. Mr. Barker succeeds William Archer, who moved from the City.

Also at the Tuesday meeting, the City agreed to install a street light at St. Matthews Avenue across the street from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

The move was made upon request of St. Matthews fire chief John Monohan. The light will cost \$285 and the firemen will pay for it.

City treasurer Chet Schelbel estimated it would cost the City \$3 a month to maintain it.



JOHN BARKER

Arch Davis, is the father of future firefighter
Gar Davis

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Think July 1956, unknown:

St. Matthews Firemen
To Pay for Street Light

St. Matthews City Council last night accepted the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department's offer to pay for installation of a street light directly across from its Firehouse at 117 St. Matthews Avenue.

Cost of the mercury vapor light will be \$285. The Council agreed to pay maintenance costs, about \$3 a month.

1956

August 9, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*: Firemen Catch Fire In Time: The St. Matthews firemen probably prevented a serious fire from breaking out in the Shelbyville Plaza last Thursday when a smaller one on the marquee of the Gateway Store there was discovered in time.

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Apparently sparks from a welding torch used in the repair work had caused the fire. The boys worked about an hour getting to the source and putting it out. There was considerable damage to the roof of the marquee. Captain V. A. Beam commented on the fire: "It might have been very serious had it not been discovered when it was. It must have been smoldering beneath the roofing for quite a while, and it was a good thing it ignited when it did instead of later in the evening when no one was around."

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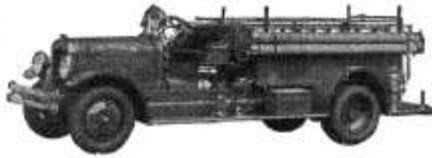
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MARTY KAMER

Minutes;

Monthly meeting of the directors of The St. Matthew Vol. Fire Ass'n held Thursday Aug. 9 1956.

Directors Present;

Geo. Miller Henry Monohan
Marty Kamer Jos. Zehnder
Jno. Monohan Mr. Terry

Meeting opened by the President and the minutes of the last meeting was read by the President Mr. Monohan

Motion made by Mr. Zehnder seconded by Mr Terry that they be approved as read.

Motion made by Mr. Zehnder seconded by Mr Henry Monohan that Mr. Terry Mr. Kamer and Mr. John Monohan be appointed to meet with three of the Volunteer fireman selected by all the fireman to arrange for a party to entertain all fireman and directors.

There being no further business motion made By Mr. Terry seconded by Mr. Miller that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo E Miller Sec'y

August 9, 1956, Board meeting:

1956

August 23, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

September 13, 1956, Board meeting:

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September 20, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

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

Minutes Of Directors Meeting of The St. Matthews Vol. Fire Dept. held Thursday Sept. 13th 1956 at the firehouse.

Directors Present.

Geo. E. Miller Henry Monohan
 Marty Kemer J. P. Terry
 Fred C. Bose Joe Zehnder
 Jno. M. Monohan

Meeting opened by President Monohan and minutes read of the last meeting.

Motion Made by the V. P. Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kemer that they be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported on the entertainment for the firmen their wives directors and there wives and every thing had been arranged and was ready for Sept. 22nd.

Motion ~~made~~ by Mr. Bose and seconded by Mr. Terry that a purchase order or letter be given to Mr. Malcher Zehnder to purchase a bowling ball and case as a gift from the fire department for his long and faithful services as an officer and fireman in as much as his employment has caused him to move out of the city.

There being no further business motion made by Mr. Kemer seconded by Mr. Zehnder that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Geo E Miller.

GEINTS

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Fire Causes 30% Damage To Home

A fire broke out suddenly in the residence at 4011 Elfin last Sunday morning around 6 a.m., causing serious damage to the living room and attic there.

The St. Matthews Fire Department, answering the alarm from neighbors, spent over two hours fighting and cleaning up the fire. The house was empty at the time of the fire. The residents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney O'Bannon were in Owensboro for the week-end.

Damage was estimated at 30 per cent by Capt. V. A. Beam of the Volunteers. He said that while the source of the fire was not definite, it was believed to have been caused by lightning.

The Volunteers received one other call this week when a woman driver became alarmed with a smoking engine on her automobile at Pennington and Club Lanes Monday around 9 a.m.

There was no damage and the trouble was caused by a dirty motor.

September 22, 1956: The Board sponsored a "big get-to-gather" for all firefighters.

1956

Unknown & September 16, 1956, STMFD Fire Reports

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 11/23/56
 A. M. 7:35 P. M.
 Location 314 BOND ST
 Owner Malcolm Marshall
 Signed Eng 1-2-3 & 4
 Occupant
 Signed
 Building or Property Fire located in front bedroom
 Cause Lighting
 Special Notes X Mrs. B. Clark Smith 320 BOND ST
 Officer in Charge Marty Farmer
1 1/2 - 400 2 1/2 - 100

ENG #1 Quadrant 1 in 8:50
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT AM

Date Sept 16 '56
 A. M. 1:29 P. M.
 Location 4011 FLEIN AVE
 Owner W. O'BANION
 Signed
 Occupant Same
 Signed
 Building or Property Residence
 Cause
 Special Notes Owner out of Town
 Officer in Charge M. March

Lightning Is Blamed For Fires, Blackouts

**'Typical' Summer Storms Jolt Falls Cities
With Thunderbolts, Bring 1½ Inches of Rain**

Lightning on a rampage was blamed for a number of fires and some scattered power failures early yesterday as an old-fashioned summer storm blasted the Louisville area.

Another storm hit the area about 8:45 last night, but no major damage was reported. The second storm dumped .85 of an inch of rain up to midnight, bringing the total for the day to 1½ inches.

Fire caused \$6,000 to \$7,000 damages to the Sunday-school building at Buechel Park Baptist Church, Hikes Lane, about 3:30 a.m.

Buechel Fire Department volunteers confined the blaze to the roof and attic of the one-story frame building. Furnishings were slightly damaged by water before firemen moved them to another building. Buechel Fire Chief Garland Miller said.

Building Is Insured

Miller said 8:15 a.m. services were held in the church sanctuary while firemen wet down last embers of the fire. Sunday school was held in another building adjoining the sanctuary. The damaged roof was covered with tarpaulins.

Miller estimated the damage. He said the building was insured.

The home of Whitney O'Bannon at 4011 Elfin Way was about 35 per cent destroyed by a fire, according to the owner's estimate.

The main living-room wing of the five-year-old, split-level house was gutted and the entire interior was ruined by smoke, O'Bannon said.

The **St. Matthews Volunteer** Fire Department was called to the blaze in the sixth-class City of Druid Hills at 6:25 a.m. Lt. John Kasper said cause of the fire was undetermined, but O'Bannon said neighbors told him it followed two bolts of lightning.

No One In The House

No one was in the house when the fire started. O'Bannon and his family were visiting in Owensboro.

A fire attributed to lightning. Column 1, back page, this section

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1956

Associated



Courier-Journal Photo

DIRECT HIT by lightning on this big wild-cherry tree early yesterday split it open and hurled a heavy branch into the gap. It's in the front yard of W. R. Vowels, 3308 Trinity Road. Flying pieces of the tree damaged the house slightly and littered nearby yards.

September 17, 1956, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fires, Blackouts Laid to Lightning

Continued from First Page

ing damaged a bedroom in the home of Dr. C. H. Likens, Sr., of 21 Valley Road in the Castlewood area, at 4:12 a.m.

Mrs. Likens, who was sleeping in the bedroom, escaped without injury. The lightning apparently set some curtains afire and the fire spread through the room. City firemen put out the blaze.

Another fire damaged the roof and attic of the home of Mrs. J. J. Davidson, 1008 Windsor Place, at 2:30 a.m. This also was started by lightning and was extinguished by Louisville firemen.

Vacant Building Burned

A vacant two-story frame building at 612 E. Main was damaged by fire at 2 a.m. The fire spread to the roof of the home of the building's owner, Elmer C. Owens, at 833 E. Main, before it was put out.

Owens was out of town, but an employee of his welding enterprise at 612 E. Main and lightning started the fire.

No damage estimates were available for any of the fires other than that at the Sunday school.

The Weather Bureau said the storms were "high-level" disturbances that generated little wind at ground level.

Tree Is Splintered

Chief Meteorologist G. K. Anderson said the storms were "typical of the Ohio Valley as the season ends, and this is still summer."

Fall will begin officially at 8:24 p.m. Saturday.

The Walter E. Vossels family at 1208 Trinity Road awoke yesterday morning to find their limited wild-cherry tree split in two by the force of a lightning bolt.

The branch that was in their front yard had been split as if by a giant vise. Four-foot slabs of wood landed on a lawn 200 feet away, and large doors were shook straight up in the ground next door. Shingles and pieces were blown over the roofs and grounds of several houses along the quiet, tree-shaded street south of the Lexington Road-Cannons Lane intersection.

Roofs Damaged Slightly

A window and porch light of the Vossels' home were broken, and pieces of burning wood dented a gutter and damaged shingles.

The lightning blast at 4 a.m. awakened the family, but they went back to bed without noticing the splintered tree.

City employees cleared debris from the trees out of the street.

Firemen were called to an apartment house at 1223 Lincoln in the Camp Taylor area early

yesterday. They found no fire, but lightning had knocked a brick chimney off the roof.

Lightning knocked out a 12,000-volt power line on River Road east of Beargrass Creek at 4 a.m., knocking out an area around Midwood and Hurry avenues for about half an hour.

Cable Knocked Down

A Louisville Gas & Electric Company spokesman also reported a 12,000-volt line on Dixie Highway near Waverly Hills was hit by lightning at 3:30 a.m. This left the Dixie Highway area from Lower Hunters Trace Road to Johnston Road without electricity for about 20 minutes.

At 4:15 a.m. in the 700 block of Fleet a bolt knocked down a street-lighting cable and produced a big fireball. L. G. & E. employees repaired the damage by dawn.

A Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company official said telephone trouble was "a little below normal for that type of storm," only individual lines were knocked out, he said.

Woman Blo

Blackstone, N.C., Sept. 16 (AP)—A 22-year-old great-grandmother armed with a knife and backed by 45 members of family, blockaded a section of a State highway tonight in protest of what she called illegal seizure of her land.

Mrs. Kamelia Zerkow, owner of a 4-acre Federal tract, established the line yesterday morning and refused efforts by Blackstone and North Carolina State police to remove her from the road.

Mrs. Zerkow threatened to "kill it if it takes the rest of my life."

She set up the blockade over a 600-foot section of Federal Street by placing a fire hose across the road at one end and a warning person to stay away at the other.

Car Hits Pole; 29 Woman Dies, Driver Injured

Continued from First Page

It is 20 miles an hour in heavy rain when the car hit a steel pole and went out of control. He said the car spun around at least twice before going off the road and hitting the wooden pole, which snapped in two.

Mrs. Fuller was the 20th traffic fatality this year in Jefferson County outside Louisville, compared with 22 at this time last year.

A nephew of Mrs. Fuller, William E. Fries, 21, was killed in

William
Fries; 21
ville; 1
legs, 1
College
School
Work,
Bible,

Other

Each
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begin;
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September 20, 1956, The Voice Of St. Matthews:

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- ★ THOM McAN
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except 9:20 a.m.-9:00
p.m. Thurs. & Fri.

DEVOE PAINT
8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
daily except open til
9 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.
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**JEFFERSON
FEDERAL**
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-
day Fri. 9 a.m.-12
noon Sat.

**HI-LAND
CLEANERS**
7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon-Fri. Sat.
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thurs.

ALFRED'S
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9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thurs.
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10:30 p.m.

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Courier-Journal Photo

EXAMINING blueprints for Firehouse No. 2 of the Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department are, from left, Karl Greenrose, chief; John Lang, assistant chief, and Lee Wilcox, captain. In the background are, from left, Walter Morris, Melvin Steiger, and Lennox Allen, all members of the volunteer group.

New Concrete Firehouse Started at Harrods Creek

Firehouse No. 2 of the Harrods Creek Fire Department is expected to be completed in November. Construction of the \$9,000 concrete-block building began last week.

The structure at Lime Kiln Lane and River Road will house two engines. The 75-by-100-foot site was donated by Wendell Smock, Lime Kiln Lane.

Sirens at both firehouses, which are a mile apart, will go off simultaneously when the alarm is sounded, said Lennox Allen, a member of the volunteer group of 31 firemen. He explained the telephone number for the firehouses is answered by an answering service.

The answering service sounds

the alarm and then calls nearby volunteers, telling them where the fire is. The first man to reach each of the stations designates the location of the fire on a board. Engines from both stations will go to the fire.

Allen said donations from residents in the area will pay for the new firehouse.

BElmont Phone Numbers Will Be TWInbrook 5 At Midnight November 18

Anchorage Will Be CHestnut 5, Harrods Creek Becomes CAsTle 8

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is closing its new directory on October 2 and it will contain much information of interest to residents of the St. Matthews area.

All BElmont numbers will be changed at midnight November 18 and they will have the prefix of TWInbrook 5. The last four digits of the present numbers will not be changed.

At the same time all of the telephones in Anchorage will be converted to dial and these numbers will all begin with CHestnut 5. At Harrods Creek telephones are also being converted to dial and these numbers will use the prefix CAsTle 8.

When St. Matthews residents call subscribers in Anchorage or Harrods Creek, they will need only to dial the listed number as shown in the directory. Previously it had been necessary to dial a code number before reaching subscribers in these areas.

R. S. Watson, district manager for Southern Bell, said that these changes are a part of a district-wide change in numbers which will entail 55,000 new numbers in the next directory.

These changes are effective at midnight on November 18, and on that date all telephone numbers in Louisville will have been changed to the new "two letter and five digit" plan except the telephone numbers in the Highland area in the east end of Louisville. Residents of this area will find many changes in dialing other parts of Louisville also.

Here are the changes:

BElmont numbers changed to TWInbrook 5.

AMherst numbers changed to JUNiper 2.

WAbash numbers changed to JUNiper 5 and 7.

ARlington numbers changed to SPing 6.

CLay numbers changed to JUNiper 3.

CYpress numbers changed to SPing 8.

All St. Matthews telephone numbers will have the TWInbrook prefix when the change is completed, Mr. Watson said. All downtown numbers will have a JUNiper prefix, all West End numbers a SPing prefix and the East End of town will have GLendale and HIGHLand. The South end will be served by MEIrose and EMerson.

The number change last November changed 70,000 numbers and this new directory will find the job largely completed. The change is necessary, according to Mr. Watson, to get this area ready for changes in handling long-distance calls. Operators now are dialing long-distance calls across the country and the day is not too far distant when customers will be dialing their own long-distance calls without the assistance of an operator, he said.

Meet The POTTs



RUSSELL POTTS JOHN POTTS JOE POTTS

Get Acquainted with just where and how Beautiful Flowers are grown and cared for and how we arrange the variety of wonderful blossoms in bouquets and corsages.

NOW FEATURING
IMPORTED BULBS

Unusual Varieties
To Select From



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Meet the folks at Lester's

The Jewelry Store That's Built a Fine
Reputation for Quality Merchandise
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We are happy to announce the
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3714 LEXINGTON ROAD

RE. 1331



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For Relaxation
Shopping Open EVERY
Thursday Nights 11 P.M.



Barbara CLARKE

WE HOPE WE'VE MET YOU BEFORE, BUT
... IF WE HAVEN'T, COME ON IN
AND LET US "GET ACQUAINTED"
AND SERVE YOU, TOO.

Barbara Clarke

Attend Our Style Shows
Every Tuesday—12 to 2 P.M.
at the Canby Cottage

3045 Franklin Ave.
St. Matthews, Ky.

TW. 3-2019



Barbara CLARKE

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It's Get Acquainted Week
So Meet The Folks At **ST. MATTHEWS HARDWARE**
And Take Advantage Of The
Get Acquainted SPECIALS!

FREE
Valuable Coupon
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____

FREE
MURFELS
SLIP THIS COUPON
VALUABLE COUPON!
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____

FLASHLIGHTS
Reg. 1.25 **SALE 65c**
WHITE SHAMAL
STEP-ON-CAN
Reg. 2.99 **SALE 2.99**

ST. MATTHEWS HARDWARE
3918 Franklin Ave. FREE PARKING IN REAR OF STORE Open Thurs. and Fri. Morn. TW. 8-1784

It's Get Acquainted Week
Ray Langston Says:
Our neighbors want to know you, too!
Come in and
Get Acquainted
with these friendly folks at
ASHBURY-BERMAN
"The Big Store That's Always Here For You!"

Mr. & Mrs. Ashbury-Berman are proud to be a part of the community. They are always glad to see you and to serve you. They are always glad to have you in their store. They are always glad to have you in their store. They are always glad to have you in their store.

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IT'S GET ACQUAINTED TIME
Sample Bootery
GET ACQUAINTED SPECIAL!
Genuine Lizard Opera Pumps
Reg. 1.99 **SALE 99c**
OPEN THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

It's Get Acquainted Week
Meet The Folks Who Serve You At
St. Matthews
JUST POP, AN AFFABLE SHOP
for Boys, Girls, Teen-Agers, Young Men & Women
Suits, Dresses, Shoes, Hats, etc.

BOYS:
Suits, Dresses, Shoes, Hats, etc.
Reg. 1.99 **SALE 1.49**

PRE-TEENS:
Suits, Dresses, Shoes, Hats, etc.
Reg. 1.99 **SALE 1.49**

JUNIORS & TEENS:
Suits, Dresses, Shoes, Hats, etc.
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SYDNEY'S
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POOKMAN'S
We Prescribe Our
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POOKMAN'S
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Get acquainted with
K. BROWN, Jeweler
3785 Lexington Road, St. Matthews, Ky.
Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds, Pearls, etc.
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AND THE
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AT ST. MATTHEWS HARDWARE
AND SHOE SHOP, INC.
genuine Alligator-Lizard
ONLY \$12.95
Phillips SHOE SHOP, INC.
311 WALLACE CENTER
TW. 8402
OPEN THURSDAY & FRIDAY

"Get Acquainted"
...With the FINEST
in
PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY
Frederic Beck
PHOTOGRAPHER
3918 FRANKFURT AVE. TW. 8-0279

Get acquainted
WITH THE FINE FOLKS WHO SERVE YOU THE BEST
BUILT-IN KITCHEN By G-E
KITCHEN CENTER
Come in and get acquainted with us, and our complete kitchen displays. We are now in a position to do your kitchen remodeling. We have many years of experience behind us, and we are now ready to take on your kitchen remodeling. We have many years of experience behind us, and we are now ready to take on your kitchen remodeling.

ALLIED PRODUCTS Co., Inc.
3918 FRANKFURT AVE., ST. MATTHEWS
PHONE 8-0279

IT'S GET ACQUAINTED WEEK
ST. MATTHEWS TRIM & UPHOLSTERY
121 BRICKHOUSE LANE, BEAR
TW. 8-0279

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October 1, 1956: 544 Country Lane, Two story house under construction. The house was fully involved when firefighters arrived.

October 1, 1956, STMFD Fire Report



Photo by Louis J. Moseson

FOUR WALLS were all that remained of a house under construction at 526 Country Lane that was gutted by fire last night. George MacMillan, a contractor, estimated the loss at \$20,000. He was building the home for Thomas C. Endicott, Jr., 230 Ring Road. Cause was not determined. Three St. Matthews volunteer firemen were injured slightly by falling brick.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Oct. 1, 1956
A. M. P. M. 9:57
Location 544 COUNTRY LANE
Owner Endicott, Jr. (owner)
230 Ring Road
Signed George MacMillan (builder)
Occupant 523 - Country Ln
Signed HOUSE UNDER
Building or Property CONSTRUCTION
Cause UNKNOWN
Special Notes
Officer in Charge Chief Mendenhall
(over) 2 1/2 - 10:00 1 1/2 - 8:00

Oct. 1, 1956

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October 9, 1956, Letter:



October 9, 1956

Dear Captain Beam:

Thank you for your letter recommending Mr. Cecil Hicks for Fire Marshal. I very much appreciate your interest in helping us, and you can be certain that Mr. Hicks will be given every consideration when the time comes to make a decision on this appointment.

Be assured of my good wishes.

Cordially,

A. B. Chandler
A. B. Chandler

Captain V. A. Beam, Assistant Secretary
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

October 12, 1956, Board meeting:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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

October 12, 1956

A meeting of the Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Department was held October 11, 1956 at the firehouse.

Directors present: Geo. E. Miller, Jos. Zehnder, Harry Emmer,

E. A. Monahan, J. M. Monahan, J. P. Terry,

E. Leland Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Emmer. Minutes of last meeting were read by Mr. Emmer. A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Henry Monahan that the minutes be approved as read.

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

Respectfully submitted,
George E. Miller, Secretary

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October 25, 1956, *The Voice Of St., Matthews*:

Firemen Answer Two Calls Monday

The St. Matthews Firemen answered two calls during the past week, but neither involved serious fires.

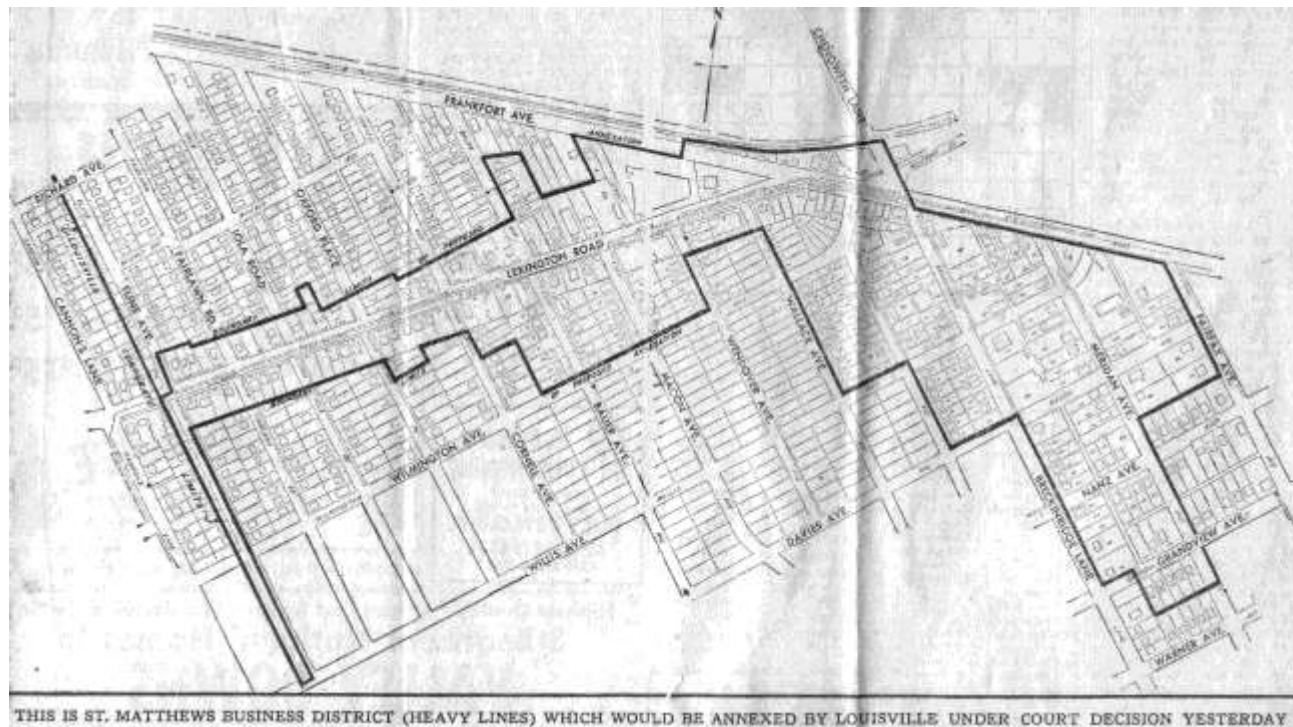
Both calls came on Monday, November 22. At 6:15 p.m. a smoking TV set at 422 Sunnyview, Apt. 3, sent the boys scurrying to the scene. However, no fire resulted and trouble stopped when they unplugged the set.

At 7:40 p.m., an automobile fire at the rear of A&P on Frankfort Avenue was put out by a fire extinguisher. The fire was caused by a short in the tail parking light.

October 20, 1956, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Louisville Wins Business Area



THIS IS ST. MATTHEWS BUSINESS DISTRICT (HEAVY LINES) WHICH WOULD BE ANNEXED BY LOUISVILLE UNDER COURT DECISION YESTERDAY

October 26, 1956, Letter:

HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ST. MATTHEWS, KENTUCKY

October 26, 1956

Dear Captain Beam,

Thank you for showing us the fire engines. Thank you for letting us hear the siren and the bell,

We think that Mr. Wheeler was very nice to show us around.

Thank you for our books. We liked the helmets!

Thanks again for letting us come,

Sincerely,

The Harvey Browne Kindergarten.

Area's Businessmen Greet Ruling With Dislike, Favor, Indifference

One Says Views Don't Alter Fact

St. Matthews business operators showed a mixed reaction yesterday to the Court of Appeals ruling placing them in Louisville.

A survey of businesses along Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue turned up strong feelings pro and con, as well as indifference.

Fred Bittner of Bittner's Radio & Music Shop, 3712 Lexington Road, said: "I don't like it. I prefer to remain in St. Matthews."

Bittner said if there is recourse to the court decision, he is ready to fight.

'We'll Abide by Decision'

However, another Lexington Road merchant, who preferred not to be identified, said, "I'd rather 10 to 1 be in Louisville

with all the City services I can get."

Norman P. Ackerman, manager of Sears, Roebuck & Company's St. Matthews branch, said, "Whether we like or dislike the decision doesn't alter it. We'll abide by what the court says."

Ackerman, who also is president of the St. Matthews Business Association, made it plain he was speaking only for himself and not for the business association.

Ackerman said the association was purely for promoting business and does not take stands on other issues.

Notes Fire Protection

Maxwell Horn of Maxwell's Apparel, 3926 Frankfort Avenue, would be "very happy to be in Louisville." He said that while St. Matthews' police and fire protection is good, it is not as good as Louisville can provide.

Richard M. Wheeler, Jr., of

the Canary Cottage restaurant, 3722 Lexington Road, and George Venhoff of Shower's Boys & Men's Shop, 3930 Frankfort Avenue, both said the move did not make much difference to them.

Others Fail To Comment

J. P. Terry, who operates a service station at 3800 Lexington Road, said, "I'd rather be in St. Matthews. I like it here."

Lewis Smithers of Smithers Super Market, 3741 Lexington Road, said he would prefer to stay in St. Matthews because "we've put in lots of work to get the community going."

However, he added that he had nothing against Louisville and was quite willing to accept the court's decision.

Other businessmen interviewed refused to express opinions, explaining that their customers came from both the City of St. Matthews and Louisville.

Appeals Court Upholds Annexing

Jefferson Circuit Court Judge's Adverse Decision Is Reversed

The Court of Appeals ruled yesterday that the City of Louisville can annex a large part of the St. Matthews business district.

The decision reversed Judge Stephen Jones of Jefferson Circuit Court. A jury in Judge Jones' court returned a verdict against annexation in March, 1955.

Louisville passed an ordinance proposing to annex the business district in 1946. A remonstrance petition was filed in Circuit Court, however, and the petition did not come to trial until last year. Meanwhile, the City of St. Matthew annexed the district in 1953.

The area in question runs along both sides of Lexington Road from Eline Avenue east to Shelbyville Road.

It continues east on the north side of Shelbyville Road to Chenoweth Lane and on the south side as far as Fairfax Avenue. Between Wallace and Fairfax, it dips south in jogs as far as Willis, Davies, and Grandview Avenues.

It includes the St. Matthews City Hall and Police Headquarters at 131 Breckinridge Lane.

Louisville Mayor Delighted

Louisville's Mayor Broadbuss commented:

"If the decision had gone against us, I would have accepted it. Naturally, I'm delighted that the decision was for us. I feel sure the Court of Appeals ruling is correct, fair, and just. I hope everybody will accept it in that spirit."

St. Matthews Mayor James H. Noland said he was not surprised by the decision, but would fight it "if recourse is available."

He noted that a "good portion" of the St. Matthews business district is not involved in the court decision.

Attorney 'Not Excited'

Wilbur O. Fields, attorney for businessmen who fought the annexation attempt, said he was "not excited" by yesterday's ruling.

Fields said that in his opinion the Mallon-plan proposal repeats the 1946 ordinance under which Louisville sought the annexation.

Therefore the outcome of the Mallon-plan vote November 6 will determine whether the area becomes annexed, Fields

district is superior to that of the City of St. Matthews.

He ruled that Judge Jones in the 1955 trial should have directed a verdict in favor of annexation. Thus the reversal was directed to the judge, rather than the jury, which included 11 Louisvillians.

Attorney Fields, commenting on this yesterday, said both sides in the case agreed at the trial that the jury would make the decision.

Finds Only Two Issues

Assistant City Attorney Frick later asked Judge Jones to grant the City a judgment despite the jury's decision, or to grant a new trial. Jones refused, and the case went to the Court of Appeals.

Commissioner Cullen, in his finding yesterday, said there were only two legal issues in the lawsuit:

1. Is addition of the new territory "for the interest of the City (of Louisville)?"

2. Will annexation "cause no manifest injury to the persons holding real estate in the territory sought to be annexed?"

Gives His Conclusion

Cullen found that "within the realm of clear and obvious facts, it is difficult to conceive of any situation in which the annexation of urban territory to a city would be contrary to the interests of the city, except where the annexation would constitute an overextension of the capacities of the city to function as a sound, going concern."

"In the case before us, there is no suggestion that Louisville is not a growing, prosperous city with a long experience of growth or that its capacities will be overextended by annexation of the small area here in question."

No 'Grievous Burden'

As to whether annexation would injure the property owners, Cullen wrote:

"There is no question but that the annexed territory, being urban in nature, will receive benefits in the form of

A petition for rehearing the case can be made to the Court of Appeals within 30 days. If this is done, the City of Louisville has another 30 days to file an answer to the petition.

Will Await Vote

Briefs then would be submitted by both sides to reach a final determination of the case.

Fields said he would wait until after the vote on the Mallon plan to decide if a rehearing will be sought. The vote will determine whether a large suburban area, including St. Matthews, will be merged with Louisville.

Herman Frick, assistant City attorney who argued the City's case in last year's trial, was asked to comment on Field's opinion that the Mallon plan repeats the earlier annexation ordinance.

"That's a point he will have to attempt to prove in future litigation," he said.

Louisville Steps Outlined

If and when a final judgment is handed down upholding Louisville's proposing-annexation ordinance, the City will then pass an ordinance actually annexing the area.

Immediate steps then will be taken to provide City services to the area, said Mayor Broadbuss and City Consultant Roy Owsley.

Both Broadbuss and Owsley felt the Court of Appeals decision would have a favorable effect on the Mallon-plan vote.

"It should create additional sentiment for orderly annexation, with services furnished by the City as set forth by the Mallon plan," Broadbuss said.

William L. Archer, chairman of the St. Matthews Annexation Protective Association, a party to last year's suit against annexation by Louisville, called yesterday's ruling "quite a setback."

Will Fight Decision

He said it would "take the backbone out of the City of St. Matthews." He added that the business district should not be separate from the rest of the City of St. Matthews.

Archer said his group would fight the decision.

St. Matthews Mayor Noland disagreed that loss of the business area would be severe for the fourth-class City of St. Matthews.

He estimated a loss of about \$22,500 in tax revenues if the area is annexed, out of a total of \$90,000 available to his City.

Louisville Claim Superior

The Court of Appeals ruling, delivered in Frankfort, was written by Commissioner Robert K. Cullen.

He held that Louisville started annexation proceedings first, hence its claim to the business area.

"The real question arises from the fact that the territory is now receiving what its residents consider to be adequate municipal services, at a lower cost, from the City of St. Matthews and from a Volunteer Fire Department."

Eullen concluded, however, that annexation would not place upon the property owners any "grievous, wearisome, or oppressive" burdens.

Realty Taxes Would Rise

Once annexation is completed, the Board of aldermen will be asked to appropriate money for a fire station, traffic signals, and street lights, Owsley said. Regular City services, such as street cleaning and garbage collection, would start immediately, he added.

Owsley said a quad fire company, which would have a four-purpose truck, probably would be installed in the business area.

Meanwhile, the City would contract with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and perhaps reshuffle its existing equipment to provide coverage. This probably would result in an immediate drop in fire-insurance rates, Owsley said.

Real-estate taxes in the annexed area would go up from the St. Matthews 60-cent rate to \$1.50. However, no City tax bills would go out until January, 1958.

Water Rates Would Drop

Water rates would decline 33½ per cent. Sewer rates would remain the same.

People who work in the annexed area and business owners in it would pay the City's 1¼ per cent occupational tax on earnings and net profits.

Six other suits involving annexation attempts by the City of Louisville may depend on the outcome of the current case. Court action has been held up pending the St. Matthews decision.

Lists The Others

Assistant City Attorney Frick listed the areas as follows:

The "Rubbertown" area, from Algonquin Parkway to Cane Run Road, between Bells Lane and the Ohio River; West Buechel and part of the unincorporated Buechel area; Rolling Fields; Ridgewood; Lincolnshire and part of St. Regis Park, and Meadowbrook Estates.

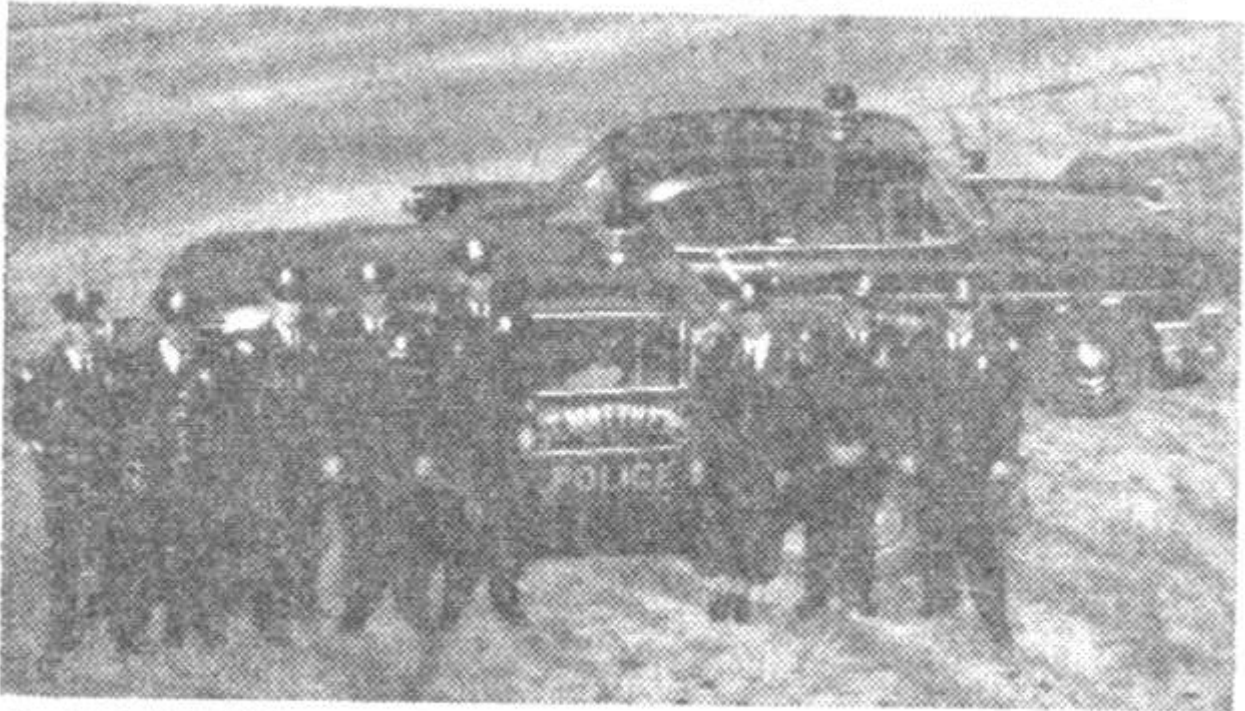
The City can move to have the suits reinstated, using the Court of Appeals decision on the St. Matthews business district as a legal precedent.

Since 1946, the City of Louisville also has made three major—and unsuccessful—efforts to annex the St. Matthews residential area. The City of St. Matthews meantime has completed annexation of the residential area.

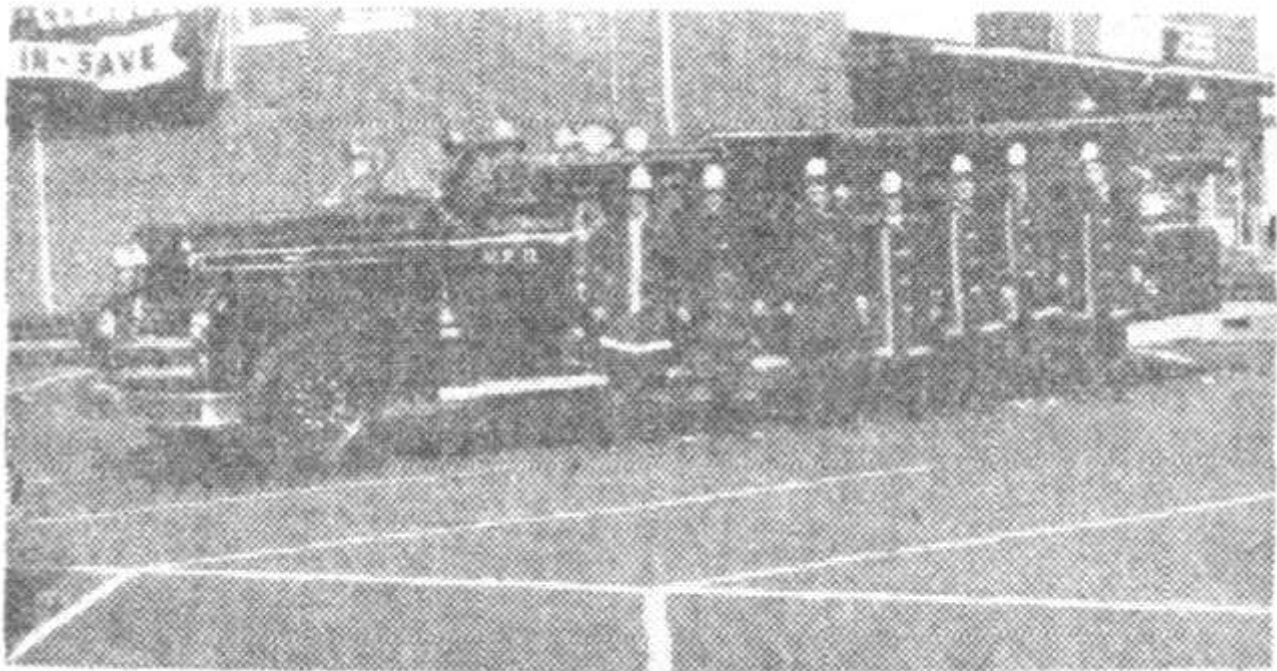
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What We Have Now



ST. MATTHEWS' POLICE FORCE—Two modern cruisers, and eight officers, from left, officers Sam Huber, Jr., Edward H. Burnett, Kermit Cook, Henry Pollitt, Albert Bolton and Carolyn Haeberlin, sergeant Edgar Kelley, and chief William H. Tolliver.

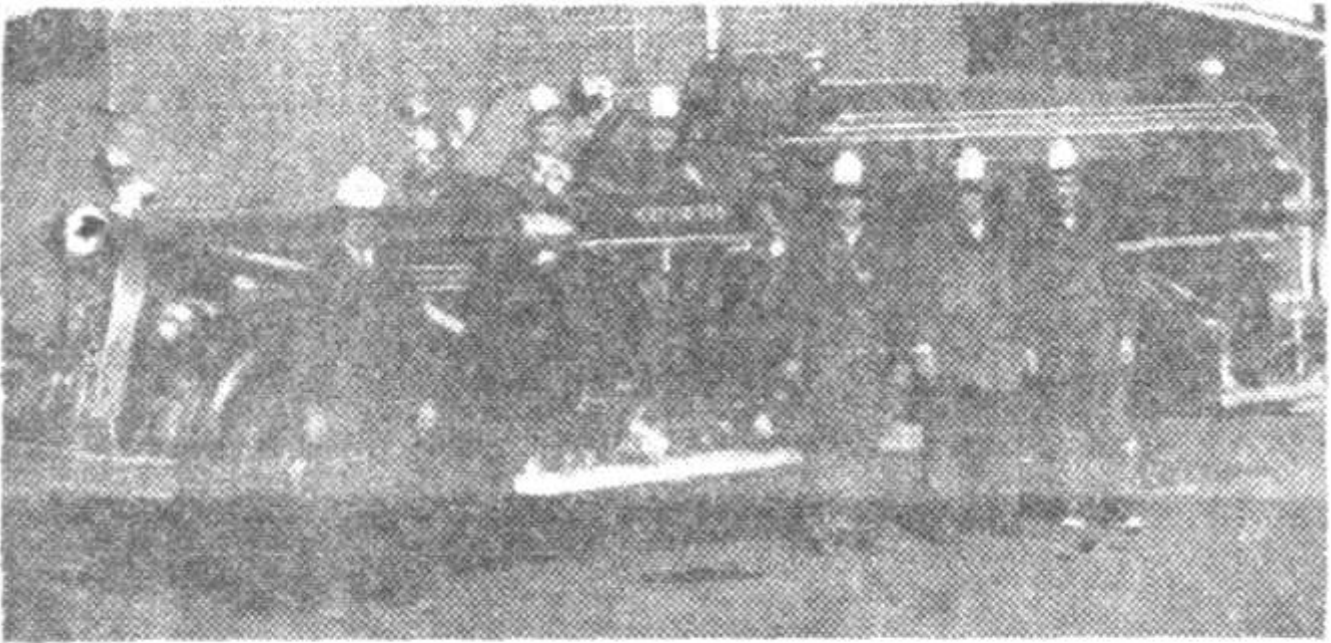


Quad No. 1 of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is a 1955 model with a 750-gallon-per-minute capacity.

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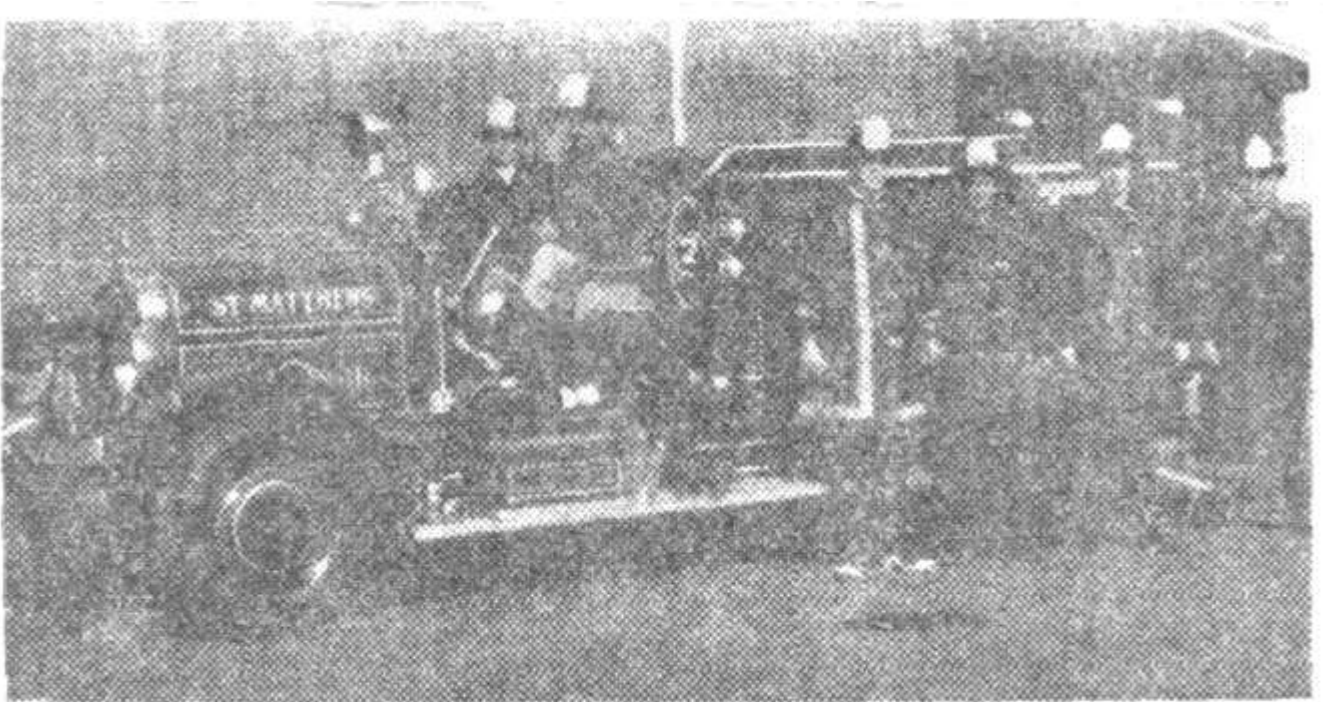
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Engine No. 1, a 1947 model, with a 750-gallon p. m. capacity.

Marty Kamer on far left

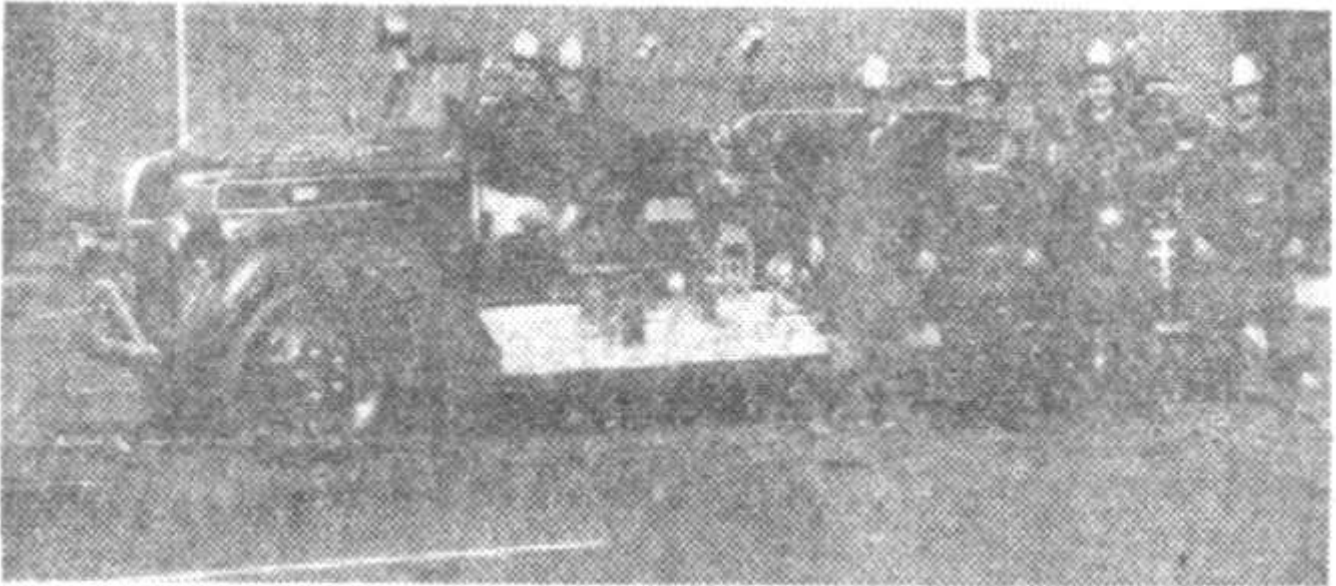


Engine No. 2, a 1931 model, with a 500-gallon p.m. capacity.

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What We Have Now



Engine No. 3, a 1941 model, with a 500-gallon p.m. capacity.

EDITORIALS

Against the Mallon Plan

For several weeks, *The Voice* has been urging its readers to vote against "The Plan for Improvement," commonly called the Mallon Plan. On Tuesday, the voters will make their decisions.

Pictured above are five good reasons why the people of St. Matthews should choose to remain independent. They show what we have—not in the future—but right now, by way of police and fire protection.

The police force, of course, covers only the City of St. Matthews. But there is no reason why their services cannot be extended to other Cities who want them. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, with four good trucks and a force of more than 50 men, including a quad company, is already protecting St. Matthews, Brownsboro Village, Druid Hills, Bellewood, Cherrywood, Beechwood Village, Norbourne Estates, Springlee, Plymouth Village, Richlawn, Windy Hills, Parkside, Fairmeade, and surrounding areas.

How good are they? The company has been in operation for 43 years. The men undergo thorough, professional training. No less an authority than the Chief of the Louisville Fire Department on a television program asserted that the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was "second to none." And these volunteers work for free.

The Mallon Committee has been very frank in admitting that annexation would cost suburban residents more money. But one item has slipped their notice. It was a statement by the president of the Louisville Board of Aldermen in the Red Flash edition of the June 20 Louisville Times. Louisville has got to get rid of its "Caspar Milquetoast" tax program, he said, and added, "We have got to get bolder and add to our revenue." The only way to add to taxes is to levy them against Louisville residents, and if the Mallon Plan is carried, we in the suburbs will be Louisville residents.

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November 9, 1956, Board meeting:

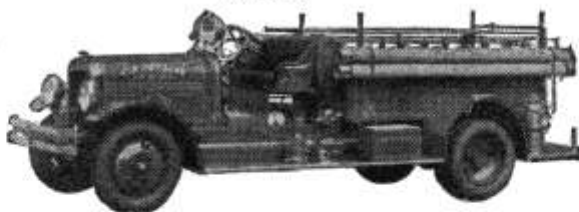
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

November 9, 1956

A meeting of the Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Department was held November 8, 1956 at the firehouse.


Directors present: J. M. Monohan Geo. E. Miller
Marty Kamer Joe Zehnder
H. A. Monohan E. Leland Wilson
Fred C. Boss

The meeting was called to order by President Monohan. Minutes of the October 11th meeting were read by Mr. Monohan. A motion was made by H. A. Monohan and seconded by Mr. Boss that the minutes be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Marty Kamer that Mr. Monohan purchase turkeys for all firemen and directors for Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. H. A. Monohan and seconded by Mr. Boss that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,


Geo. E. Miller, Secretary

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"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

St. Matthews Legionnaires Dedicate New Building With Armistice Day Ceremonies Honoring Dead

A VOICE FEATURE

In one of the best-organized and most impressive ceremonies seen here in many a year, the American Legion Zachary Taylor Post 180 and its Auxiliary on Sunday dedicated its new Post home.

Appropriately, it was Armistice Day. The dead as well as the living were honored. Close to 1,000 Legionnaires, Auxiliaries and guests attended.

The Iroquois Post color guard and the Shawnee Post band gave color and variety to the program.

Zachary Taylor Post commander William Burwinkle set the theme of the program. He said:

"I now dedicate this building, embodiment of the ideals of Justice, Freedom and Democracy, for which the American Legion exists. As in time of war we fight for our Country, so in time of peace may we serve the Republic fearlessly and well. May we bear in mind the comrades who have gone before, that their memory may dwell within this home and be a constant blessing among us.

"It is our hope and desire that this edifice may be used ever in the service of our disabled comrades; of the widowed and orphaned; and to the benefit of our community, state and nation.

"I dedicate this structure to the purposes of our Post, and with it I dedicate this Post to the faithful service of our na-



At the dedication ceremonies before the flagpole at Zachary Taylor Post 180, are pictured Mr. Osborn, Commander Burwinkle, former commander Tony Zehnder, Mr. Richter, Mrs. Heimerdinger, and former commander Frank Metten.

tion, of its people, and to the memory of our heroic dead."

The guest speaker was Prince F. Osborn III, a reserve lieutenant colonel.

Col. Osborn said that the United States became great not because of natural resources or a large population. Areas of South America and Africa are as rich or richer in resources, and China and India have much greater populations, he said.

America is great because she was founded on love, he said. "Never before has a country been conceived, designed and nurtured on love — of God, of family, and of country," he said.

From listening to debates in the United Nations, he had concluded that all the small and some of the large countries of the world look to the United States for help and for courage in preserving freedom, he said. The United States has "reached the pinnacle of the leadership of the people of the free world," he said.

But there will always be challenges to that leadership, as recent events in the Middle East demonstrated, he said.

Great nations throughout history have inevitably fallen, he said. For man goes in a circle, from slavery to freedom (which makes them strong and happy) to apathy to slavery, he said.

Nations fall from complacency, from decadence, and from a loss

of concern with the things that make them great, he said. The United States need not complete the circle, need not fall, he said. And it will not, he added, if it remains concerned with the things that made it great — love of God, of family, and of country.

"We have got to have the courage to want freedom, and to fight for it," he said.

In presenting the building, building chairman Lawrence Richter noted that "it has taken seven years to accomplish what we have here, but through 100 per cent participation of the membership and the building committee, we did it."

The crowd laughed when he also gave credit for "a great deal of help from three one-armed members that were eventually taken away from us."

He thanked Mayor James Noland of St. Matthews because the City had refused to rezone an earlier proposed site for the Legion building. The Legionnaires were angry at the time, but now were very grateful, he said, because if the zoning had gone through, "we would have been stuck with an old building and would have been broke."

Mayor Noland, who was present, acknowledged the thanks. He is a member of the Post.

Former commander A. D. "Tony" Zehnder accepted the building and dedicated it "to

serve the community, the State and the nation."

"For God and country, we dedicate this home," he said. He presented the keys to Mr. Burwinkle, who then made his dedication speech.

The ceremony moved outside.

Rev. Frank O. Taafel, chaplain at Veterans Hospital, paid tribute to deceased members.

"We can throw away their sacrifices by religious and political bigotry, by setting race against race, color against color," he said. "Through us, what they died for shall never perish."

Phil Resch, Americanism chairman, dedicated the flag that was raised and the plaque that was on the flag pole. He noted that the plaque was donated by former commander Ed Zehnder. The flag was donated by Mrs. Clarence Young, widow of Pfc. Clarence Young, who was killed in Germany in 1944.

Mrs. William Heimerdinger, Auxiliary president, turned over the wreath to Pfc. Young's 12-year-old daughter, Mary Ann Young, who placed it against the flag pole. A salute was fired by the Iroquois Post color guard.

To end the ceremony, Mr. Burwinkle had Mayor Noland cut the ribbon across the front entrance of the \$125,000 building.

In keeping with the theme of the program, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhn sang "God Bless This House."

Notice!

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving.

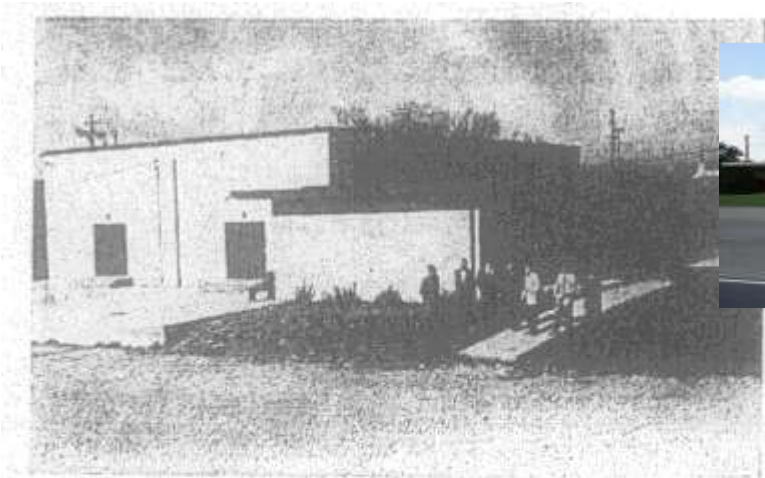
Therefore, *The Voice* will come out on Wednesday, Nov. 21, one day earlier than usual. Deadline for all news and ads will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

St. Matthews Fights Back

For years, the City of Louisville has battled with St. Matthews individuals and organizations over the ques-

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November 22, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



THE GREAT, new American Legion Zachary Taylor Post 186 on Shelbyville Road covers a lot of territory. Sitting on 3.8 acres of land, it has 9,127 square feet of floor space. At the extreme left is the unfinished outdoor patio, 42 by 25 feet, sitting next to the auditorium, which measures about 50 by 80 feet. The building was dedicated last week but has been in operation since summer. The St. Matthews Rotary and Jaycees meet there regularly. Building chairman Lawrence Richter and commander William Burwinkle agree that it should be a community building, at the disposal of all local organizations. Already, the Lions have had a dance there, the Lyndon Woman's Club a bazaar, the Jaycees an auction, and the Civil Defense organization a school. Meals are fixed by the Post 180 Auxiliary. The Legionnaires and the Auxiliary had many a headache before the building got up, not the least of which was a zoning problem. But they now have one of the finest Legion Posts in this area, with room for expansion.

November 29, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

St. M. Volunteers Battle Five Fires This Past Week

Five fires interrupted Thanksgiving holidays for the St. Matthews Fire Department this past week.

On Thanksgiving day at 10:30 a.m. a group of boys set off a fire in trash boxes at the rear of the Shelbyville Plaza. When the fire trucks arrived, the boys took out running across a field but were not apprehended, according to Capt. V. H. Beam of the volunteers.

The fire didn't present much of a problem and was extinguished with a booster line.

On Friday, Nov. 23, at 2:45 a.m. a call to 115 Fairfax Ave., an apartment house, proved to be a malicious false alarm. But at 10:10 a.m. that same day, a run to Frankfort Ave. and Cornell Place found a smoking truck whose brakes had become overheated.

At 4:40 a.m. Nov. 25, a fire broke out at the Belmont Cab Co., 310 Wallace Ave.

Smoke bellowed over Lexington Road and the fire burned out

the telephone line at the cab station. The operator on duty had to call from a near-by gasoline station.

The fire was caused by a defective flue, but there was little damage and the firemen had no trouble putting it out.

A fire that could have destroyed a home had it not been for the speed and efficiency of the volunteers occurred Monday, Nov. 26, at 11:18 a.m. at the home of Thomas Bullitt, 51 Calumet.

The fire, apparently caused by a faulty electrical heater, destroyed a maid's room and caused considerable damage to the kitchen and attic before the firemen were able to get it under control.

Two trucks were sent to the fire and seven additional men arrived after the trucks left.

There was some water damage to the home, but it didn't amount to "anything beyond normal," according to Capt. Beam.

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November 25 & 26, 1956, STMFD Fire Report

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ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date Sunday Nov. 25, 1956 (E)

A. M. 4:40 AM. out P. M.

Location Belmont Cal Co.

Owner X Ben B. Boul

310 WALLACE AVE

Signed

Occupant SANE (BELMONT Cal Co)

Signed

Building or Property TAXI STAND

Cause unknown

Special Notes

Officer in Charge

Chief Monahan

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 11-26-56

A. M. 11:18 P. M. 1:45 am

Location 7 Calumet

Owner Thomas W. Bullett

Signed

Occupant

Signed

Building or Property 2 story house

Cause

Special Notes

Officer in Charge

Marty Ramon

November 27, 1956, *The Courier-Journal*:

Courier-Journal Photo

OXMOOR MAIDS, amused at prospect of their picture being taken, are Miss Augustine Metereau, left, and Miss Bertha Anthony. Miss Anthony found a window open Sunday morning at the William Marshall Bullitt estate on Shelbyville Road. This led to discovery of burglary.



Courier-Journal Photo

"SECRET" DOOR, standing open here, gave burglars entry to study, beyond door, where looted safe was concealed in a wall at William Marshall Bullitt home. The door, faced in leather backs of books to merge into book-filled wall, was designed for decoration, rather than concealment, according to Mrs. Bullitt. Other pictures are on Page 1, Section 2.

Bullitts Told Via Kansas City Of Fire at Home of Son Here

Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall Bullitt learned by way of Kansas City that the house of their son, Thomas Bullitt, had caught fire yesterday.

A Kansas City newspaper telephoned the parents to inquire about the reported \$274,000 theft from a safe at their home over the weekend.

Reporter Learned of Fire

The Kansas City reporter, having called other sources in Louisville, had learned of the fire at Thomas Bullitt's and asked his mother about it. It was the first she had heard of it.

Damage to the four-bedroom, split-level house was estimated by an insurance adjuster at \$30,000—\$19,000 to the building and \$11,000 to its contents. The year-

old residence is at 51 Calumet Road in Indian Hills.

The **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department** spent an hour putting out the flames, which started shortly after 11 a.m. Thomas Bullitt said the fire apparently was caused by a portable electric heater in a maid's room.

The maid's room and a kitchen were largely destroyed.

Bullitt said other parts of the house were damaged by water.

The house was left without heat or electricity, Bullitt said.

Indonesian Extremists Kill 28

Jakarta, Indonesia, Nov. 26 (AP)—Rebels of the Darul Islam, extremist Moslem group, staged a series of attacks in the Bandung area of western Java over the weekend, killing 28 persons, wounding 5, and destroying 1,722 houses.



Courier-Journal Photo

HISTORIC OXMOOR, dating back to 1780, was "hoist" to an expensive "ghost" over the weekend, when an amount estimated at \$40,000 to \$274,000 was stolen from a safe there. The safe was in a wall of a study in a library wing, at left, which was added in 1924.

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November 26, 1956, The Voice Of St. Matthews: Bullitt Weekend – Fire and Theft: The Thanksgiving holidays set off an ill-fated chain of events for William Marshall Bullitt and his son, Thomas Bullitt, and their families. The senior Bullitt was victim of a much-publicized theft Sunday, when a large sum of cash was stolen from a wall safe in his Oxmoor Estate home.

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Firemen Fight Four Fires

The St. Matthews Firemen were called to four fires during the week, three of which were "weed" fires caused by negligence.

The other was a fire in a garbage truck belonging to the Guy Redmon Garbage Service.

On Nov. 29 at 5:55 a.m., garbage suddenly caught fire as the truck was parked in the driveway of a home on Brown's Lane. The fire was extinguished with a booster pump.

Two "weed" fires occurred on Dec. 2, one at 12:02 p.m. at 1225 Ridgeway, and the other at 1:01 p.m. at 215 Merriman Road. Both fires were caused when burning rubbish was left unattended, according to Capt. V. H. Beam of the Volunteers.

The other "weed" fire occurred the next day at 2:15 p.m. at 1225 Westport Road. The cause was undetermined.

Ways to Prevent Fires in Home Listed by NFPA

Death by fire in the home is one of the commonest yet most avoidable of all family tragedies, says the National Fire Protection Association. During Fire Prevention Week, the NFPA urges all members of the family to take preventative measures against these main causes of home fires:

1. Careless smoking and handling of matches. Put out cigarettes and matches carefully. Keep matches away from children.

2. Defective chimneys and heating plants shoot out dangerous sparks. A clean chimney and a fire-resistant roofing material such as asphalt shingles is the best way to protect the home from chimney sparks or from trash fires.

3. Overloaded or defective wiring circuits. Only a qualified electrician should install wiring.

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December 12, 1956, Letter:



Chief John M. Monahan
President;

Herewith is a summary of our deposits for the month of November 1956 as compared with November 1955; and with the 11 months to date.

Deposited November 1955	\$1,924.41
Deposited " 1956	1,576.67
Loss of same period 1955	\$ 347.74

Deposited 11 months 1955	\$26,060.50
Deposited 11 " 1956	24,515.10
Deposits under 1955	\$ 1,545.40

We have several contracts to come in before the end of December, which should close out the year about even with 1955.

Yours very truly
J. A. Bean

December 14, 1956, Board meeting:



A meeting of the Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Department was held December 13, 1956 at the firehouse.

Directors present: J. M. Monahan Geo. E. Miller
Marty Kemer Joe Zehnder
H. A. Monahan E. Leland Wilson

The meeting was called to order by President Monahan. Minutes of the November 9th meeting were read by President Monahan. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that the minutes be approved as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. H. A. Monahan that turkeys be purchased for all firemen and directors for Christmas. A motion was made by Mr. H. A. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Miller that Mr. Monahan purchase 17 lb. turkeys.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. E. Miller
Geo. E. Miller, Secretary

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"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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December 23, 1956, The Courier-Journal



This photo, made in 1949, shows the Shelbyville Road area east of St. Matthews. Nearly all the vacant land visible here has been sold or

leased at least some, virtually all the property in the foreground has been leased for shopping centers that will be constructed in the future.



This is virtually the same view seven years later, with a giant shopping center in the left center. This Blumco store has been leased for 99 years at \$75,000 a year; it contains restaurants and service stations

and the front yard of American Logos building. Land on both sides of Shelbyville Road in the foreground has been bought or long-leased for commercial development. Downtown Village has more than doubled.

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December 27, 1956, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Firemen Answer One Alarm

St. Matthews Firemen answered one call this past week when a piece of wood lodged in the ash-trap of a fireplace at 4024 Elmwood causing the room to fill with smoke.

There was no fire, however, nor was there any damage. The trouble was caused from carelessness.

April 9, 1970, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*, Anniversary Edition:

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IN THIS 1956 photo, Patrolmen Albert Bolton, left, and Henry Pollitt stand beside the first patrol car of the St. Matthews Police Department.

Police grow with the community

By Joe Oglesby

To keep pace with the growth of the city, the St. Matthews Police Department has expanded in size and facilities since its founding in 1954, four years after the incorporation of the city.

The department presently has a staff of 14 men, 10 full-time and four part-time police officers. Equipment includes seven patrol cars, two radio units, four walkie-talkies and communications equipment.

Back in 1954, the department had a staff of three: a chief and two patrolmen. They had a single patrol car.

Describes police training

"We're proud of the department," said Police Chief Ernest Cook. "It has grown to meet the needs of the community. We now have an in-service training program that provides our men with the training."

The training program is directed by John Womack, a retired Louisville Police Department officer. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute and the Northwestern University Traffic Institute.

St. Matthews police supplement their local training by taking courses in law enforcement at Eastern Kentucky University and at the Kentucky State Police Academy. They also participate in special training sessions conducted by city and county police.

Felonies referred to county

The department handles all policing in St. Matthews, but refers felony cases to county police for further investigation and follow-up, Chief Cook said.

Traffic cases and misdemeanors involving arrests by St. Matthews police are handled in the St. Matthews City Court.

In 1955, St. Matthews police made 189 arrests that required court action. The number of arrests had risen to 1,713 in 1968.

The department's first chief was Russell C. Bailey, a former patrolman with the Louisville Police Department. Bailey was appointed in 1954 and served about a year.

The next chief was William E. Twiliver, appointed head of the department in 1955. He served until 1961.

Cook joined in 1956

That year E. N. Kelley became chief. He was the department's head until 1965, when Cook was appointed chief.

Cook previously had been a sergeant, assistant chief and acting chief. He joined the department in 1956.

Prior to the establishment of the department, misdemeanor police were hired to enforce the law in St. Matthews. Chief Cook said, but growth and citizen requests for more police protection resulted in the creation of the full-time force.

By 1965, Chief Cook said, the department had grown to a staff of eight and had two police cruisers.

A loss of revenue

That year the annexation of part of the St. Matthews business district by the City of Louisville caused a loss of about \$30,000 in tax revenue to the City of St. Matthews. And by the following year the police force had been trimmed back to six as the city could stay within its budget.

By 1965 the department had mounted its built-up and there were eight men on the force and facilities included five police cruisers.

Sgt. Albert Bolton has been with the department since its early years. He

joined the St. Matthews police force in 1956 as a patrolman.

Voters will have an opportunity in the 1971 general election to approve or reject a constitutional amendment that would grant a homestead tax exemption to property owners over 65.

The exemption of up to \$4,500 of the assessed valuation of the homestead was amended in 1961, requested by Rep. William G. Keeney, D-Louisville, and 50 other House members.

It passed the House 81 to 10, and was approved by the Senate 23 to 6 on the last day of the session.

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Fire Statistics For 1956

Total number of fire runs:	102
Total working fires:	11
Total hours of fire fighting:	38
Total 1 1/2" hose used:	5,900 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used:	11,600 feet
Back up City of Louisville:	
Number of A. M. runs:	42
Number of P. M. runs:	60

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

Engine 1:	66
Engine 2:	13
Engine 3:	33
Quad:	42

Types of fire runs:

House	41
Commercial	18
Automobile	14
Field & trash	23
Miscellaneous	4
Malicious false	2

Working fires:

1/1/1956	12:20 a.m.	John Walser Company, 4050 Westport Road
1/14/1956	3:15 p.m.	Trailer, 3701 Lexington Road
4/7/1956	11:40 a.m.	House, 109 Oxford Place, fire in basement
4/30/1956	3:15 p.m.	F. W. Woolworth, Shelbyville Road Plaza, fire in stock room
5/17/1956	9:50 a.m.	House, 4018 Delridge Road, fire in bedroom
5/29/1956	5:25 p.m.	House, 313 Tyne Road, fire in bedroom closet
7/13/1956	7:35 a.m.	House, 314 Bonner Avenue, struck by lightning
9/16/1956	6:29 a.m.	House, 4011 Elfin, fire in living room
10/1/1956	9:57 p.m.	House, 544 Country Lane, house under construction
11/25/1956	4:40 a.m.	Taxi Office, 310 Wallace Avenue
11/26/1956	1:18 a.m.	House, 51 Calumet, fire in maid's room

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Courtesy Rick Albers

1956 ST. MATTHEWS FIRE RUNS

DATE	TIME	1008 TIME	COMPANIES RESPONDED	Run #	NO OF FF'S	OFFICER IN CHARGE	STREET ADDRESS Or LOCATION	NARRATIVE
1-1	1220 AM	830 AM	Quad Engine 1 & 3	1		Chief Monohan	4050 Westport Road John Walser Co.	Building afire and coming thru roof when alarm came in. Used 3500' of 2-1/2" & 2000 of 1-1/2"
1-2	1137 AM	1150 AM	Quad & Engine 1	2		Capt. Terry	236 Breckinridge Lane	Yard – burning trash, used booster
1-3	310 PM	330 PM	Engine 1	3		M. Zehnder	U.S. 60 opposite shopping center	Field – used booster
1-5	845 PM	915 PM	Engine #2	4		J.P. Terry	105 Bauer Avenue	Laundry – ironer roller left on, used booster
1-6	135 PM	235 PM	Engine 2 & 3	5		Lt. Kaster	Hycliffe Avenue & Cannons Lane	Field – used booster
1-6	1100 PM	1115 PM	Engine 2	6		M. Zehnder	4085 Massie Avenue	Grass – used booster
1-7	400 PM	409 PM	Quad & Engine 1	7		Capt. Terry	413 Rolling Lane	Mantle & fireplace in living room. Burning Christmas decorations. Used booster
1-10	942 PM	100 PM	Jeep	8		Chief Monohan	79 Westwind Road	Residence – furnace controls
1-14	315 PM	415 PM	Engine 1 & 2	9		M. Zehnder	Rear of 3701 Lexington Road	Working trailer fire – rear portion of trailer, used booster. In rear of Sinclair Oil Station
1-23	115 PM	130 PM	Engine 1 & 2	10		Capt. Terry	3828 Frankfort Avenue (rear)	Malicious false – reported trash fire
1-27	842 PM	912 PM	Engine 2 & 3	11		Lt. Zehnder	Hwy. 42 & Hubbards Lane	Truck slid off highway. #3 did not reach scene, broke down on way
2-6	700 PM	720 PM	Jeep	12		Jack Monohan	407 Clover Lane	Electrical outlet – removal of fuse & box
2-13	1230 AM	100 AM	Engine 1 & Quad	13		Chief Monohan	310 Lotis Way	Electrical controls of furnace – out on arrival
2-26	533 PM	600 PM	Engine #2	14		Chief Monohan	4160 Westport Road	Grass – used booster
3-3	901 AM	916 AM	Engine 1 & Quad	15		Capt. Terry	169 Westwind Road	Rubbish in rear yard – smoke seen over roof of house
3-9	1115 AM	1140 AM	Engine 3	16		Lt. Kaster	124 Sherrin Avenue	Residence – accumulation of soot in fireplace

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DATE	TIME	1008 TIME	COMPANIES RESPONDED	Run #	NO OF FF'S	OFFICER IN CHARGE	STREET ADDRESS Or LOCATION	NARRATIVE
3-10	420 PM	510 PM	Engine #1	17		Chief Monohan	Browns Lane, south of Alton Road Brown Hotel Farm	Tree – used booster
3-10	700 PM	740 PM	Engine #3	18		Chief Monohan	Browns Lane, south of Alton Road Brown Hotel Farm	Tree – used booster
3-19	845 AM	856 AM	Engine #1	19		Lt. Zehnder	4005 Frankfort Avenue	Ford Auto – used booster
3-21	310 PM	335 PM	Engine #1	20		J. Kaster	231 Fairmeade Road	Field set by little boy playing with matches. Mrs. L.H. Strobel called the fire in
3-26	500 PM	535 PM	Engine #1	21		Lt. Zehnder	Breckinridge Lane & Hycliffe Avenue	Auto hit tree & wrecked. Police took driver to hospital. Plymouth 515-700 Jefferson Co.
3-29	205 PM	245 PM	Engine #3	22		Jack Monohan	Rear of 217 Sherrin Avenue	Field – burning rubbish – several yards
4-2	215 PM	220 PM	Quad	23		Joe Kempf	4163 Westport Road	Lock-out, second time this happened due to carelessness
4-3	1200 PM	1210 PM	Quad & Engine 1	24		Asst. Chief Kamer	4310 Churchill Road	Malicious false – same party called city hall this time
4-7	1140 AM	130 PM	Quad, Engine 1 & 3	25		Capt. Terry & Westwood	109 Oxford Place	Working basement fire, clothes on furnace, used booster & 1-1/2" lines, 2 ladders
4-8	1105 AM	1130 AM	Engine #1	26		Chief Monohan	319 Browns Lane St. Matthews Methodist Church	Church – motor on sump pump, used CO2
4-9	425 PM	450 PM	Engine #1	27		Kaster Zehnder	601 Breckinridge Lane	Telephone equipment locker used booster
4-13	620 PM	648 PM	Quad 4 Engine 1 & 3	28		Chief Monohan	4038 Massie Avenue	Residence – food on stove, used booster
4-25	403 AM	435 AM	Engine 1 – 3 Quad	29		Chief Monohan	4029 St. Germaine Court	Residence – overheated furnace
4-30	315 PM	405 PM	Engine 1 & 3 Quad	30		Zehnder & Wheeler	Shelbyville Road Plaza 4600 Shelbyville Road	F.W. Woolworth Store – burning rubbish blew in door Used 1-1/2" & booster, 24' extension ladder
5-1	455 PM	510 PM	Engine 3	31		Capt. Kamer	201 Meridian Avenue	Residence - transformer

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5-9	814 AM	829 AM	Engine 1 & 2	32		Lt. Kaster	Hubbards Lane & 42	Reported truck – malicious false
5-15	1035 AM	1100 AM	Engine 1	33		Asst. Chief Kamer	436 Country Lane	Residence – hot water heater leaking gas in basement, used CO2
5-17	950 AM	1045 AM	Quad Engine 1 & 3	34		Asst. Chief Kamer	4108 Delridge Avenue	Working house fire – 1" fl. Bedroom, short in wiring under rug, 700' of 2-1/2", 400' of 1-1/2"
5-20	210 AM	332 AM	Engine #1	35		Chief Monohan	Lexington Road & Frankfort Avenue	Auto – hit in rear by another auto, used booster. Called by city of St. Matthews Police Dept.
5-22	159 PM	220 PM	Quad & Engine 1	36		Capt. Terry	201 Heady Road	House – 1" floor curtains – boy & cigarette lighter Out on arrival
5-29	309 PM	335 PM	Engine 1	37		Capt. Joe Kempf	27 Ridgewood Road	Residence – lightning strike. Called by Harrods Creek VFD. Used room ladder
5-29	525 PM	620 PM	Quad Engine 1 – Engine 3	38		Chief Monohan	313 Tyne Road	Residence – clothes closet, children & matches. Used 1-1/2" & booster
5-29	1025 PM	1040 PM	Engine 3	39		Asst. Chief Kamer	Blenheim & Ledyard Roads	Old outbuilding
5-30	405 AM		Engine 3	40		Chief Monohan	Westport Road in Briarwood Subdivision	Backup Lyndon F.D. – house fire
6-3	945 PM	1015 PM	Engine 3	41		Jack Monohan	8 Mile House	Backup Lyndon F.D. - Restaurant & Bar Kitchen – food on stove
6-7	720 PM	755 PM	Engine #1, #3 Quad	42		Chief Monohan	3727 Lexington Road Vogue Theatre	Theatre – second floor, popcorn machine, used booster from Quad
6-20	950 AM	1014 AM	Engine 3	43		Capt. Terry	3920 Old Brownsboro Road	Tree – used booster, 10' roof ladder
6-24	1240 PM	105 PM	Quad & Engine #1	44		Chief Monohan	3940 Olympic Avenue	Stove in kitchen – food on stove Used CO2 off Quad
6-29	840 PM		Engine #3	45		Chief Monohan	Terry's Texaco Service 3810 Lexington Road	Service station – overflow tank, used booster
7-1	840 AM	920 AM	Quad Engine 2 & 3	46		Chief Monohan	Shelbyville Road Plaza 4600 Shelbyville Road	Restaurant – gas heater in dishwasher, used CO2

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7-5	1158 PM	1210 AM	Quad Engine 1 & 3	48		Chief Monohan	102 Wiltshire Avenue	Apartment – malicious false
7-9	350 PM	358 PM	Engine 3 & Quad	49		Asst. Chief Kamer	Frankfort & Bauer Avenues	Post office mailbox – used hand pump
7-9	400 PM	410 PM	Engine 1	50		W.R. Herdt	3707 Lexington Road Marie Women's Shop	Store
7-13	725 AM		Quad Engine 1 & 3	51		Lt. Kaster	77 Westwind Road	Residence-built in oven in kitchen, caused by lightning. Sent Engine 3-1 & Quad to 314 Bonner
7-13	735 AM	935 AM	Engine 2	52		Asst. Chief Kamer	314 N. Bonner Avenue	Residence – bed room caused by lightning, used booster, 400' of 1-1/2" & 1000' of 2-1/2"
7-23	910 AM	950 AM	None	53		Capt. Terry	3919 St. Germaine Court	Residence – overheated washing machine motor. Sent Terry & George Haeberlin in their car
7-29	1038 AM	1125 AM	Quad	54		Lt. Kaster	214 Oxford Place	Residence – washing machine motor
7-31	235 PM	305 PM	Engine 3	55		Lt. Kaster	3600 block Hillsboro Road	Field – used booster
8-3	705 PM	755 PM	Engine 1 & Quad	56		Chief Monohan	Shelbyville Road Plaza 4600 Shelbyville Road	Grocery – started by welding torch, used booster & 16' ladder
8-12	302 PM	320 PM	Engine #1 & Quad	57		Chief Monohan	4201 Hilltop Lane	Auto in garage, burnt wiring under hood, out on arrival
8-13	1105 AM	1125 AM	Engine 1 & Quad	58		Capt. Terry Lt. Wheeler	318 N. Hubbards Lane	Tar kettle in driveway overflowed, used booster
8-15	425 PM	440 PM	Engine 1 (notified Lyndon)	59		Lt. Wheeler	Westport Road	Reported truck – stated near Herr Lane, called Lyndon.
8-17	515 PM	515 PM	Quad & Engine 1	60		R. Herdt	431 Eline Avenue	House – Malicious false
9-23	430 PM	515 PM	Quad & Engine 1	61		Capt. Terry	4075 Massie Avenue	Tree

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8-23	1035 PM	1045 PM	Quad 1 & 2 Engine	62		Asst. Chief Kamer	3826 Wilmington Avenue	Jewelry Store – Malicious false
8-24	220 AM	350 AM	Engine 1	63		Chief Monohan	4075 Massie Avenue	Tree – used booster 3" call to this tree
8-24	600 PM	720 PM	Engine #1	64		J. Monohan III R.F. Florence	4075 Massie Avenue	Tree – used booster & 12' roof ladder 4" call to this address
8-27	205 AM	235 AM	Engine 1 & Quad	65		Chief Monohan	205 Fairlawn Road	Residence – T.V. set
9-3	645 PM	710 PM	Engine #1	66		Chief Monohan	224 Blankenbaker Lane	Auto – Ford – spilled gasoline on driveway Used booster
9-8	849 AM	930 AM	Engine #1 & Quad	67		Lt. Wheeler	710 Antrim Road	Residence – living room, cigarette, used pump can
9-16	629 AM	850 AM	Quad & Engine 1	68		Chief Monohan	4011 Elfin Avenue	Residence – living room, possible lightning strike 600' of 1-1/2", 1200' of 2-1/2", 24' & 16' ladders
9-17	908 AM	920 AM	Engine #1	69		R. Herdt Capt. Terry	500 Club Lane	Car - motor
9-22	948 AM	1005 AM	Jeep	70		Jack Monohan	512 Kinglan Road	Lawn mower overheated, used CO2 Requested not use apparatus
10-1	957 PM	1240 AM	Quad Engine 1, Engine 2	71		Chief Monohan	544 Country Lane	Working house fire fully involved, used 1600' of 2-1/2" & 800' of 1-1/2", LFD also responded
10-5	935 AM	953 AM	Private car	73		W. Micou	3943 Staebler Avenue	Residence – rags in oven Bill Micou in own car
10-5	555 PM	622 PM	Engine Co. #1	74		Lt. Monohan	512 Merriman Road	Residence – kitchen stove, used CO2. Damage in house caused by smoke from kitchen fire
10-4	450 AM		Engine 1 & 2 – Quad	75		Chief Monohan	3816 Frankfort Avenue	Grocery – overheated motor – upon request of merchant police who investigated at 1AM
10-4	728 PM	800 PM	Personal car used	76		F.R. Florence	4014 Brookfield Road	T.V. Set – called at home by telephone answering service
10-22	615 PM	636 PM	Jeep	77		Chief Monohan Lt. Monohan	422 Sunnyview Road, Apt. #3	T.V. Set – called at home by telephone answering service

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10-22	746 PM		Companies did not move	78		Lt. Monohan	Rear A&P Parking Lot 3937 Frankfort Avenue	Auto – rear taillight shorted out 1954 Ford, 4-door blue, 495-409 - Jefferson
10-30	918 AM	940 AM	Engine #1 & Quad	79		Chief Monohan	4024 St. Germaine Court	Residence – electrical short in bedroom, 2 nd floor
10-30	530 PM	600 PM	Engine #1 & Quad #1	80		Lt. Monohan	Brownsboro & Sunnyview Roads	Auto – backfired thru air filter, 1956 Chevrolet, Jefferson 416-770
11-3	138 PM	15 PM	Engine 1 & 3	81		Florence	Shelbyville Road & Butler Estate	Field – Alarm phoned from 207 Brunswick Road
11-11	505 AM	550 AM	Engine #1	82		Chief Monohan	333 Ridgeway Avenue	Tree – used booster
11-12	105 PM	145 PM	Engine 1 & 3	83		Asst. Chief Kamer	Big Spring Golf Club	Field – used booster
11-13	1245 PM	1255 PM	Engine 3	84		Capt. Kaster	3535 St. Germaine Court (rear)	Field – burning rubbish in wind Out on arrival
11-22	1030 AM	1056 AM	Quad & Engine #1	85		Chief Monohan	Rear of Shelbyville Road Plaza 4600 Shelbyville Road	Trash paper – used booster & Johnson pump
11-22	1154 PM		Rannie's car	86		Lt. Florence	Willis & Wallace Avenues	False
11-23	245 AM	300 AM	Quad, Engine #1 Engine #3	87		Chief Monohan	115 Fairfax Avenue	Residence – turned in by Louisville Fire Alarm Office
11-23	1020 AM	1019 AM	Engine #1	88		Capt. Wheeler	Frankfort Avenue & Cornell Place	Truck – emergency brake stuck
11-25	440 AM	610 AM	Quad Engine #1-2-3	89		Chief Monohan	310 Wallace Avenue	Cab stand – 2 boosters, 2 1-1/2" lines 1300' of 2-1/2", 400' of 1-1/2", 400' booster
11-26	1118 AM	145 PM	Engine 1 & Quad	90		Asst. Chief Kamer	51 Calumet Road	Residence – 550' of 2-1/2", 400' of 1-1/2" 400' of booster. Started in maid's room
11-28	446 PM		Engine 1 & Quad	91		Kaster & Wheeler	Napaneer Road	Tree – used booster
11-28	855 AM	930 AM	Engine #1	92		Capt. Kaster	Browns Lane	Garbage truck – hot ashes, used booster

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11-2	1204 PM	1225 PM	Engine #3	93		Capt. J.V. Kaster	Rear 333 Ridgeway Avenue	Weeds – used booster
11-2	100 PM	120 PM	Engine #3	94		Capt. J. V. Kaster	Rear 313 Merriman Road	Weeds from burning rubbish, used booster
11-5	218 PM	252 PM	Engine 3	95		Kaster & Wheeler	4238 Westport Road	Weeds from burning rubbish, used booster
12-9	520 PM	554 PM	Automobile	96		Monohan & Florence	Browns Lane	House – called to investigate smoke in house, no equipment used, no alarm sounded.
12-14	800 AM	826 AM	Engine Co. #1	97		Monohan	142 Wiltshire Avenue	Dryer – lint, dropped out
12-17	100 PM	210 PM	Engine 1	98		Asst. Chief Kamer	4045 Elmwood Avenue	Residence – wood in ash trap, used Johnson pump
12-19	520 AM	553 AM	Quad & Engine 1	99		Chief Monohan	504 Tiffany Lane	Residence – used booster on bed
12-20	205 PM	240 PM	Engine 1	100		Capt. Terry	317 N. Hubbards Lane	Residence - furnace
12-23	445 PM	555 PM	Auto	101		Asst. Chief Kamer	Shelbyville Road Plaza 4600 Shelbyville Road	Leak in oil stove in March of Dimes booth
12-24	1236 PM	105 PM	Quad, Engine 1 Engine 3	102		Chief Monohan	Woolworth's, Shelbyville Road Plaza 4600 Shelbyville Road	Store – no fire – false
12-26	218 PM	248 PM	Quad & Engine 1	103		Capt. Terry	3610 Winchester Road	Furnace, stuck thermostat

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FIRE RECORD OF <u>St. Mary's V.F.D.</u>														
Date	Time	Alarm by Phone or Box No.	COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type	Time Arrived	Time Discharged	Hours of Service	Miles Travelled	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
12/25/54	4:22 PM	Phone	Engine #1	4:25 PM	5:00 PM	36 MIN	1 1/2	J. Marbo	Tire	Orange Lane South of Austin Brown Lane	BROWN HOTEL FARM	SAME	-	No
12/26/54	7:00 PM	Phone	Engine #3	7:05 PM	7:40 PM	35 MIN	1 1/2	J. Marbo	Tire	South of Austin Brown Lane	BROWN HOTEL FARM	SAME	-	No
1/10/55	8:45 PM	Phone	Eng 1	8:46 PM	8:55 PM	10 MIN	3/4	A. Gehlen	Auto	4008 Franklin Ave.	Chas. Janssen	auto	-	-
3/4/55	3:10 PM	Phone	Eng 1	3:15 PM	3:25 PM	10 MIN	1 1/2	J. Kester	Field	251 Fairview	Harry Monahan	Field	-	-
3/24/55	5:00 PM	Phone	Eng 1	5:00 PM	5:35 PM	35 MIN	1 1/2	A. Gehlen	Auto	Brown Lane & Highway	Ray & Shays	Auto-accident	-	no
3/24/55	9:05 PM	Phone	Eng 3	9:05 PM	9:35 PM	30 MIN	1 1/2	J. Kester	Field	251 Fairview	Harry Monahan	Field	-	no
4/1/55	9:05 PM	Phone	Eng 1	9:05 PM	9:35 PM	30 MIN	1 1/2	J. Kester	Field	251 Fairview	Harry Monahan	Field	-	no
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FIRE DEPARTMENT		FROM May 1 st 1956		TO July 1 st 1956												
Part of Building Where Fire Started	CAUSE	Infringed by B. Baiter C. Chaulish H. Hyatt P. Pomeroy S. Spindler	Number of Hydrants Available	Hoses Pumped Worked	Size and Feet of Hose Used	Size and Number of Ladders Used	Gallons of Chemical Used	INSURANCE RECORD				CONTENTS				Radio SPECIAL NOTES
								Estimated Value	Insurance Carried	Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid	Estimated Value	Insurance Carried	Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid	
75	---	Wah Fake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	For Fire Service Only
76	Basement	Leaky Hot Water Radiator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" "
77	1st Room	Broken Cup	At Risk	2	30' 2" 100-175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" "
78	W. Fire	HT in Room by another Bldg	London	2	1 1/2" 25' 25' 25'	400	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	called by city of St Matthews Alton Del
79	1st Fl.	Buttins Roof	Big & Biggsville Bldg	400	2	400	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	On on arrival - Cleaned up debris
80	1st Fl.	Lighting	400	-	400	400	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Called by Harold Creek F.D.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT				FROM <u>Aug 2nd</u>		TO <u>Oct 22nd 1956</u>									
Part of Building Where Fire Started	CAUSE	Extinguished by 1. Bucket 2. Chemicals 3. Hydraulic Stream 4. Fireman 5. Sprinkler	Number of Hydrants Available	Hoses Pumped Used	Size and Feet of Hose Used	Size and Number of Ladders Used	Gallons of Chemicals Used	INSURANCE RECORD				SPECIAL NOTES			
								BUILDINGS		CONTENTS					
								Estimated Value	Insurance Carried	Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid	Estimated Value	Insurance Carried	Estimated Loss	Insurance Paid
53 Nial. Fake	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	RADIO USER FOR FIRE ONLY
54 Tree	not known	Booster	1	40'	1"	—	—	—	—	3rd floor to this tree	—	—	—	—	Not used
55 Tree	unknown	Booster	1	1 hr	Booster 15' roof	None	None	No	None	4th call to this address	—	—	—	—	Radio went out in this fire, first started day.
56 18 St	unknown	C.	1	30'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	For three hours only
57 18 St	spilled gas & matches	Booster	1	70'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" "
58 Living Room	separate kitchenette	Camp Can	2	40'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" "
59 Living Room	possible lighting	P. 1 hose	2	70'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" "
Motor	not known	no	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" "
Motor	overheated	Ch. Co. B + Capier	1	40'	—	—	—	—	—	Requested that food apparatus	—	—	—	—	not used
60 Kitchen	undiscovered	—	2	30'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	31 Eog S.F.D also responded	—	—	—	—	For Fire Only
61 Kitchen	Range in oven	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Recd. message in Burn Can	—	—	—	—	After not used
62 Kitchen	Gas in oven	CO ₂	1	40'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	Damage in house caused by smoke from the	—	—	—	—	Wishes for Radio for Fire Only
63 Motor	overheated	box	2	40'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	upon request of Merikant Police investigated at 1800 N. 1st St. by telephone	—	—	—	—	For Fire Only
64 Living room	Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Called at home by telephone answering service	—	—	—	—	Only
65 TV	Unknown	unemployed	1	40'	40'	40'	40'	—	—	Called at home by telephone answering service	—	—	—	—	Not used

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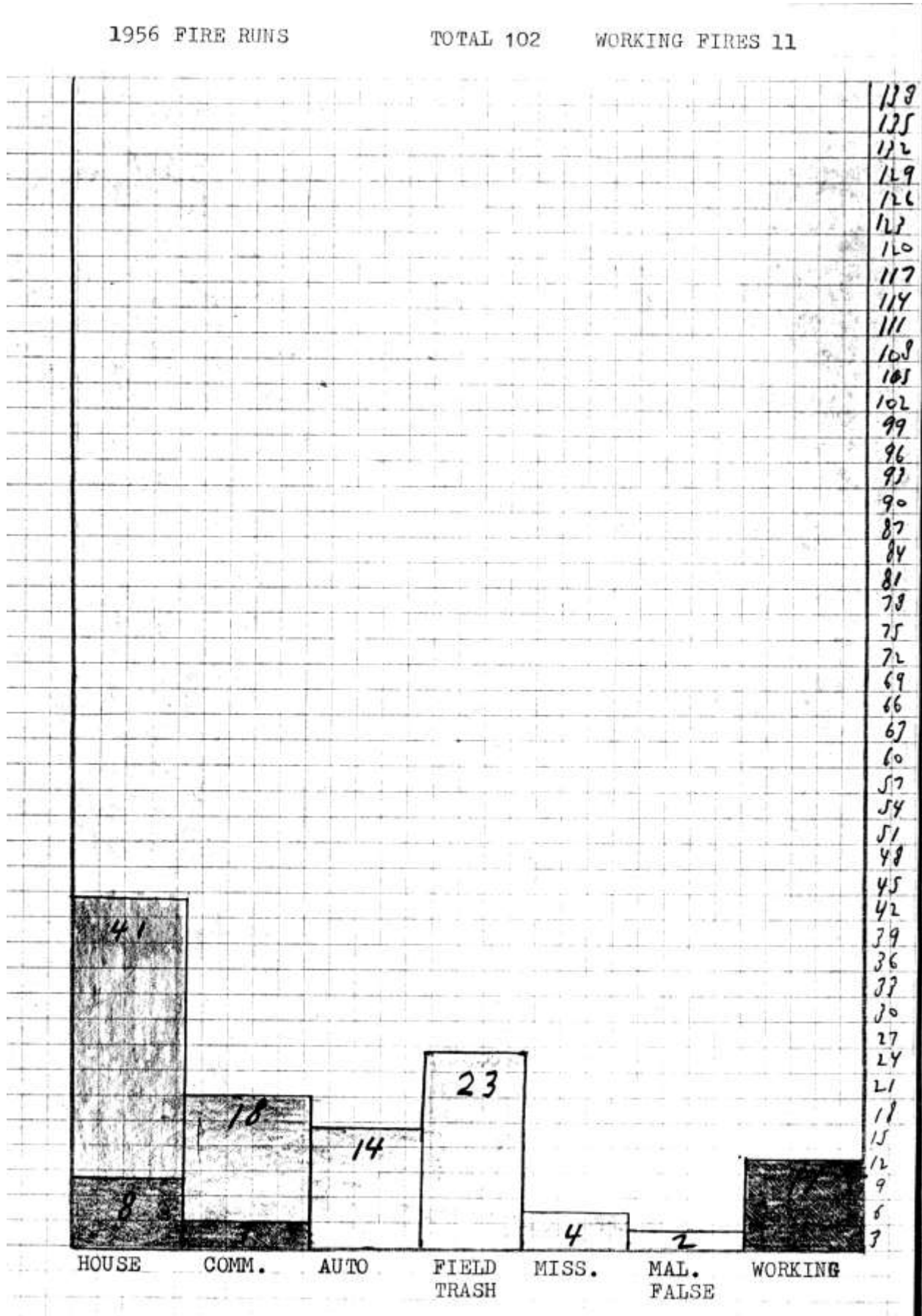
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TOTAL FIRE RUNS 102

TOTAL WORKING FIRES 11

TOTAL HOURS OF FIREFIGHTING 38

TOTAL 1½" HOSE USED 5,900 FEET

TOTAL 2½" HOSE USED 11,600 FEET

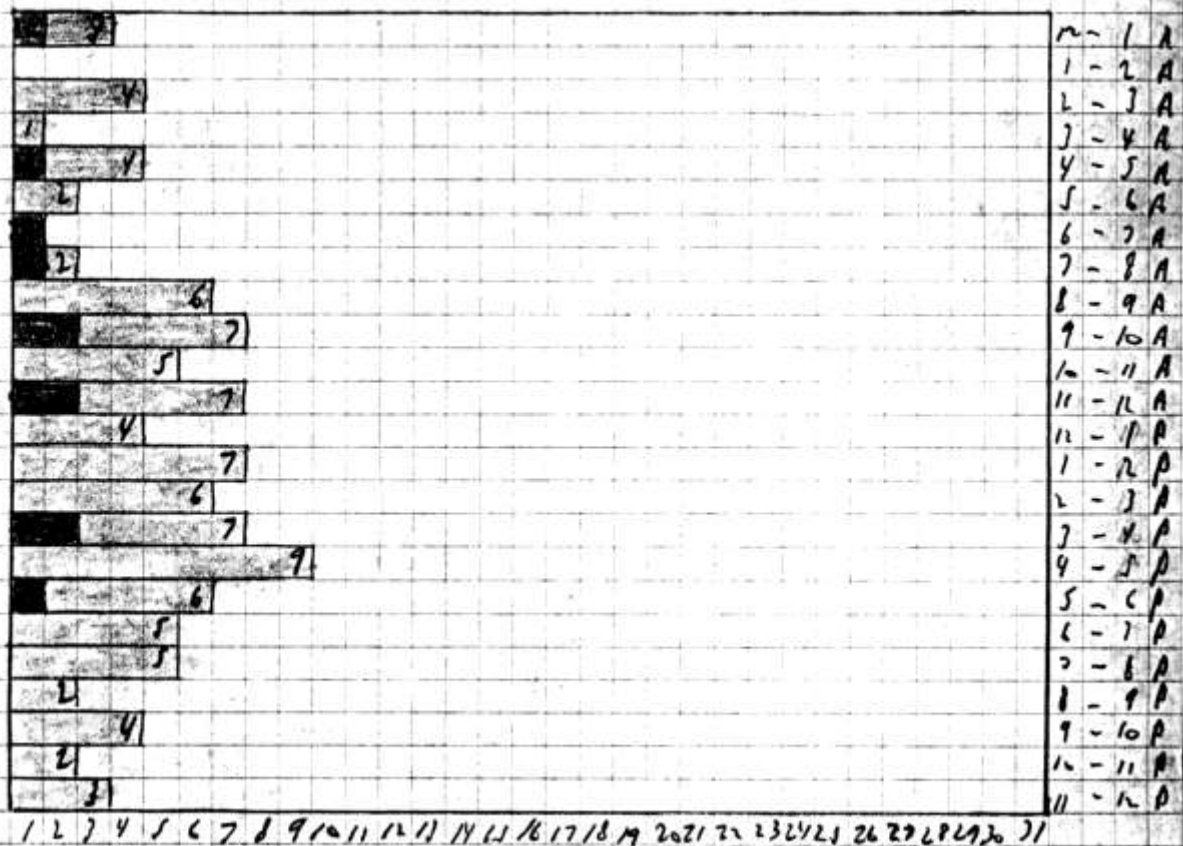
ENGINE 1 MADE 66 RUNS

ENGINE 2 MADE 13 RUNS

ENGINE 3 MADE 33 RUNS

QUAD MADE 42 RUNS

1-1-56 AT 12:20 A.M. WAS THE FIRST FIRE OF THE YEAR. 4050 WESTPORT ROAD, JOHN WALSER BUILDER. WORKING FIRE COMPLETE LOSS.



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