

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District

## 1972 — 1974

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

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

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WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE what the answer is, but the problem shown above on Rudy Lane last week is repeated almost daily somewhere in the East End. Trucks leaving construction sites track huge quantities of mud onto the public highways, leaving slick or dusty roads in their wake. The contractors don't seem to care and apparently the police don't either. What will it take to put an end to this brand of irresponsibility?

1972 A real effort was made to make advancements in firefighter recruiting and additional training. A Recruiting Program was designed by Al Ring, using Chief John Monohan with the slogan--

**"Chief Monohan Wants You!"**

January 13, 1972, Board meeting: Marty Kamer came back on board to replace Henry Monohan.

January 13, 1972

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteers Fire Association held January 13, 1972.

Directors present were: Mr. Fred Boss; Mr. Robert Walling; Mr. George Miller; Mr. John M. Monohan; Mr. J. P. Terry and Mr. John Emrich.

Minutes of the last meeting held December 9, 1971 were read by Chairman, Emrich.

Motion made by J. P. Terry and seconded by George Miller they be accepted as read.

Motion made by John Monohan seconded by J. P. Terry that we elect Marty Kamer as a director to fill the vacancy created by the death of Henry Monohan, whose term will expire in July 1975.

Motion made by John Emrich, seconded by George Miller that we give Fireman & Directors Dance and Dinner separate at a cost not to exceed \$750.00.

George Miller will call Attorney, Grauman and get an answer as to what is going on with the City of St. Matthews on settlement.

Motion made by George Miller and seconded by Fred Boss that we buy a \$5,000.00 Certificate of deposit in the First National and Stock Yards Bank.

There being no further business motion was made by J. P. Terry and seconded by Robert Walling that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
George E. Miller

January 20, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Is a right turn on 'red' light legal here?

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

Right turns on red lights are legal in St. Matthews, beginning today — or are they?

The board ordinance passed Jan. 11 by the St. Matthews City Council made an exception to the statement that all traffic signals would be turned to the ordinance, when it was legally passed. St. Matthews City Attorney J. W. Jones said in the interim all signals within the city are legal.

So, with the publication of the ordinance in *The Voice-Jeffersonian*, it becomes effective, however, when the St. Matthews Police Department or the State Highway Depart-

ment are asked about the new traffic lights on Shelbyville Road which lie within the corporate limits of St. Matthews, neither recommends that motorists follow the letter of the ordinance.

## Study under way

A study, they say, is being conducted to determine whether it is safe to permit motorists traveling on Shelbyville Road to stop, then turn right, when clear, onto side streets.

On Jan. 14, three days after the ordinance was unanimously passed by the St. Matthews City Council, St. Matthews Police Chief Kermil Cook and Robert O'Marra, of the State Highway Depart-

ment, discussed possible problems areas in the ordinance relating to Shelbyville Road. O'Marra said that he knew of the city's plans to pass the ordinance, but the department had not worked out its recommendations when the city took the action.

When the Highway Department is responsible for traffic control on Shelbyville Road (U.S. 42), the city's plans for the drive from Breckinridge Lane to La Grange Road (including a portion of Frankfort Ave. to Fairfax Ave.) are handled with Missouri department approval.

Of chief concern to O'Marra are the synchronized signals controlling traffic at The Mall.

At one point, in the traffic-light sequence, Shelbyville Road traffic is permitted a right turn into the Mall means of a green arrow, while the through traffic is stopped. However, when west-bound traffic is permitted entry, conflicts could arise from motorists turning right when the green arrow is replaced in sequence with a red one, O'Marra said.

St. Matthews City Council member John Barker is also concerned with Shelbyville Road traffic at Breckinridge and Chennetham Lanes. At that point (one-way) the city limits cross the intersection, making it disputable, whether St. Matthews' ordinance applies.

Darker believes St. Matthews controls the intersection, but he feels it might be dangerous to permit right turns on red at the intersection.

## Many signs are up

O'Marra sees "no harm in right turns on red onto Shelbyville Road" from the side streets. He explained the controlled signals on Shelbyville Road often give clear traffic periods during which the driver could make a safe entry onto Shelbyville Road. Many side streets presently have posted signs advising motorists to "stop, turn right on red," he said.

This week, and next week, Chief Cook, O'Marra and Mayor Bernard F. Bowling are studying the possibilities of right turns on red, with the intention of posting the Highway Department (permits) signs at those intersections they deem acceptable. Until the signs are posted, both Cook and O'Marra agree, motorists should not take the legal ordinance literally.

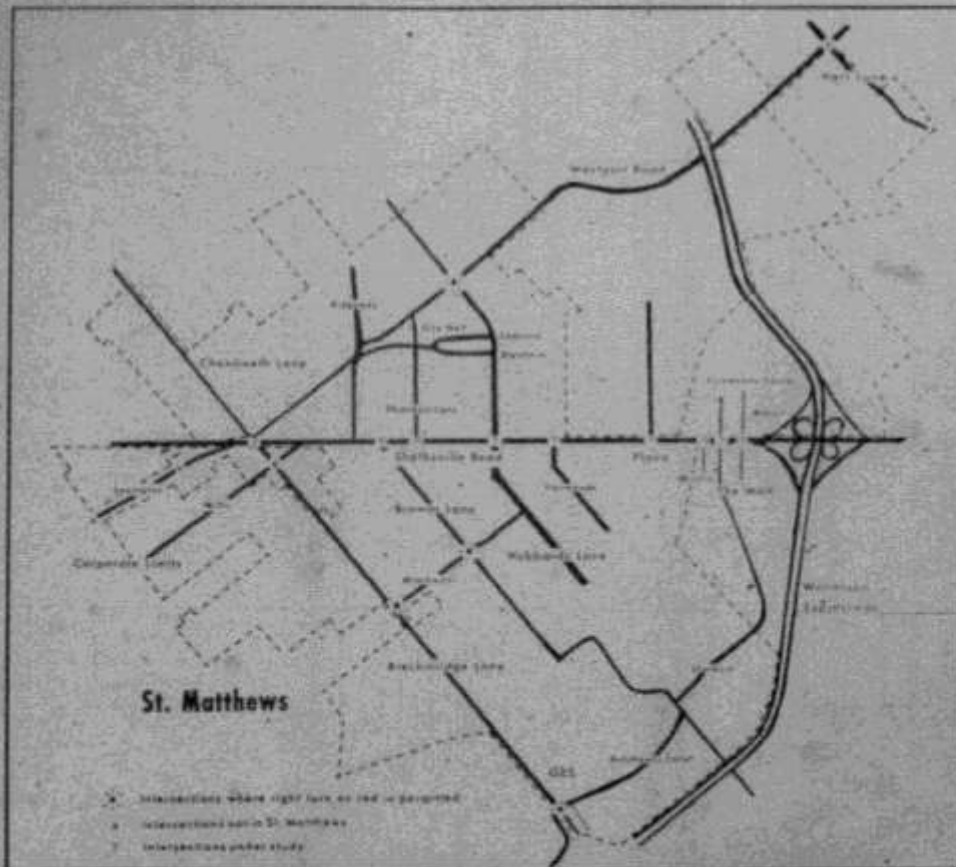
Chief Cook said motorists who do follow the letter of the ordinance will be instructed, not cited for their interpretation of the ordinance. He says the signs will be up within a few days.

## Jones defends the law

In spite of the opinions of the Highway Department regarding Shelbyville Road, Attorney Jones maintains the letter of the ordinance is legal — including all St. Matthews signals on Shelbyville Road.

So, if you are driving through St. Matthews for the next few weeks, perhaps you'd like to keep *The Voice-Jeffersonian* at your side. The only intersections at which you may immediately take a right turn on red are: Westport Road and Richards Lane; Breckinridge Lane and Winchester Road; Sycamore Lane and Winchester Road; and Breckinridge Lane and Winchester Lane (at the C&D stop).

Be advised, however, because of the unusual corporate limits of the City of Louisville into St. Matthews, the intersection of Breckinridge Lane and Willis Ave. is not in St. Matthews. Special right-on-red signs have long been posted at this corner, there is speed traffic flow.



Voice map by Anne Calvert

USE THIS MAP to determine where to turn right on red in St. Matthews.

January 20, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Sears addition is under construction

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

Sears Roebuck and Co. is building a \$100,000 addition to the service department of the St. Matthews branch store on Shelbyville Road. When completed this summer, the department will have a 50 percent increase in service area, said store manager, Don Witteklend.

A building permit was issued Jan. 13 by the City of St. Matthews to E. L. Noe & Sons of Louisville, the contractors for the project.

The addition will add six service bays to the present 12, and will include a second floor for storage of tires and other automotive accessories. A standard conveyor will move the equipment between floors.

"We've been 14 months planning this," Witteklend said. "When the addition is completed this July, our service department will be similar in size to the downtown store." The main store has 20 service bays in its auto service building.

## Type of service

Sears service department is geared toward the type of immediate service many motorists need on short notice. While the department is equipped for a range of maintenance such as wheel alignment, brake service, tune ups, exhaust maintenance, and grease jobs,

much of the work is simply replacing batteries and changing or rotating tires.

When the facility is complete, the new total of 18 bays will have three specially allotted for wheel alignment, three generally for brake maintenance, two flexible bays generally for tuneup, and the remaining 10 equipped to handle all types of service.

"About the only thing Sears does not get into is major engine overhaul," Witteklend said. "Actually there's not much call for major type of work."

The present service department will continue to operate as usual during construction, he added.

## More people traveling

Witteklend cited the increase in leisure time and the number of cars per family for the increased demands upon area service departments. "People have more time for traveling," he said. "And we're trying to give better service."

Other permits issued by the City of St. Matthews include:

A \$30,000 two-story brick residence to be built on Lot 1, Williamsburg Court (northwest of Jamestown Apartments off Breckinridge Lane); applicant: Gordon H. Hettinger Realty.

A \$26,000 store to sell automobile tires to be built in The Village; applicant: Presidential Inc. The Village is the new shopping area off Dutchman's Lane, serving DuPont Circle residents.



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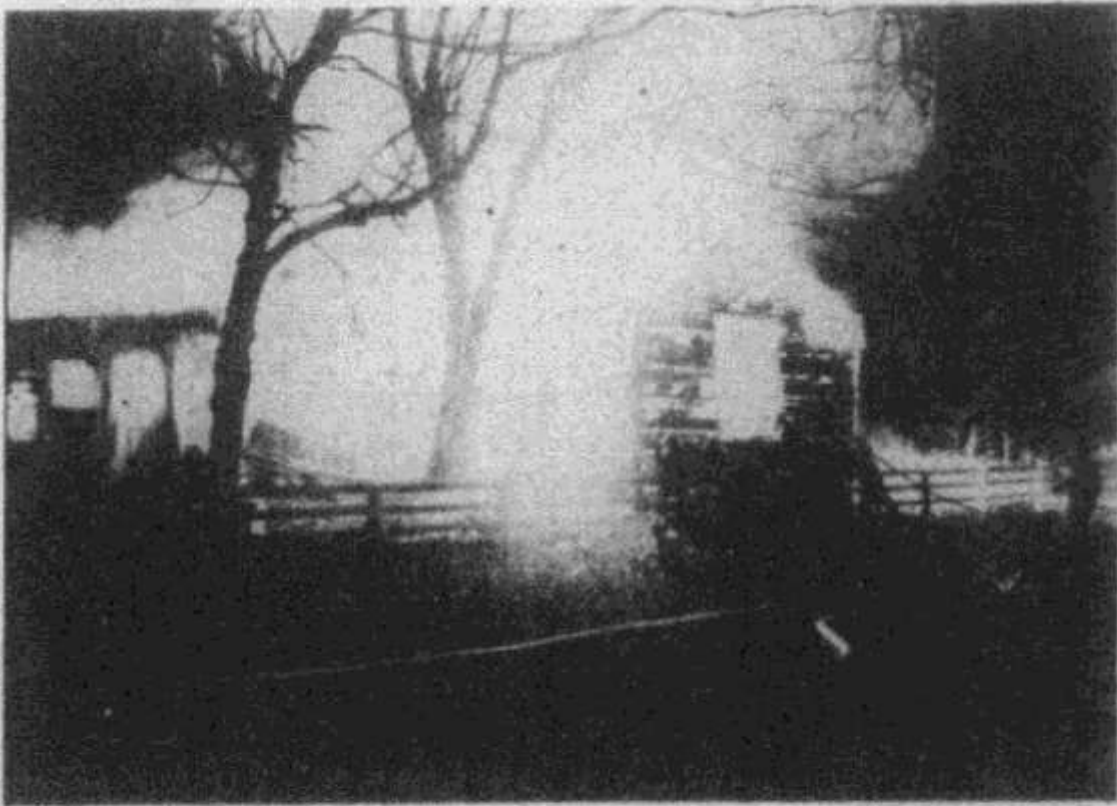


Photo by Mike Thoben

**VOLUNTEER FIREMEN** from St. Matthews battle a fire Jan. 18 in a garage on Exchange Avenue. Firemen, fearing the fire might spread to the nearby Marshall Timber and Wood Products plant on Westport Road, at first suggested that nearby homeowners evacuate cars from their garages. But the blaze was confined to the single structure. (A story is on Page A-10.)

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**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 1-18-72 TIME OF ALARM \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 205 Exchange Ave APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CALL: HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐ Shed in rear

SMOKES ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WREDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT E.A. Schaffner Sr.

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

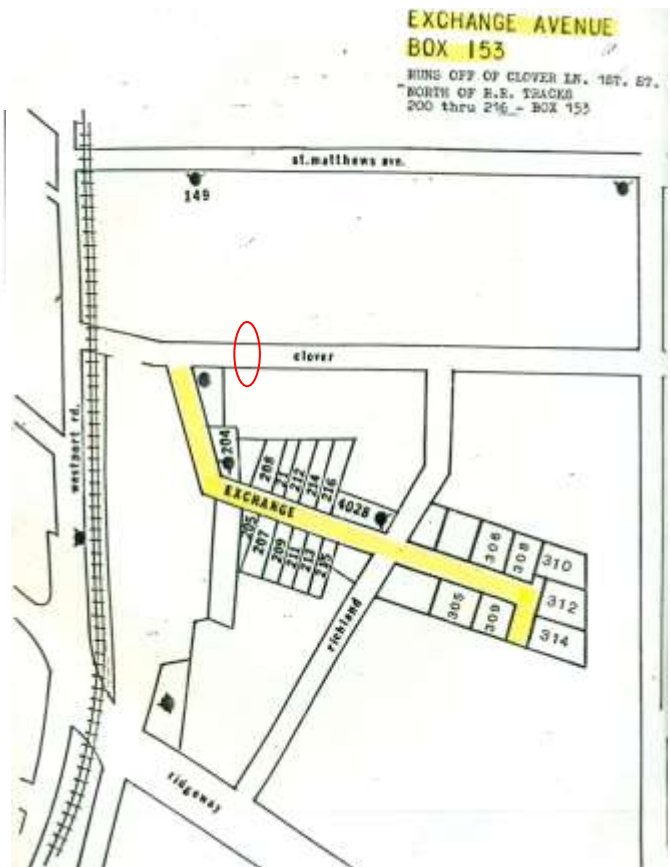
OWNER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY RESPONSE: 101 ☒ 102 ☒ 103 ☒ 104 ☒ 105 ☒ 106 ☐ 107 ☐

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY some

*This came in during raining at the Brown house. Lots of smoke a fire visible. Everybody thought it was Marshall's burning again.*



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This building was not built.

# 12-story luxury inn proposed

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

Plans for a 12-story luxury hotel at the corner of LaGrange and Shelbyville Roads were unveiled this week by St. Matthews auto dealer Don Ford.

The hotel, which would have 219 rooms, would cost about \$4 million, Ford said. The hotel is to be called the "Ball Hat."

Before the hotel can be built on the site, however, Ford must secure a variance from the height restrictions now controlling building there. Under the present HS (highway service) zoning, no building higher than 35 feet--about 2 1/2 stories--may be constructed without a variance.

Ford presented the plans at an informal gathering of the St. Matthews City Council last week, prior to making formal application for the variance to the Louisville and Jefferson County Planning Commission.

## No objections forseen

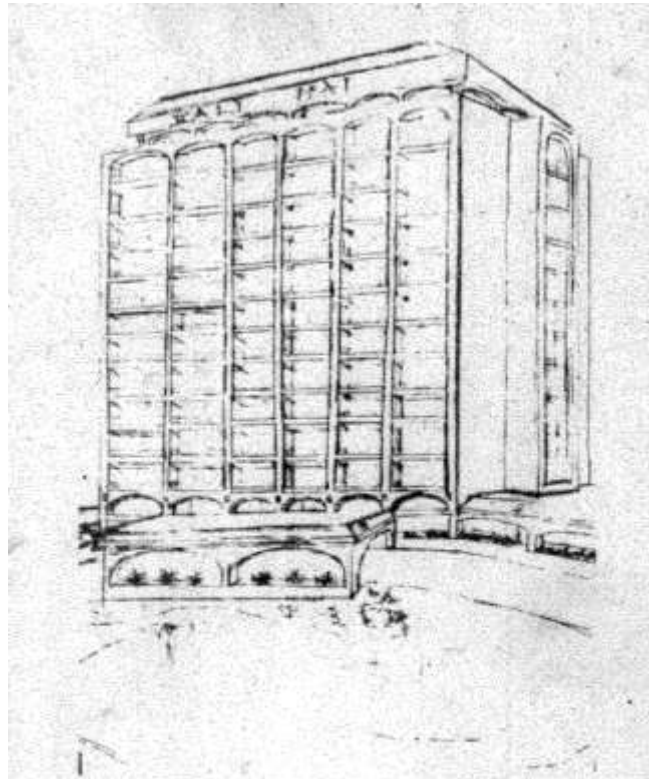
Ford was told by the City Council that it would probably will have "no objection" to the proposed hotel if the commission recommends granting the variance.

The hotel is the second facility Ford has proposed to develop there. The property is on the north side of Shelbyville Road, north and west of the Cammoor Center and directly across the Watterson Expressway from the Almart-Giant Food complex.

Several years ago, Ford bought a relatively small section of the property in 1969 from the Ashland Oil Company, for a used car lot. The proposed use required a change in zone by St. Matthews.

One zoning-change application and two hearings later, although Ford satisfied the requirements of the Department of

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AN ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the proposed 12-story hotel on a site at LaGrange, Shelbyville Roads.

# 12-story, \$4-million hotel proposed here

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Highways, the Jefferson County Planning Commission had reversed its original approval of the change and recommended St. Matthews deny the change. The city had the final say and followed the commission's recommendation.

## Entrance is a problem

At issue was one of two proposed entrances to the used-car lot, one of which the commission report stated was 30 feet from the end of access control along Shelbyville Road. The commission recommended that any entrance be 150 feet from the centerline of Shelbyville Road, clarifying it later to also be 150 feet from access control.

Since Ford claimed this would hurt his business, he declined to accept the recommendation. On Sept. 29, 1970, after the commission had moved for denial of the change, Ford received a special permit for his first entrance from A.R. Rountree, district engineer for the highway department.

Rountree confirmed that the use of the land for a used-car lot was appropriate, and that an estimated 250 vehicles a day using the entrance would not constitute a hazard of vehicles backing up along Shelbyville Road. Any other use of the property, Rountree wrote, would void the special permit.

Nevertheless, the city of St. Matthews refused to grant the zoning change. Shortly thereafter Ford bought a second property at 4001 Shelbyville Road, formerly owned by Duncan Mercury company, which was appropriately zoned for a car lot. His new and leased-car business is located there.

A few months later, American Motel, who owned the large lot adjacent to Ford's LaGrange-Shelbyville property, died. In September, 1971, Ford bought the Motel property for an estimated \$300,000.

This purchase appeared to solve the entrance problems, and several designs for development have been proposed. The most appealing idea to Ford is the proposed hotel; however, an alternative business section with six large business lots was also considered.

The preliminary design of the hotel shows a variety of shops and services available in the basement and first floor, with four ballrooms on a mezzanine level, of which can be subdivided into three meeting rooms.

Twenty-one one-bedroom suites with two two-bedroom suites are planned on floors three through eleven, and the twelfth floor will have twelve 2-bedroom suites. Each of the one-bedroom suites has a sunken living room with couch, table, chair and rotating television.

One idea called for a roof-top restaurant, but Ford said studies have shown such restaurants lack sufficient patronage. Ball Hat's restaurant will be on the first floor.

Parking for the hotel will be double-decked with space for 250 to 300 cars, permitting open space around the hotel to be suitably landscaped. The special services of a health club, including exercise and massage rooms, pool, whirlpool and sauna, are in the basement, along with a cleaning shop and Cellar Night Club. Other areas are designated as TV lounge, beauty shop, barber shop, with space available for other shops.

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# Cannons Lane widening plans stir protests

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

For many of those who live along the section of Cannons Lane that has been proposed for widening the project seems as a highway.

For some, the widening would tear large chunks off their properties. Trees, bushes and shrubs would be cut away and replaced by paving. In some cases, facilities such as swimming pools, presently screened by trees, bushes, hedges and other greenery, would lose the benefit of passing vehicle traffic. The proposal was to get a thorough airing at the Feb. 4 public hearing at the Department of Highways in the Jewish Community Center. The hearing represented part five of the Design Public Hearing series, of the Highway Department's plan to widen Cannons Lane.

A transcript of the Feb. 2 hearing will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, along with other written statements received up to Feb. 12. This information will be used to evaluate public response to the Cannons Lane project. All comments for and against the project will be included, according to highway department officials.

## Additional statements accepted

Additional statements may be mailed to the district engineer, District Five Office, 577 Phillips Lane, P. O. Box 21178, Louisville, Ky. 40221, before the Feb. 12 deadline.

Objections to the project in recent weeks had been growing from the property owners on what is considered the northern section of the project. The highway department's right-of-way requests will take most of the adjacent front yards of these lots, particularly those on the west side of Cannons Lane.

Those on the east side would lose roughly 15 feet of their front yard, measured from the existing edge of the roadway. This section would be used to construct gutters, storm sewers, new sidewalks and to bury utilities. Sidewalks on the west side could lose up to 44 feet of front yard, as the edge of the existing roadway is actually the centerline of the proposed four-lane road.

The completed road, including sidewalks, will be 76 feet wide. Over the years, many persons have made improvements on this wide, unimproved right of way. One property owner will probably lose the natural screening effect of his planted trees and shrubs in front of his swimming pool.

Homeowners have the right to replant any of the shrubs or trees, but the highway department will not attempt to preserve the trees on the right-of-way. At several points, there is a possibility that the highway department will have to take an additional five feet of right-of-way, officials said.

## Some trees protected

"We'll have notes on our temporary construction agreements saying 'do not disturb these trees' unless they are in the actual construction limits," said Mel Winstead, assistant district engineer for pre-construction. In an interview Monday.

Construction easements are only a temporary necessity for which the property owner is compensated and any damage to his property is repaired. Such easements are used because sufficient land is available for the extensive trench sewer system to be installed in conjunction with the project. After construction is completed, damaged landscape would be restored to the land to the condition before construction began.



Voice Photo by Anne Calvert

SOME CANNONS LANE property owners, from Trinity Road to Lexington Road will lose part of their hedges and a number of trees in the proposed widening project.

"We have committed ourselves to replace some types of trees or shrubs in some parks," Winstead continued. He said the alternative to taking park land was to relocate 17 homes on the east side of Cannons Lane.

Recent federal legislation makes it a necessity for public agencies to justify the taking of any park land. Winstead believed the alternative to taking a 30-foot swath of some parks is more justifiable than relocating one families.

## Widening justified

As explained at the hearing, the reason for the widening project is the two lanes on the north side of the I-64 interchange cannot handle the traffic volume. Highway traffic counts show that approximately 15,000 cars use Cannons Lane each day, with the area south of the I-64 interchange receiving about 1,000 cars more than the north, more residential areas.

"When you have a projected count of 8,000 or more vehicles using a road

each day, you go to four lanes," Winstead said. "We can obviously build the four lanes right now."

Mrs. Herman M. Kessler, of 601 Cannons Lane, is one of many opponents of the widening. She said Tuesday she would offer a petition signed by all but four property owners along the road between the expressway and Lexington Road.

All the signers oppose the widening, and she said that of the four who did not sign, "three are in politics and the last is a very retiring man."

She believes the project will completely ruin the residential character of the road, and disputes the highway department's argument that traffic pollution is the widening.

"We used to have fairs in the morning and afternoon between Willet and Lexington," she said. "But now the expressway opened that has all ended."

She complained that notice of a public hearing on the project three years ago was obscure and that she knew nothing about it until recently.

"How long are we going to have to be ruled by the automobile and these highways?" she asked.

According to the plans shown at the Jewish Community Center a week ago, and presented at the hearing Wednesday, much of the south side of the Independence Lane to Cannons Lane to I-64 stretch has little development. That which fronts the two streets have little improvements in the right of way and would have the least problem when the right of way is widened.

Throughout the project, one reason for using the entire right of way, especially the sidewalks, is the utilities will be relocated underground. No telephone or utility poles are now permitted in the narrow grassy right of ways placed as a buffer between a street and sidewalk. There will be a four-foot wide "mandatory" median along the center of the road.

While the majority of the project is in the City of Louisville, about three blocks,

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# Plans for widening of Cannons Lane stir protests

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from Phillips to Greenhills are located in St. Matthews.

## St. Matthews support

"Mayor Bernard Bowring has generally given us external support," Winstead said. The St. Matthews and Eastern Jefferson County Homeowners' Association also supports the widening project.

Other interested parties, such as the

Air Board, have reversed their original objections to the project as taking too much land from the Bowman Field runway, to supporting the project because of added business and an improvement would make, Winstead explained. "As a matter of fact, we only paid \$1 for the right of way we took. Apparently they sell the 'after value' equal to the 'before value.'"

There is apparently an fight in the park of some residents that Cannons Lane is planned to be extended through

to Brownsville Road in the future. The Louisville Metropolitan Comprehensive Transportation and Development plan, which is similar to the Comprehensive Plan used by the Planning Commission, shows no further development to Cannons Lane other than that already proposed. This project has been given a first priority status since 1964 by the planning commission, which forces it as a major arterial highway.

## No displacement

There will not be a single residential

or commercial displacement throughout the entire project from Taylorville Road to Lexington Road, according to the department's environmental impact statement. It adds that "improvement has reached a state of prime concern and drainage facilities demanded by increased development, such only to intensify an ever-increasing problem. With the installing of curbs and gutters along each side of the proposed road, unightly walls and ditches will give way to an efficient storm water collection facility," the report adds.

"We're not in the sewer building business," said design engineer Ray Butler. "But since water drains from the higher levels onto the road, we want to give it a place to go."

Those who missed the hearing still have an opportunity to express their opinions in writing to the District Five office. Pelly and Winstead urge responses from all interested parties. "The traveling public has a stake in this," Winstead said. "I am concerned that people who could be in favor of this project will not speak out."







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# ON YOUR BLOCK...Census reports on East End

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## Crescent Hill

The older middle-class neighborhood westward from St. Matthews shows some signs of deterioration on its downtown end, where homeowners estimated value of their property in the range from \$6,000 to \$11,000. On the other end, properties in Mockingbird Valley, north of U.S. 42, range up to the \$20-\$25,000 bracket and beyond.

More typically, homes in central Crescent Hill averaged from \$12,000 to \$20,000, with property along Lexington Road near St. Matthews ranging up to \$30,000.

A substantial portion of Crescent Hill's 570-member black community is sequestered in the western end, near Payne Street, and in a few blocks near Frankfort Avenue and the Kentucky Blind Institute, but a moderate number have crossed the housing color line and reside in predominantly white neighborhoods.

Blacks make up about 2.1 percent of Crescent Hill's 26,807 population.

## The Highlands

Like Crescent Hill, this once-prestigious section exhibits declining property values at the downtown end, while retaining some very elegant blocks near Cherokee and Science Parks.

Homeowners in the "Inner Highlands," between Baxter and Barrel Avenues and south of Broadway, estimated their property values at \$2,000 to \$10,000. Property values elsewhere in this area generally decline in direct ratio to distance from the parks, graduating down from \$50,000 and above on the park margin, to \$20-30,000 on the east side of Bardstown Road, and \$15-25,000 on the west side, with few exceptions.

The Highlands' 300 blacks make up only 0.6 percent of the community's 50,244 population. Most of the black families live in predominantly white neighborhoods, or in small enclaves such as the two blocks on Dundee Road behind the Douglass Loop, where some 50 blacks make up the bulk of the population.

## Hikes Point

The northern and eastern portions of Hikes Point covered in the Voice-Jeffersonian study included a population of 7,076. Homeowners reported their homes were valued in the \$20,000 to \$40,000 range, with the vast majority

between \$20,000 and \$25,000. In St. Regis Park, values ranged between \$25,000 and \$27,000 (the more expensive Steeplechase subdivision was not yet under construction); and in Meadowview Estates, homes averaged near \$40,000. In general, housing values were listed as slightly higher on the north side of Taylorsville Road.

Census figures listed only one black family in the area.

## Harrods Creek-Prospect

The traditional concept of the "wealthy" Upper River Road section was borne out by census data, which showed an average housing value of over \$40,000 in the region north of Kentucky Highway 22. With the exception of a few blocks on the riverfront—former vacation cottages now occupied by families who report paying prices in the teens for them—no block in this area averaged less than \$25,000.

The residential areas near the Ford Plant on Westport Road were just getting under way on Census Day. Homes in the area at that time ranged from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Most of the area's approximately 122 blacks, one percent of the area's 17,372 residents, lived in or near the "point" formed where River Road intersects U.S. 42.

## Lyndon-Plantation

A total of 22,487 residents were listed in this area, including older homes in Lyndon and relatively recent dwellings along Westport Road.

Homeowners in corporate Lyndon indicated the value of their property was in the \$15,000 to 20,000 range. At the other end of the spectrum were some blocks in the \$40,000 range along Ky. 22, and \$40,000 to over \$50,000 in Harshbourne on Shelbyville Road.

A number of blacks were listed on the census rolls for this area, actually residing at Grimsby Village or the State Children's Home. Blacks in residential areas of Lyndon-Plantation were negligible in numbers.

## Anchorage-Pewee Valley

Sovereign in the East End was "de facto" segregation so evident as in the fifth-class city of Anchorage, which census records indicate had about 1,600 white residents in \$25,000 to \$40,000-plus homes, with few exceptions.

Anchorage, however, is flanked on the west by Griffytown, and on the east by

Berrytown. Berrytown, 90 percent black, featured homes ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 among its 410 homeowners. Griffytown, virtually 100 percent black, had 170 residents in homes they valued at an average of \$7,500 to 8,700.

A similar situation prevailed in the neighboring community of Pewee Valley, where about 3,000 residents lived in homes ranging from \$15,000 to over \$30,000; and the 250 blacks lived in homes averaging \$6,400.

Pewee Valley's blacks, though, lived in generally racially-mixed blocks, according to the census report.

The total population of the Anchorage-Pewee Valley section was listed as 6,920.

## Middletown

The unincorporated community of Middletown, with its immediately-surrounding neighbors, totaled 7,834 on the census report. Homeowners there estimated their property values up to \$40,000 in the Douglass Hills subdivision, and as low as a block average of \$11,700 in an older section of central Middletown.

## Jeffersonstown

One of the fastest-growing communities in the East End is the fourth-class city of Jeffersonstown, which jumped 182 percent from a population of 3,431 in 1960, to 9,201 in the 1970 census.

Relatively homogeneous in estimated property value, the city of Jeffersonstown listed a minimum of around \$10,000 in older homes along Waterson Trail, and a maximum of a little over \$35,000 in a new subdivision near Taylorsville Road and Six Mile Lane.

Outside the city, new subdivisions homes in Hill Ridge and Spring Lake Farm subdivisions were estimated at up to \$40,000, as were some older rural homes on Taylorsville Road and along the banks of Chenoweth Run Creek.

Slightly over 100 blacks lived together in a small area in the older portion of Jeffersonstown; about 770 more lived in areas along Waterson Trail north of the city, and near Orchard Lane between Jeffersonstown and Duechel.

Total population of the wider Jeffersonstown area was 20,172.

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February 10, 1972, Board meeting:

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Directors Present.

Jno Monohan	Geo. E. Miller
Fred Boss	W. L. Wilson.
John Emrich	Marty Kamer

Minutes of last meeting held Jan 13th 1972 read by Chairman Emrich.

Motion Made by Geo E. Miller that they be accepted as read seconded by Fred C. Boss .

Motion made by Jno Emrich seconded by Geo E. Miller that we buy \$20,000.00 certificates from the Following Bank.

\$5,000.00	Liberty Bank
5,000.00	Citizen Union National
5,000.00	Stock Yards Bank
5,000.00	First National Bank.

Jno Monohan was instructed to have plans for a new piece of equipment to be ordered at the next meeting in March to be approved by the board.

There being no further business motion made by W. Leland Wilson seconded by Marty Kamer That we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

*W. Leland Wilson*  
W. Leland Wilson Acting Sec'y.

*Geo E Miller Secy*

February 17, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews firemen active

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, with its emphasis on education, continually trains its squads and provides fire prevention programs for interested community groups.

This past week, the firemen struggled through heavy smoke at their "training house" to drill in the use of Scott pack (a breathing device), ladder and ventilation.

On Feb. 10, Boy Scout Troop 315 explored the fire station, viewed movies and attended classes given by firefighter Pat Maloney, assisted by Lt. Russell Rakestraw.

The end of the year's activities was celebrated with an annual dinner, Feb. 9, at the Holiday Inn Riverbluff, and a dance Feb. 12. Two alarms at the Firestone Co. store at The Mall, during the dance, provided a reminder of the volunteers' 24-hour responsibilities.

Fire runs for Feb. 6 through 13 were as follows:

Feb. 6-- 11:15 am-- Kentucky Academy, 8541 LaGrange Road, assisted Lyndon Fire Department.

Feb. 7-- 6:40 pm-- 320 Macon, assisted City of Louisville.

Feb. 8-- 6:20 pm-- AyrWay department store, 4174 Westport Road, false alarm, maintenance being done on system.

Feb. 10-- 7:40 pm-- Home of Joseph Davis, 2310 Tuckaho Road, furnace motor, no extensive damage.

Feb. 12-- 6 pm-- In front of 5721 Prince William, fire under hood of

automobile owned by Mrs. Williams of 706 Grant.

Feb. 12-- 6:55 pm-- Electric sign at Firestone Co. store, 5238 Shelbyville Road, The Mall, electric sign destroyed.

Feb. 12-- 11:45 pm-- Same place, malicious false alarm.

Feb. 13-- 5 pm-- Odor of smoke detected at 202 Eline, assisted City of Louisville.

February 24, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:  
Working fire at 19 Westport Terrace.

## Newspapers burn in city hall

Rags and pieces of newspaper smoldering in an oven at St. Matthews City Hall required the assistance of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Feb. 16 at 9:15 pm. All smoke was contained within the oven and there was no damage to City Hall.

A fire at the home of Bill C. Tracy, 19 Westport Terrace, earlier that day, badly damaged the upstairs section of the house, including the roof and ceiling. There was some water damage, while the fire was ventilated through the roof.

The firefighters were able to protect much of the furniture with tarpaulins while the fire was being fought, said firefighter Al Ring.

A joint training session with the Harrods Creek Fire Department was held this week at the training house using real smoke and fire. Rescue and firefighting were emphasized.

The department also accepted the application of James Boyd Mauck, 20, of 225 N. Hubbards Lane.

Other fire department activity included extinguishing a trash fire at 2:17 pm Feb. 17, at St. John Lutheran Church, 901 Breckinridge. No damage was reported.

The department responded to a false alarm Feb. 14 at 12:10 pm at the intersection of Fairfax and Nanx Avenues.

## Brian Martin earns Eagle Award

Brian D. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Martin of 3923 Ryecliffe Ave., in St. Matthews, received his Eagle Scout rank and award at recent Court of Honor held by Troop 154 at St. Martha's School on Klondike Lane.

Future STMFD member.

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1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane:



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**1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane: Photos by Ken Reising—**



Kneeling (unknown), Bill Wilke, ????, Al Ring, Bill Clifford, ????



**Bill Dieckman**



**Bob Walling**



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1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane: Photos by Ken Reising—



Across the street



S4-8844, STMFD Quad



????, ????, Al Haerberlin, Al Ring, ????





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**1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane: Photos by Ken Reising—**



S4-8844, STMFD Quad



Dennis Bryant, Al Ring, ????, Al Haeberlin, Russ Rakestraw, ?????



Al Ring



Ken Reising & Jim Andriot

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1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane: Photos by Ken Reising—



?????, Al Haeberlin





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**1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane: Photos by Ken Reising—**



**Russ Rakestraw, Al Haeberlin, Bob Walling**



**???, Bill Dieckman**





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1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane: Photos by Ken Reising—



????, Gerald Scherck, Russ Rakestraw, Al Ring, Dennis Bryant, Bob McGrath, Charlie Davis



Lyndon Crew



Roger Herdt, ????



Bob McGrath

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**1972 Training fire on Thierman Lane: Photos by Ken Reising—**



Bill Wilke



**Be sure and view Wiley Brewer video on the site. The following taken from his movie:**



Russ Rakestraw



Bob Walling & Al Ring



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Al Haerberlin



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Ken Reising & S4





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**Russ Rakestraw**



**????, Al Ring**



**Al Ring**



**Al Ring**

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February 18, 1972, Working fire at 19 Westport Terrace.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 553

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 2-18-72 TIME OF ALARM 4:50 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 5:15 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 19 WESTPORT TERRACE APT. NO. 1

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐ T-HING ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. ☐

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE ☐ MODEL ☐ TAG NO. ☐

OWNER ☐

OCCUPANT Billy C. Hany

OWNER ADDRESS 19 Westport Terrace

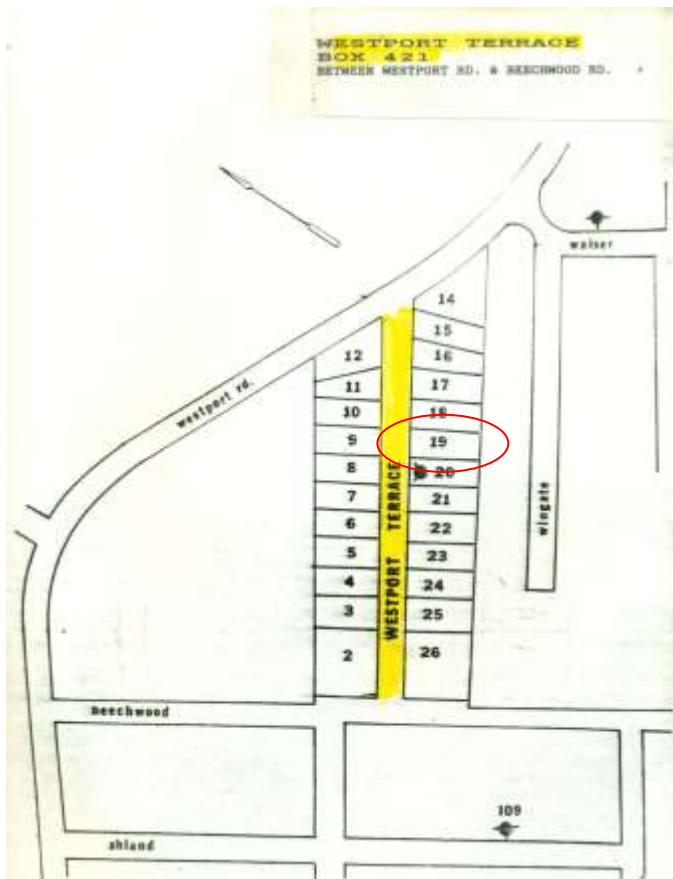
COMPANY RESPONSE ☒ 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐

REMARKS FIRE IN THE KITCHEN ABOVE THE OVEN

OFFICER IN CHARGE Ch. Co. King REPORT WRITTEN BY Ch. Co. King

2 SCOTTS  
1- 1 1/2" JUMBO  
2- LIGHTS  
1- ROPE LIGHT CORD  
1- LIGHT GENERATOR  
1- BROOM  
6- TAPPS  
1- JAMES HANCOCK  
4- AXES  
1- DIKE POLE  
1- HALLWAY TORSION  
1- HUX GAP  
1- PITCH PUMP  
3- SHOVELS  
1- SHOOM LADDER  
1- JIB LADDER

20' JUMBO LADDER  
16' ROOF  
18' ROOF  
1 MOP DUCK  
2 MOPS



Comments from Al Ring (2010)—This was another day time working fire where we were short handed and Jack DeHart tried another experiment. We had agreed that because of staffing, he would take S1 (engine) alone and if it was a working fire, he would lay a line and have it already for S4 (quad) which the men were used to working off of at the scene of a fire. It worked except Jack got their and layed a 1 1/2 inch to fight the fire and S4 had to lay a short line, and became the pumper. Nothing we can't do (and did) it is just the fact that isn't what we agreed to, and did confuse the firefighters.

The fire was on the second floor in the ceiling, hard to fight but we did a good knock down and limited the damage.

Overall everything went fine.

I lived at the time at 25 Westport Terrace just down the street.



March 2, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# FIRE INSURANCE

## Why it takes 6 years to lower rates

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

Last November a St. Matthews resident asked why he had to pay for new-outh-class fire-insurance rates when nearby districts in Jefferson County pay sixth-class rates.

He was assured the problem would soon be remedied. The higher rates exist, he was told, because the city lacks an adequate building and fire-inspection program. One would soon be put into effect, he was told.

From that time, city officials, although reluctant to talk about the continuing negotiations to lower the fire-

insurance rates, have maintained the city would "soon comply" with the requirements.

The owner of a \$20,000 home could expect a reduction in his fire-insurance premium from 10 to 15 percent, said Joseph Goethals Jr. of State Farm Insurance Co. Other companies could give a decrease of up to 25 percent on both the house and contents, according to schedules maintained by the Insurance Services Office of Kentucky (formerly Kentucky Inspection Bureau).

Owners of commercial properties in the district can expect reductions from 1.2 to 5.7 percent of the base rate for the structure. A fire-resistant building

would be reduced 1.2 percent; a brick building, 5.7 percent, and a frame building (such as a house converted to a small shop) would be reduced 3.5 percent, said the state.

Mayor Bernard F. Bowling said last November that he expected compliance in 90 days. Councilmen have said that only a few business areas along Shelbyville Road still had to be inspected. When that was finished, they said, lower insurance rates would be approved.

But an investigation by *The Voice-Jeffersonian* shows that changing a city's fire-insurance classification is not all that simple.

For more than six years the city has been negotiating, inspecting and contracting with cities within the St. Matthews fire district to perform such inspection. The agreements have been reached, but there remains one major hurdle; the creation of a fire-prevention department to do the work on a professional, regular basis.

### What task involves

This would involve the regular inspection not only new-construction, but of all commercial areas in the district, compliance with building and electrical codes, and more important, it would involve establishing a consistent program of fire prevention.

Early this year, Mayor Bowling indicated that the city could not perform all the required inspections in the manner prescribed by Insurance Services Office of Kentucky. For this reason, the city sought assistance from the county inspection departments.

Last October, the council authorized the Mayor to contract with the county to do electrical inspections. Last week, the council authorized the Mayor to contract with the county for building inspections.

While the council has authorized the Mayor to sign agreements, no agreement has yet been submitted to the state. Until official compliance with that portion of the requirements has been received, the insurance office still considers the St. Matthews fire district to be at the same stage it was six months ago, according to Anthony Gray, supervisor of public protection.

### Scope of the district

The situation is further complicated by the fact that the St. Matthews fire district includes many incorporated and unincorporated areas outside the city proper.

Guidelines prescribed in 1970 by the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, require that all inspections be done alike. In the unincorporated areas, the county does

the electrical and building inspections, with three trained St. Matthews Volunteer firefighters responsible for fire inspections. The three, Bill Dickman, Jack Handle and Ken Reising, are not paid for their efforts, which amount to more than 100 hours each, said John Monahan, chief of the St. Matthews department.

Within the incorporated areas, St. Matthews has hired Frank McCaslin on a part-time basis to do the fire inspections. He is required by the state to maintain a card file and keep up-to-date records on all his inspections. The state also has recommended he be given an office and files for his records.

The fee file cabinet given McCaslin is in the St. Matthews courtroom. Several of its drawers have been usurped for other city records.

### Car trunk for an office

So, at present, McCaslin uses the trunk of his car for his office and, is usually unavailable at the telephone number the city maintains is his office telephone. This situation troubles the state. "We're not going to reclassify the city until McCaslin has a suitable office," said Gray. "St. Matthews is large enough to afford it."

Mayor Bowling said he was willing to comply with this demand. "If they say McCaslin has to have an office, he'll get it," Bowling said last Saturday.

Part of McCaslin's part-time responsibility has been to inspect all the commercial establishments in the neighboring cities within the district. During the past six years, this hasn't been easy because some cities at first agreed not to care whether the insurance rates were lowered or not.

Bowling wrote each city, requesting that the appropriate ordinances be adopted permitting inspections by St. Matthews. Finally, all the cities did comply.

But, part of the apparent misunderstanding between the city and the Bureau is that one inspection is not enough -- a fire-prevention bureau means inspections on a regular basis, Gray said.

## St. Matthews fire runs

Brush and weed fires plagued the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department this past week. The department responded to the following emergencies:

-- Feb. 20, 8:20 pm, Cheoweth Lane, electric transformer.

-- Feb. 21, 1:50 am, Sears Avenue, grass fire, out on arrival.

-- Feb. 21, 2:57 pm, Thierman Lane at Shelbyville Road, weed fire, out on arrival.

-- Feb. 22, 9:45 pm, Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2201 Rudy Lane, grass fire.

-- Feb. 23, 2:07 am, backed up McMahan Center at its firehouse.

-- Feb. 24, 2:05 am, home of M. D. Flynn, 3913 Broad Hill Road, child locked in bathroom.

-- Feb. 25, 10:30 am, 3945 Nana Avenue, floor fire in house being demolished.

-- Feb. 26, 11:07 am, home of Cleve Calhoun, 3912 Almo Road, fan motor.

During the department's weekly training session, they had a resuscitation class, a driver-training class, and helped train Harrods Creek firefighters at St. Matthews training house.

March 2, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Firemen question hospital safety

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

St. Matthews volunteer firemen take their Tuesday-evening training sessions quite seriously, usually refining methods of handling emergencies.

On Feb. 26, however, an exploration of the partially completed Suburban Hospital on Dutchmans Lane turned out to be more than an orientation of the hospital layout. Certain questions were raised during the tour that Extendicare, Inc., officials this week are considering as possible improvements to the fire-resistance of the building.

The volunteer firemen are not official fire inspectors for the building. An examination will be made by the state fire marshal's office before the hospital opens in late summer.

But, from their experience in fighting fires, the firemen have learned to probe all aspects of buildings they inspect.

Bob Clifford, the engineer in charge of the building during the construction phase, briefly explained the known fire ratings of each hospital section.

Each corridor has a two-hour fire rating and each room a one-hour fire rating. The rating indicates the time expected to elapse before the heat from an uncontrolled fire would spread. There are fire doors at each end of the four wings that make up the hospital's seven floors.

Three of the wings are patient wings, each containing 35 rooms for the second through sixth floors. The seventh floor has "penthouse" accommodations for private patients. On each floor, the fourth wing is for patient services, including food, and equipment storage.

The firemen expressed surprise at the absence of a sprinkler system in the hospital.

"The hospital is built of as good fire-resistant materials as money can buy," explained Clifford. "There are heat-sensing devices and smoke detectors throughout the hospital--in pantries, kitchens, closets--all of which send an alarm to the nurses' station on the floor and the engineer's office in the basement."

At present, the interior alarm system is not connected to the county fire-alarm system, Extendicare officials said. The

county is responsible for alerting each member volunteer fire department, according to fire district.

In St. Matthews, the county alarm sets off the 2-1/2-minute fire siren, "beeps" the volunteers' monitors, and directs the fire engines to the emergency by radio.

"At the time we were planning the hospital the capability did not exist to connect the interior system to the county alarm," said Ron Cooper, construction coordinator for Extendicare. They had anticipated calling the St. Matthews department directly in case of fire.

Since St. Matthews has joined the county alarm system, "chances are we would consider a direct alarm" to the county, Cooper said.

Other fire-resistant features include cementitious-asbestos-sprayed steel beams which insulates them during a fire to prevent their conducting heat or buckling and warping from heat fatigue in a fire. All the first-floor operating rooms have static-electricity-absorbing tile. The acoustical materials have a one-hour fire rating.

There is a standpipe system to pump water to all the floors and roof, to which firefighters may connect their fire hoses rather than dragging 100 feet of hose up stairwells to fight fires.

"Although the fire marshal approved our preliminary plans to construct the hospital without a sprinkler system, they (state fire officials) can require the system in the future if they think it is a necessity," Clifford said. The sprinkler would connect to the standpipe system on each floor and would be quite costly to install at a later time, he added.

While riding on the elevators, the volunteer firemen questioned the heat

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Voice photos by Anne Calvert

LISTENING TO building engineer Bob Clifford (second from right) explain the layout of Suburban Hospital are St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan (third from left), Lt. Al Ring (left) and other members of the volunteer fire-fighting unit.

## Firemen question hospital's safety

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sensitivity of the units and whether heat from a fire would cause the elevator to be automatically summoned to a floor where a fire was in progress. The elevator's programming would not be affected by heat from a fire floor, Clifford said.

To prevent the doors from automatically opening if summoned to a floor where a fire was in progress (thereby possibly trapping the passengers), a modification is being planned for the elevator system, Clifford said.

### Interlock described

"There is a key interlock system which would first bring the elevator to the first floor," Clifford said. "Then, using the key, the firefighters can go to any floor, but the doors would only open by holding the button, and would close quickly upon release of the button, should there be a heat or fire hazard."

Another concern of the firefighters was the safety of the oxygen piping system that provides in-room oxygen.

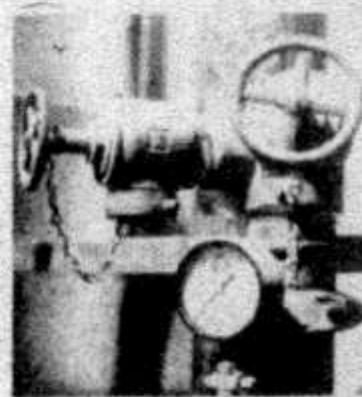
"There are shutoff valves in each corridor, and each floor has a shutoff from the main pipe," Clifford said. "We feel it is safer than wheeling oxygen bottles through the hospital corridors."

"If there's a small leak, it is normally dispersed in the patient's room. Any sudden drop in pressure, an alarm is set off in the PBX (telephone switching) area and in the engineering room," Clifford said.

The firefighters approved of the sliding glass doors on each corridor wing which could be opened after a fire was out to vent the smoke.

"Getting the smoke out is most important after the flames are extinguished," said Al Ring, a lieutenant in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. "The smoke affects most of the people."

One item in the inspection puzzled



THIS IS one of the standpipes that are found on each floor of Suburban Hospital. Firemen may hook hoses directly to the outlets, with or without auxiliary ground-level pumping from a fire truck.

and amused the firefighters. In one of the brilliant, custom-decorated penthouse rooms on the seventh floor was a homey, resort-type fireplace.

March 2, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Peril at post office?

## Traffic jams, confusion at drive-up mailboxes

By William L. Shipley  
Managing Editor

A suggestion to place drive-up mailboxes near the entrances and exits of the Shelbyville Road Plaza would not be practical from the standpoint of the Post Office, according to Edward P. Sheehan, assistant superintendent of the St. Matthews branch.

"The problem comes up of collecting mail from those boxes," Sheehan said. "We just don't have the people to walk out there and collect mail from such boxes. Why, we don't even own this property (the former site of the Hudson furniture store)." He said there is a total of "about 50" employees at the St. Matthews branch.

"This is about all we're going to get here," Sheehan said, referring to the five drop boxes at curbside in front of the branch post office. "I don't know of any plans to make any changes."

George Mitchell, superintendent of the St. Matthews branch post office, said he has not been able to get approval from the owners of the Shelbyville Road Plaza to establish islands in the traffic lanes on which mail drop boxes could be set.

"What we had at the old location (on Chenoweth Square) was ideal," Mitchell said, "and I think we were the only post office in the Louisville area with such a setup."

Two of the drop boxes now in service at the Plaza formerly were in the driveway of the branch post office when it was near The Voice on Chenoweth Square. Sheehan said the boxes were moved "because they were on the Palmer-Ball property (the former post-office site) and we had no right to leave them there."

Sheehan said that as far as he knows no new sites for drive-up mailboxes are under consideration anywhere in the St.

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THIS VIEW is toward Shelbyville Road from the center of the Plaza, just east of the branch post office. Drive-up mailbox islands have been suggested for the center of this area.



March 2, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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Matthews area by postal authorities. "Those sites must be approved by the manager of station support," he said, "and it's up to him to see that he has collectors for any such boxes that he sets up."

Sheehan said that a number of drive-up mailboxes have been removed "because they haven't generated enough volume of mail." He said that one box was removed from a site because it received "only half a dozen pieces of mail in a day's time."

Concerning the decision to remove a given drop box, Sheehan said, "Those things are not done on the spur of the moment. It's only done after a careful survey has been made and it has been determined that the volume of mail just isn't there."

Vandalism, too, has played a part in bringing about removal of some drive-up boxes, Sheehan added. "We just couldn't keep garbage and trash out of some of them. The mail was being defaced (by garbage and trash thrown into the boxes), so we had no alternative but to remove them."

The employees at the St. Matthews branch now have about three times as much room as they had on Chesworth square, Sheehan said. "We've got a lot more room here, he said, "and we're only using about half of the building. We've got a lot more counter space and a much bigger box section."

About half of the 21,000 square feet of floor space in the present post office will be partitioned, Sheehan said, and used to store postal equipment for the entire metropolitan area.

Other than a brief problem with a bulky furnace, Sheehan said, the shift into the new branch office has been uneventful. "Yes, we had a little trouble with the furnace," he said, "but that's just one of those things that happens."

An observation of the traffic in and from the branch post office last Friday indicated that there is considerable confusion among the patrons about how the drive-up boxes are intended to be used. A number of motorists drove up the yellow curbing (a fire lane) in front of the post office and left their cars to conduct business inside the post office. Thus the drive-up convenience of the mailboxes in front of the post office was lost because others could not reach the boxes because of the parked cars blocking the lane.

### Wrong-way drivers

In other instances, drivers approached the drop boxes from the left (driving went in front of the post office). Although this makes it much quicker and easier for a motorist to drop mail into the boxes, it results in the driver operating his vehicle in the wrong lane. Often it resulted in drivers moving backward in front of the mail boxes. A number of motorists were seen overcoming the traffic jam in front of the mailboxes by leaving their cars, walking between parked cars to the mailboxes and posting their mail in the chutes. They then returned to their cars and drove off.

Also observed was considerable pedestrian traffic from a large nearby grocery store. People pushing loaded grocery carts left the store, pushed the carts into the street in front of the store and out into the parking area to their cars. Because the grocery store is perhaps only 100 feet from the post office and

there is a bend in the traffic lane from the post office to the area in front of the store, it appeared likely that a fast-moving car might suddenly come upon a grocery shopper unless both motorist and shopper were alert.

At the time the traffic patterns were observed and photographed last Saturday afternoon, there was no sign of any policing of the traffic within the Plaza area. And there was no indication that

motorists are warned not to park in the fire lanes that extend along the entire radius of store fronts that face the Plaza's parking area.

With cars improperly parked, moving in the wrong direction, with drivers leaving their cars to post mail, with grocery-laden pedestrians scurrying across the traffic lanes to their parked cars, the situation in front of the St. Matthews branch post office appeared chaotic.



Voice photo by William L. Shesley

A CAR, left-center, parked in a fire lane, blocks use of the drive-up mailbox at the St. Matthews branch post office. Drivers and pedestrians walk up to the box to post mail.



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March 8, 1972, Letter: At this time Lt. Ring was working on a recruitment program that included newspaper and WSTM a St. Matthews FM radio station. These were short commercials they ran free for us.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION



117 St. Matthews Ave.  
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

Radio Advertisement

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is looking for more firefighters. If you are eighteen years old or older and live in their protection area they would like to talk to you about becoming a member. Just call Lt. Al Ring 896-9120

Do you like thrills and excitement, and a real feeling of accomplishment. Join the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, they need you. Just call Lt. Al Ring 896-9120

Is there a firefighter living on your block, every block should have one. Join the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Just call Lt. Al Ring 896-9120

If you want to help your community we have just the thing for you. Join the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Just call Lt. Al Ring 896-9120

If you like water sports, and have some spare time, join the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. They will give you all the water you want to play with. Just call Lt. Al Ring 896-9120

Lt. Al Ring

*Al Ring*

March 9, 1972, Board meeting: Authorized to purchase S6, a new pumper.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of The St. Matthews Vol Fire Ass'n held March 9 1972.

Directors present.  
Jno. Monahan Marty Kemer  
Geo. E. Miller Fred C. Boss  
W. Leland Wilson R. C. Walling

Minutes of last meeting held Feb 10 1972 read by President Monahan

Motion made by Fred C. Boss seconded by Geo. E. Miller that they be accepted as read.

Motion made by Geo. E. Miller seconded by Robt. C Walling that President Monahan be instructed to commit the St. Matthews Vol Fire Ass'n to purchase a piece of new equipment ~~which~~ when approved by him and firemen from the specifications which they are to submit.

Motion made by Fred C. Boss seconded by W. L. Wilson that President Monahan be authorized to buy film slides, training aids and manuals to instruct firemen.

Motion made by Jno Monahan seconded by Marty Kemer that R. C. Walling proceed on plaque for front of building.

There being no further business motion made by Fred Boss seconded by Jno Monahan that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

*Geo. E. Miller*  
Geo. E. Miller Sec'y

GEN /Res.

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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**March 9, 1972, Board meeting:** The department ordered a new pumper. It was to be a Mack 1500 GPM model, one of the largest in the area at that time. It would be numbered S-6 (eventually Unit 8836).



**March 16, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:** Firemen told when and how to ventilate: Training of the St. Matthews Volunteer Firemen emphasized ventilation of smoke in a class taught by Lt. Doug Monahan, son of Fire Chief John Monohan. Knowing when and how to ventilate during a fire affects the firefighting operation, Lt. Al Ring said. Careful timing of ventilation operations lessens smoke damage within a building, he added.

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Only one emergency was handled by the department last week. On March 11, at 4:50 am a trash fire was reported at 5310 Hempstead. No damage was reported.

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March 23, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Firefighter shows compassion in realistic story of #82

By R. H. (Pat) Maloney

largest residential and mercantile  
districts in Kentucky.

In his first book, "Report from Engine Company #82," author Dennis Smith has captured the reality of life in one of the most brutal and dangerous occupations. In 215 pages of very enjoyable reading, Smith has brought the reader into the jargon and excitement of not only living at a firehouse, but also the reality of riding on the tail board of one of the busiest pumper in the United States.

Engine Company #82 is in the South Bronx of New York City and responds to 8,000 alarms a year.

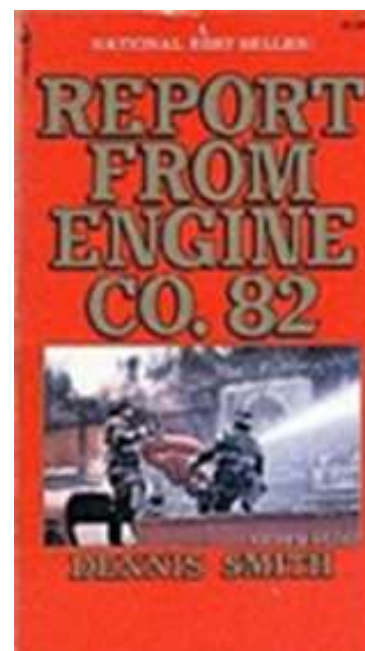
The day to day comradeship between the author and his fellow crew members is genuine, but is overshadowed by the keen awareness of the present possibility of death when the alarm sounds.

Not only does the author reflect his day to day compassion for his fellow men within his immediate department, but also the sympathy that he feels for the people who are forced to live in the ghetto district that is protected by his engine company.

It becomes obvious that the background has been based on first hand experiences, episodes, flashbacks, and relationships to what the author sees from the back of the engine he rides on and his knowledge of the area and the people. It leaves him compassion, rather than condemnation.

This is a novel that tells it like it is if you like first-hand reporting and descriptive literature of reality. It is informative to those who are unfamiliar with the fire department, but is well written and exciting.

The reviewer is a volunteer fire fighter in St. Matthews, one of the



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March 12, 1972, Fire in scout supplies at Harvey Browne Church, 311 Browns Lane.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N<sup>o</sup> 569

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 3.12.72 TIME OF ALARM \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. \_\_\_\_\_ TIME RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION 311 Browns Ln - Harvey Browne Church

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FUMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL Church TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT Harvey Browne Church

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY RESPONSE 5-6 5-3 5-7 5-7 5-6 5-8  
101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 108 ☐ 109 ☐

REMARKS Box of Scout Supplies

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief Monahan REPORT WRITTEN BY A. Monahan

March 13, 1972, The Courier-Journal

**Smoke forces evacuation at Presbyterian service**

Smoke from a fire in a storage trunk forced the evacuation of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 311 Browns Lane, during a worship service yesterday morning.

The Rev. Thomas Laird Jones said the smoke was detected about 11:20 a.m.

Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Fire Department said the trunk was in a Boy Scout supply room in the church basement. The box contained camping equipment, he said.

Monohan said the fire's cause was undetermined.

Photos from STMFD member Wiley Brewer movie.





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March 30, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

Regular members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department continued their study of fire and smoke ventilation techniques, as new members concentrated on hydrant and hose-laying procedures. The ventilation class is conducted by Lt. Doug Monohan and the hydrant class by Lt. Russ Rakestraw.

The following are emergencies handled by the department:

--March 12, 11:30 am, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 316 Browns Lane, minor damage reported from a fire in a chest of Boy Scout supplies.

--March 12, 3:30 pm, supervised burning of logs at a construction site on Westport Road.

--March 13, 8:30 am, garbage truck owned by Poynter Co. at Brownsboro Road and Rudy Lane.

--March 13, 4:05 pm, no damage reported from an electrical wall socket short at the home of M. S. Campbell, 405 Rolling Lane.

--March 18, 2:10 am, no damage reported from a garage fire at the home of Rudolph Keller, 301 Iola Road.

--March 19, 3:07 am, 405 Rolling Lane, smoke damage to the first floor from a basement fire at the home of M. S. Campbell.

--March 19, 8:45 am, checked trash fire at Rudy Lane at Kaelin Drive, called by neighbors, owner had burning permit.

--March 19, 10:20 pm, 3319 Elmwood Ave., malicious false alarm.

--March 23, 1:15 pm, 420 Wendover Ave., no fire, turned off water supply.

--March 23, 4:48 pm, trash fire at Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.



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April 12, 1972: *The Louisville Times*, by Mike Munson:

About April 22



Photo Courtesy Voice-Jeffersonian

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department's chief, John Monohan Jr., lends this image to a poster designed to recruit firemen.

## Potential St. Matthews firemen get the point

By MIKE MUNSON  
Louisville Times Staff Writer

It's Uncle Sam with a fireman's hat—and no beard.

"Chief Monohan Wants YOU!" the message says, and there's the uniformed chief, his finger pointing right at you as in the old military recruiting poster.

John Monohan Jr. is chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. He has lent his image to an ambitious recruiting program aimed at beefing up the department's daytime manpower.

Monohan's finger-pointing image had appeared in an advertisement in the weekly Voice-Jeffersonian newspaper, and will be appearing in business windows on a small poster.

The department also has a series of spot announcements on WSTM-FM radio. All the ads have run at no cost to the department.

The recruiting campaign is largely the responsibility of Al Ring, a lieutenant in the department.

There isn't a critical need for men, Ring emphasized, but the department would like to have more members who

are available during the day to answer calls.

As with many volunteer departments, St. Matthews has many members whose jobs limit their response to an alarm between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The problem never has stopped the department from handling a blaze, Ring said, but the membership would be stronger with more second- and third-shift workers.

An additional aim of the recruiting program is to expand the membership to "outsiders"—persons who have not had contact with the department before.

In the past, Ring said, new members have come from the friends and families of existing members. By accident, department membership became cliquish.

Now Ring and others in the department believe the group can be made stronger by deliberately broadening the membership.

Response from the recruiting effort has been encouraging.

Three men joined the 50-member department as provisional fire fighters last night after responding to the ads, and Ring said he is talking to two more.

## 7 respond to ad for fire fighters in St. Matthews

Advertising is paying off (at no cost) for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Seven men have joined the department as provisional fire fighters since advertisements were placed recently in a suburban newspaper, The Voice-Jeffersonian, and on WSTM-FM radio.

The free ads get to the point.

"Chief Monohan Wants YOU!" they say in the newspaper, accompanied by a picture of Chief John Monohan pointing a finger at the reader.

The goal of the department's promotional campaign is 30 new members, according to Al Ring, a lieutenant on the 50-man volunteer force.

One aim is to beef up the department's daytime manpower. Only about 10 men respond to fire calls between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to Ring.

He said anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman should come to the firehouse, 4114 Lyndon Way, between 7 and 10 p.m. each Tuesday when training sessions are conducted.



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Advertising developed by Al Ring for recruiting at STMFD.

Various colors.



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Used at Crusade Time.



**We Need You**

*That's right, we need more firefighters. If you are 18 or older and live or work in the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area, and can give a little time, we will equip and train you to be a firefighter. Just call Lt. Al Ring at 896-9120 or 896-4271. Be a firefighter and be PROUD.*

*Thank you.*

*Thank you for your Crusade contribution.*

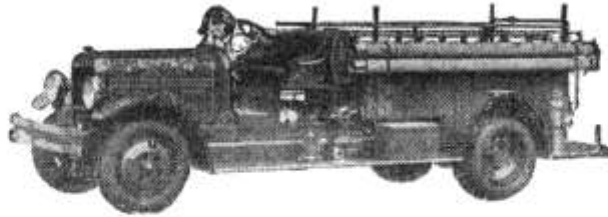
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## ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Bob Kay  
WAVE 970 Radio

Dear Bob,

I want to take the time to thank you again for recording a conversation with me about Volunteer Firefighters. It was an honor for me to meet you, and I hope we meet again. Volunteer Fire Departments are service organizations, and I feel that WAVE is too. With the two groups working together I am sure Jefferson County will benefit from it. Again I want to extend my services to you for the future, I can usually be reached in the day time at 896-9120.

I have enclosed a tape, and hope that you will be able to record our conversation on it. Mail it to Lt. Al Ring 4217 Shelbyville Rd. Louisville Ky. 40207.

Thank You

Lt. Al Ring

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April 13, 1972, Board meeting:

Minutes of the meeting of the Board ~~of~~ of directors  
held April 13 1972.

Directors Present.

Geo E Miller	John Monohan
Fred C Boss	Marty Kamer
R. C. Walling	J. P. Terry

Minutes of last meeting held March 9th 1972 read by  
President Monohan.

Motion made <sup>by</sup> Fred C Boss seconded by Marty Kamer that they be  
accepted as read.

Motion made by Geo E. Miller seconded by J. P. Terry that  
Mr Boss purchase one \$5000.00 certificate of deposit at the Stock  
Yards Bank and also one at the Citizen Fidelity Bank for a period  
one year

There being no further business motion made by Fred C.  
Boss seconded by R. C. Walling that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Geo E Miller sec'y

GEM. /RS

St Matthews Vol Fire Ass'n



April 13, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Recruiting efforts net 3 firefighters

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

Three new members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department have been "posted" since the beginning of the recruitment drive last week. Lt. Al Ring, public relations officer, said this week.

The recruits are: Gene Curbow, 38, of 213 Biltmore Rd.; William Frank Wilke, 24, of 4161 Westport Rd. and Richard Tonini, 19, of 920 Iola Rd. Wilke and Tonini are college students, attending the University of Louisville and Jefferson Community College, respectively. Curbow is a self-employed engineer, and the only recruit with past firefighter experience, having served on the Brownwood, Texas fire department.

The St. Matthews department was encouraged by the initial response, Ring said, primarily because each of the inquiries indicated that persons who live or work in the St. Matthews fire district had believed the department was full.

"We have openings for people, particularly during the daytime, from among those who work in St. Matthews," Ring said. One goal is to encourage major St. Matthews employers to permit one or two employees to become members of the department to help respond to daytime calls.

On a typical daytime emergency, about 8 to 10 volunteers respond to a call, Ring said. "That is usually sufficient for an average residential or commercial emergency.

"I'd like about 15 available. That number can handle a heck of a fire. After that, you'd call for mutual aid and that would bring both men and equipment."

Recent fire reports indicate the majority of emergencies involved ovens or furnaces in homes; electrical controls in homes and businesses; and fires under the hoods of automobiles. When dry weather occurs, brush fires become an additional hazard.

The largest number, about 35, of ready

volunteers are available in the evening when they come home from work in other parts of the county, Ring explained. "We would like to have about 75 volunteers on call this year to take the place of those who are out of town or work out of the district."

After the new recruits expressed interest in the department, Pat Maloney of the membership committee gave each man a booklet describing the department, talked about the pros and cons of being a volunteer firefighter, and since all three were still interested, gave each man an application.

Maloney and other committee members conduct a police and driving record investigation, check character references and each man's family doctor.

The new recruits entered a six-month probation period Tuesday night, and will participate in Phase I training with other men who have been on the force less than a year.

A complete set of fire gear, costing over \$500, consisting of boots, coat, bunker pants and helmet is issued each man. He also needs gloves, flashlight and a department-made hose chain (to chain firehoses to ladders). The most expensive item issued each firefighter is his fire monitor, costing about \$300.

Initially, each man receives "quick" courses on everything, Ring said. "Once he knows rules of firefighting, location of equipment, how to lay hose and how to get into his Scott Pack (self-contained breathing apparatus), he can help out at a fire."

Phase II, advanced training, develops proficiency in all firefighting operations. Audio-visual aids are used to supplement equipment training, and city fire fighting experts speak at some training sessions.

Once a year, St. Matthews and one Louisville fire station swap stations for a few hours to familiarize themselves with each other's station, Ring continued. There may be occasions when one or the other might have to stand by at the other's station during a fire emergency, he said.

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April 13, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

April 17, 1972, *The Courier-Journal*



PLANS FOR this commercial property on Chenoweth Lane are expected to be announced Friday, April 14. This scene looks east.

The funeral for Richard C. Herdt, 83, who died Saturday will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road, with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park. Herdt, of 3913 Massie Ave., was a former assistant chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

## St. Matthews fire runs

St. Matthews Fire Department trainees in Phase I continued their study of hand tools, taught by Lt. Jack Diehart. Proper use of tools such as axes, crowbars, sledgehammers, and the like are important to the safe, efficient firefighting operation, explained Lt. Al Ring.

"A firefighter learns that he should position his ax so that it is in sight all the time, so as not to strike the man behind him," Ring said.

The advanced fire fighters in Phase II continued their study of pump operations under Lt. Russ Rakestraw. The pressure and volume of water through any nozzle attached to a hydrant can be regulated for a wide range of emergencies, using the pumper's equipment, Ring explained.

The department's emergency runs as compiled by Lt. Ring include:

--April 2, 6:15 am, furnace motor at the home of Gary Tucker, 3818 Stratford.

--April 4, 10:35 am, fire under the hood of an automobile owned by Anne Boyer of 601 Browns Lane.

--April 5, 12:25 pm, backed up the City of Louisville at Frankfort Avenue and Pope Street.

--April 6, 5:10 pm, furnace control, at the home of Mrs. J. D. Kennamer, 3909 Olympic.

--April 7, 12 noon, fire in furnace vents at the home of Mrs. J. A. Stout, 719 Indian Ridge Road.

--April 8, 9:15 am, wires down at 163 St. Matthews Ave.

Men age 18 and over who are interested in joining the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department should contact Lt. Ring at 896-9120 or 896-4271.

April 20, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



Voice photo by Robin Garr III

LOOKING NORTHEAST from the balcony of Lincoln Tower, Dupont Circle and the development of some of the commercial sites along Dutchmans Lane and Dupont Road are seen at the center. The Suburban Hospi-

tal being constructed by Extendicare, Inc. is at the center; in the foreground are some of the Dupont Village shops; at the left are the office buildings of Dupont Square North.

## Local construction exceeds 50 million

With six new commercial properties underway in Dupont Circle and at least three other individual commercial construction projects, building is booming in St. Matthews. The total value of the new buildings is estimated over 50 million dollars.

The Village Investment Co., of which Frank Metts is the major developer, is responsible for the distinctive office buildings and small shops that are beginning to border Dutchman's Lane, Dupont Circle and Dupont Road. Since the first of the year, several of the stores and restaurants have opened, including Steak and Ale and Remnant House on Dupont Road.

Restaurant competition will become keen by the end of 1972 with the completion of three facilities, Red Lobster Inn of America, at 4546 Dutchman's Lane across from the Suburban Hospital, Orland Flaherty's Tavern, on Dupont Road, and a Burger Queen, also on Dupont Road, next to the Remnant House. All three have begun construction during the first quarter of 1972.

Commercial property is also developing in the form of an 8,000 square foot office tent to Burger Queen on Dupont Road, a Goodyear Tire Store on Dupont Road, and the development of Dupont Square South, a duplicate one-story office building in the same design as the occupied Dupont Square North. The south building will contain an additional 35,000 square feet of office space.

Agent Joseph Filistronek of Village Investment Co. estimated the Dupont Square area development, including the hospital, to be worth "upwards of \$50 million." All present construction will be completed by the end of this year, Filistronek said.

In interviews with developers in St. Matthews this week, *The Voice* rounded up some of the major construction in the city:

—A 17,000 square foot addition to the Kentucky Farm Bureau, 120 South Hubbards Lane, to provide more space for the Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual In-

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## Area construction booms

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surance Co. The addition is being built on the third and fourth floors in the existing Farm Bureau structure.

When the original building was constructed, extra strong fittings were used to allow for possible expansion, according to Paul Everman, department of information. Everman explained the expansion

Accurate information on new construction in St. Matthews was not available to *The Voice-Jeffersonian*. Present city policy allows only those records, which in the opinion of City Attorney JW Jones are public information, to be given to the news media.

The attorney's opinion only permits news media access to minutes of city council meetings, resolutions and ordinances approved by the city council, and the public court docket.

According to City Clerk Mrs. Gretchen Kaiser, Mayor Bernard F. Bowling told city employees it was up to them to give the building permit information to *The Voice* if they had time. However, city building inspector Stephen Pious refused to give any information to *The Voice*. He said he would do so only when *The Voice* "started printing the truth."

was needed to provide additional room for files and an increase in personnel was planned.

The new addition is expected to be completed in December, 1972. It will rise one floor above the tower, which is three

floors high. The contractor is F.W. Owens and Associates, with the budget set at \$450,000.

—Thomas Car Wash, next to 118 Chenoweth Lane, with the building valued at about \$95,000. Completion, originally scheduled for last winter, should be around June 1.

Leo Perciful of Commercial Sales Co. said the company is building the car wash for Tom Thomas, who has six other similar car washes in this area. Perciful described the business as a "full-service" car wash, where the customer can buy gasoline, with the purchase applied to a discount on the car wash.

Without a purchase he said the wash would cost about \$2.25. While the car is being washed, the customers can watch the procedure from a glassed-in enclosure elevated above the car wash. Productivity is planned at 125-150 cars per hour.

### Storage shed

—A 13,000 square foot storage shed addition to the Marshall Timber and Wood Products, Inc., 4523 Westport Road, to store materials for the company's pre-hung door plant. Construction is being handled by company workmen, said Dyke Rawls, who expects the addition to be completed by June 1.

The mill is now owned by Kentucky Lumber Co., Inc., of which Hunt Rawls is president.



April 20, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## Firefighters free youth from wreck

A 16-year-old Trinity High student is in fair condition as a result of injuries suffered in a one car accident late Saturday night.

According to police reports, Charles Parsons Jr., 3804 Plymouth Road, was driving too fast alone eastbound on Hughes Road when his car went out of control on rain-slicked pavement near a curve. The car ran through a bush and struck a tree.

Two units of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department were called to the accident to remove the youth, who was pinned in the vehicle.

The rescuers unbolted the drivers seat and used a port-a-power, a hydraulic device to free the boy from the car which was totaled. Louisville City Police took Parsons to St. Anthony's Hospital.

In another St. Matthews accident, two persons were treated and released at Kentucky Baptist Hospital after a three-

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Voice photo by Mike Roberts

**ST. MATTHEWS FIREMEN** used portable power equipment to extricate Charles Parsons Jr. from his automobile after an accident April 15, on Hughes Road.

## Accidents injure four

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car accident Monday afternoon on Shelbyville Road near the Mall.

St. Matthews police report that an automobile driven by Mrs. Claire Ellen Cowley, 21, of 2409 Seneca Valley skidded out of control when the brakes failed as she traveled from the westbound exit of the Watterson Expressway onto Shelbyville Road. Mrs. Cowley attempted to grab the emergency brake, but the vehicle skidded approximately 139 feet into a second automobile traveling westbound on Shelbyville Road.

The second car, driven by Mrs. Nona Gossett, 55, of 1400 Stonewall Way, struck a third car, driven by Ginny S. Gregg, 45, of 602 Briar Hill Road.

Mrs. Cowley received an injury to her foot, and a passenger in the Gossett car, David R. Raper, 21, of 1217 Neal St., Rock Point, N. C. received a laceration on his arm. Both were taken to Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Gossett sought the attention of a private physician and Mrs. Gregg was not injured. No charges were filed by St. Matthews police.



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April 20, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



Voice photo

REACHING OUT THE DRIVER'S WINDOW to mail a letter is possible again in St. Matthews since these five "markel" drive-up mailboxes were installed in an island at the Shelbyville Road Plaza, where the St. Matthews branch of the Post Office is located. Postal patrons had complained of the inconvenience of the original location of the boxes which required patrons to slide across a seat or gear shift in order to mail a letter.

## Fire recruits total six

Two additional members were "posted" by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, making a total of six new members since their recruitment campaign began several weeks ago. Lt. Al Ring, who is head of the drive, said this week the department is still seeking a total of about 25 new volunteer firefighters.

The two new members are: William Clifford, 43, of 304 Fox Run Road, who is employed by Standard Gravure, and Rich Herdt, 19, of 3828 Elmwood Ave., who is a painter.

Training sessions for Phase I and II

firefighters continued with hand tools and pump operations.

Four emergencies were handled by the department last week:

--April 10, 9:15 am, truck at 420 Clover Lane.

- April 13, 3:37 pm, light fixture at Vine Records, 4151 Shelbyville Road.

--April 13, 4:35 pm, kitchen stove fire, with damage reported to the kitchen at the home of John R. Morello, 4400 Walser.

--April 13, 4:50 am, malicious false alarm at 4609 Tween Road.

# The volunteer fireman . . .

There's no 'type,' you can't spot him on the street . . .

By MIKE MUNSON  
Louisville Times Staff Writer

*He's the guy next door . . . with the sharp memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines, sirens, smoke and danger . . . a guy like you and me with warts, worries and unfulfilled dreams.*

—Volunteer recruiting brochure

Unless he wears his helmet to his job, you can't spot a volunteer fire fighter on the street.

There's no specific "type" of person who becomes a volunteer. His occupation can range from machine operator to business executive to service-station owner. The volunteer fire fighter can be Everyman.

Yet he is different. Not every man would answer the call that can come in the middle of a cold winter night.

Conversations with volunteers and those who know them show there are a

few characteristics that seem to apply to most of them.

One is intense pride in what they are doing. Ask a volunteer which department has the best equipment or the best men, and he'll probably show you he thinks it's his department.

## They're enthusiastic

Making practice sessions and fire runs counts, and the men keep track of who came and who didn't with charts on the station house wall.

The men are enthusiastic about what they do. Take a tour of a volunteer house and you'll probably find a number of members who will talk at length about the functional beauty of a fire engine or the gritty pleasure that comes from beating a fire.

The volunteers usually are young and active, or both, because battling fires can be exhausting work. A volunteer tends to have a conservative approach

toward life, and to be a direct, uncomplicated kind of person.

They value independence, especially their freedom from control by county government. Many appreciate the value of a central alarm system, but are convinced they could operate without it, and perhaps do a better job.

They also can be defensive, very sensitive to criticism, whether real or implied. Some feel they have a bad image with a public that doesn't appreciate what they do—an image of a hot-rodding, flashing-light addict who likes to chop holes in houses.

But all those characteristics aren't really distinctive, and could well apply to another group.

## The difference: They volunteer

The significant difference about volunteer firemen comes to one thing—that they volunteer. Not everyone would answer the fire call. They do.

When asked why, most volunteers explain their response as a combination of service to people and the excitement of fire danger. Usually, the service aspect is emphasized.

If pressed, a fireman often finds it difficult to explain the specifics of what makes him willing to volunteer. For some it is a matter of "I do it because it fits me."

A basic part of the drawing power of volunteer fire departments is excitement—the call of a siren and flashing light—and danger—fire out of control. "Anyone who says that isn't part of it just isn't telling the truth," said one volunteer.

## A sense of belonging

But it's only the beginning. At another level is challenge—a man versus a powerful natural force difficult to control. "Each time you say, 'Is it going to be me

or is it going to be the fire?' and you wonder," said another fire fighter. "When it's over, you can say you won again."

A sense of belonging to an elite, paramilitary organization is another part of the drawing power.

In some parts of the county, some observers say, the firehouse becomes the country club. A sense of fraternity is strong: a member has to mesh personally with the rest of the men to be effective, and if he doesn't, he usually doesn't stay.

Closely related is the glamour and importance connected with the department. A member almost always can have a red light for his car, knows how to use unique tools and equipment, carries a shortwave radio, wears special clothes and rides on a huge, expensive fire vehicle.

But glamour has a way of fading at 3 a.m. in the winter when a tired, dirty, wet fire fighter finds his hands frozen

to the metal rungs of a ladder. There has to be something more.

The additional something is service: doing a job that needs to be done and that might not get done without the volunteer response.

"It's the acceptance of civic responsibility," said Richard Trautwein, former director of the county fire-protection program. "It's a clear, direct opportunity for service."

"We're doing something for our neighbor," explained R. K. Back, chief of the Pleasure Ridge Park department. "It's something valuable that not everyone can do. Because we belong to the department, we can help."

It's a service that sends a man to battle a fire that leaves him filthy and exhausted, then keeps him at the station three more hours cleaning up equipment.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man, he lives it. He puts it all on the line when the bell rings. He's a fireman.

## neighborhoods

April 20, 1972: *The Louisville Times*, Neighborhoods: by Mike Munson: SPECIAL SECTION

... he's devoted despite danger, and ...



By MIKE MUNSON

Louisville Times Staff Writer

Charles Steelsmith always wanted to be a fireman. Now he is and he wouldn't trade it for anything else.

It was different for William Wilke. He never gave much thought to fire-fighting, but "just sort of fell into it." Now he's as committed to the work as any other volunteer.

Both are volunteer firemen, two of the hundreds of people in Jefferson County who are ready to answer a fire alarm when it comes.

Steelsmith has been a member of the Pleasure Ridge Park department for about 2 1/2 years. Wilke joined the St. Matthews department last week.

Both hold fulltime jobs. Steelsmith is available to answer calls during the day, and Wilke, like most volunteers, is available for fire runs only at night after work.

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By MIKE MUNSON  
Louisville Times Staff Writer

When the call sounds for a fire in suburban Jefferson County, the answer comes from among a group of about 900 persons who can expect to get tired and dirty, lose some sleep, and perhaps get hurt.

They do it only because they want to. They don't get paid.

The responsibility for fire protection in the county outside Louisville falls on 20 volunteer fire departments, plus Shively and the fifth-class city of Anchorage, which maintain paid departments.

The departments range in size from giant Pleasure Ridge Park, with four stations and about 130 men, to tiny, predominantly rural departments, such as Eastwood, with a roster of probably fewer than 25 persons.

Depending on the part of the county you're in, you can find a department

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equipped and ready to fight a house fire, a blaze in a high-rise building, or a burning farm field.

Each volunteer department is run by a board of trustees independent of county government, city governments and of each other. The department is responsible to the board and the board is responsible to the residents of its fire-protection area.

The departments are tied loosely together with mutual-aid agreements in case of a major fire, and most are a part of a county alarm system that dis-

patches departments to a fire from a radio center in downtown Louisville.

Pleasure Ridge Park and Anchorage aren't part of the alarm system, which allows residents in different parts of the county to call one number to report a fire.

The fire-protection areas of all departments except St. Matthews and Fairdale now are legal taxing districts. Almost all of their operating funds come from

While the volunteers appreciate the cash contributions, they point out that the money doesn't go too far: a new fire truck can easily cost \$30,000.

County government also provides the major support for the central alarm system: \$122,000 during the fiscal year that ends this June, and an estimated \$131,000 for the following fiscal year.

## **Paid system ended in 1950**

In 1950, county government abolished its paid fire department, which was begun shortly after the end of World War II. The paid department structure had been superimposed over an existing network of volunteer departments, and the paid system had had mixed results.

In place of the paid system, the loosely knit structure now in effect was established, called the Jefferson County Fire Protection Program. It is overseen by an appointed director, an attorney, who is not actually part of county government.

From 1962 until last month, Richard Trautwein was the director. His successor is Dennis Clare.

When the protection program was set up, its goal was to increase the safety of county residents and produce a reduction in fire-insurance rates. There has been success on both counts.

The volunteer departments have increased the number of men available, built more firehouses and continued to update equipment.

Insurance rates in almost every part of the county have been reduced.

Rates depend on the fire-insurance "class" of the area where one lives. Classes are determined by the Insurance Services Offices (ISO) of Kentucky, a non-

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taxes, replacing a system of volunteer payments from area residents.

Fairdale soon will become a taxing district. The St. Matthews department has been able to collect regular payments from the City of St. Matthews and several other smaller municipalities it serves.

The departments also receive some financial support from county government. Each department receives \$1,800 annually from the county for each firehouse it has, and gets \$2,500 toward the purchase of a new fire vehicle, and \$1,000 for each new firehouse constructed.

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## The county's 900 volunteer firemen give their time freely to help others

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profit, unincorporated organization supported by the insurance companies.

Classes run from 1, theoretical perfection, to 10, considered unprotected from fire. The best in Kentucky is third class, in Louisville, Lexington and other larger cities, according to Joe D. Smith, ISO manager.

The mutual efforts of the volunteer departments and county government have brought most of the county up to sixth class. Since standard "homeowner's" insurance carries the same fire rate for classes 1 through 6, most county residents now enjoy the same rate as Louisville residents, Smith said.

Factors considered when setting the class of a territory include water supply, the fire department and its equipment, training programs and a fire-prevention program, Smith said.

Areas still without a sixth-class rating are St. Matthews, Worthington, Beechel, Eastwood and Edgewood, Smith said.

### One number serves all

A large part of the reduction in rates is due to the central alarm system, set up in 1963. With the system, a county resident doesn't need to know which volunteer area he lives in. One telephone number serves all areas in the system, and the correct fire department is dispatched from the central office.

When the alarm system began, only 12 departments were part of it. Now 19 have joined.

Anchorage isn't a member because it traditionally operated a paid, city department until it became a taxing fire-protection district early this year.

Pleasure Ridge Park maintains its own 24-hour radio system. Its members say that because of the district's large area and population, they can do a better job of dispatching their own equipment.

The director of the county protection program tries to coordinate department changes and improvement, answer volunteer questions and act as a connection with county government.

As new director, Clare sees a need for one man to represent all departments, to make communication easier with them. Clare would like the volunteer chiefs to elect one among them to act as the link to the director.

Clare also would like to see settlement of a series of minute questions about district boundaries, and he plans to push for even more attention to fire-prevention efforts.

### Needs outpace revenue

In spite of their tax-collecting powers, some districts are finding their needs outpacing their revenues. Clare said a law passed by the last General Assembly, House Bill 537, would help.

Clare said he understands that the law's effect will be to raise the ceiling on fire taxes by excluding them from the state's "rollback" law. The new law takes effect June 30.

Trautwein, the former director, said

county government could help the volunteers by providing more money for their administrative needs. That includes fire prevention, which requires inspection of commercial buildings twice a year.

Some departments, especially those in the eastern part of the county, have had recruiting problems. Both Worthington and Harrods Creek have used high-school-age boys in their departments, and Worthington still has a group of housewives trained to fight fires.

Recruiting problems are traced to the "transient" nature of some communities,

where corporations move executives in and out, and to an influx of new residents in formerly rural areas, residents used to the idea of a paid city department.

"People today just aren't as willing to give of their time," said Carl F. Haunz Jr., Worthington chief. He believes some paid firefighters soon will have to be employed during daytime hours, when manpower is thinnest.

Volunteers are wary of the tendency to compare them with the full-time, paid fire department in Louisville, but they rate themselves as being just as good or better than their city colleagues.

The volunteers are proud of the modern equipment in most houses. Trautwein believes the volunteers now have gone past Louisville with "newer, more modern and better" equipment. Since personnel costs are next to zero, he explained, a volunteer department can aim almost all of its budget toward apparatus.

Response time always is critical in dealing with a fire. While most volunteers would concede that a firehouse manned 24 hours a day could respond more quickly, they insist they aren't slow to reach a fire. Gene Snawder, chairman of the Pleasure Ridge Park trustees agreed there

can be a small time lag in getting to the station, but pointed out there often are firemen already at the station.

Though there may be debate over a comparison with a paid department, there can be little question about the pure dollar value of volunteer departments to county residents—and to county government.

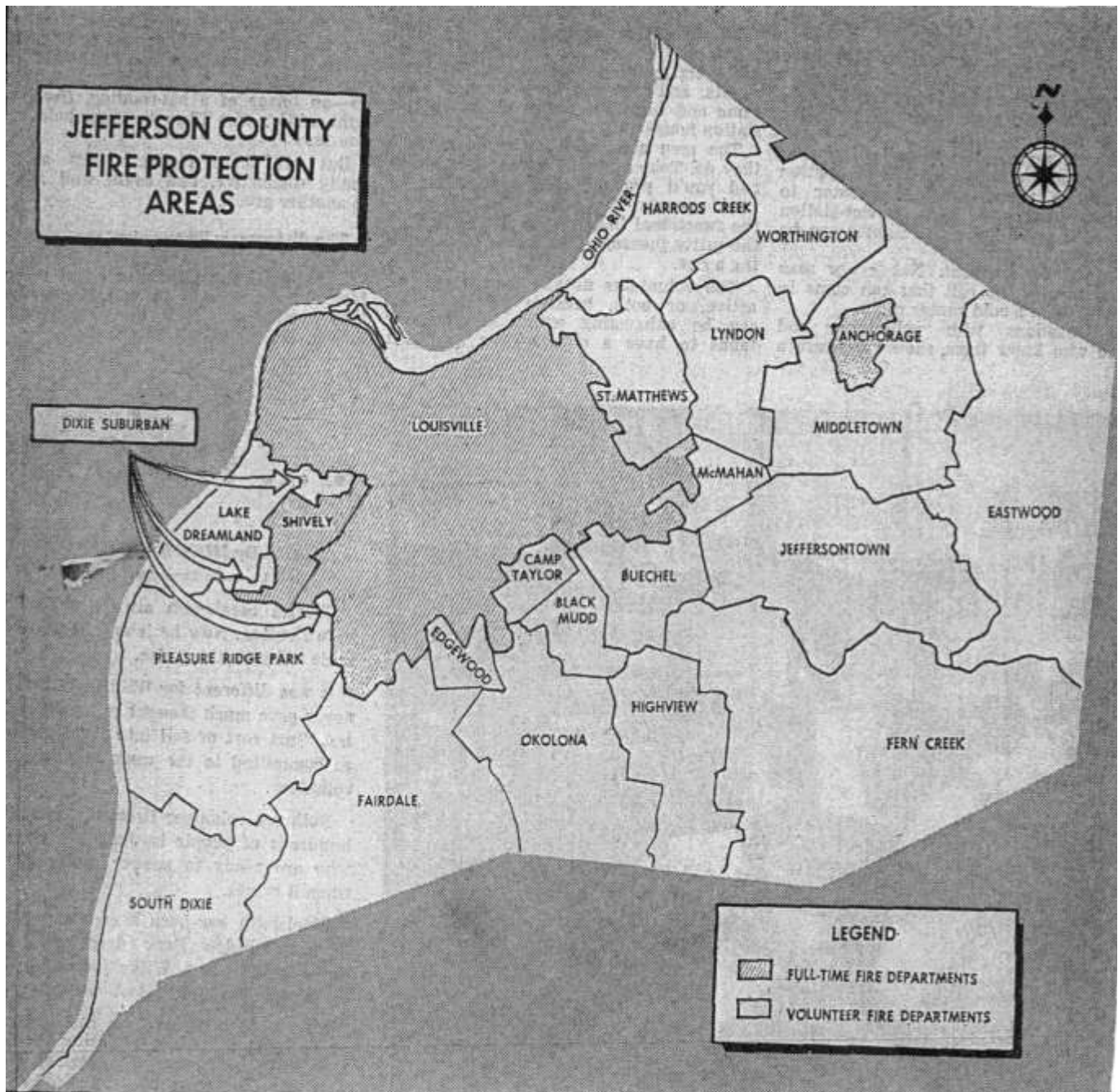
Personnel costs take up the largest part of the budgets of government's public-service departments. Except for a few radio operators and clerk-type employees, all the manpower of volunteer departments doesn't cost a cent.

To emphasize the contribution of the volunteers, Trautwein made a study a few years ago to determine what it would cost if the volunteers disappeared and the county had to move to a paid, full-time system.

First, he estimated it would cost about \$12 million to put together what the volunteer departments have in the way of firehouses and equipment. Then, the annual payroll for maintaining a comparable full-time operation would cost about \$6 million. Finally, he estimated it would cost about \$750,000 each year for maintenance and operating expenses.

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There's no "type," you can't spot him on the street...He's the guy next door....with the sharp memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines, sirens, smoke and danger...a guy like you and me with warts, worries and unfulfilled dreams. (Volunteer recruiting brochure.)

Unless he wears his helmet to his job, you can't spot a volunteer firefighter on the street. There's no specific "type" of person who becomes a volunteer. His occupation can range from machine operator to business executive to service-station owner. The volunteer fire fighter can be Every-man.

Yet he is different. Not every man would answer the call that can come in the middle of a cold winter night. Conversations with volunteers and those who know them show there are a few characteristics that seem to apply to most of them. One is intense pride in what they are doing. Ask a volunteer which department has the best equipment or the best men, and he'll probably show you he thinks it's his department.

There enthusiastic: Making practice sessions and fire runs counts, and the men keep track of who came and who didn't with charts on the station house wall. The men are enthusiastic about what they do. Take a tour of a volunteer house and you'll probably find a number of members who will talk at length about the functional beauty of a fire engine or the gritty pleasure that comes from beating a fire.

Volunteers usually are young and active, or both, because battling fires can be exhausting work. A volunteer tends to have a conservative approach toward life, and to be a direct uncomplicated kind of person. They value independence, especially their freedom from contact by county government. Many appreciate the value of a central alarm system, but are convinced they could operate without it, and perhaps do a better job.

They also can be defensive, very sensitive to criticism whether real or implied. Some feel they have a bad image with a public that doesn't appreciate what they do—an image of a hot-rodding flash-light addict who likes to chop holes in houses.

But all those characteristics aren't really distinctive, and could well apply to another group.

The difference: They volunteer: The significant difference about volunteer firemen comes from one thing—that they volunteer. Not everyone would answer the fire call. They do.

When asked why, most volunteers explain their response as a combination of service to people and the excitement of fire danger. Usually, the service aspect is emphasized.

If pressed, a fireman often finds it difficult to explain the specifics of what makes him willing to volunteer. For some it is a matter of "I do it because it fits me." A basic part of the drawing power of volunteer fire departments is excitement – the call of a siren and flashing light – and danger – fire out of control. "Anyone who says that isn't part of it just isn't telling the truth," said one volunteer.

A sense of belonging: But it's only the beginning. At another level is challenge – a man versus a powerful natural force difficult to control. "Each time you say, is it going to be me or is it going to be the fire? and you wonder," said another firefighter. "When it's over, you can say you won again."

In some parts of the county, some observers say, the firehouse becomes the country club. A sense of fraternity is strong; a member has to much personality with the rest of the men to be effective, and if he doesn't, he usually doesn't stay.

Closely related is the glamour and importance connected with the department. A member almost always can have a red light for his car, knows how to use unique tools and equipment, carries a short-wave radio, wears special clothes and ride on a huge, expensive fire vehicle.

But glamour has a way of fading at 3 a.m. in the winter when a tired, dirty, wet firefighter finds his hands frozen to the metal rungs of a ladder. There has to be something more.

The additional something is service; doing a job that needs to be done and that might not get done without the volunteer response.

"It's the acceptance of civic responsibility," said Richard Trautwein, former director of the county fire protection program. "It's a clear direct opportunity for service."

"We're doing something for our neighbor," explained R. K. Back, chief of the Pleasure Ridge Park department. "It's something valuable that not everyone can do. It's a service that sends a man to battle a fire that leaves him filthy and exhausted then keeps him at the station three more hours cleaning up equipment."



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It was different for William Wilke. He never gave much thought to firefighting, but "just sort of fell into it." Now he's as committed to the work as any other volunteer.

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April 27, 1972: *The Voice-Tribune*:

## St. Matthews gets 7th fire recruit

The seventh new member to join the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department since the beginning of the current recruiting campaign is John Jeffrey Hull. A student at the University of Louisville, Hull, 19, of 4084 Gilman Ave., works part-time for Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on Shelbyville Road.

Two special weekend training sessions were held this past week. On Saturday, Lt. Al Ring taught an apparatus-familiarization course for Phase I fire fighters. A brush-up class in driver training for the fire trucks was taught to Phase II members by Lt. Russ Rakestraw on Sunday. Both groups viewed films and participated in a training session on hose and nozzle use. The training was conducted by Lt. Herb Crestle.

The following emergencies were answered by the department:

- April 16, 1 am, Hughes Road, rescue work to remove injured motorist from wrecked auto.
- April 16, 5 pm, Dutchmans Lane at Dupont Circle, wires down.
- April 16, 7:15 pm, child locked in bathroom at 4009 Druid Hills Road.
- April 16, 7:25 pm, trash fire at 404 Macon Road.
- April 17, 3:30 pm, Shelbyville Road at the Waterson Expressway, wash gasoline off road.

May 11, 1972: Board meeting:

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the St Matthews Vol Fire Ass'n held May 11 1972 at fire house.

Directors present

Geo Miller	Phillip Grauman
E. Leland Wilson	Marty Kamer
Fred C Boss	John Monohan
Jno. Emrich	

Minutes of the last meeting held April 13 1972 read by President Monohan as Chairman Jno Emrich was not yet at the meeting.

Motion made By Fred C. Boss seconded by W. Leland Wilson that they be accepted as read.

Mr. Grauman was instructed that when he was in the court house that he check and see if mortgage was released by the City of St Matthews . It was in the paper that it was to be released at once.

Motion made by Geo Miller seconded by Fred C. Boss that we purchase a \$5000.00 certificate of deposit for one year at ~~5 1/2~~ interest at the Colonial Federal Building and Loan Ass'n

*5 3/4%*  
There being no further business motion made by Marty Kamer seconded by John Monohan that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

*George E Miller*  
George E Miller Sec'y

GEM/Rs

April 26, 1972, The Courier-Journal

## 7 respond to ad for fire fighters in St. Matthews

Advertising is paying off (at no cost) for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Seven men have joined the department as provisional fire fighters since advertisements were placed recently in a suburban newspaper, The Voice-Jeffersonian, and on WSTM-FM radio.

The free ads get to the point.

"Chief Monohan Wants YOU!" they say in the newspaper, accompanied by a picture of Chief John Monohan pointing a finger at the reader.

The goal of the department's promotional campaign is 30 new members, according to Al Ring, a lieutenant on the 50-man volunteer force.

One aim is to beef up the department's daytime manpower. Only about 10 men respond to fire calls between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to Ring.

He said anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman should come to the firehouse, 4114 Lyndon Way, between 7 and 10 p.m. each Tuesday when training sessions are conducted.

May 10, 1972, The Courier-Journal

## St. Matthews council rezones 2 areas

The St. Matthews City Council last night rezoned two areas and released a mortgage on the St. Matthews Fire department's building.

The council passed ordinances that will rezone two tracts of land in the Breckinridge Villa subdivision from R-4 residential to R-7 apartment, and a tract at 245

St. Matthews Avenue from R-4 to R-6 apartment.

The rezoning ordinances call for the owners to present plans for various aspects of development, including landscaping and building plans.

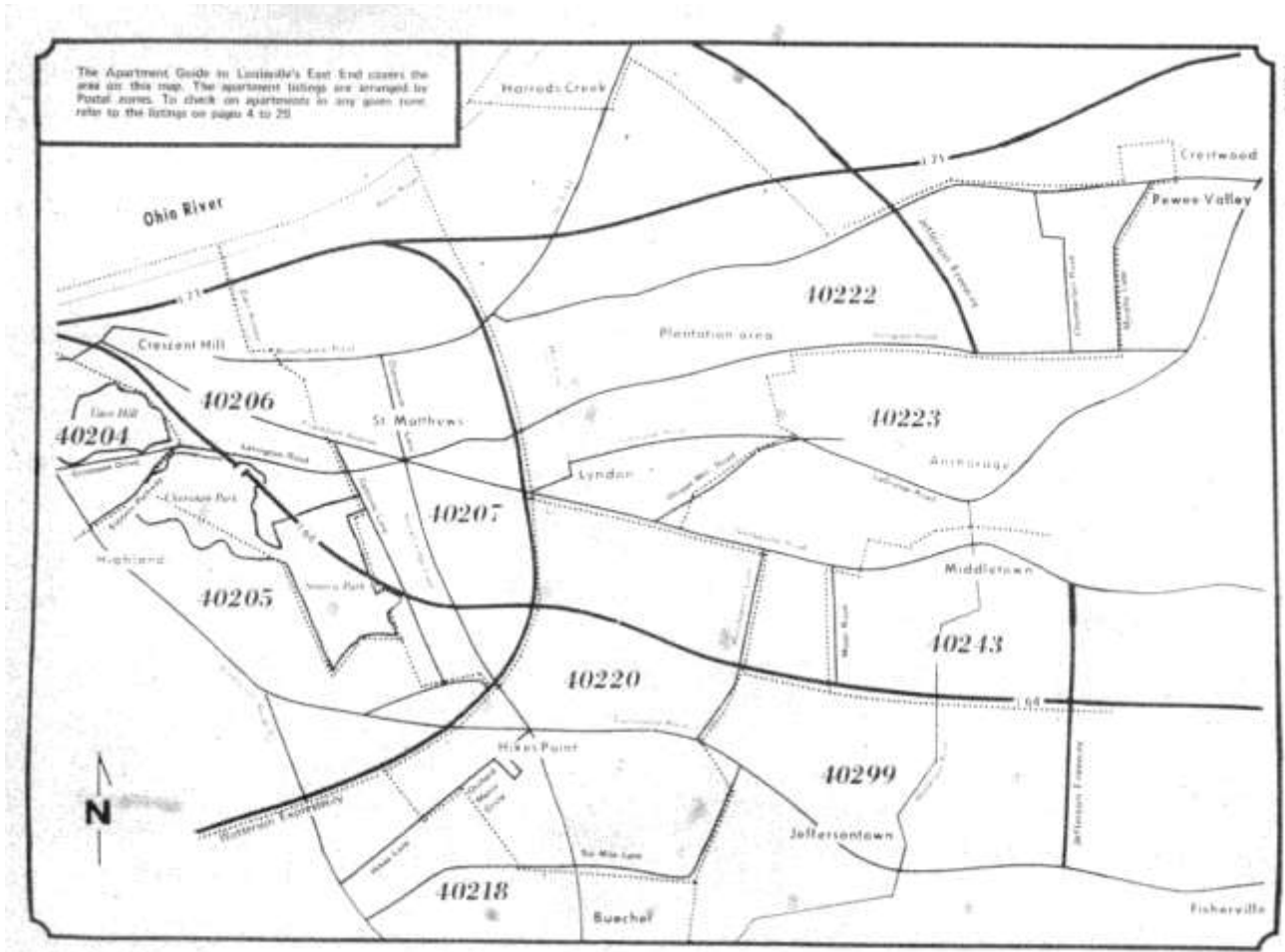
At the fourth-class city's regular semi-monthly meeting at St. Matthews City

Hall, the council passed a resolution releasing a mortgage against the community's fire department building.

City attorney JW Jones said afterwards that about two years ago, the city had paid about \$80,000 to the volunteer unit for "protection in advance," and held the department's building as a mortgage.

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May 11, 1972: *The Voice-Jeffersonian*: Special Apartment Guide



**40207--St. Matthews area Zone**

Postal zone Name (no. units) Address	Type	rent	no. of bath	gbl flm	wc dep	appl turn	chil- dren	carpet	drapes	washer- dryer connec	coin laun- dry	balcony or patio	pets (dep)	extra stor- age	swim pool	lease
Beverly Apts (16) 430 Spruce Rd	gdn two BR	106	1	w	50	1-r 55/mo	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Colonial Manor (17) 101 Sage Rd	gdn 1-2-3					no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Charlton Apts (90) 153 Thurman Lane	gdn one BR two BR	125-125 155-165		w	100	1-r dup dr	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1 yr
Diana Apts (50) 165 Thurman Lane	gdn one BR two BR	150-170 170-180		no e	100	1-r dup dr	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	1 yr
4040 Apts (12) 4040 Massie Ave	totls two BR	250	2	all	100	1-r dup dr	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	1 yr
Hathaway (28) 208-216 Chenoweth	gdn two BR	115		w	50	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	6 mo
Jonestown (356) 304 Milford Lane	gdn,totls one BR two BR three BR	125-148 155-182 192-205		no e	100 150	1-r dup dr	yes	yes	no	no yes yes	yes	yes	yes all	yes	yes	1 yr
Mallory (540) Shedden Lane	gdn,totls efficiency 1-2-3-4	125	1 2	no de	-	1-r dup dr	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	1 yr
Plymouth Village (24) 700 Breckenridge	gdn two BR	180-185	1	no de	100	1-r dup dr	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no	1 yr
Shenandoah (80) Dupont Square under construction	gdn 1-2 BR		2	no de	-	1-r dup dr	over 14	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	1 yr



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Stonewenge (175) 245 Stonewenge Dr	gdn 1-2-3	175-300	1	2 w a/c	100	r-r dup-dw	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	1 yr
Valley View (56) 420 Sunnyvale Rd	gdn two BR	115	1	w	50	r-r \$5/mo	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	-	yes	1 yr
Unnamed (17) 4219 Church Way	gdn one BR	135-140	1	no	100	r-r	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Unnamed (17) 3815 Grandview	gdn two BR	160-165	1	no	100	r-r dup-dw	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Unnamed (30) 100 Marshall Dr	gdn two BR	105	1	w	-	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Unnamed (22) 4201, 4215 S Church Way	gdn one BR two BR	120 180	1	w	50	r-r dup	terms	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Unnamed (20) 4210-14 N Church Way	gdn two BR	180	1	w	50	r-r dup	terms	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Unnamed (12) 3807 Leland Rd	gdn two BR	200	1 1/2	w	100	r-r dup-dw	terms	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	1 yr
Washington Square (24) Washington Square	gdn 2 BR	350-375	2	w	no no no g	range dup-dw	no	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	2 yr

May 18, 1972: *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



## St. Matthews fire runs

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department training continued with Phase I being taught knots and ropes and Phase II being taught to attach lines and main stream lines.

Fire runs from May 7 through 13 included:

May 7, 10 pm, house fire at 213 Marshall Drive, smoke damage.

May 9, 4 pm, gas odor, backed up City of Louisville at 3806 Frankfort Ave.

May 10, 11:45 am, gas odor, backed up City of Louisville at 3790 Lexington Road.

May 10, truck fire at 4600 Stonewenge Drive, out on arrival.

May 10, 2:45 pm, wash off gasoline from truck accident at Hubbards Lane and Norbourne Boulevard.

May 11, 10:20 pm, light-fixture ballast at 4909 Shelbyville Road.

May 12, 3:15 pm, automobile fire, Bacon's parking lot.

May 12, 10:30 pm, trash fire at Westport Road and Foburn Drive.

May 13, 10:30 am, gas leak at 4906 Shelbyville Road.

May 12, 3:40 pm, steam-jenny fire at 6524 Ambridge Circle.

The department is still seeking volunteer firemen. Please contact Lt. Al Ring at 896-9129 for further information. Department members will be participating in the Crusade for Children May 20 and 21.

May 13, 1972, The Courier Journal

# City seeks grant for ambulance service

By VINCENT CROWDUS

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

The city of Louisville is seeking a \$15 million federal grant to set up and operate an emergency medical services system in the Fire Department.

Dr. Carroll L. Witten, president of the Board of Aldermen, said the money would cover the purchase of ambulances, communications equipment, salaries of professionally trained emergency technicians, and other expenses of the first two years of operations.

Witten and other city officials have been working for months to get better equipment and better trained personnel to handle emergency hospital runs. The runs are now handled by the Police Department, using police station wagons and officers trained primarily for law enforcement.

For many years the police ambulance service was free. But last month the city began charging those able to pay as the first step toward an improved system. The maximum fee is \$15.

Richard V. Bellis, federal programs coordinator for the city, took Louisville's application to Washington this week.

Witten said the federal government has about \$15 million to allocate to local governments for emergency medical services during the remainder of the fiscal year that ends June 30. He said he understands \$45 million will be available next fiscal year.

Louisville's proposed emergency system calls for 12 ambulances, or rescue vehicles, to be stationed at 11 firehouses throughout the city and at General Hospital and 99 medical technicians for operations around the clock.

The technicians would be trained through the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Department of Health's emergency medical technician-ambulance training course which began last October. Each technician would be required to spend some time in a hospital emergency room.

The ambulances would have sophisticated equipment to aid heart-attack

patients and injury victims at the scene. The technicians would be qualified to determine whether a person needs to go to the hospital, cutting down on hospital runs. Police now make about 18,000 a year.

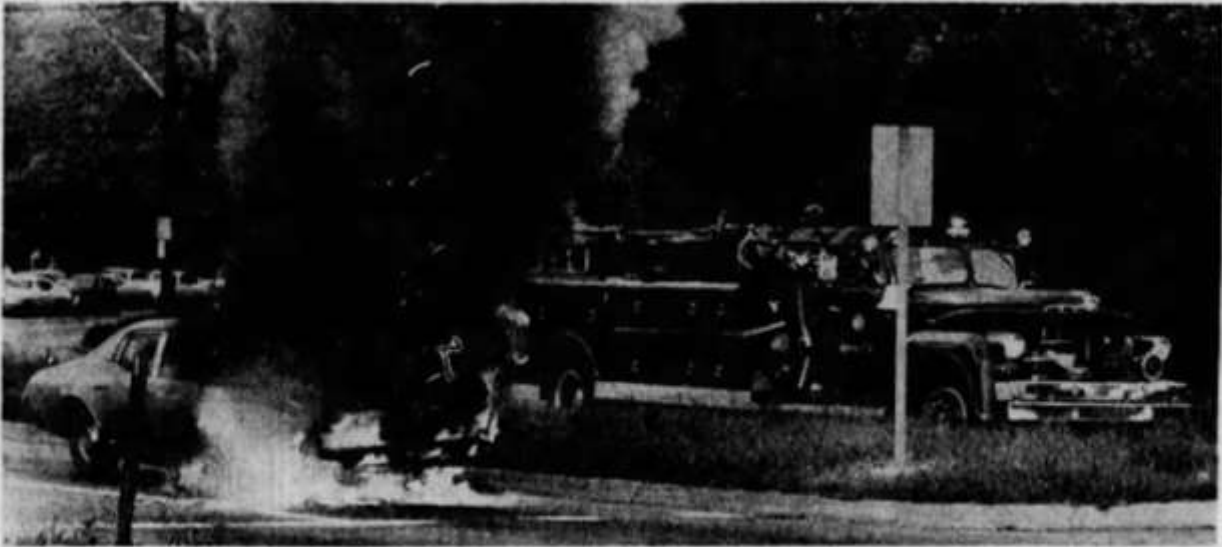
General Hospital, where most emergency patients now are taken, would be the major emergency center, with St. Joseph Infirmary serving as a secondary emergency facility. The patient would be taken to another hospital if he desired.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Catlett, assistant to Fire Chief William J. Cummins, suggested that the emergency rescue teams and ambulances be located at fire stations at 3627 W. Broadway, 1824 Garland, 1137 W. Jefferson, 226 E. Jefferson, 617 E. Breckinridge, 1306 Bardotown Road, 2600 S. Fourth, 706 Kenwood Drive, 2900 Hikes Lane, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department at 4114 London Way, and at a station to be built in the Watterson Model Town housing project off Mindick Road.

In the application submitted to the

federal government, Dr. Truman E. Mays was listed as director of the emergency medical services project. He is with the department of surgery at the University of Louisville and is chairman of the emergency care and disaster committee of the Jefferson County Medical Society.

The application listed a 12-member council to supervise operation of the emergency system. The proposed council includes Dr. Mays, Mayor Frank W. Burke and aldermanic president Witten as an executive board; Fire Chief Cummins; Police Chief Edgar Paul; George C. Burton, director of the city Department of Building and Housing Inspection; former Mayor Andrew Broaddus, city-county director of civil defense; Dr. Thomas S. Wallace, director of the Department of Health; Dr. William Hummels, of the Kentucky Medical Association; Dr. Robert Levy, U of L biochemistry department; Mrs. Robert E. Winder, American Medical Association, and Dr. William Sandman, Louisville chapter of American Red Cross.



## Help arrives

FIREMEN PREPARE to fight the blaze that engulfed the front of Mrs. Ada Garrett's car about 8 p.m. yesterday at Grinstead Drive and Interstate 64. Mrs. Garrett, of 157 N. Jane, said she was trying to start the stalled car when it ignited. She

and her baby son escaped. Courier-Journal photographer Bud Kamenish, who was passing by when the fire began, radioed the newspaper, which called the Fire Department. Firemen blamed the blaze on a carburetor backfire.

Staff Photo by Bud Kamenish

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May 24, 1972: Letter:



## WHAS CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

May 24, 1972

To The Editor:

Since the early days of the WHAS Crusade For Children, the efforts of the Volunteer Firemen have added excitement and an ever-increasing amount of money to aid our handicapped Kentuckiana youngsters. These men, who volunteer, at the risk of life and limb, to protect our lives and property, have taken on the added responsibility of collecting in their districts to boost the Crusade total.

There has been a friendly competition among the various departments ever since Pleasure Ridge Park first issued a challenge to the other fire companies back in the early days of the Crusade. Nowadays, the contributions brought in by the many fire departments amount to more than half of the final Crusade total. All the departments are the back-bone of the entire fund-raising effort, and, on behalf of the handicapped children, all Kentuckiana owes them a salute.

The St. Mathews Fire Department, along with many others, took up the challenge. It soon became apparent, because of the population in their districts, that St. Mathews and Pleasure Ridge Park were destined to be the giants as far as Crusade collections was concerned.

An article in the Times for Monday, May 22, 1972, referred to Pleasure Ridge Park as the "perennial fund-raising leader." Just to set the record straight, let it be known that the St Mathews Fire Department was "King of the Hill" in 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969, topping all other departments. Pleasure Ridge Park was tops in 1965, 1970, 1971 and 1972. Overall, these two giants are very close on total contributions brought in during the past ten years, 1963 through 1972. St. Mathews, \$178,738; Pleasure Ridge Park, \$179,746.

Above all, every department, every group, every individual is a giant to the handicapped children of Kentucky and Southern Indiana who are helped by the Crusade For Children funds.

Sincerely,

Jim Walton  
Executive Producer

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1972 Crusade: \$21,464.00, bottom sheet courtesy Marty Kamer.



L to R: Jim Walton, Mike Davis, Captain Al Ring, Bob Wheatley, Rick Albers.



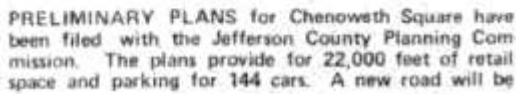
1972 Crusade

Anchorage - 1321	St Matthews - 21,472
Buechel - 9720	Theresa Ridge - 27,180
Crestwood -	Terrasonville - 11853
Fairdale - 8125	Clanville - 7628
Highview - 5264	River Valley - 2144
St-Town - 7040	<b>G.E. - 40,000</b>
Lynard - 9494 + 540 (new)	
Middleton - 5839	London - 954
Mr. Michael - 11,625	Holy Spirit - 1230
Few Creek - 6,600	Holy Family - 994
Worthington -	St Joseph - 373
Harold Creek - 4836	Immanuel - 125
Eastwood - 952	Total - 40,009
Shirley -	
Theraville - 1141	South Drive - 5954
Singer - 1765	Edgewood - 4560
Black Mudd - 6927	Shelby Co - 3394
Love Dravland - 5326	Okajima - 12372
Camp Taylor - 10,896	Shelbyville - 2778
Zaretan - 2924	La Grange - 3312

Red Men - 25,000



**June 1, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:**



constructed from the rear of the old post office building to St. Matthews Avenue if the rezoning application is approved. Another idea is to build an elevated walkway across the railroad and Westport Road.

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 425-9131

June 1, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:June 5, 1972, *The Courier-Journal*

# Chenoweth Square project awaits change in zoning

Preliminary plans for a new neighborhood shopping center near the former St. Matthews post office were revealed this week by Howard J. Dohrman.

The development, to be known as Chenoweth Square, will include an estimated ten retail shops and a total investment of about \$750,000.

The project is expected to get under way within four months if an application for rezoning two portions of land is approved. This would provide for automobile access between Chenoweth Lane and St. Matthews Avenue.

A public hearing on the rezoning is expected to be held before the Jefferson County Planning Commission June 15.

## Site to be sold

If developed as proposed, Chenoweth Square would complete a plan long desired by Shirley W. Palmer-Ball to develop the site for commercial use. The site is owned by Chenoweth Square, Inc., which is controlled by the Palmer-Ball family.

It will be sold to Dohrman Engineering and Construction Co., Inc., of 135 Colony Way, pending approval of the rezoning application.

Dohrman Engineering is a family-owned corporation headed by Dohrman and his wife, Elizabeth P. Dohrman. Dohrman is the sole stockholder. Tom Berry of Walter Wagner Associates is to be the rental and management agent for the project.

The rezoning proposal apparently has been the result of weeks of discussions between St. Matthews and Jefferson County officials. The basic problem was that traffic expected to be generated by the center would add to an already severe bottleneck at the intersection of Chenoweth Lane and the L&N Railroad tracks. Hence, another access route had to be found to prevent congestion.

In the past, local residents and St. Matthews officials have opposed a Palmer-Ball plan to construct an access road from the rear of the post office building north to Staebler Avenue. They felt the large amount of commercial traffic would disturb residents of Staebler Avenue.

Now it is proposed to build a road east to St. Matthews Avenue. Because the planning commission will not permit access to a commercial zone over res-

idential land, this will require rezoning parts of lots on Staebler Avenue for commercial use.

As proposed, the rear 25 feet of the lots would be rezoned commercial, leaving the land fronting on Staebler zoned residential.

Although the plan calls for rezoning parts of a number of residential lots along Staebler Avenue, no opposition is expected from those landowners. All but one is owned or controlled by members of the Palmer-Ball family. The one lot at the southwest corner of Staebler and St. Matthews is owned by Maizie D. and Mary E. Embry, of 3960 Staebler Avenue, and they have signed the rezoning application.

The resulting road would be a two-lane, private right-of-way. According to Berry and Dohrman, it is still undecided whether traffic will be allowed to enter and leave the development from both directions. Possibly, they said, traffic engineers will require entrance from Chenoweth Lane only, and exit to St. Matthews Avenue.

## Preliminary plan

Both Berry and Dohrman stressed the preliminary nature of the plan. They said they expect a restaurant to be a part of the new complex, but declined to speculate on any other possible tenants.

Although a site plan filed with the zoning application shows the old post office building a free-standing structure, Berry said a revision now being developed calls for linking it with other structures and creating a new entrance to it from the south side.

One unusual aspect of the plan calls for a pedestrian walkway to be constructed from Chenoweth Square over the L&N tracks and Westport Road into the vicinity of the Queen's shopping area.

Preliminary plans call for parking for 144 cars and 22,000 square feet of retail space. Berry said additional parking may be available by using undeveloped land owned by Palmer-Ball to the east of the development.

Dohrman said the architecture of the new center has not been finalized, but will be "in keeping with the atmosphere of St. Matthews."

Landscaping will be provided throughout the development, with a portion of the ground raised for plantings along Chenoweth Lane.

## Reserve-sponsored drive yields 240 pints of blood

Donors gave 240 pints of blood to the Red Cross yesterday at a blood drive sponsored by the 100th Division (Training), U.S. Army Reserve, at the Bowman Field Training Center, 3590 Century Division Way, Army spokesmen said.

The spokesmen said the donors included members of the 100th Division, members of the 5010th U.S. Army Hospital and firemen from the St. Matthews, Jeffersontown and McMahan volunteer fire departments.

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June 8, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*: John C. Emrich Trustee 1967 to 1972

April 9, 1907 to May 31, 1972

Born in Louisville in 1907. In 1926 he started his banking career with Lincoln Bank & Trust. In 1966 he became vice president at First National Bank. He was a member of the Board from 1967 until his death in 1972.



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER.** Mrs. Carolyn von Almen, 115 Crescent Ct. receives a check for \$2,000 for a college scholarship from John Emrich, St. Matthews branch manager of First National Bank. Mrs. von Almen, whose name was drawn last Friday in a contest coinciding with the grand opening of the bank's new facilities at Shiloh and Cherokee, says the scholarship will be used by her daughter, Debbie — a freshman at Murray State University.

## St. M. Man Named Head Of Bank's Local Branch

John Emrich, 569 Oxford Place, has been named manager of the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company's St. Matthews branch.

Mr. Emrich, 47, will take over his new duties when the bank, now under construction on Shelbyville Road, is opened in the spring.

He has been with the bank since 1956. He is now in charge of the downtown office's home improvement loan section of the installment and loan department. He has been in the latter department five years.

His experience at the bank has been wide. He started as a runner, and has worked in the transit and bookkeeping departments, and was for a time a discount teller and a commercial teller.

He and his wife, Myrtle Margaret, have a son, John 12, a seventh grader at Waggener Junior High School. Mr. Emrich is a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He is a member of the retail credit manager's association.



—Photo by Jim Miller  
**JOHN EMRICH**

## John Emrich, St. Matthews bank manager, dies

JOHN C. EMRICH, 65, manager of the St. Matthews branch of the First National Bank of Louisville and a vice-president of the bank, died May 31 in Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Chief Deputy Coroner William S. Anderson said death was due to a heart attack.

A St. Matthews resident who lived at 509 Oxford Place, Emrich had been named a bank vice-president in 1966. He had been with First National for a number of years, having begun as a bank messenger, and later working in all departments. Emrich was manager of the St. Matthews branch since 1964.

He was active in the Retail Credit Managers Association, serving as president of the group in the early 1960s. He was buried in Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Mayfield, Ky., she was a member of Second Church of Christ, Scientist. She was buried in Resthaven Memorial Park.

MRS. AMANDA KARRHILL WILSON, 79, of 329 Winston Ave., in Crescent Hill, died May 27 at her home. She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.



1972

June 8, 1972, Board meeting:

Minutes of the meeting of the Directors of The St. Matthews vol. Fire Ass'n held June 8th 1972 at Fire House.

Directors Present  
Geo. E. Miller Jno. Monohan  
W. L. Wilson Fred C. Boss  
Marry Kamer Phil Grauman

Minutes of last meeting held May 11 1972 read by Pres. Monohan  
Motion made by Marry Kamer seconded by Fred C. Boss  
that they be accepted as read.

A moment of silent prayer was held by the directors  
in memory of Jno Emrich being alosed with May his soul rest in peace  
Ah. Men

Motion made by Fred C. Boss seconded by Jno Monohan  
that we send a letter of symphany to Mrs. Jno Emrich and family.

Motion made by Geo Miller seconded by Fred Boss  
that we buy a \$5,000.00 certificate of deposit in the Colonial  
Federal L<sup>an</sup> Ass'n for one year at Sand 3/4 per cent interest.

Motion made by W. L. Wilson seconded by Jno Monohan  
that we approve proposition in letter of June 8th submitted  
by the fireman and which letter is to become part of these mingtes  
except with the following correction the additional requirment  
that the retiring fireman or board ~~member~~ member be in good standing.  
This to be decided by the board of directors. Also that the years  
do not need to be consecutive.

Motion made by Fred Boss seconded by Jno Monohan  
that Cecil Lunsford to charge at Terry Texaco 5 gallons of gas  
every two weeks or 10 gals a month.

There being no further business motion made by  
Phil Grauman seconded by W. L. Wilson that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Geo E. Miller Sec'y.

GEM?LR

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION



117 St. Matthews Ave.  
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ST MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen,

This is a proposal that has been written up by two officers in  
charge of membership. For years, on this department, when a firefighter  
or board member resigns or has to leave after many years of service  
everyone wants to do something for them, but knowone knows what. When  
they decide, they must go before the board, and a lot of other red tape.  
To eliminate this problem and also to be sure that a long serving  
firefighter or board member is given something for appreciation, we  
submit the following request:

PROPOSAL FOR GIFT OF APPRECIATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS

A gift certificate is to be given any eligible person within one  
month of his leaving the department. The size of the gift certificate  
will depend on the amount of active time that the person has been  
either a firefighter or a board member. If the person has served the  
amount of time required it doesn't matter what his reason is for leaving  
the department. The only requirement to receive the gift certificate  
is to have completed the required amount of active time. The time  
requirements and list of business where gift certificate shall be  
honored follows.

10 YEARS	\$ 25.00
15 YEARS	50.00
20 YEARS	75.00
25 YEARS	100.00

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Penneys

We also request that a leaving firefighter get to keep his firefighting  
helmet.

This proposal should be retroactive to January 1, 1972.

THANK YOU

*M. G. Z. [Signature]*  
*St. M. [Signature]*

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"



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June 15, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

Weekly training sessions for St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department fire fighters were conducted by Lieutenants Doug Monohan, Russell Bakestraw and Herb Christie during May. Both Phase I and II firemen had further training in the areas of hose advancement, knots and hitches and hydraulics.

The seven new firefighters who joined the company during the recruitment drive this spring were taught the use of Scott Packs (self-contained breathing apparatus), hoses and hose lays, by Lt. Al Ring. Ring, who is in charge of recruits, said this week there are still openings for interested men who either live or work in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire District.

A list of the emergencies responded to by the department in May follows:

- May 10, 10:30 am, 4906 Shelbyville Road, natural gas leak at Tiller Piano.
- May 11, 10:20 pm, 4909 Shelbyville Road, light fixture at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Store.
- May 11, 11 pm, assist police in caring for sick person at 507 Hillside.
- May 12, 5:15 pm, automobile fire at Bacon's parking lot.
- May 12, 10:30 pm, trash fire at Foe-burn Lane and Westport Road.
- May 13, 3:40 pm, steam penny fire at 6924 Ambridge Circle.
- May 16, 6:30 pm, food on stove burned at 601 Thompson.
- May 17, 12:01 am, gas wash off at 5415 Pawnee Trail.
- May 20, 10:15 am, paper fire at Holy Trinity Church.
- May 26, 1 pm, auto fire under hood at 4012 Napanee.
- May 27, 5 pm, auto fire at 214 Heady.
- May 27, 7 pm, child in tree at 312 McArthur.
- May 28, 8:35 pm, fire under hood of auto on Watterson Expressway by Al-mart.
- June 1, 6:15 pm, rescue victim from auto accident at 2403 Rudy Lane.
- June 2, 7:05 pm auto fire at 4900 Shelbyville Road.
- June 4, 11:15 am, wallsocket fire at 3714 Stratford.
- June 4, 5:15 pm, electric wires on ground at 4619 Brownsboro Road.

June 19, 1972, Memo:

## Memo

from BERNARD BOWLING, Mayor  
City of St. Matthews, St. Matthews, Ky.

June 19, 1972

Hello John:

The City has had communication from Lt. Al Ring requesting a cut in the island on Shelbyville Road at Sears Avenue.

Is the left turn at Sears Avenue more practical than the left turn at Thierman Lane as outlined in the attached letter dated March 5, 1971?

Please indicate by written memo and I will follow up with the Highway Department if necessary.

Yours truly,

Bernard Bowling  
Mayor

BB/gk  
cc: Mjr. Mel Zehnder  
Lt. Al Ring

Lt. Ring worked on this project, and eventually a cut was made in the middle island on Shelbyville Road to make it easier for STMFD apparatus to make turns onto Shelbyville Road from Sears Avenue.

1972

June 22, 1972, Cash Receipts and Disbursements:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
JUNE 23, 1971 THRU JUNE 22, 1972

BALANCE - JUNE 22, 1971		\$ 5,956.53	
RECEIPTS			
Subscriptions	\$ 84,344.82		
Contributions - Jefferson County	1,350.00		
U. S. Treasury Bonds and Coupons	15,581.26		
Interest	748.72		
Rental Income	<u>875.00</u>	<u>102,899.80</u>	
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE			\$108,856.33
DISBURSEMENTS			
CAPITAL			
Equipment and Fixtures	\$ 2,333.19		
Investment - Certificate of Deposit	65,000.00		
Repayment of Loan	<u>8,951.57</u>	\$ 76,284.76	
EXPENSES			
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 133.78		
Firemens' Training School	420.00		
General Expenses	4,211.45		
Insurance	3,115.46		
Payroll Taxes	658.44		
Legal & Accounting	750.00		
Office Supplies & Expenses	989.57		
Radio System Expenses	918.57		
Salaries - Net	3,186.53		
Supplies	2,643.82		
Truck Expenses	4,975.52		
Utilities	<u>3,138.24</u>	<u>25,141.38</u>	
Total Disbursements			<u>101,426.14</u>
CASH BALANCE - JUNE 22, 1972			\$ <u>7,430.19</u>

June 22, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews firemen practice

Using their own building for practice, St. Matthews Volunteer firefighters this week scrambled up ladders, refining techniques of hose advancement and ventilation.

Lt. Doug Monohan and Lt. Al Ring were in charge of the exercise for both Phase I and II volunteers.

Lt. Russ Rakestraw also taught advanced classes in hydraulics to Phase II volunteers.

The following five emergencies were answered by the St. Matthews department June 9 through 13.

--June 9 -- 10 am 3928 Westport Road, lightning struck electric meter behind Haller's Pet Shop; damage to meter.

--June 10 -- 3:30 pm, fire in GES parking lot in car owned by D. A. Bell. Fire out on arrival.

--June 12 -- 11:15 am, 4121 Shelbyville Road, malfunction in sprinkler system at Sears, Roebuck and Co., no damage.

--June 12 -- 6:30 pm, trash fire on Quails Run Road, out on arrival.

--June 13 -- 6:39 am, automobile accident at Watterson Expressway and U. S. 60, No assistance required.

June 29, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire reports

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department continued the training of its seven recruits in house and ladder techniques. The process involves a quick-carry method of advancing a hose line up ladders and through the building, without causing injury to the firefighter, should the hose be inadvertently charged with water.

For the past few weeks, the recruits, dressed in heavy fire-protection gear, have climbed up and down ladders with the bulky hoses on their right shoulders. Part of the training includes use of ap-

propriate hand tools to pull away burning matter, and breathing techniques using the Scott Pak, self-contained air packs. Twice weekly classes are taught by Lieutenants Doug Monohan and Al Ring.

Advanced firefighters have been taught hydraulics by Lt. Russ Rakestraw.

Two emergencies were handled by the department this past week:

--June 13, 9:30 pm, trash fire at the county quarry on Hubbards Lane.

--June 19, 7:30 pm, automobile wiring fire on U.S. 60, in front of Jerry's Restaurant.

June 29, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

St. Matthews Volunteer fire fighters completed the hose-advancement and ladder phase of initial training for the seven new recruits and other members of Phase I who have been with the department less than a year.

This training enables new fire fighters to be able to participate in fire emergencies, while the more experienced men can assume specific duties in any emergency, according to Lt. Al Ring.

After a review of techniques, including the use of the self-contained breathing apparatus, Phase I training is put to practice with drills. Phase II advanced training reviewed hydraulics in classes taught by Lt. Russ Rakestraw.

The fire fighters answered four calls during the past week:

--June 21 -- 9 pm -- Bench and potted tree burned at Executive Park at the intersection of Sherburn Lane.

--June 22 -- 10:10 pm -- Automobile fire; out on arrival of emergency apparatus at L. S. Ayres parking lot.

--June 23 -- 1:50 pm -- St. Matthews assisted City of Louisville at automobile fire; out on arrival at 121 Breckinridge Lane.

--June 26 -- 10 am -- dashboard of a truck at the Burger Queen restaurant on Hubbards Lane.

1972

July 12, 1972, Board meeting:

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board Of Directors of The St. Matthews Vol Fire Ass'n held Wednesday July 12 th 1972.

	Directors Present.
Robt Walling	Fred Boss
Geo Miller	W. Leland Wilson
Marty Kamer	J. P. Terry
Jno Monohan	

Minutes of last meeting held June 8th 1972 read by Pres. Monohan

Motion made by Fred Boss seconded by Geo F. Miller that they be accepted as read.

Directors at present and the time of the terms they have left to serve

Jno M Monohan	term expires	1974.
Fred C. Boss	" "	1974
Jno Emrich	(Deceased)	1973
J. P. Terry	term expires	1973
Geo E Miller	" "	1972
W. Leland Wilson	" "	1972
Phillip Grauman	" "	1975
Robert Walling	" "	1972
Henry Monohan	(Deceased)	*
* Marty Kamer		1975

Kamer was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Henry Monohan.

Motion made by Fred C. Boss seconded by J. P. Terry that Geo Miller and W. Leland Wilson be elected for a period of four years. Also that Robt Walling be elected for a period of one year as before.

Therefore the slate of directors now are as follows and the date of there expiration.

Jno M Monohan	1974
Fred C. Boss	1974

\* No one was elected to replace Jno Emrich this was passed to a later date for discussion.

J. P. Terry	1973
Phillip Grauman	1975
Marty Kamer	1975
Robt Walling	1973 1973
Geo E. Miller	1976
W. Leland Wilson.	1976.

Motion made By Geo Miller that  
John Monohan be elected President.  
W. Leland Wilson Vice Pres.  
Fred C. Boss Treasurer  
Marty Kamer Sec'y.  
Motion seconded by Robt Walling.

Motion made by Fred Boss that we elect the following

Jno Monohan	Cheif
Al Haberlin	Ass't Cheif
Jas Zehnder	Ass't Cheif

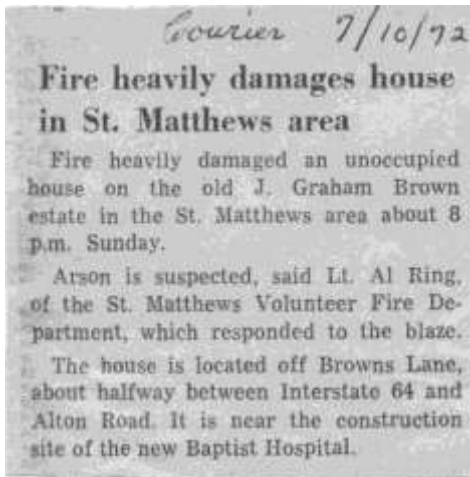
MZ J. P. Terry be elected to serve as process agent. } for 1 year.  
Motion seconded by Marty Kamer

There being no further business motion made by John Monohan seconded by Geo Miller that we adjourn.

GEM/RS

Respectfully Submitted  
*Geo E Miller*  
Geo E. Miller acting for  
Marty Kamer Sec'.

July 10, 1972, The  
Courier-Journal:





July 13, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

July 11, 1972, *The Courier-Journal*

## Fire heavily damages house in St. Matthews area

Fire heavily damaged an unoccupied house on the old J. Graham Brown estate in the St. Matthews area about 8 p.m. Sunday.

Arson is suspected, said Lt. Al Ring, of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, which responded to the blaze.

The house is located off Browns Lane, about halfway between Interstate 64 and Alton Road. It is near the construction site of the new Baptist Hospital.



## Gawkers hamper firemen

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

The abandoned J. Graham Brown house on Browns Lane, used by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department as a training house for nine months, was destroyed in a fire Sunday night, July 9.

The fire attracted such a large number of onlookers that traffic was snarled from Dutchmans Lane to Plymouth Road, and for a time prevented fire fighting equipment from reaching the blaze.

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Al Ring sent this letter to Kelly, (Doug Monohan's daughter) for his 60th birthday roast.

Kelly,

Great to hear from you. Well the big 60 for your dad, how wonderful. I should kick him because he forgot we are close to the same age and I gracefully, without any fan fair, moved into the 60 column July 17 this year.

You are right Doug did provide us all with lots of stories, a few years back, but writing about them is not easy, especially for someone like me who can't spell, or tell a story. Lets see there's the time he was making a fire run and was backing out his own driveway (hadn't gone 15 feet) and smashed into Margo's car which was parked in the driveway behind him. Now that was a good move. Shows the type of level headed, calm, dedicated firefighters we had at that time.

I guess the one that I enjoyed the most was: This would have been in 1972, a Tuesday night, Doug and myself were Lieutenant's on the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. I and Capt. Harry Babcock (he a story in himself) were in charge of "Live Fire Training" that night. (For those of you who aren't firefighters that's when firefighters get to do what they love best, start a fire and then fight it.) Doug was in charge of a class of recruits. About a mile and a half from the fire station was the J. Graham Brown Estate. Mr. Brown had died, and the estate was being broken up and the "mansions, large house" was donated to the fire department for training and final disposal. (That means burning down for fun and training.) Harry and I went early to set the stage for training. We stacked a pile of old car tires in two separate rooms, lit them on fire, making sure all windows were closed and waited for a petty good fire to get going. (This creates lots of smoke for live fire training.) We called the station and reported the "training fire and they sent the recruits under command of Lieutenant Monohan to handle this fire. I should mention here that the rest of the department was training at the station, having stripped all the equipment off the other fire apparatus for inventory and cleaning.

Doug's crew responded and reported a working fire and donned Scott Packs. (self contained breathing apparatus) and entered the building with the proper lines to fight the fire. After a respectable time Doug declared the situation under control and had his crew leave the building

Babcock and myself were about 40 feet down the front walk when Doug with his men walking single file behind him with smiles on their dirty face's (the truth is they looked like a mother duck with her little ones walking behind) walked up to us to report the situation. Doug reported finding two separate fires and making an aggressive attack on both fires and was pleased to report they were both out. I look at Doug and just pointed, back over his heel and said only—look up.

Doug turns and looks up and saw that the entire sky is black. Black smoke billowing from a very hot, very large, very deep seated fire in the attic area of the structure. There are just know words to describe the look on his face, it was priceless. Weather or not he did something in his pants I never did find out, because we all got busy real quick.

County Alarm the alarm company for reporting fires, called at this time and reported the switchboard was jammed with calls of a huge fire in the East end. We told them we were aware of the situation and would handle it. We then called our station to see if we could get some help. We were advised of the situation of the other apparatus, and we had to explain to the Chief (Doug's father) it didn't much matter what shape they were in get over here and get over here now. They had to respond under emergency conditions, as well as fight traffic from the hundreds and hundreds of spectators that showed up. (This is not an exaggeration.)

Several hours later after one hell of a training fire and the use of all our men and equipment we were cleaning up at the fire station, joking, talking about what happened, etc. Doug ask me how that fire could have gotten in the attic and spread so fast.

I had to tell him that Harry and I had used pike poles to cut holes in the ceiling directly above both fires just so it would spread to the attic. There was know way they could have seen the holes with the smoke so black. But truth is Doug was not expecting this, he was told one or two rooms of fire no more. In real fire-fighting, this is exactly what happens and how fire spreads so fast, it just wasn't expected in this training fire, with new recruits.

To this day, 31 years later I can still see the "ducks" walking down the walk with that overconfident smile on their faces for a job well done, and then the faces as they turned and saw the sky. I also never did find out about any conversation between Doug and his Dad, I would have like to have seen that. If you ever knew his Dad you would know why.

Well Kelly that's about all I can say. I hope this fits what you and Margo want. We should roast Margo some time. Lots of stories about her locking herself OUT and IN the house, and I had to respond. But that's another story.

Happy birthday Doug, update me sometime.

Al Ring



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**Training Fires At J. Graham Brown Estate, photos courtesy Al Ring:**





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Training Fires At J. Graham Brown Estate, photos courtesy Al Ring: Below unknown source:



Assistant Chief Al Haeberlin, Chief John Monohan, \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Graven, Tim Golden, Chief John Monohan, Assistant Chief Al Haeberlin



Bob McGrath, \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Wilke



John Noon, One of the Training Fires at the Brown Farm

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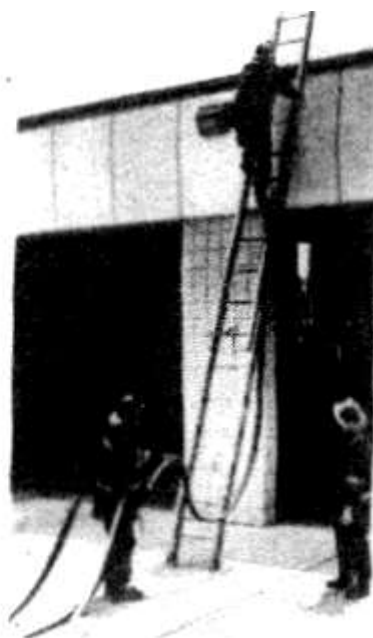
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A house fire July 9 and three emergencies during a prolonged thunderstorm on July 10 kept the St. Matthews firefighters busy. Runs reported by Lt. Al Ring are:



Voice photo by Anne Calvert

**ST. MATTHEWS firefighter recruits learn techniques of hose advancement up a ladder.**

-- June 30- 10:30 am-- Overheated automobile owned by Sherry Carpenter, at Brownsboro Road and Rudy Lane.

-- June 30- 6:05 pm-- Overheated automobile owned by Mrs. C. T. Cowger, at 262 Chenoweth Lane.

-- July 1- 11 am-- Stove fire at home of G. K. Hitt, 4032 Hycliffe Ave.

-- July 4- 4:10 am-- Mattress fire at home of Michelle Seales, 3937 Staebler.

- July 9- 8 pm-- House fire on Browns Lane, house destroyed.

- July 10- 6:30 pm-- Light ballast burned at Vine Records, 4151 Shelbyville Road.

-- July 10- 8:08 pm-- Garage fire, apparently from lightning, 208 Colonial.

-- July 10- 8:20 pm-- Apparent lightning at 3912 Massie Ave., damage to attic, no fire.

-- July 10- 9 pm-- Burglar-alarm malfunction, 199 Colony Way.

On Saturday, July 8, Lt. Ring taught Phase I firefighters the operation of a deluge gun. This device, attached to the top of an aerial ladder, puts a deluge of water onto a fire.

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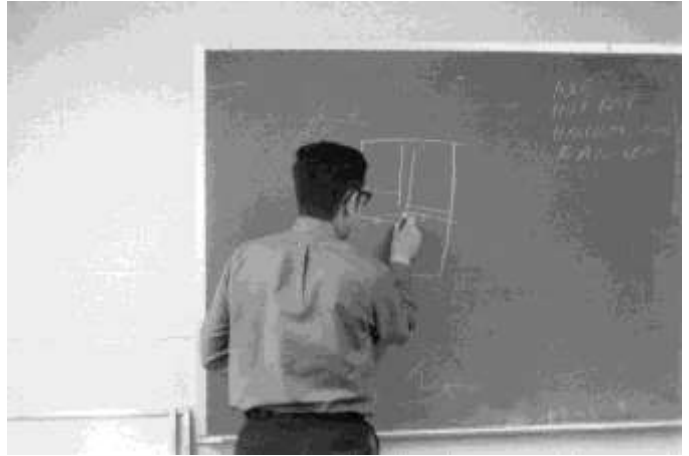
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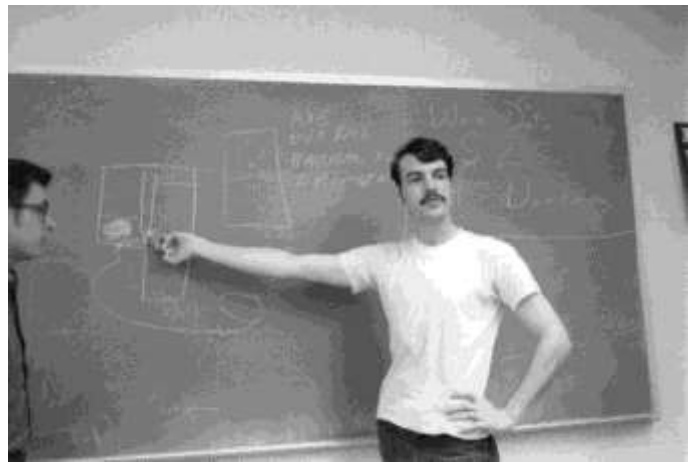
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Lieutenant Al Ring doing his favorite thing. "teaching."

Ken Reising helping Al teach.



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**Jack Handel at live burning.**

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**Tuesday night training, "Chemical Pit Fires,"**

**what fun & how stupid!!!!**

**We used to have Mr. Noland dig us a pit a few deep across from the fire house, fill it with every type of burning fluid we could get our hands on from Louisville plants and practice "Chemical Fires."**

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1972 Apparatus:



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Photo courtesy Kentucky Flying Service

MASSIVE CONCENTRATIONS of commercial activity which produce difficult customer access problems are among problems which the MAZCO delegates are trying to solve with a new zoning regulation, for Louisville and Jefferson County. This photo was taken over the Almart-Giant Food shopping center looking south over The Mall on Shelbyville Road.



July 27, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:August 3, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

Eighteen-year-old Jim W. Woodring of 125 Brown Avenue has become the newest member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Woodring, who repairs bicycles for Thornbury's Toys on Shelbyville Road, said he joined the department "on an impulse."

"I have never done fire fighting before, but I always wanted to be a fireman." His first experience came Sunday when the burned-out remains of the J. Graham Brown home on Browns Lane was "torched" by the department, to prevent injury to children who have been known to play in the area.

Regular department training this week, taught by Lt. Doug Monohan, and Lt. Al Ring, with Capt. Harry Babcock, involved sprinkler and standpipe systems in high rise buildings. This is part of the department's overall plan to familiarize themselves with such buildings before an emergency arises.

Lt. Russ Rakestraw also drilled Phase I trainees on the use of Scott (air) Paks.

The fire runs as reported by Lt. Ring include:

--July 11, 8:15 pm, wires down at the home of W. J. Landrich, 4009 Leland Road.

--July 14- 1 am, broken water pipe at 3909 Olympic.

--July 15--6:15 pm, air conditioner damaged at 417 Country Lane; no fire reported.

--July 18--9:34 am, automobile fire at 4602 Tween.

## False alarms reported

Two false alarms unnecessarily summoned the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department this past week. The first was turned in July 23 at 4:50 pm on Browns Lane, and the second, a day later occurred at 11:30 pm at Almart on Shelbyville Road.

Two other alarms were answered by the department according to Lt. Al Ring, and they are:

--July 18--2:34 am, 4602 Tween Road, fire in an automobile belonging to Mrs. Palmer.

--July 25--1:11 pm, a gasoline wash-off on Indian Hills Trail at Rio Vista Road.

Training in the use of Scott (air) Paks continued for the Phase I firefighters, under the direction of Lt. Russ Rakestraw. Advanced firefighters also continued their drills with sprinkler systems and stand pipes in commercial buildings.

The use of the deluge gun on the top of the company's aerial ladder was taught in a Saturday class by Lt. Al Ring and Lt. Doug Monohan. On July 23, the badly burned house on the J. Graham Brown estate was used as a final training fire, before the department allowed it to complete burning so as not to be a hazard.

August 2, 1972, 720 Indian Ridge house fire by Jerry Schreck

It was early Sunday morning when we responded to a working fire in a residence. When we arrived a man was screaming for help from an upstairs bedroom window and lots of smoke billowing out. We laddered the residence and rescued the owner that climbed down the ladder Bare Ass Naked and took a bow in front of all his neighbors and firemen.

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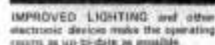
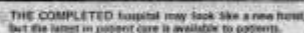
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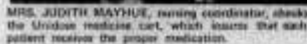
There will be a public open house on Aug. 30 and the applications for elective surgery are now being accepted, said a hospital spokesman.



THE SETTING SUN silhouetted the steel girders of the new hospital against the sky shortly after construction began about two years ago.



**Yeast strains for gene cloning**



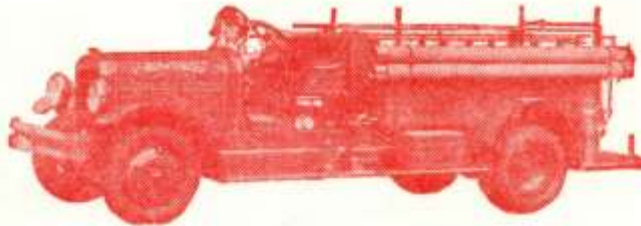
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August 8, 1972, courtesy Kyle Reagan:

# ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



Att":

Mr Kyle L.Reagan  
600 Macon Ave  
Louisville Ky

4114 Lyndon Way - P. O. Box 7283  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207  
August 8.1972

1972 & 1973. Contract Agreement between,

The St.Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Inc.  
and.

The City of Broadfield, Jefferson County Kentucky.

The St.Matthews Volunteer Fire Association does hereby agree to respond to all alarms of fire within the boundries of the City of Broadfield Jefferson County Kentucky, for a peroid of One (1) year begining September 1.1972 and endining at Midnight August 31.1973 for the sum of--- 6,074.85.

The City of Broadfield, Jefferson County Kentucky, assumes all responsibilities and liabilities for the enforcements of all ordinance, codes, and rules and regulations peratining of the prevention of fires and saving of lives and property from within the boundries of the City of Broadfield, Jefferson County Kentucky.

The City of Broadfield, Jefferson County Kentucky also agrees to keep all hydrants within the boundries free and clear of all (BUSHES) (SHRUBS) (TREES) (FENCES) and ect.

This agreement cancels and supercedes any and all agreements and/or contract now existing between the St.Matthews Volunteer Fire association and the City of Broadfield, Jefferson County Kentucky.

Signed by *[Signature]* President.  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Inc.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
The City of Broadfield, Jefferson County Kentucky.

*Please Sign this copy + Return to (office)*

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

August 10, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



Photo by Stephen M. Woodring

ST. MATTHEWS firefighters swarmed over the Lepping home roof.

## Fire heavily damages home

By Stephen M. Woodring

Fire gutted the top floor of the Robert B. Lepping home at 4006 Elfin Ave., in St. Matthews on Sunday, Aug. 6.

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Chief Monohan said he had not determined the cause of the fire. There were no injuries.

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August 6, 1972, Working fire 4006 Elfin.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N° 1002

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 8/6/72 TIME OF ALARM 9:30 P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:10 P.M. A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 4006 ELFIN APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CALL: HOUSE ☒ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FIRES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT R. B. Lepping

OWNER Same

OWNER ADDRESS 4006 ELFIN

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 108 ☐ 109 ☐

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER IN CHARGE S-4 Chuck Ek - KCB REPORT WRITTEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

*Tools used S-4*  
 2 Shovels  
 2 Pitch Forks  
 4 SCOTTS  
 6 EXTRA SCOTT BOTTLES  
 4 AXES  
 8 PIKE POLES  
 3 TARPS  
 1 FLASHLIGHT

*- S-3*  
 3 Scott Poles  
 Axes  
 Shovels  
 Forks

*HOSE & FITTINGS S-4*  
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 2- 200' 1 1/2" BUNDLES  
 1- 50' 1 1/2" BUNDLE  
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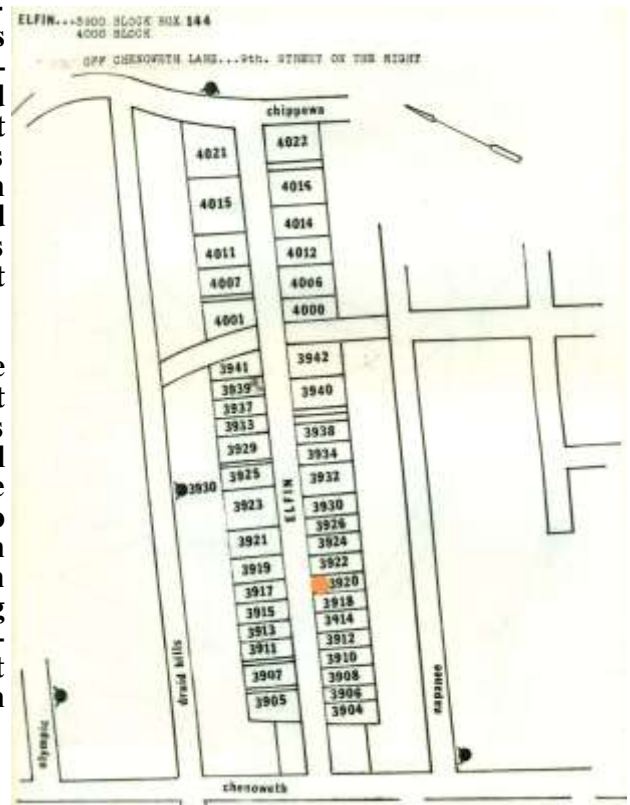
August 6, 1972, 2:23 PM — 4006 Elfin Ave., house fire.

Notes from Rick Albers--

This was a working fire in the second floor and I remember that it burned out through the cape cod roof around a dormer (I think), On this fire there were two humorous things that happened.

Jim Woodring got on top of S-4 to lay the 1-1/2" pre-connect. Remember it had those two leather straps and you had to throw it to the ground and then remove the straps. He picked it up by the straps and just as he did, Ken Reising accidentally charged that line which pinned Woodring's fingers in the straps just as he threw the bundle over the side. It took him head first over the side and he landed in a pile and couldn't get his hands out until some other guys helped him. Then he wanted to kill Reising. That got smoothed over pretty quick.

The other thing was that the neighbors thought the homeowner was still inside. Well he was, except that he didn't even know there was a fire because he was down in his finished basement watching some ball game on TV with a big bowl of popcorn in his lap. He was yelling and screaming at the ball game when two firefighters in air packs made their way down to him and scared the shit out of him. He threw the popcorn up in the air. He thought it was his neighbors playing a joke on him until we took him upstairs and he realized it was no shit and he passed out. There wasn't any smoke in the basement because the fire was all on the second floor.



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## Firefighters train by pre-planning

Capt. Bob Walling of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department continued the advanced training of the firefighters by describing the steps in pre-planning a building. The department is attempting to create a firefighting plan for each industrial or commercial structure in the district.

To do this, Capt. Walling prepares a

floor plan of the building and notes the location of sprinkler and standpipe systems. Nearby fire hydrants are included in the plan, so the firefighters know how and where to lay hose lines to best fight fires.

After classroom instruction, the firefighters tour the building to further familiarize themselves with it. The most

recent building planned was the Eduplay Child Care Center on Dupont Circle. Earlier this year, the department toured the new Suburban Hospital, which will open Aug. 28.

Maj. Al Haerberlin also told the firefighters about a fire school held in June.

Saturday training for new firefighters continued drills with hose lays and pumper hookups.

The department was summoned three times this past week, but only once for a fire. The runs, as reported by Lt. Al Ring, were:

July 26 -- 9:45 am -- Assisted the City of Louisville in moving iron lungs on Sherrin Avenue.

-- July 29 -- 9 pm -- Malicious false alarm, 3802 Old Brownsboro Road.

-- July 30 -- 10:59 am -- auto fire, Winchester Road and Breckinridge Lane. The fire, in the car owned by Jim Marrs, was out on arrival.

August 10, 1972, Board meeting:

Minutes of the meeting of the Board Of Directors of the St. Matthews Vol Fire Ass'n held Aug. 10 1972.

### Directors Present.

Marty Kamer	W. Leland Wilson
Jno. Monohan	Geo E. Miller
Fred Boss	Robt Walling.

Minutes of last meeting held July 12 1972.

read by Pres. Monohan

Motion made by Fred C. Boss seconded by Jno Monohan that they be accepted as read

John Monohan reported that he had been contacted by Mack Truck in ~~regards~~ regards to new ~~piece~~ peice of equipment and should be able to place order very soon.

Bob Walling brought up the question in regards to hiring one or two to check fire hydrants. After some discussion it was decided to drop the matter as some were not in favor.

It was decided to invite certain parties to be interveiwed for member ship on the Board.

Mr. Boss was instructed to buy two \$5,000.00 certificates of deposits at different banks.

There being no further business motion made by Geo Miller seconded by Jno Monohan that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

GM/Lr

Marty Kamer

Sec'y

August 17, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Acting like an ape

## 'Alice' the monkey stalls traffic

By Mike Thoben

Traffic was backed up on Hiltbards Lane for about 20 minutes on Aug. 9, when a monkey jumped onto a parked telephone truck.

The driver, Tony Cassell, tried for 15 minutes to put a trash can over the monkey. Swarms of children gathered as the circus-like episode continued. No one could convince the monkey to come along peacefully. She would scamper from one corner of the truck to another, from top to bottom.

Finally, after the monkey was almost exhausted and scared to death, a tall Jefferson County policeman, Patrolman Charles McBride, walked through the crowd.

As though the monkey recognized an old friend, she jumped down and ran to the officer's left leg and climbed up to his shoulder and lay down.

The police located the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weeter of 504 Hillside Lane, by questioning passersby. They said the monkey was named "Alice Cooper" after the rock group.

Alice is a woolly monkey, a breed which is often captured by South American Indians and sold to zoos. To do this, Doug Weeter, 19, explained, the natives kill the mother and eat it.

"It's just another meal for them," he said. He spent some time working in a hotel in Leticia, Colombia.

"Then they cut down the tree where the baby is hiding, and sell the monkey to tourists," Doug said. At first, he said he had to spend a lot of time coddling and feeding Alice. She now lives in a cage in the Weeters' greenhouse.

Mrs. Weeter said that Alice must have figured how to get out of the cage and wanted to share some affection with the neighbors.

"She's always getting into the things around the house," Mrs. Weeter said.

Doug said that he had tightened the

screens of the greenhouse to keep Alice from escaping.

Explaining Alice's attraction to the policeman, Doug told of a time when his sister, Julie, had Alice at a drive-in restaurant with her. A county policeman then started talking to Alice and she probably recalled the uniform, Doug said.

"Girl monkeys like male humans," Doug said. "If Alice gets good vibes from a man, she'll run over to him and get on his shoulder." Otherwise, Alice just needs a lot of attention, he said.

## J-town blacks argue about park there



Photo by Mike Thoben

ALICE, the woolly monkey, enjoys the security of a warm, friendly shoulder—that of county Patrolman Charles McBride.



Voice photo

A ST. MATTHEWS resident has protested traffic hazards at this intersection.

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## SUBURBAN HOSPITAL

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THURSDAY, AUG

## Long-time drugstore to close

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

After 42 years as an independent druggist in St. Matthews, Eugene C. Klapheke, 67, has decided to slow down and merge his operation with Colonial Drugs, at 2700 Lexington Road.

"I'm not retiring," said the genial druggist last week as he showed his anniversary cake with the symbolic, pink "42" in its thick white frosting.

Klapheke's store, known for the past 15 years as Frankel-Klapheke, is at the corner of St. Matthews Avenue and Shelbyville Road. His association with the Frankels, Nathan and later Harry, both deceased, followed an earlier venture in which he bought out George Cook, also deceased.

Klapheke said he will move all his stock, prescriptions and fixtures to the Colonial Drug location. There will no longer be the Klapheke name at its prominent St. Matthews Avenue corner.

His identity with the store is a mark of Klapheke's independence. He prides himself on not being part of a drugstore chain, he said.

Not only does he mix and distribute medicines according to thousands of scrawled prescriptions, but his store has traditionally been a community meeting place. Residents drop in monthly to pay gas and electric bills, racing enthusiasts can pick up "scratch sheets," and challenge each other as to the winning horse of the day.

"That's one thing I never got into," Klapheke said. "They'd come and go and often brag about the winners, but I never knew who they were."

"I used to know all my regular customers personally," he continued.

Every morning, he would be at the store at 7:00. In the early days, the pharmacist had to do everything himself — mix medicines, fill capsules and suppositories, even make pills.

Now, with the increasing variety of available drugs, as well as the variety of other goods also sold, there is fortunately less mixing, Klapheke said.

Before his move to the St. Matthews Avenue location about 19 years ago, Klapheke's drug store was two doors from Breckinridge Lane, where Contractor's Carpet City is now located. In the intervening years, the building was also the site of a pool hall, Klapheke recalled.

"We used to have the intersection (a Louisville to Shelbyville trolley) stop right in front of the store. Of course that sometimes caused problems when the stores its wheels kicked up would break the windows. It almost got my in-



Voice photo

**GETTING READY** to put the knife to a pink and white cake in his pharmacy is Eugene C. Klapheke, a longtime St. Matthews druggist who is merging his firm with another.

surance canceled one time," he chuckled.

Klapheke said he grew with the city. About 19 years ago, his son, Eugene Jr., became part of the firm, though he said he has no plans to join his father at Colonial Drugs.

Now, about 85 percent of the store's business is in telephone deliveries and charges. Klapheke said his service delivers drugs to faithful customers as far away as Harshbourn and Blankenbaker Lanes, who can't get out to get the supplies themselves.

Also active in the community, Klapheke is a member of the Rotary Club, the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association, the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the Jefferson County Academy of Pharmacy.

In the growth of St. Matthews, he saw his own home on Fairlawn, once the site of a potato patch (the house was on the former dairy) lose its identity as the only house on the gravel road between Willis and Wilmington Avenues, to become part of the snugly developed older St. Matthews area.

Klapheke also owns a farm in East-

wood, managed by his son, which pure-bred Charolais beef cattle are raised. Will he miss the store after all these years?

"Oh brother, you'd better believe it!" Klapheke said.

## David Lehm joins state

Kentucky State Troop man has been assigned here post at LaGrange graduation from the K Bee Academy.

Lehman is a 1965 grad High School and attends Ross, Calif. Prior to police, he was employed insurance firm. He is Air Force veteran.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, live on Girard

## Breckinridge three-laning is started

The three-laning of two portions of Breckinridge Lane began Aug. 20 with the removal of trees along the project and excavation at Hillsboro Road.

The two-stage project is being done for the Highway Department by the C. R. Powell & Sons, a construction company. If good weather holds, it is expected the entire \$58,000 project will be completed by mid-September. However, for each day of rain, the project can be delayed about two days, a Highway Department spokesman said.

With the three-lanes at Hillsboro, the center holding lane will permit left turns into the street without backing up traffic past the Jamestown Apartments, as now is the case. Last year, a holding lane was constructed at the apartment-complex entrance to facilitate traffic flow.

From Norbourne Boulevard to Nana Avenue a continuous third lane for storage will be added to keep through traffic moving while turns are being made into St. Germaine Court, Hyclife, Warner and Grandview Avenues.

In both development areas, the City of St. Matthews will build curbs near trees and power lines, as on other narrow city streets, so that a minimum number of trees will have to be removed, the highway spokesman said.

## Metroversity plans mini-rock festival

The second annual Metroversity Mini-Rock Festival will be held Friday, Sept. 8 on the University of Louisville Shelby campus, 9001 Shelbyville Road.

A free hayride from each participating Metroversity school to the Shelby Campus

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## St. Matthews fire chaplain plans to move

St. Matthews volunteer firefighter, the Rev. Tom Martin, the department's chaplain, resigned this week because he is moving to Shelbyville to become pastor of the First United Pentecostal Church, St. Matthews 14. Al Ring remarked that Shelbyville is not only gaining a new minister, but an experienced firefighter.

In the meantime, the firemen trained in the use of ropes, ladders and hoses while on ladders.

The five fire runs reported by Lt. Ring included one malicious false alarm:  
-- Aug. 9 - 8 pm Malicious false alarm on Sherburn Lane.

-- Aug. 9 - 9:40 pm - Trash in basement of home of A. J. Wasserman, 740 Wicklow, out on arrival.

- Aug. 10 -- 4:30 pm -- Fire in automobile owned by Mrs. C. Shelly, out on arrival at Sears parking lot.

-- Aug. 13 -- 11:25 pm - Fire in dumpster at Our Lady of Lourdes School on Breckinridge Lane.

- Aug. 15 -- 6:55 pm -- Fire in television set at home of Mrs. Al Zehnder, 4187 Bleuborn Road; out on arrival.

## Frankel-Klapheke Drug Co. is merging with Colonial Drugs August 31, 1972

Dear Customers:

In order to continue to offer you efficient service while allowing me to work fewer hours, I have decided to merge with Colonial Drugs at 3708 Lexington Road as of September 1, 1972.

There will be no change in my present service. All prescription records will be transferred to the new location and all charge accounts will remain in effect. Store hours will be 9:00 to 9:00 on weekdays and 10:00 to 6:00 on Sundays.

Mr. Robert Sandelin (owner of Colonial Drugs) joins me in extending an invitation to you to visit our new operation and become acquainted with our employees and line of merchandise and before that we see you at your needs.

Serve Telephone number - 807-2545

Sincerely,

Eugene C. Klapheke, Jr.

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## St. Matthews fire runs

Members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department began learning how to pre-plan fighting a fire in a building and what tactics should be used.

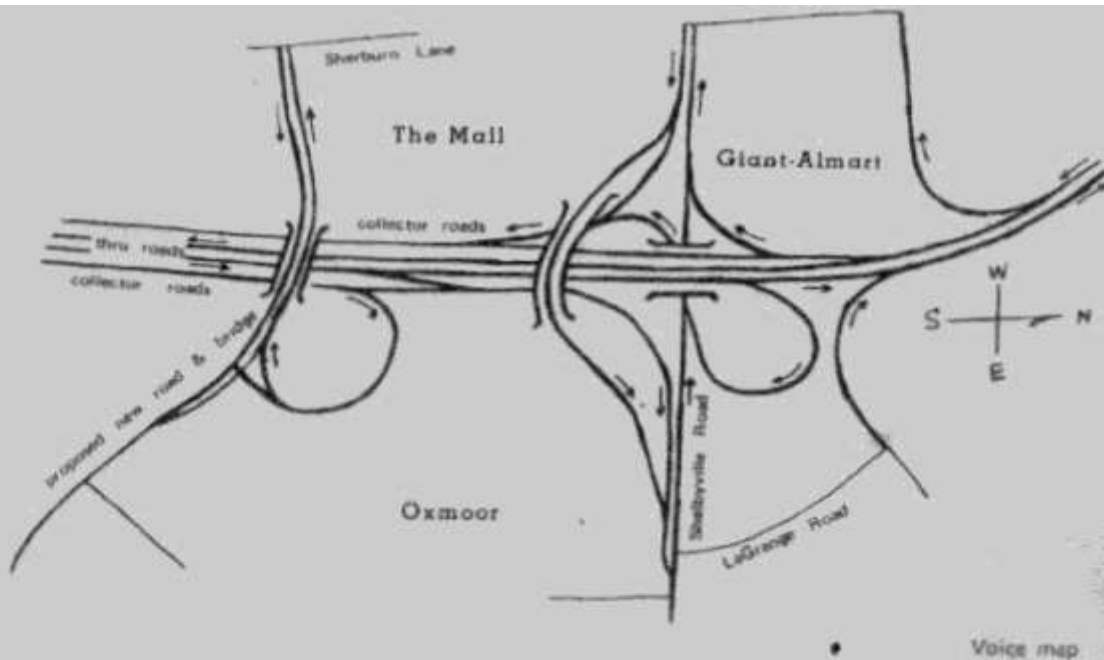
Four emergencies answered by the department were:

-- Aug. 17 -- 4:15 pm -- Garage door fire, 211 Lola Road.

-- Aug. 18 -- 8:10 pm -- Leaking gas tank in auto owned by J. T. Winburn, Almart parking lot; gasoline washed away.

-- Aug. 19 -- 5:10 pm -- Tree fell on house on 4043 Ormond Road during a storm.

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A PROPOSED INTERCHANGE for two shopping centers and a split Shelbyville Road are shown in Plan H.

# New Watterson-widening plan

By Anne Calvert  
Staff Writer

Another approach to widening the Watterson Expressway, Plan H, will be unveiled this week.

Evolving from suggestions and criticisms heard from panel discussions and public meetings this summer, Plan H is described by its designers at Vollmer Associates as "fitting snugly into the community," and separating roadways to provide more green areas.

A panel of residents living within one-half mile of the expressway from Bardstown Road to Shelbyville Road, will view the plans Monday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 at the Watterson Office, 2300 Meadow Lane off Bardstown Road.

What they see will be shown a few days later to community and business leaders representing the same areas. State highway officials and local officials had an opportunity to comment on the plans last week in a closed session.

The major changes in this plan over earlier concepts are simplified interchanges, an increased number of interchanges and a series of new entrances and exits directly into developed communities along the expressway.

Vollmer Associate Pat C. Monte said, "It answers a lot of local problems and provides a better answer to the transition between the local street and the highway."

Monte cautioned against the belief that this would be the "ultimate" plan. There is no such thing, he said, but it is possible the final plan will include elements from all plans shown and discussed.

In concept, "Plan H was begot from Plan G," Monte continued. It retains the multiple-roadway system, where the existing Watterson would become the inner, through roadways, and two outside, parallel roadways would be constructed and serve as collector roads. All traffic movements on and off the expressway would be made from the collector roads.

In Plan H, additional entrances to and exits from the collector roads have been added as follows:

- In Meadowview Estates, an entrance from Arden and an exit onto Arlington.
- A complete diamond interchange at Browns Lane, permitting traffic movement in all directions. This would alleviate expected future congestion on Dutchman's Lane at Breckinridge Lane.
- A diamond interchange at Bon Air, to connect both the north and south sections of that road, currently split by the

Watterson. Residents would not have to exit at Bardstown Road and travel Goldsmith Lane to get to their Bon Air homes.

-- A special interchange for north-eastbound traffic desiring to go to either The Mall or Oxmoor, without having to use Shelbyville Road.

-- West and eastbound entrances to the Watterson from Taylorsville Road from a new collector road.

-- A simplified Breckinridge Lane interchange to permit eastbound traffic leaving the eastbound Watterson to go south on Breckinridge to avoid conflict with the exit from Breckinridge Square apartments.

The cost of Plan H has not been estimated in detail, but lies somewhere between the \$126 and \$133 millions of Plans F and G, respectively, Monte said.

Comments received this month will be made part of design plans shown at the December public hearing, called a "corridor" hearing. Highway officials then will decide which parts of plans to be used, and will draw a new plan for the "design" public hearing scheduled for next spring.

All the hearings, reports and final designs must be completed and submitted by June 30, 1973, in order to qualify for partial federal funding.

September 7, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*: August 17, 1972 letter also—

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### St. Matthews man lists his complaints

Dear Editor:

(There have been) 5 break-ins on Brown Avenue in (the) last two months -- 2 on Ridgeway. Do (the St. Matthews) Police patrol residential areas or just business areas? It was noted in *Voice* on one occasion as I recall.

At Westport Rd. and Lyndon Way at L.N. Railroad crossing, cars have knocked telephone post down many times in past 20 years -- 3 in the last two weeks. People have been hurt. The L.N. curve sign is way up Westport Road and hid by trees. 25 mph is not enforced. Cars come down Lyndon Way approximately 50-55 mph. Suggest some type flasher light to warn cars.

Does *Voice* get a report from City Hall on continuous wrecks at same place?

Fire Station siren was aired at City Hall with Mayor about moving it. Approximately 60 citizens went to City Hall on this. It's been on top of station now one year and nothing has been done to move.

When the station was first built,

it was put in the minutes of the meeting that the siren would never be installed at the station. The Mayor agreed with the citizens on this, if we would go along with building the station. He said at last meeting that it would not be sounded off after 8 pm. Now the damn thing goes off until 10 pm. The mayor's promise or so-called line of bull doesn't amount to a hill of beans as far as the citizens of Brown Avenue, Ridgeway and Thierman Lane

are concerned.

All grass cutting along the L.N. Railway tracks are cut with St. Matthews equipment and personnel. The taxpayers of St. Matthews pay for this service. Does L.N. Railroad pay for getting this done?

One employee has used St. Matthews dump truck to haul trash or rock on weekends for extra money. He said for Palmer-Hall, when I ask him. As a citizen, I'm

wondering what all goes on at City Hall and who gets paid for what.

David L. Mangum  
235 Brown Ave.

*Editor's note: the issues raised in Mr. Mangum's letter are discussed in a news story in this issue, beginning on Page A 1.*

### About letters. . .

We really want your letters. To insure that they are published in a timely fashion, we have two bits of advice. First, arrange for it to arrive no later than Monday morning of the week you want it published. Do not trust the mails to deliver your letter in one or two days. They frequently fail. We have a mail slot in our office door for 24-hour delivery and urge you to use it.

Second, we do not normally publish anonymous letters, form letters or carbon copies of letters written to other media.

The letters column is for your use. Use it to complain, praise, wonder or comment.

### Hahn says his letter erred

Dear Editor:

In my letter which you printed two weeks ago I made a mistake. I stated that Mr. J. W. Jones made it a point to send my attorney a copy of my record. The letter should have read that J.W. Jones made it a point to call my attorney to see if he was aware of my record and would he like

to have a copy of my record sent to him.

My attorney replied: "Yes, you may send me a copy."

I seem to have upset Mr. Jones with that statement and I apologize.

William F. Hahn  
306 McArthur Drive

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Firefighter answers siren complaint

Dear Editor:

It's always refreshing to read a letter like yours Mr. Mangum (*Voice-Jeffersonian*, Aug. 17). A concerned citizen who has researched his topics when he takes issue with the city fathers and who takes care in the preparation of the presentation of his complaints is indeed rare.

One of your complaints is the siren on top of the St. Matthews Fire Department fire house. You have implied that you are disturbed when the siren, that "damn thing," wails its two and a half minute plea for help.

I can sympathize with you; the siren is loud. But let's look at the other side of the situation.

After the siren stops, its duty done, the men that have been summoned begin their task. They might be called upon to grope about in the lonely darkness of a burning home to search for someone about whom they know nothing other than that it is a fellow member of the human race who is in need of assistance. Or they might be asked to clean up the area after a horrible car wreck. They never know what to expect.

Let's look further into the subject Mr. Mangum. Let's look at the wives of these firefighters. When their husbands leave to answer an alarm they wait at home and worry. The meal they have prepared goes uneaten, the shirt they spent time washing and iron-

ing comes back mused and dirty; and Mr. Mangum you think you're inconvenienced when the siren blows for two and a half minutes.

Instead of griping about the situation, you should be thankful that someone else, without benefit of financial compensation, is concerned enough to do the community's dirty work.

In conclusion, Mr. Mangum, my suggestion to you is the next time that siren goes off late at night continue to do absolutely nothing. You don't have to. Someone else is doing it for you.

J. Boz Tabler  
7705 Westport Road  
Training Officer,  
Harrods Creek Fire Depart.



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Voice photo by Mike Roberts

**WORKMEN DIGGING** on Sherburn Lane near the Mailgate Apartments Wednesday, Aug. 30, damaged a 16-inch natural gas main at 7:50 am. Residents were evacuated by workmen and county police. The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was summoned at 8:30. It sounded like a jet engine warming up a mile away, said Lt. Al Ring of the fire department. The gas, under 500 pounds pressure, could have levelled a wide area, Ring said, but police and firemen would not permit residents to start their cars, for fear of a spark.

## Residents try to relocate siren

Three residents of the Brown Avenue will again ask the City of St. Matthews' assistance in relocating the fire siren from its present location on top of the fire station on Lyndon Way, to a site on Westport Road at St. Matthews Avenue.

David Mangum, Walter Collins and James King will bring the matter before

the City Council at 8 pm Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The St. Matthews Avenue site has long been approved, they say, but the cost of moving the siren has caused a delay.

St. Matthews women

September 8, 1972 Working fire in a barn on Country Club Lane. This was an arson fire, and the Chief suspected their might be a firefighter involved. Doug Monohan & I slept out in a car near that area for many nights trying to catch them. We didn't.

September 14, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## Siren wails, neighbors squawk; Council plans a secret talk

That teeth-gritting, ear-shattering St. Matthews fire siren will be the subject of a closed meeting next week involving the St. Matthews City Council and the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire District.

St. Matthews Mayor Bernard F. Bowling announced the meeting when three Brown Avenue residents, David Mangum, Walter Collins and James King asked why the council has not been able to have the siren moved. They are annoyed when the siren sounds after 6 pm.

The residents say they have been angry ever since St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Chief John Monahan moved the siren to the station a year ago, after promising he would not do so.

Councilman John Barker told the men he had opposed the move, but could not prevent Monahan from doing it.

"We even passed an ordinance prohibiting it and we had to 'eat' that ordinance," Barker explained. Even the building permit for the new fire station

was issued on the basis the siren would be placed there, he said.

Mangum and Collins cited broken promises and Voice news articles reporting the city would see to it that the siren was moved.

When King suggested an alternative to the siren, that of a pocket monitor for each volunteer firman, Mayor Bowling replied, "I'd like to work with someone like you."

He invited King and later Collins, to participate in a closed meeting members of the council will have next Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 pm at City Hall with the Board of Directors of the fire district.

Bowling made a point several times during the meeting of excluding Mangum from the planned meeting, saying one time, "If you want to get anything done, leave Mangum home. You won't get anything done with him or Mr. Van Dusen, or Mrs. Calvert or Mr.

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## Siren wails

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Sebree (the editor, city hall reporter and staff cartoonist, respectively, for the Voice). Let Mr. King go to the meeting and work it out."

Councilman Barker later told Mangum during the meeting that the council does not hold any grievances against him, and was joined by murmurs of agreement from several other councilmen present. In other business, the council:

--Unanimously approved Ordinance No. 13 changing the zoning on the southwest corner of Marquette Avenue at LaGrange Road from C-1 neighborhood commercial to C-1 commercial district. The change was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at its May 18, 1972 meeting.

The applicant, Ashland Oil is planning to develop the property with a package liquor store, a convenience food store and a dry cleaners. The ordinance prohibits a service station at the location.

--Announced the cancellation of the regular meeting of Sept. 25 as it conflicts with a meeting of the Kentucky Municipal League, which several council members will attend.

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## Around St. Matthews

Patrolman Donald Cox of the St. Matthews Police Department and Chief Kenneth Cook, in behalf of the department, received awards of appreciation Sept. 7 from the Third Recruiting District of the U. S. Army.

Patrolman Cox was honored with a special certificate by Maj. Paul E. Freeman, an infantry officer commanding the Longville Recruiting Station, for his quick actions in saving the arm and possibly the life of a Fort Knox sergeant who had fallen through a plate-glass window and nearly severed his arm in an accident at The Mall on April 7, 1971. The policeman was patrolling The Mall when the accident occurred. Cox said he held the open cut together, used pressure to slow the bleeding, and quickly wrapped the sergeant's arm in a bandage and took him to the hospital. The sergeant has now recovered from the accident.

Cox accepted the responsibility as part of his routine as a St. Matthews policeman. "Any policeman would have done the same," he said.

The award in the Police Department was for its cooperation with the recruiting office. "They do a good job and we try to cooperate with them," Chief Cook said.

TRAINING SESSIONS for both the new recruits and experienced ones of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, last week included rescue-roping work taught by L.A. Doug Monahan and Al Ring. Later, each officer went over his truck with his crew to familiarize each man with the equipment available for emergencies.

As emergencies reported by Lt. Ring included:

- Aug. 31--10:30 am--Scamp-pump motor, 8705 Green Meadow Circle.
- Aug. 31--6:30 pm--Kitchen fire, 703 Braddock.
- Aug. 31--5:20 pm--T. A. R.



Voice photo

PATROLMAN COX  
Honored by Army

Jameson Apartments,  
--Sept. 1--10:45 am--Electric wires,  
3312 Ormond Road.  
--Sept. 4--5:35 am--Malicious tales,  
Country Club Lane.  
--Sept. 5--5:01 pm--Backup McManhan  
Fire Dept.

PATROLMAN JAMES W. BURTON of the St. Matthews Police Department is attending the third session of the National Crime Prevention Institute on the University of Louisville's Shelby Campus. Each policeman attending is urged to set up a crime-prevention bureau in his home force.

HARRIS PLACE became the first of the Warwick Villa streets to be repaved this week. For the past six months, the K. A. Barker Co. has been installing sanitary sewers in the five-street subdivision off LaGrange Road near Lyndon.

Rego Linsgen, project engineer on the job, said all the pipe under the contract has been installed and all service connections have been completed. Individual homeowners must now assume the responsibility of hooking on to the line, beginning at their property line.

Barker now is doing the paving, clean-up and sealing and sodding. It is expected to be completed by mid-October, Linsgen said.

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# County to appoint hydrant coordinator

County government soon may name a new employee to coordinate the installation and location of fire hydrants in new real-estate developments.

Dennis M. Clare, director of the county's fire-protection program, told a meeting of the Home Builders Association of Louisville Sept. 11 he has recommended hiring a person to work with builders, volunteer firemen and the Louisville Water Company to standardize hydrant installations.

Although Fiscal Court has not yet approved the suggestion, Commissioner Thomas C. Helm was present at the meeting and spoke in support of the idea.

Helm, one of the county's major land developers, said he has seen hundreds of hydrants installed at the builders' expense on the recommendation of the water company and are located where no fire truck can get to them. He said it has become "a wasteful situation" and coordination is needed.

Clare said the basic problem is that there are 21 volunteer fire districts in the county, each of which has "its

own leader and its own chief, with his own personality."

The new official, Clare said, would make sure the same criteria are used for locating new hydrants and would let builders deal with one man, to avoid dealing on a personality basis with many volunteer fire chiefs.

Builders would submit installation plans for review by this official, Clare said, who would make sure proper standards were met.

"All the chief would do is inspect the installation to make sure they are in accordance with state law and the plans," Clare said.

## No new apartment hydrants

Worthington firefighter Don C. Thom reports there have been no further developments in getting additional fire hydrants into the apartment complexes of Fincastle and Seven Oaks.

The Voice reported in the Aug. 3 issue on the lack of sufficient hydrants to protect those apartments.

Thom was reportedly to have received plot plans from Thomas C. Helm, a county commissioner and vice-president of the Paul Semonin Co., the Seven Oaks developers. Fire departments use these plot plans to mark fire hydrants which the firefighters feel are needed.

As of Monday, Sept. 11, Thom had not received the plans.

Helm said one set had been left at the Worthington Fire Department and "they lost it." Helm said another set had been mailed to the department. "I believe he's gotten them now," Helm said Monday.

Helm said it can be difficult dealing with a volunteer agency, such as the fire department.

Although Thom recommended that additional hydrants were needed in completed sections at Seven Oaks, Helm said the company would only do so if the firefighter has "good reasons." Thom noted the need for at least one hydrant in an area not on a water main. Helm replied that hydrants could not be installed where there are no water mains.

### Mixup on address

In another development, a fire was reported in a Bridgewood apartment about 8 am Saturday, Sept. 2. Thom said the first call was not answered because the fire department was not aware of a change in the addresses being used in the apartment complex.

When the unknown address was reported by the central county alarm answering system, the Harrods Creek volunteers were sent to Hunting Creek. The woman reporting the fire later called to find out why the department had not responded and added that the address was in Bridgewood apartments.

The Worthington firefighters then answered the call and learned that the fire had been put out, but the husband had suffered second-degree burns in the process.

Thom reported that the Worthington department keeps in its trucks a map, detailing the numbering system in the area. However, the Bridgewood apartments and streets had been renamed and renumbered without the company notifying the fire department.

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Meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews  
Vol Fire Ass'n held Sept. 14th 1972. at fire house.

Directors Present

Geo E. Miller	Robert Walling
Fred C Boss	Jno Monohan
W. Leland Wilson	Marty Kamer
J. P. Terry	
Phillip Grauman	

Minutes of last meeting held Aug 10th 1972 read by  
Pres Monohan

Motion made by Geo Miller seconded by Leland Wilson  
that they be accepted as read.

Mr. Boss was instructed to buy a certificate of deposit  
for \$5,000.00 at the Colonial Fed. for one year at 5 3/4 per cent.

Mr. Mangum and Mr. Collins met with the board to  
discuss the siren noise on the firehouse and about moving it after  
some discussion and Mr. Terry really telling them what was involved  
and what they could expect in taxes if we had to hire 42 men  
a chief and two Capt. They were left I hope in better frame of mind.

Mr. Monohan reported that he met with Mack Truck Co.  
and all our request to change would be met and Mr. Monohan is  
expecting to order the fire pumper this coming week.

There being no further business motion made by Fred C.  
Boss seconded by J. P. Terry that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Marty Kamer Sec'y

MK/IR



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# St. Matthews firefighter's siren views

Dear Editor:

With all this controversy over the siren on top of the St. Matthews Fire Department I felt I would have to contribute my opinion. I am a fireman with the Department having recently joined as a recruit.

As a fireman I wish that the siren would be sounded anytime a fire occurred. Our previous station on St. Matthews Avenue had a control timer set to go off anytime between 7am and 11 pm. Then when we moved to Lyndon Lane we changed to 7am to 10:30pm then 7am to 9:30pm to accomodate the neighbors.

We want to provide the best of service for the community and you can see we have bowed to their wishes on several occasions. I don't think they realize that we are one of only two county Fire Departments that have a controlled timer. The rest

of them sound 24 hours a day.

We use our siren for Civil Defense alerts in place of the usual Civil Defense system which is much louder.

I really think our "concerned" neighbors should be a little grate-

ful for the service provided by a bunch of "volunteer" men, and when they hear the siren let them be aware that someone is rushing to help them or their neighbors.

Jim Woodring  
125 Brown Avenue

## Says Chenoweth

Dear Editor:

All summer long people downstream from the Jeffersontown sewage treatment plant on Chenoweth Run have been complaining, mostly to each other, about the dark, murky, bad-smelling water. On Sept. 18 early in the morning and again Sept. 20 at night the odor was nauseating over a quarter of a mile away from the plant.

The Jeffersontown sewage plant has been having trouble off and on

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ROBERT N. HELM III, whose parents live at 4030 Elmwood Road in St. Matthews has completed a nine-week training at Fort Knox under the Army's new unit of choice recruiting program.

October 5, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Men train for average fires

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Since Sept. 5, the volunteers have responded to five emergencies, as reported by Ring:

--Sept. 5 -- 5:01 pm -- Backed up McMahan Center at its firehouse.

--Sept. 8 -- 12:05 am -- Barn fire, Mockingbird Valley Road and Country Club Road.

--Sept. 9 -- 8:45 am -- Automobile fire at 126 Breckinridge Lane, out on arrival.

--Sept. 13 -- 10:45 am -- Backed up City of Louisville at Engine 21.

--Sept. 15 -- 11 pm -- Gasoline wash-off at U.S. 60 and Browns Lane.

SEVEN additional emergencies were reported by Lt. Ring for the last part of September.

-- Sept. 20--7:40 pm, malicious false alarm on Bonner Avenue.

-- Sept. 21--12:30 am, automobile fire on Dupont Road, out on arrival.

-- Sept. 21--4:30 pm, truck fire at Shelbyville Road Plaza, out on arrival.

-- Sept. 21--9:30 pm, automobile fire on the Watterson Expressway, out on arrival.

-- Sept. 25--9:55 am, appliance fire at the home of Mrs. Rowland on Country Club Road.

-- Sept. 25--6:15 pm, power lines and poles down at corner of Fairmeade and Shelbyville Roads.

-- Sept. 26--12:05 am, appliance fire at the home of Mrs. Harry E. Voyles, 5210 Moccasin Trail.

-- Sept. 26--12:48 pm, kitchen damaged as a result of a stove fire at the home of Mrs. J. C. Smith, 3528 Hycliffe Ave.

FIREFIGHTER Kenneth Strange, 3507 Nanz Ave., has been promoted to lieutenant with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. He is a civilian mechanic for the U.S. Army 100th Division.

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October 5, 1972, Special Board meeting:

October 5, 1972, The Courier-Journal

A special meeting was held at the Fire House on Oct. 5 1972 at 7 P. M. to discuss the Siren situation.

Present at the meeting were:

Directos of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assc.  
Council members from the City Of St. Matthews  
Two residents of Brown Ave., namely Mr. King and Mr. Collins  
Two gentlemen representing a Radio Firm

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Geo. Miller and was carried on by Mayor Bolling.

Mr. King started by asking if the Siren could be replaced by some means of Radio. Some time was taken for discussion on this matter. The gentleman from the Radio Co. said the radio for each fireman wasn't the best solution for replacing the Siren.

Chief Monohan stated that the Siren is a requirement by the Ky. Inspection Bureau for insurance purposes.

The gentleman from the Radio Co. also stated that the Siren also serves as a Safety factor, in that it alerts near-by motorist, letting them know that emergency units are responding.

Mayor Bolling stated that the Siren is needed, but the question is, where to put it. He asked if anyone had any ideas how it could be replaced or where to locate it.

The Mayor also asked Chief Monohan if there was anyway to get immediate relief from Siren while trying efforts were being made to accomodate people of Brown Ave. He also asked the Chief if the Siren could be cut off manually (by switch) if it became known that an emergency did not exist. Chief Monohan said the Siren is operated on a time clock, which automatically cuts off after 2½ minutes.

Mayor Bolling requested the Radio representative to get in writing from the Siren manafactor, the effectiveness of installing a deflector on the Siren. He said that if the deflector seemed to be a solution to cutting down the noise, he felt certain that the City of St. Matthews would sbsorb the expense of installing it.

In closing the Mayor asked that within the next 90days, he would like for everyone to be thinking what could be done to either replace the Siren, cut down the noise, or find a suitable place to locate it.

Marty Kamer, Sect.  
St. Matthews Vol. Fire  
Assn

*Marty Kamer*

## One-car accident knocks out power near Chenoweth Lane

A one-car accident shortly before 1 a.m. yesterday knocked out power for about 30 minutes in the area around Chenoweth Lane and Brownsboro Road.

County police reported that a car driven by Charles W. Schildknecht, 47, of 9814 W. Manslick Road, was traveling north on Chenoweth. It hit a utility pole near Old Brownsboro Road, police said.

Before striking the pole, the car hit a stop sign, traveled through the intersection and hit a fence, police said. After striking the pole, the car ran into a basketball goal on the grounds of the Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, police said.

There were no injuries. Schildknecht was charged with being drunk in a public place (automobile), police said.

St. Matthews volunteer firemen responded when several residents of the area reported loud, explosion-like sounds. The noises apparently were connected with the power failure.

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October 9, 1972, 4309 Churchill Road, Photo by Malcolm McMakin.



St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 1063

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 10-9-72 TIME OF ALARM 8:56 AM ☒ PM ☐ TIME RETURNED 9:15 AM ☐ PM ☐

LOCATION 4309 Churchill Rd. APT. NO. REL.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FUMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐ HOUSE

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. 104

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE Janet C. Dickey MODEL ADDRESS TAG NO. 104

OCCUPANT OWNER

OWNER ADDRESS 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☒ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐

REMARKS FIRE IN KITCHEN ABOVE RANGE,  
USED ROUTER, AXE, SCISS, LADDER,  
TOOL, FAN LIGHT GEN.

OFFICER IN CHARGE AL RING REPORT WRITTEN BY AL RING

ST. MATTHEWS POLICE FIGHT FIRE  
BEFORE WE GOT THERE.  
ONE OFFICER WAS OVER  
COME WITH DRY POWDER.  
THERE ALSO WAS A  
CONCRETE OUR OUR RESPONSE  
TIME. AL RING

Note of interest from Rick Albers: I remember a controversy about the cops trying to fight this fire and the length of time it took the JCPD dispatch to contact County Alarm. John Monohan supposedly got into someone's "S\_\_\_" at JCPD about the delay.

Comments by Al Ring: I was in charge of this fire, another day time run. We used booster from S4 and were able to handle it. It was a kitchen fire.



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October 12, 1972, Board meeting:

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews  
Vol. Fire Assn. held on Oct. 12, 1972

Directors present:

Geo. Miller	Marty Kamer
Fred C. Boss	Bob Walling
W. Leland Wilson	J. P. Terry
John Monohan	

Minutes of last meeting held Sept. 14, 1972 were read by President Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Miller that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that the new piece of equipment is on order, with a tentative date for delivery being March 1973.

Mr. Boss was instructed to buy \$5000.00 in Certificates of Deposit at Avery Federal Savings & Loan.

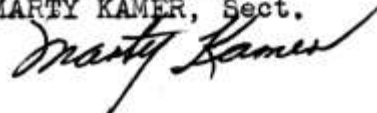
Mr. Monohan presented to the Board a plan that he said he would like to present to the firemen. It would give them the opportunity to take an associate course in Fire Science, at Jefferson Community College. He suggested that we offer it to them with the understanding that if they successfully complete the course they would be reimbursed for a certain per cent of the cost, which the board would determine and agree upon. At present Mr. Monohan didn't have complete details, but expected to have them in a few days.

The Board instructed Mr. Monohan to make the plan known to the firemen in order to find out how many would be interested.

The Board will make a final decision at a later date, after having received full details of the plan.

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

Respectfully Submitted  
MARTY KAMER, Sect.



October 12, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



# St. Matthews fire insurance rates to be cut

By Roger Augs  
Staff Writer

Fire insurance rates for homes and businesses in the St. Matthews Fire District will be reduced "substantially in the very near future," Mayor Bernard Bowling said Monday.

"It will be approximately a 12 percent reduction for residences, but each business will have to stand on its own merits after an inspection by fire inspectors and insurance people," Bowling said.

He was speaking before about 175 members of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association at the group's 18th annual general membership dinner and meeting at the Brownsboro Road Holiday Inn.

On a \$10,000 house, for example, normal fire insurance rates will drop about \$6, from \$46 to \$40 for example. They'll decline \$9 on a \$20,000 home and about

\$13 on a \$30,000 home, based on State Farm Insurance Co. rate structure.

St. Matthews officials have been seeking the upgraded insurance rate for several years. Hooking up with the county's central alarm system and improving equipment and training in the fire department helped bring about the rate change.

A Methodist minister from Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, the featured speaker, told the group that not enough businessmen today "give it everything they've got."

"I suggest," he said, coloring his remarks with a story of a golf game between himself and another minister, "I suggest you get on the ball and stay on the ball relentlessly."

Dr. Hahn followed Bowling's "Municipal Report," which focused on several construction projects in St. Matthews.

The Mayor said:

--The additional lane on Chenoweth

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## Fire insurance

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Lane from the car wash across the railroad tracks is nearly finished. The railroad has not finished its work, Bowling said.

--A sewer project to eliminate "ponding of water in the Breckinridge Lane, Willis Road area and the lake that always forms on Shelbyville in the section near the A & P store." Two intersections will be closed for separate five day periods during the construction.

In closing, Mayor Bowling asked for criticism from the business community "because I know you're experienced in giving constructive criticism instead of criticism that aggravates problems as one businessman in the community is experienced at doing." (The remark apparently was aimed at Bruce VanDusen, editor and publisher of *The Voice-Jeffersonian*.)

October 19, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Fire rates lowered After eight years of trying -- success

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

It has taken more than eight years to do it, but within the next few weeks, residential fire insurance rates in the St. Matthews Fire District will be reduced by about 12 percent.

Back in January, 1966, the Kentucky Inspection Bureau sent a list of recommendations to the St. Matthews City Council telling how the community could improve its fire insurance rating from seventh- to sixth-class.

The step up reduces fire insurance rates about 12 percent on residences. The reduction for businesses depends on results of inspections by fire and insurance officials.

Because about 400 business establishments lie within St. Matthews, the job of inspection was large. And because several incorporated cities are within the St. Matthews fire protection district, those cities had to have inspections too.

The recommendations included:

--Establishing and following minimum fire hydrant and water supply requirements.

--Establishing a city fire prevention bureau.

--Appointing enough inspectors to inspect all buildings, except dwellings, at least twice yearly.

--Adopting building codes and enforce-

ment equal to that of Jefferson County.

Slowly, because of the size of the job, things started rolling. By May, 1970, the city had completed the early recommendations. It was ready to begin to work on a list of seven detailed recommendations for establishment of a building department, one for improved electrical inspections, and 11 more aimed at record keeping on inspections, coordination between police and fire officials and improving the quality of the fire department.

Finally, the job is complete. All that remains is for Tony Gray, director of Insurance Services of Kentucky (formerly the Kentucky Inspections Bureau), to send formal letter of notification to the city council. The letter was expected this week.

Based on State Farm Insurance Company's rate structure, fire insurance on a \$10,000 home would drop from about \$46 to about \$40. On a \$20,000 home, the rate would drop about \$9 and on a \$30,000 home it would decrease about \$13.

It will take "a few weeks for the new rate structure to be published and get back to agents," Gray said.

Because St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department answers calls in the City of St. Matthews, in several fifth- and sixth-class cities adjoining St. Matthews,

and in unincorporated areas of the district, the job of inspecting those areas "fell to St. Matthews, too."

Frank McCaslin, named fire prevention officer in 1971, began inspecting new construction within the city limits for "fire protection features." Areas outside St. Matthews but within the district were inspected by qualified firemen. But electrical and building code inspections were lacking.

City Council cleared that hurdle by authorizing Mayor Bernard Bowling in October, 1971, to contract with a state or county agency for "inspection of any and all electrical inspections within the city."

Mayor Bowling contracted with the Jefferson County Building Department for electrical and building code inspections as well.

Finally, Gray had to be convinced that adequate records were being kept, water supplies were adequate, fire and police departments were coordinating their activities and that the required inspections had been met.

Gray completed an inspection of the fire department Oct. 9.

"They have what we call a heavy fire department," Gray said, "When they answer a call, they can really swarm on it. It is one of the best volunteer fire departments in the state."

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October 19, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Future STMFD firefighter:

## St. Matthews fire runs

Fire runs by St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department reported by Chief John Monahan:

Oct. 3, 3:50 pm--Dehumidifier, home of Maria Bowman, 4003 Leland Road.

Oct. 4, 12:50 am--Transformer short, Brownsboro Road and Chenoweth Lane; Louisville Gas Electric made repairs.

Oct. 4, 12:50 am--Auto accident, gas wash off, Brownsboro Road and Chenoweth Lane.

Oct. 7, 11:55 am--Malicious false alarm, 1637 Almara Circle.

Oct. 7, 12:50 pm--Auto fire, out on arrival. Car owned by John H. Rawert, 3821 Elmwood Avenue.

Oct. 9, 8:56 pm--Kitchen fire, home of George DeBerry at 4309 Churchill, no damage estimate.

Oct. 9, 4 pm--Malfunction of alarm system in Suburban Hospital, 4001 Dutchmans Lane.

Oct. 9, midnight--Trash can fire near home of E. D. Wayne at 124 McArthur.

## Meet Twelve of the Sixty Newest Business People In St. Matthews



Timothy Son



Chris Wadell



Paul Mangum



David Parry



Tam Wood



Mark Riley



John Volkerding



Dennis Gorr



Timothy Jones



Cindy McClurg



Arthur Iler



Gregg Moore

## Official : Fire rates cut

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department received official notification this week that fire insurance rates in St. Matthews will be upgraded from seventh to sixth class.

Firefighting techniques taught this week include hose and ladders by Lt. Al Ring to recruits and men with less than one year's experience. Firetruck driving was taught by Lt. Russ Hakestraw to the veterans.

Fire runs from Oct. 10 through Oct. 16:

Oct. 10--11 pm--Howard Johnson's Restaurant, 4621 Shelbyville Road, grease fire in grill, out on arrival.

Oct. 11--8:15 am--L.B. Ayres department store, Mail Shopping Center, sprinkler malfunction, no damage.

Oct. 13--5:40 am--354 Brightwood, auto fire, out on arrival.

Oct. 15--4:40 pm--Breckenridge Lane and Hillsboro Road, auto fire, car completely burned out.

Oct. 16--10:25 am--101 South Mainwate Lane, office of Dr. Charles E. Pearce, furnace motor, no damage.

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A great deal of their  
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*The Voice*



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October 31, 1972, Unknown:

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The fire apparently broke out some-time after 6 a. m. in a utility room at one end of the gymnasium. He said a maintenance man smelled smoke and attempted to call the fire department, but the phone lines were dead.

This apparently caused a delay in summoning aid. The first alarm reached central alarm headquarters at 7:37 a. m. St. Matthews and McMahan volunteer fire departments responded with about 10 units, and the blaze was under control by 8:30 a.m.

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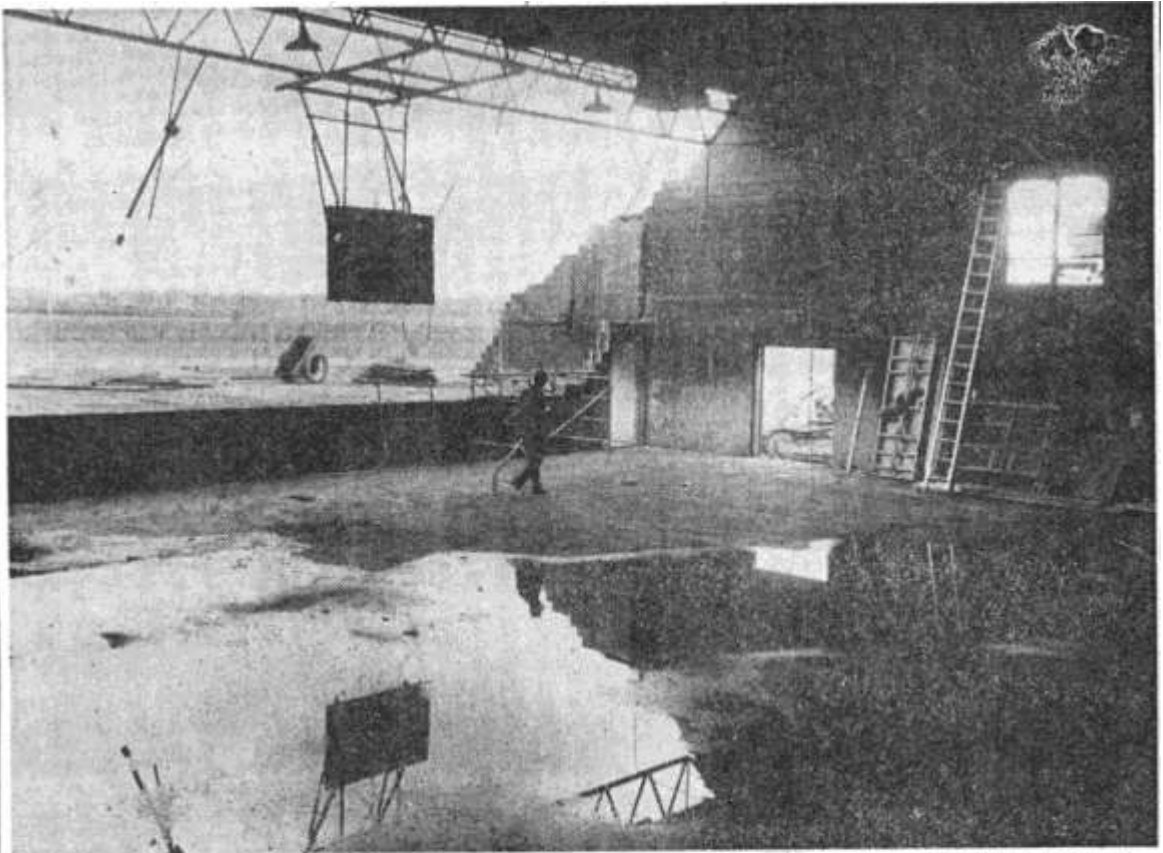
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Staff Photo by Bud Kamenish

### Country Day gymnasium to be rebuilt

A workman passes by a large puddle of water left by rains as he walks through the gymnasium of Louisville Country Day School, on Browns Lane between Interstate 64 and the Watterson Expressway. Work

is under way to clear the rubble for reconstruction of the gym. Part of the roof and one wall collapsed in a fire that heavily damaged the building on Oct. 31.

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October 31, 1972, Working fire at Country Day school.

Unknown.



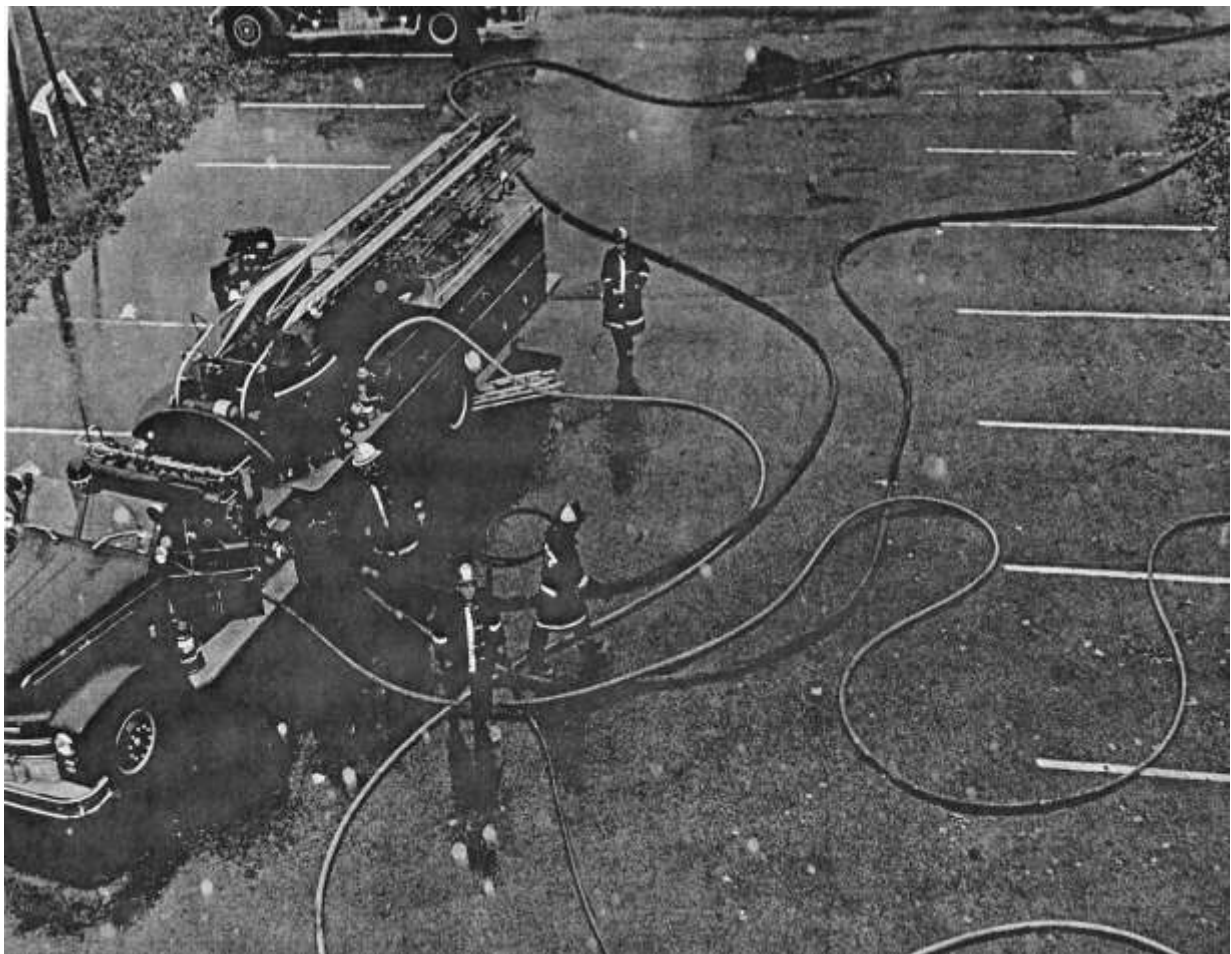
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Jim Graven back to camera. L. to R. Bob McGrath, Jim McGrath, Lt. Al Ring, Capt. Harry Babcock, Wiley Brewer seated.



Front, Bob Walling, side of quint Melch Zehnder, walking away, Gene Curbow, walking from rear Jack Handel, over with Scott Air Packs-Ken Reising.—Photo by J. R. Rebitann.

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October 31, 1972, Working fire at Country Day school.  
27, 1971, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Below article about Country day, May

# A CONCERN FOR EDUCATION

## What Louisville Country Day is all about

Louisville Country Day School was founded nearly 20 years ago by a group of parents who were concerned about getting their sons into the nation's leading colleges.

Bed Robertson was chairman of the first board of trustees, who insisted that Louisville needed and could support such a school for boys with the highest schol-

Spokesmen announced this spring that Country Day, Kentucky Home School and Louisville Collegiate School are considering a proposed merger.

astic standards. They bought land facing Seneca Park, with its available tennis courts, football and baseball facilities and near an 18-hole golf course and riding club.

The school opened in September, 1951, with 91 students. Since then it has grown by leaps and bounds. The growth necessitated addition of a science laboratory, a lecture room, a gym, and four new classrooms.

In 1961, the original buildings were redecorated and remodeled. Eight new classrooms were added, as were an infirmary, an all-purpose room, a library, a biology-physics laboratory and offices for the headmaster, the assistant headmaster, the business manager, and a master, and the business manager. A teachers' lounge also was provided.

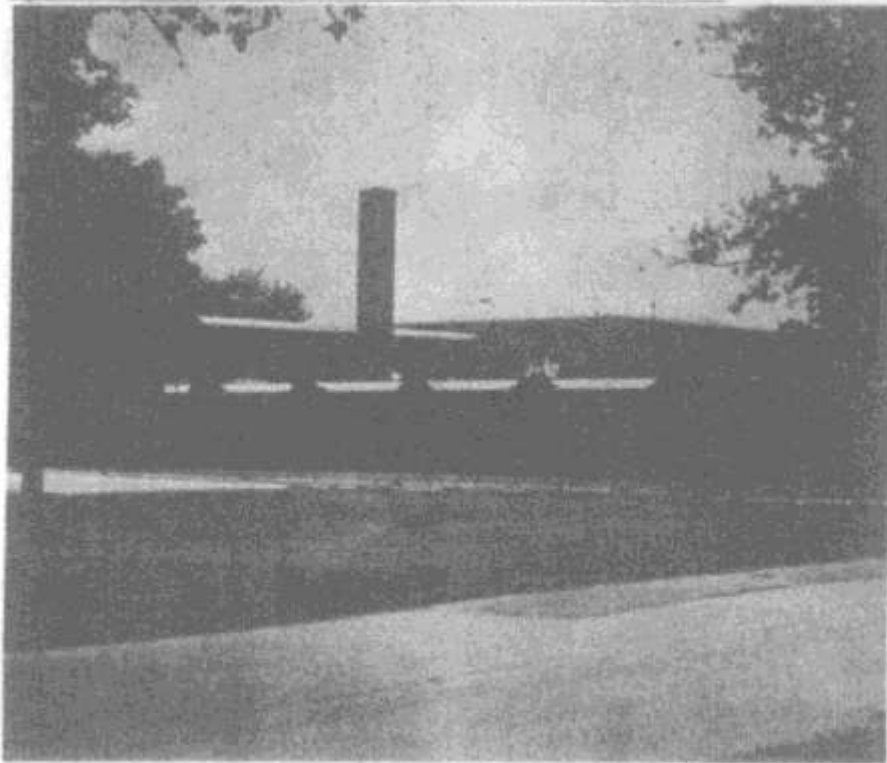
An air-conditioned study was built and, four years later, Aquinas School was merged with Country Day. The lower-

and middle-school moved out to these quarters on Brown's Lane. Boys there are bussed to and from the upper school in order to make it easier for parents to pick up sons who attend on both campuses. The former Aquinas School has a fine football field and all games are played there by Country Day's upper and lower schools.

The school offers a diversified athletic program. In fall there is football, cross-country running and soccer. In winter, basketball, wrestling and swimming. In spring, baseball, track, tennis and golf.

All year there are debates and a chess club. Every April the junior class of Kentucky Home School puts on a play with the juniors of Country Day.

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Voice photo by James M. Yule

THIS IS ONE of the buildings on the Brown's Lane campus of Louisville Country Day School.



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October 31, 1972, Working fire at Country Day school.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

FIRE REPORT

DATE 10-31-72 TIME OF ALARM 7:45 AM A.M. TIME RETURNED 5-5 1077 P.M.

LOCATION Country Day School APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WIND ☐ FLASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESCUATION ☐ LECTURE ☐ WATER OFF ☐

DACUP ☐ DEFE \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY REQUESTED 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐ 108 ☐ 109 ☐

REMARKS Equipment used: EVERYTHING except the  
~~overhaul~~ Aerial ladder. KCP  
Injured Jim Mauch cut on arm  
Bill Clifford cut on side of face

OFFICER IN CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT WRITTEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

10/31/72, 7:37 AM, Structure fire, Country Day School, 1401 Browns Lane. Note from Rick Albers:

This was a stubborn fire in the gym building. Bob Walling was in charge (S-9) and he went nuts on the radio when he first pulled up. McMahan sent 2 engines and Lyndon came to the house. Lot's of overhaul and salvage work required. I think we even borrowed a K- 12 saw from the city or from Harrods Creek to cut the metal deck roof because it was all smoldering underneath. We didn't have one. The water warped the gym's wood floor too. I remember spending about an hour sitting on the fender of S-5 holding the throttle linkage with my hand because the governor and the throttle controls broke while Reising was pumping a bunch of hand lines and it wouldn't hold pressure. It was wet and cold that morning and I remember going over to the Red Lobster where I worked and bumming a bunch of coffee and stuff to drink.

Oct 31, 1972 Country Day School, Browns Lane by Jerry Schreck

I remember seeing the smoke going down Browns lane and Bob Walling got on the radio and said "it's the real thing". It was a hell of a fire, several firemen were injured and we fought it all morning and I had to go to work that afternoon exhausted.

Comments from Al Ring: S9, Bob Walling did go direct and was very excited at first. I believe Captain Babcock was officer on S5 with Ken Reising as engineer. I am not sure what apparatus I was on but I may have officered S3. I believe I was on 2 1/2 inch and 1 1/2 inch lines in the gym area fighting the fire on the stage area. The big problem was the over-hall. The Chief was very nervous about us having a ventilation saw so we had to call Harrods Creek for theirs to cut the metal sheeting on the roof. This operation took hours.

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**October 31, 1972, Working fire at Country Day school.**  
Courtesy <http://www.kcd.org/content/about/history>



### **Louisville Country Day School**

**Louisville Country Day School (LCD) was founded in 1948 by a group of Louisville business and civic leaders seeking to create an independent boys' school that would provide students with a rigorous, college preparatory education. The school opened its doors to 90 students in grades 1-10 on September 12, 1951. The first senior class of five members graduated in 1954.**

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November 1, 1972, The Courier-Journal

## *Fire damages Country Day gym building*

Fire heavily damaged a gymnasium-auditorium building this morning at Kentucky Country Day School, on Browns Lane between Interstate 64 and the Watterson Expressway.

None of the 139 students was injured. The fire started before classes were under way.

The fire apparently broke out sometime after 6 a.m. in a utility room at one end of the gymnasium, said John Gernert, school headmaster. He said a maintenance man smelled smoke and attempted to call the fire department, but the phone lines had been burned away by then.

This apparently caused a delay in summoning aid. The first alarm reached central alarm headquarters at 7:37 a.m.

St. Matthews and McMahan volunteer fire departments responded with about 10 units, and the blaze was under control by 8:30 a.m.

One volunteer fireman was taken to Suburban Hospital with an arm laceration.

Part of the roof and a wall at one end of the gymnasium building collapsed. The gymnasium is a brick building, separated from most of the classroom areas.

There was little damage to most classrooms, and Gernert said he hoped to resume school today. Two science classrooms, the boiler room for the gymnasium, an athletic office and the utility room were destroyed in the fire, Gernert said. The school has another 300-student campus on Rock Creek Drive.

## **Kentucky Country Day reschedules alumni party**

The Kentucky Country Day School has announced a change in its alumni party today.

The party will be held on the Rock Creek Lane campus from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m., preceding the game between Kentucky Country Day and Shelbyville High School.

The party was originally scheduled after the game on the Browns Lane campus. A fire at the school earlier this week necessitated the change.

November 2, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Voice photo by Robin Garr III

ST. MATTHEWS and McMahan firefighters battled the blaze at Country Day.

Cause not determined

10/31/72

## Fire guts Country Day's gym

By Robin Garr III and Susan Manne  
Staff Writers

A fire early Tuesday morning, Oct. 31, gutted a gymnasium and science classroom building at the Browns Lane campus of Kentucky Country Days school.

The blaze, that snarled busy morning rush-hour traffic on Browns Lane between the Watterson Expressway and Interstate 64, was confined to the one structure.

St. Matthews and McMahan Center firemen, called to the scene about 7:30 a.m., were able to confine fire damage to the gymnasium building. But kindergartens-through-sixth-grade pupils at the campus were sent home for the day because of the effects of dense, heavy smoke and a related power failure on the other campus facilities.

Classes at the school's Rock Creek Lane Campus and Kentucky Home school,

merged with Country Day this school year, continued as normal.

Lee E. Dentinger, KCD business manager, said maintenance man John Hinton smelled smoke when he arrived for work around 6 a.m.

By the time the maintenance man traced the smoke to a location backstage in the gym-assembly hall, the fire had broken out and he called in the alarm, Dentinger said.

Sources at the Browns Lane campus said only Dentinger, two kitchen employees and one pupil had arrived at the school when the fire broke out.

St. Matthews policemen directing traffic at the scene turned back school buses bringing pupils to the school, limiting the crowds at the fire scene.

Dentinger said the building, which contained science classrooms as well as the gymnasium, was destroyed on the inside. "We will rebuild it," he added.

The school's business manager said the gym facility at Kentucky Home will be used for athletics until the Browns Lane structure is rebuilt.

"I'd be afraid to guess" on the dollar value of the damage, Dentinger said, explaining insurance officials would bring in an estimate after surveying the remains.

Classes were expected to resume at the Browns Lane campus on Wednesday, Dentinger added.

The new Kentucky Country Day Alumni Association had planned its first gathering, a reception following the KDC-Shelbyville football game Friday afternoon, in the gym. Dentinger said the planned gathering will probably be moved to the Rock Creek Lane campus.

The school's football and athletic field nearby was not affected by the fire, but locker rooms in the gymnasium building were destroyed.

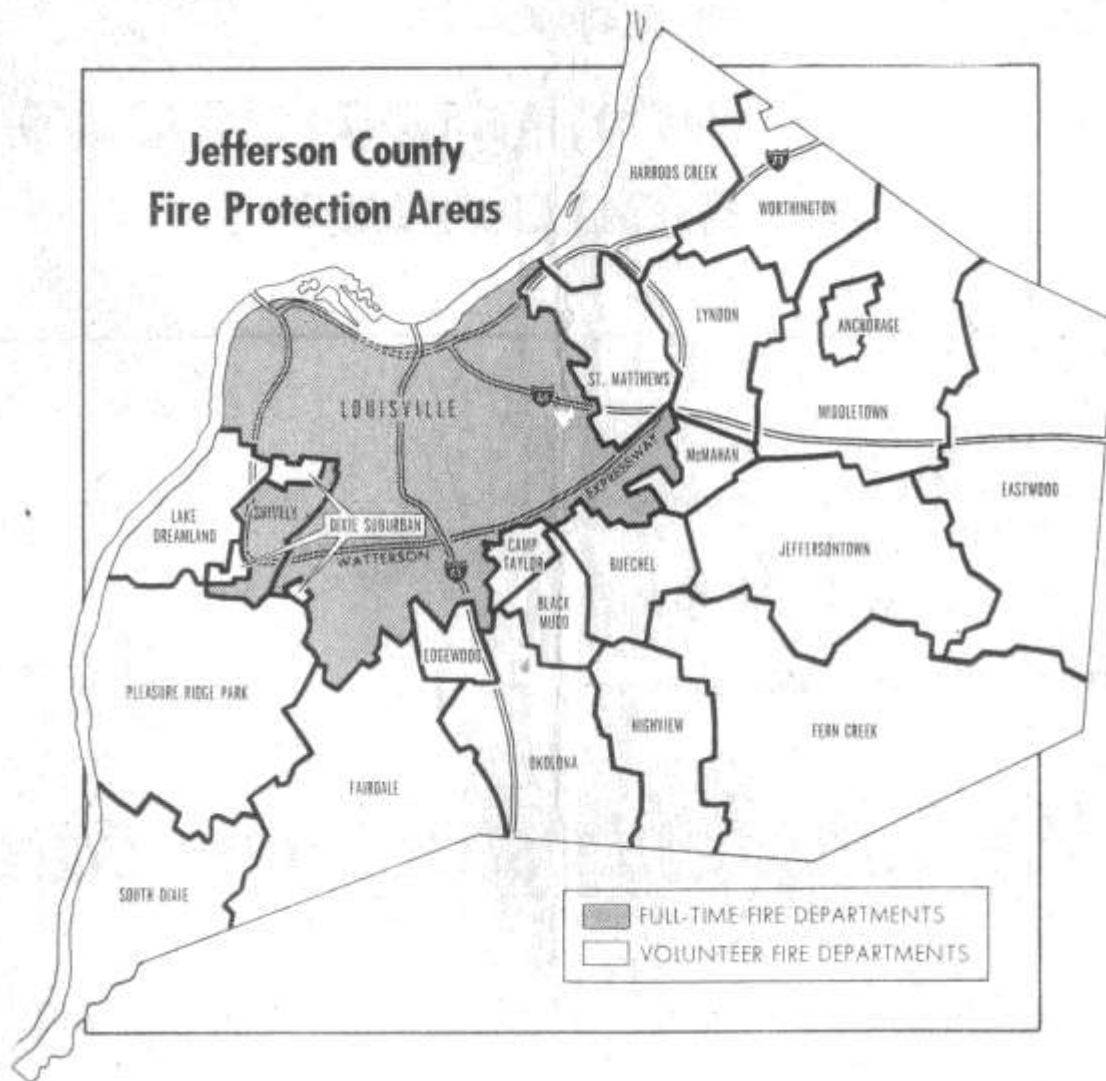


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November 6, 1972, *The Louisville Times*:

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THE LOUISVILLE TIMES, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1972



Staff Map by Steve Durbin

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November 7, 1972, Letter:

# Kentucky Country Day School

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UPPER SCHOOL  
ROCK CREEK DRIVE  
895-3452

P. O. BOX 7007  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207  
John R. Gernert, Headmaster

LOWER SCHOOL  
BROWNS LANE  
897-1734

November 7, 1972

Chief  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department  
4114 Lyndon Way  
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40207

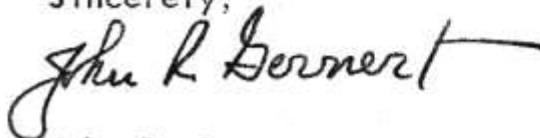
Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Kentucky Country Day School allow me to express my appreciation for the professional manner in which your men conducted themselves last Tuesday under dangerous and difficult circumstances.

We recognize that all of the men either left work early or arrived late and receive no monetary compensation.

The fireman that I had contact with were efficient, courteous and performed their assigned tasks in a manner that I'm sure made you proud of your department.

Sincerely,



John R. Gernert  
Headmaster

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November 2, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# It was slow week for firemen

LI. Al Ring, of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, sighed and said he'd gotten some sleep for a change. "It was a slow week for fire runs," he said. "We got some training in Sunday and the St. Matthews Police put

on some good movies Tuesday on safe driving and defensive driving while on emergency runs."

Fire runs included:

Oct. 18 -- 9:40 pm -- 4700 Chiswick Court, dumpster, out on arrival.

Oct. 19 -- 10:28 am -- Hubbards Lane and Blenheim, auto accident, gasoline washoff.

Oct. 20 -- 4 pm -- 147 Chenoweth Lane overheated furnace, no damage.

November 9, 1972, Letter:

## *The Voice Newspapers*

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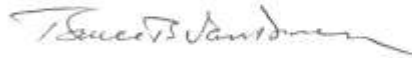
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Co.  
Lyndon Way  
St. Matthews, Ky. 40207

Gentlemen:

This is to release the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Co. of any liability in connection with coverage of your training exercises by Roger J. Auge, a staff writer for these newspapers.

I assume this release will make it possible for Mr. Auge to participate in these exercises when properly authorized by you to do so.

Cordially,



Bruce B. VanDusen  
Editor and Publisher

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November 9, 1972, Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Nov. 9, 1972.

Directors present:

John Monohan  
Geo. Miller  
Marty Kamer  
Bob Walling  
W. Leland Wilson

Mr. Monohan read minutes of meeting held on Oct. 12, 1972. Motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Walling that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Boss was instructed to buy \$5000.00 in Certificates of Deposit at Avery Federal Savings & Loan.

Mr. Walling indicated he would like to have a switch installed near side door, that would open one or two rear doors, so that firemen responding could enter the rear instead of all coming through the side door.

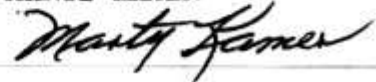
Mr. Monohan said he was opposed to the idea. Mr. Walling made a motion that it be put in operation on a test basis. Mr. Miller suggested the idea be tabled until all board members were present to discuss it further. Mr. Walling then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Walling wanted to know why some doctors bills haven't been paid, for injuries to firemen while fighting fires. He was assured the matter would be checked into. Also Mr. Walling wanted to know if there was some way Cash Money could be made available to be used to buy food for firemen when on a major fire. This matter will be studied for a solution.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Walling that the Dept. buy Turkeys for firemen and directors at Thanksgiving.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Monohan and seconded by Mr. Wilson that meeting be ajourned.

Respectfully submitted  
MARTY KAMER





November 16, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Reporter tries out as a 'smoke eater'

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

Smoke knives up my nose as I crawl along the floor of the burning house with St. Matthews firefighter Dennis Bryant.

"Lock legs," Bryant -- a four-year veteran -- says. We cross ankles and struggle along a narrow hallway looking for a victim. The locked leg keeps firemen in contact with each other in dark smoke-filled situations and enables them to cover wider areas during a search.

"Move to the left," Bryant says.

"I've got a wall over here," I shout back.

"There's a doorway here, you go through first."

I slam into the door frame. Then burrow through the black opening. My eyes burn from the smoke, my nose is running and my throat feels as if sand is being poured down it.

"I've got it, I've got the victim," Bryant shouts. "Let's get out of here but keep crawling."

We drag the victim across a room, through a narrow passage and into what I think is a closet. The windows of the house are boarded. The house is dark as a grave.

"We're in a closet," I shout.

"No, it's a hallway straight ahead."

We crawl forward, rubbing against a gritty wall. Suddenly, I see light through the chimney-black smoke. I stand and run three steps out the door.

Bryant is close behind with the victim -- a 7.75 by 14 inch wornout white-wall tire.

Crawling around a one-story white frame house on a gloomy Saturday afternoon is one method the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department calls training.

"There is no other way to learn," says Lt. Al Ring, an eight-year veteran, as I stand next to him gobbling fresh air.

Lt. Doug Monohan, son of chief John Monohan, careens out of the house. His eyes are filled with tears, soot and grit. Black ash streaks his face. Other firemen extract themselves from the house as searchers for the victim end.

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The crawls seem to be maybe 30 feet each. When the sessions end, I learn they're extended maybe 75 each, over 200 feet in all.

The fires are not big because the house at the corner of Brownsboro Road and Sunnyview must be used again this week.

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Photo by Melinda Auge

REPORTER Roger Auge lunges into a smoke-filled building as Lt. Doug Monohan (left) and Firefighter Bill Wilkie guide him inside for the fight against fire.

## Reporter joins 'smoke eaters'

Continued from Page A-1

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## 'Jaws of life'

This community will get a "jaws of life" power tool to rescue trapped victims in automobile accidents -- and, if twice lucky, we'll get two.

It seems that the Younger Women's Club of St. Matthews and the Women's Club of St. Matthews have both been working, but not together, to get a "jaws of life" into the East End.

Monday, the women's club mailed letters to about 60 civic organizations imploring them to attend a demonstration of the tool and financially aid its purchase. And Monday night, the younger women unanimously voted to appropriate \$5,000 for the purchase of one "jaws of life."

Mrs. H. J. Merrill, publicity chairman for the younger women, said they have been considering the project for two months. For the past several weeks, Mrs. Howard Hitt, president of the women's club, has been compiling a list of civic organizations, writing letters and arranging a demonstration.

The women's club has arranged a demonstration of the "jaws of life" for 7:30 pm Monday, Nov. 27, in the parking lot at the club at 8124 Shellyville Road.

Mrs. Hitt said she is told Louisville could use eight of the tools.

## St. Matthews fire runs

St. Matthews Volunteer firemen practiced fighting automobile fires last week, but then found themselves dousing flames that ripped through the Country Day school gym.

Instead of practice Tuesday, Lt. Al Ring said, "We cleaned up after the Country Day thing."

Fire runs included:

Oct. 21 -- 7:15 am -- Country Day School, Browns Lane, working fire in gym, under control in 20 minutes. Units from McClannahan assisted, units from Lyndon manned St. Matthews station.

Oct. 21 -- 9 pm -- Alton Road and Breckinridge Lane, auto on fire, out on arrival.

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November, 1972, Training Fire—



Reising, Ring, Rakestraw



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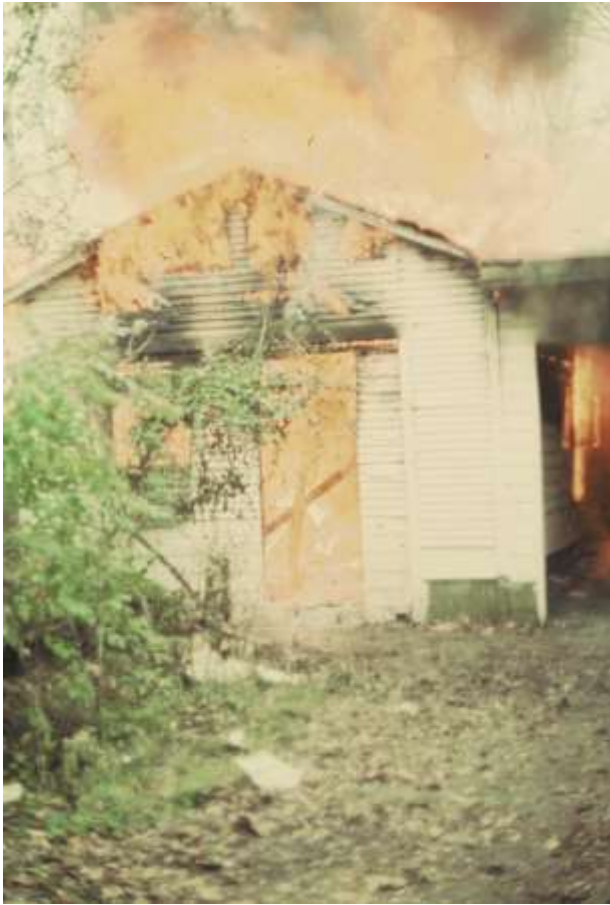
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Ken Reising



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November 23, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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## St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department calls the one-story frame house on Brownsboro Road "the training house."

For the past two weekends, firefighters have crawled through the musty innards of the house, eating smoke and rescuing tires that symbolize victims in need of help. Last weekend, they burned the house to the ground.

Lt. Al Ring, an eight-year veteran, was the instructor, with Capt. Harry Babcock, a 14-year veteran. Chief John Monohan supervised. Critiques of the firefighting methods were pointed and would have damaged soft egos.

Fire runs reported include:

- Nov. 9 -- 9:50 pm -- 739 Waterford, electric wire, light damage.
- Nov. 8 -- 8:40 pm -- Breckinridge and Willis, dumpster, no damage.
- Nov. 7 -- 12:30 pm -- Big Springs Golf Course, trash.
- Nov. 6 -- 11:15 pm -- Browns Lane and Lyndon Lane, leaves.

November 30, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



*Voice photo by Robin Carr 111*

CHRISTMAS SHOPPER TRAFFIC was backing up on Shelbyville Road at Oxmoor about 2 pm Friday. In this view looking east on Shelbyville Road from a County Police helicopter hovering about 500 feet over the scene, the Oxmoor parking lot is on the right and LaGrange Road enters U. S. 60 at the lower-left corner of the picture.

November 20, 1972, *The courier-Journal*

## Fire was for training

A fire at the corner of Sunnyview Drive and Brownsboro Road at about 11:30 a.m. yesterday turned out to be a training exercise for members of the St. Matthews, Harrods Creek and Lyndon volunteer fire departments. The exercise was the fifth and final one at the abandoned house, according to St. Matthews Fire Chief John M. Monohan Jr.

November 30, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## 'Jaws of life' put on a crunchingly convincing display

By Mike Roberts  
Staff Writer

It could have been a lesson on how to vandalize a car.

A man with a funny-looking tool walked up to a wrecked Ford and wedged the tool's front tip under the front door hinge. In less than a minute, the door lay on the ground.

Next, he laid his tool on the car hood. He chained part of it to the steering column and another part to the frame. A minute later, a twisted steering column and wheel lay on the hood.

Then he placed the machine underneath

the car and raised the left side about three feet off the ground. Letting the wreck down gently, he ripped the top away from the body.

It was a demonstration of a new power rescue tool used to free trapped victims from automobile accidents. The demonstration took place in the parking lot of the Woman's Club of St. Matthews Monday night, Nov. 27.

About sixty representatives from civic, rescue and fire fighting organizations attended.

The Hurst manufacturers describe "jaws of life" as "a pair of hydraulically activated, forged titanium arms

capable of lifting or pulling five tons." Resembling a giant scissors, it is portable and one man can operate it.

The East End is soon going to have at least one "jaws of life" -- and maybe two.

The Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews allocated the necessary \$3,825 from their funds to purchase one set of "jaws" Nov. 26. The main problem now is who will get them.

There are several possibilities, including Jefferson County Police or the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. The Woman's Club of St. Matthews is also trying to get a "jaws of life."

Although some city officials had been invited, none attended. However, St. Matthews Police Chief Kermit Cook assisted in obtaining the wrecked car for the demonstration.

A committee selected from the groups

attending will meet in the next month to make plans. Safety experts have estimated eight of the tools are needed in the Louisville area.

Sponsorship of a "jaws of life" is a project recommended by the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs.

Committee members are Mrs. Robert Coshaw of the Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews, Mrs. J. T. Burkhardt of the Grayson Woman's Club, Paul W. Blumford of the Jeffersonian Lions, Mrs. Leslie London of the Lyndon Woman's Club, Claude Smith and Jesse M. Campbell of the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club, L. Morris of the East Louisville Section.

Also, Bob Martin, chief of the Middletown Fire Department, Lt. Al Ring of the St. Matthews Fire Department, George E. Fortig of the Harrods Creek Fire Department and William B. Clark Jr. of the Lyndon Fire Department.



FRANK DONLEY of a fire and safety equipment company demonstrates one use of "jaws of life."

November, 1972, Unknown:

## Firefighters burn house

St. Matthews Volunteer firemen burned down their training house on Brownsboro Road last weekend.

"We burned it right to the ground," said Lt. Al Ring, department public-relations officer.

Each fireman was given a turkey at Tuesday's practice session before Thanksgiving, Ring said.

Fire runs reported by Chief John Monohan:

Nov. 28 -- 7:15 pm -- Giant Foods, Shelbyville Road, dumpster, light damage.

Nov. 25 -- 1:30 am -- St. Matthews Police cruiser in front of fire house on Lyndon Way, no damage.

Nov. 21 -- 11:03 pm -- 4015 Napanee, child locked in house when storm door jammed. Door opened by climbing over transom.

Nov. 19 -- 12:30 pm -- 211 Choctaw, couch, light damage.

Nov. 17 -- 7:05 pm -- Mary Ann Shop, The Mall, Shelbyville Road, light fixture, light damage.

Nov. 17 -- 10:30 am -- Suburban Hospital, 4001 Dutchman's Lane, short in wiring in X-Ray machine, light damage.

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December 7, 1972: Letter: From Insurance Services Office to Companies, Fieldmen, & Local Agents:

**FIRE INSURANCE CLASSIFICATIONS  
ST. MATTHEWS PROTECTION AREA, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

The fire protection facilities afforded the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area have been improved to the extent that those portions of the Area previously receiving a Seventh-Class fire insurance classification can now receive a Sixth-Class fire insurance classification. These properties receiving Eight or Ninth Class remain the same. The St. Matthews Fire Protection Area has been re-rated on this basis.

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The St. Matthews Fire Protection Area generally north of the City of Louisville and east and north of the Veterans Expressway and includes the north portion of the City of St. Matthews (that portion of the City of St. Matthews east of the Veterans Expressway is located within the Lander Fire Protection District), numerous smaller incorporated cities, and several unincorporated areas.

We will send Local Agents our Rate Guide for the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area, published on the new basis.

Effective the date of this Bulletin, all dwellings within the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area, within three miles northeast of the City of St. Matthews Fire Station, and within 3,000 feet of a water supply shall be re-rated to, by fire agencies, and to be rated by you as Sixth-Class using the new fire rating schedule.

Those dwellings within the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area between three and five miles northeast of the St. Matthews Fire Station, and within 3,000 feet of a water supply of an acceptable fire hydrant, shall be re-rated to, by fire agencies, and to be rated by you as Seventh-Class using the new fire rating schedule.

Those dwellings within the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area, within five miles northeast of the St. Matthews Fire Station, and within 3,000 feet of an acceptable fire hydrant, shall be re-rated to, by fire agencies, and to be rated by you as Eighth-Class using the new fire rating schedule.

There credit is allowed for properties within the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area, the fire protection facilities provided on or before March 27, 1972, shall be attached to existing policies after the automatic.

Notes for re-rating purposes will be forthcoming in the near future.

Training Bulletin may be used to the new basis in accordance with the rules regarding "Rate Policies", on Page 13 of the Monthly Bulletin, or they may be attached and certified as provided for on Page 13 of the Rate Guide.

Very truly,  
J. B. G.

P.S. It is suggested that you correct Figure 1, which was sent to you with our Bulletin of October 26, 1971, to show that there is a change in the rating.



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December 7, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

THE VOICE-JEFFERSONIAN, DECEMBER 7, 1972, THE GULF JEFFERSONIAN, DECEMBER 7, 1972



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December 14, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## Firemen seek houses to burn

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is probably the best wrecking crew around.

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December 21, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

### Fire chief's son suffers fatal accident

Stephen Monohan, 30, son of St. Matthews Fire Chief and Mrs. John M. Monohan Jr., was burned to death Monday, Dec. 11.

Monohan apparently suffered an epileptic seizure while soldering 12-inch circles to be used for Christmas wreaths at Boone Gardiner Nurseries Inc., 9409 Shelbyville Road. The propane torch he was using ignited his clothing.

Services were held Dec. 14 at the Catholic Church of the Ascension, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Monohan was a resident of Fairground Road in Fern Creek. He is also survived by his wife, the former Marilyn Middlestadt, a son, Sean Monohan, and a grandmother, Mrs. John M. Monohan.



#### Time Line:

1941, December 29, born in Louisville, KY to John & Katherine Monohan.  
Attended Holy Trinity Grade School.  
1960, graduated Trinity High School.  
Attended Syracuse University and Bellarmine College.  
Steven's nickname was "Butch."  
1967, October 21, married Marilyn Ann Middlestadt at Ascension catholic Church.  
1969, March 31, son Sean Francis Monohan was born to Steven and Marilyn Monohan.  
Employed by Boone Gardiner Nursery.  
1972, December 11, burned to death after he apparently suffered an epileptic seizure while soldering wreaths. A propane torch is thought to have ignited his clothing. Steven is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Louisville, KY.

December 12, 1972, *The Courier-Journal*

### Man fatally burned after a seizure while soldering

A 30-year-old Fern Creek, Ky., man was burned to death yesterday afternoon after he apparently suffered an epileptic seizure while soldering.

Deputy Coroner Barry Foreman said Stephen Monohan, of 9801 Fairground Road, died at 5:30 p.m. at Boone Gardiner Nurseries, Inc., 9409 Shelbyville Road, of second- and third-degree burns over 80 per cent of his body.

Foreman said Monohan was soldering 12-inch circles to be used for Christmas wreaths when he apparently had an attack, causing the propane torch he was using to ignite his clothing.

Monohan is survived by his wife, the former Marilyn Middlestadt, a son, Sean Monohan, and a brother, Jack Monohan.

The body was taken to Ratterman's, 3800 Bardstown Road.

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December 21, 1972, Board minutes:

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Dec. 21, 1972.

**Directors present:**

Geo. Miller	Marty Kamer
Fred Boss	Bob Walling
W Leland Wilson	Phil Grauman
John Monohan	

Mr Monohan read minutes of meeting held on Nov. 9, 1972. Motion made by Bob Walling and seconded by Fred Boss that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that he had contacted various suppliers for equipment for new truck and that delivery will be made to correspond with delivery of truck.

Mr. Jack Siler attended meeting, upon invitation, to be interviewed as a prospect for becoming a member on the Board of Directors.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

December 28, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## Fire damages a cottage at children's home

A fire of undetermined origin broke out in Clay Hall, one of the girls' cottages at the Kentucky Children's Home on Lorange Road in Lyndon, about 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

Maurice Kohlhorst, superintendent of the home, said "Fortunately, the damage was not too extensive since they caught it in the early stages."

Kohlhorst said Mrs. Greta Hall, the cottage parent on duty, smothered wood burning and discovered flames coming

### Lyndon

Marcia Sweeney  
425-5680

out of the fire spread a radiator in the kitchen. She and a security officer, Arthur Curtis, used fire extinguishers on the blaze and called the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department.

Kohlhorst said the girls were in the hall at the time, preparing to leave for classes after lunch. He said Mrs. Hall "kept her cool" by telling the girls it was a towel burning and got them out of the building and on their way to class.

He said the girls would probably spend that night at nearby Clark Hall until an inspector could determine the extent of the damage and repairs could be made.

Both the Lyndon and St. Matthews fire departments responded to the call. Middletown Volunteers also prepared to come, but Lyndon was able to control their run, when it was determined the fire was not too extensive.

Kohlhorst, who was attending a meeting downtown when the fire occurred, learned of it when he returned to the children's home that afternoon.



Staff photo by Mike Roberts

LYNDON FIREMEN fought a blaze in a floor at a Children's Home cottage.

CHILDREN AT the Joshua B. Everett School at the Kentucky Children's Home

DOLLAR & DOLLAR



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These photos are believed to be 1972:



Al Ring above, Chief John Monohan's care on fire run.



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These photos are believed to be 1972:

Firefighter Bob Zaepfel.



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# STMFD Fire Run Reports 1972:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N<sup>o</sup> 553

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 2/10/72 TIME OF ALARM 4:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M. TIME RETURNED 4:15 A.M. 7:15 P.M.

LOCATION 19 WESTPORT TERR. 3380001 APT. NO. 1

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. 19

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE 19 MODEL 19 TAG NO. 19

OWNER 19 ADDRESS 19

OCCUPANT 19

OWNER Billy C. Henry

OWNER ADDRESS 19

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐

REMARKS FIRE IN THE KITCHEN ABOVE THE CEILING

OFFICER IN CHARGE 20.00 19 REPORT WRITTEN BY 20.00 19

2 SCOTTS  
1 - 1 1/2" DUNGE  
2 - LIGHTS  
1 - ROPE LINT CORN  
1 - LIGHT GENERATOR  
1 - BROOM  
6 - TAPPS  
1 - SMALL HAMMER  
4 - AXES  
1 - DIKE POLE  
1 - HALLIBAY TOOL  
1 - HUT BAG  
1 - PITCH FORK  
3 - SHOVELS  
1 - SHOCK LADEN  
1 - LIEB LADDER

20' - STAIRS LADDER  
16' POOP  
14' ROOF  
1 MOP DUCKST  
2 MOPS

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N<sup>o</sup> 574

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 3/19/72 TIME OF ALARM 3:22 A.M. 3:22 P.M. TIME RETURNED 3:22 A.M. 3:22 P.M.

LOCATION 405 RAINDS LN Box 418

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☒ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. 19

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE 19 MODEL 19 TAG NO. 19

OWNER 19 ADDRESS 19

OCCUPANT Mrs. M.S. Campbell

OWNER 19

OWNER ADDRESS 19

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐

REMARKS Fire appeared to have started at the left of the bottom of the stairs leading from the 1st floor to the basement. Service discontinued.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Al Haudobin

5-1 2 Shovels, 1 AX - 3 Scott Jack  
Booster, 1 extra 2 1/2"  
D. August

5-4 - 2 Ranger Lines  
Hand Tools

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N<sup>o</sup> 1042

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 9/8/72 TIME OF ALARM 12:05 A.M. 12:05 P.M. TIME RETURNED 12:05 A.M. 12:05 P.M.

LOCATION Whispering Valley - County Club Rd

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☒

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. 19

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE 19 MODEL 19 TAG NO. 19

OWNER 19 ADDRESS 19

OCCUPANT 19

OWNER 19

OWNER ADDRESS 19

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐

REMARKS Brown fire. Used 10 sections 2 1/2" 2 sections 1 1/2"

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY H.B.

## SMFD Fire Run Reports 1972:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N° 588

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 7-7-74 TIME OF ALARM 12:00 P.M. TIME RETURNED 1:05 AM

LOCATION 719 Indian Ridge APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☒ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKES ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WREDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ REPT. \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT Mrs. John A. Stant

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☒ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐ 108 ☐ 109 ☐ 110 ☐

REMARKS FIRE IN KITCHEN VENT PIPE WED

ROOFER, CO2, SUCRO, REMOVED, INSULATION, DRY, LIFT, EXPOSED

16" ROOF STAIRS, ROOF, WINDS, DRIVING

OFFICER IN CHARGE 20.00 Ray REPORT WRITTEN BY 20.00 Ray

[illegible]

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 1008

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 8-2 TIME OF ALARM 2:40 A.M. ☐ P.M. ☐ TIME RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. ☐ P.M. ☐

LOCATION 770 Indian River APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CALL \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKER ☐ FLAMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

PODS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATION ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER John Jones

OWNER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☒ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☒ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 109 ☐

SHARKS 2:45 PM ARRIVAL INVESTIGATE CHIEF WASH

WASH 1 BURNER, A/C, OTHER SAFETY ALL

54 GALLONS ABC 20

OFFICER IN CHARGE H. J. [Signature] REPORT WRITTEN BY [Signature]

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 1029

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 8-17-76 TIME OF ALARM 4:15 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 711 IOLA ROAD APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☐ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FUMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐ ~~WATER~~ ~~WASH~~ GARAGE

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER Mr. George Sander

OWNER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☒ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 109 ☐

THANKS BARBARA FINE, VICE PRESIDENT BOB BARNES

JOHN BARNES TO CHIEF CALLED ARJON SQUAD

THEY HAVE A SUBJECT RECTOR HUNTER

OFFICER IN CHARGE JK. de Ry REPORT WRITTEN BY JK. de Ry

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 1002

**FIRE REPORT**

DATE 10/12 TIME OF ALARM 9:15 P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:15 A.M.  
P.M.

LOCATION 4006 ELEN APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE ☒ APARTMENT ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ OFFICE ☐

SMOKE ☐ FUMES ☐ LOCK OUT ☐ DRYER ☐ WASHER ☐

WEEDS ☐ TRASH ☐ OTHER ☐

RESUSCITATOR ☐ RESCUE ☐ WASH OFF ☐

BACKUP ☐ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE ☐ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANT R. B. Lepping

OWNER 3000

OWNER ADDRESS 4006 ELEN

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 108 ☐ 109 ☐

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER IN CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT WRITTEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

S. A. Check OK - KOB

Tools used S-A

- 2 Shovels
- 2 Pitch Forks
- 4 SCOTTS
- 6 EXTRA SCOTT BOTTLES
- 4 AXES
- 3 RIPE POLES
- 3 TARPS
- 1 FLASH LIGHT

— 5-3  
Scott's Forks  
Axes  
Shovels  
Forks

HOSE & FITTINGS S-A

- 1- DOUBLE MALE 2 1/2' Fittings
- 2- 200' 1 1/2" BUNDLES
- 1- 50' 1 1/2" BUNDLE
- 1- Y- GATE 2 1/2" - 2- 1 1/2" LINES
- 2- BOOSTERS
- 3- 1 1/2" NOZZLES
- 20 sections 2 1/2" HOSE
- 1000'
- LAID ~~200'~~ 200'

1972

**Fire Statistics For 1972**

<b>Total number of fire runs:</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>Total working fires:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total hours of fire fighting:</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Total 1 1/2" hose used:</b>	<b>3,400 feet</b>
<b>Total 2 1/2" hose used:</b>	<b>7,800 feet</b>
<b>Back up City of Louisville:</b>	<b>3 times</b>
<b>Number of A. M. runs:</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Number of P. M. runs:</b>	<b>153</b>

**Number of runs made by fire apparatus:**

<b>S1:</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>S2:</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>S3:</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>S4:</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>S5:</b>	<b>59</b>

**Types of fire runs:**

<b>House</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Automobile</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Field &amp; trash</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Malicious false</b>	<b>5</b>

**Working Fires:**

<b>2/18/1972</b>	<b>4:04 p.m.</b>	<b>House, 19 Westport Terrace, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor</b>
<b>7/9/1972</b>	<b>6:09 p.m.</b>	<b>House, J. Graham Brown Estate, Browns Lane</b>
<b>8/2/1972</b>	<b>2:18 p.m.</b>	<b>House, 720 Indian Ridge Road</b>
<b>8/6/1972</b>	<b>2:24 p.m.</b>	<b>House 4006 Elfin Road</b>
<b>9/8/1972</b>	<b>5:32 a.m.</b>	<b>Barn, Country Club Lane, arson</b>
<b>10/31/1972</b>	<b>7:39 a.m.</b>	<b>Country Day School, 1403 Browns Lane, Assisted by McMahan &amp; Lyndon FD's</b>
<b>6/13/1972</b>		<b>Auto Accident, one dead</b>

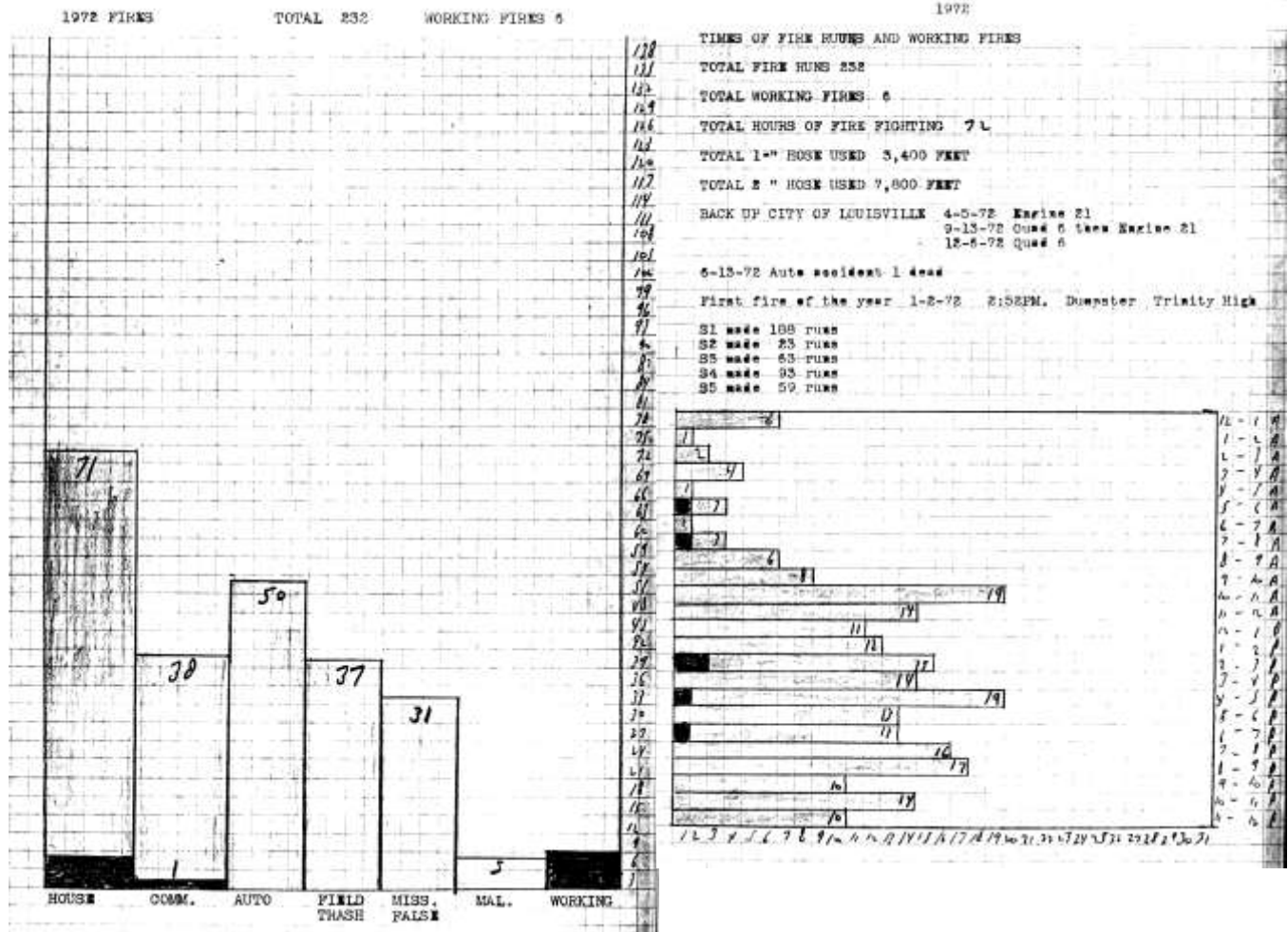
**NOTE: see complete list of STMFD individual fire run reports in separate PDF**



1972

STMFD Fire Report Charts by Al Ring

Total runs 232 Working fires 6



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## FIRE RECORD OF

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\*If a firm cannot or chooses not to make a complete record of each order, the amount shown for an item below

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## FIRE RECORD OF

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

## TO

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## FIRE RECORD OF

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Will it then attempt to make itself felt, make a sacrifice instead of work under the national plan, but as that fails

## FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM

TO

[illegible]



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## FIRE RECORD OF

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

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FIRE RECORD OF MARCH 1972[illegible]

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FIRE RECORD OF

(A P R I L)

FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

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## FIRE RECORD OF

MAY 1972

TO

[illegible]



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## FIRE RECORD OF

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## TC

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\*It is a fire caused by other buildings, makes a momentary impact of death under the national union, but not Iran's future.

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## FIRE RECORD OF

[illegible]

## FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM

TO

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## FIRE RECORD OF

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FIRE RECORD OF

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\*If a fire spread to other buildings, make a concrete record of work under the initial alarm line as time allows.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

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## FIRE RECORD OF

FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM

TO

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\*If a film arrived in either condition, make a duplicate record of each under the relevant title in a new list.

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**Board Of Directors**

Fred C. Boss  
 John C. Emrich, died in office May 1972  
 Philip Grauman  
 Marty A. Kamer, start January 1972  
 George E. Miller  
 John M. Monohan Jr.  
 James "JP" Terry  
 Robert C. "Bob" Walling  
 William Leland Wilson

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1972 Chief John M. Monohan Jr.  
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 Gerald P. Schreck  
 Richard Harvey Schultze  
 Allan R. Scott  
 Dale P. Seebold  
 Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange  
 Richard E. Tackett  
 Richard J. "Rick" Tonini, new  
 Joseph "Joe" Wheatley  
 William F. "Bill" Wilke, new  
 Sam A. Wolfe  
 James W. "Woody" Woodring,  
 new  
 Jim D. Youngson  
 Robert L. "Bob" Zaepfel

**1973**

**January 1973:** Al Ring became Vice president of Firefighters, Inc.

**January 2, 1973:** Letter: To Honorable Bernard Bowling, Mayor, from Anthony Gray, Insurance Services Bureau: Dear Sir:

**FIRE PROTECTION CITY OF ST. MATTHEWS**

Recently we visited your City, and reviewed with Mrs. Kaiser, City Clerk, and Mr. McCaslin, Inspector, the status of Fire Prevention Activities.

Prior to, and during 1972, we recommended establishment and maintenance of a fire prevention inspection program, as one very important segment of a program to achieve a Class Six fire protection classification for your City. It had been, and continues to be, a standard recommendation that the fire prevention program encompass the following level of activities, within incorporated areas:

1. Each occupancy, other than dwellings, should receive a thorough fire prevention inspection at least twice annually.
2. All violations found should be cited, in writing.
3. Sufficient follow-up inspections should be made, at appropriate intervals, to accomplish corrections of violations.
4. Complete records of all inspections, violations notices, master record cards for occupancies, etc. should be maintained, up-to-date, and available for review.
5. Appropriate reference material should be provided and utilized, and appropriate office facilities should be available.

Our recent inspection revealed the following:

- (a) Many occupancies did not receive any fire prevention inspections during 1972.
- (b) Many occupancies received only ONE fire prevention inspection during 1972.
- (c) The general rate of inspection was insufficient to produce desired frequencies.
- (d) Master occupancy cards were not available for review, even with advance notice of inspection.
- (e) Violation notice records were not, available for review, even with advance notice of inspections.

We believe our position regarding the necessity of the recommended fire prevention program has been clearly communicated to you, so we now have no alternative except to advise you that the present fire prevention classification of your City is in severe jeopardy.

We have discussed this situation with Mrs. Kaiser, and we wish to confirm our comments in this matter. We advised that we will withhold re-classification for a brief period of time to enable:

1. A written definite statement of the City's intentions in this matter to be forwarded to us.
2. The inspection program to be properly intensified so that all occupancies not inspected in 1972 would be inspected, and all occupancies inspected only once in 1972 would receive another inspection promptly.
3. Arrangements to be made to prevent recurrence of the fire prevention activity being reduced.
4. Arrangements to be made to cause all necessary records to be readily available for review.

We will re-inspect these operations between 30 and 60 days from now, and it will be necessary that we classify the City based upon the conditions then found to exist.

If there are any questions regarding our comments or the seriousness of this situation, please let us know. We shall be looking forward to receipt of your communication within the next few days. Yours very truly, Anthony Gray

# Life-savers

## St. Matthews firemen, policemen act fast to aid heart victim

Everyone at the home of James Veech at 4010 Hillsboro Road in St. Matthews was waiting for Santa Claus. The children were excited, parents and grandparents were excited.

"We were having a big Christmas Eve get together, said Veech, who retired from Ford Motor Co. last year.

Suddenly, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ben Buecker, 66, of Louisville, suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Veech called the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

"When my wife was on the phone, the general alarm sounded. I thought it was a coincidence that they answered the call so fast," Veech said.

"They arrived here possibly within five minutes, maybe faster. It was really very fast.

"The way they went to work with the resuscitator, giving her oxygen as soon as they arrived and the way they kept working until they got her to the hospital, I'm sure it saved her life."

Mrs. Buecker was taken to Suburban Hospital in a St. Matthews Police Department cruiser. The fireman with the resuscitator rode along, administering oxygen.

On Dec. 28, Mrs. Buecker was released from the hospital and is resting today at Veech's house.

"It was really amazing how fast and the way they performed their jobs. I have nothing but praise for them. I hope someone will let them know," he said.

"No, I didn't get a chance to get the names. Things were kind of hectic around here."

## 'Thanks' to our volunteers

Too often we forget the impressive way in which our lives and property are protected by a group of neighbors who call themselves the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

What brings this to mind is a story published this week about a rescue at a home on Hillsboro Road. It was Christmas Eve and the joy of a family homecoming was suddenly shattered by a heart attack. The fire department responded so quickly the family was surprised -- and just quickly enough to provide the first aid necessary to save the stricken victim's life.

For the volunteers whose own

Christmas Eve was interrupted by the need to respond to the fire siren, the incident was completely routine. They joined the department expecting their private lives to be interrupted regularly and they don't mind when it happens. Nor are they looking for any special applause when they do the job they train themselves every week to do.

But that doesn't prevent us all from saying "thanks" every so often to the small group of neighbors who have volunteered for the St. Matthews crew. They are a first-rate group of men and St. Matthews is fortunate to be served by them.

## Volunteers train to fight high-rise fires

Members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department worked Sunday, Dec. 17, learning how to fight fires in high rise buildings, said Lt. Al Ring, department public relations officer.

"We discussed the bigger problems of getting to the fire floor. If you go up all the stairs carrying equipment, you're worn out by the time you get there," he explained.

"The main thing in fighting a high rise building fire is to know the building so you know where the stand pipes (water pipes that can be used by fire pumpers to get water to the fire) are.

"The only two we have now are the hospital and the Mall Office Building. Some others are planned and some day we might get some high rise apartments.

"We just want to be ready. The biggest thing the fire service needs, bar none, is for the state to pass a law these buildings have to have sprinklers.

"That is the only effective means of knocking those fires now. An aerial ladder only reaches 100 feet and that is seven, eight, nine stories and that is not much. So, if you're going to fight the fire inside, and do it right, you've got to have a sprinkler in there," Ring said.

"Unfortunately, we don't know how many high buildings will be built between now and when that kind of a law is passed," he said.

Additionally, Ring said the fire department is looking for buildings to burn down -- for practice. The department usually uses a donated building one weekend for interior fire fighting and the next for exterior. It is an inexpensive way to demolish a building, Ring said. Any part of the building can be salvaged, if the owner requests it, he said.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, training was cancelled and the firemen cleaned and checked the fire trucks. The department board of directors gave all firemen a country ham.

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January 11, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Jan. 11 1973.

Directors present:  
Geo. Miller  
W. Leland Wilson  
Fred Boss  
Marty Kamer  
John Monohan

Mr. Monohan read minutes of meeting held on Dec. 21 1972. Motion made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Miller that minutes be accepted as read.

A moment of silent prayer was said in memory of Mr. Cecil Lunsford who passed away on the morning of Jan. 11 1973. The Board agreed on writing a letter of memorandum for Mr. Lunsford, sending one copy to the family and keeping one copy for record.

The Board also agreed to pay a full month salary to Mr. Lunsford.

Speaking for Mr. Walling, who was absent due to illness in the family, Mr. Monohan asked about the purchase of individual lockers for the firemen. Mr. Miller agreed to inquire about the cost and where to purchase them, and will give a report at the next meeting.

Also Mr. Walling asked Mr. Monohan to bring up the subject of paving the parking lot. Mr. Monohan suggested to defer this matter until a later date for discussion.

The Board agreed to interview more prospects before selecting a new member to the board.

Mr. Boss was instructed to invest \$5000.00 in Certificates of Deposit.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



January 12, 1973, The Courier-Journal

Cecil G. Lunsford, 65, of 148 Cheno-

weth Lane, died at 9:02 a.m. Thursday at Suburban Hospital. Chief Deputy Coroner William S. Anderson said Lunsford suffered a heart attack.

Lunsford was a member of Beargrass Christian Church and St. Matthews Masonic Lodge and was the office manager of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, the former Alice Clarkson; two sons, Robert and Cecil G. Lunsford, Jr., and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home, 2428 Frankfort, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery.



January 18, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## Two fires gut offices

An early morning fire and another in late afternoon kept Louisville and St. Matthews firemen busy much of Tuesday.

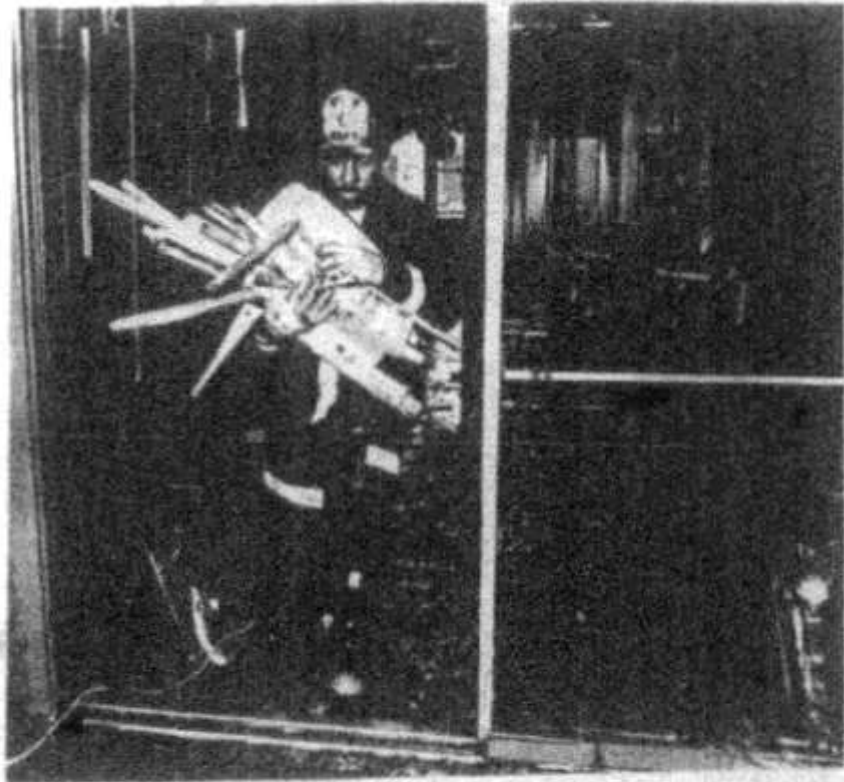
A fire which firemen confined to one room at Kentec Inc., 4018 Shelbyville Road, caused \$3-4,000 damage mostly to delicate scientific testing equipment, according to Jack Sammons, the laboratory manager.

Kentec does chemical and bacteriological testing, Sammons said. A tenant in the building, owned by the Eline Healy Co., smelled and reported the fire, Sammons said.

About 3:15, Louisville firemen were called to the E.W. Augustus and John Doumas Architectural firm at 135 Breckinridge Lane. Mrs. Doumas, who was alone in the office, said, "I heard a fluorescent light explode and when I looked I saw flames."

Many drawings and tracings were lost, Doumas said. As firemen sloshed through murky water and charred ceiling tiles, Doumas carried armloads of soggy drawings onto the roof. The Limited Editions Gallery, owned by W.S. Creal was damaged by water dripping through the ceilings.

Asked how many drawings he thought he could salvage, Doumas made a zero with his fingers.



LOUISVILLE FIRE CAPT. Jesse West salvages drawings from the fire at an architectural office on Breckinridge Lane.



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January 18, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

SECTION A, PAGE 8, THE VOICE-JEFFERSONIAN, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1973

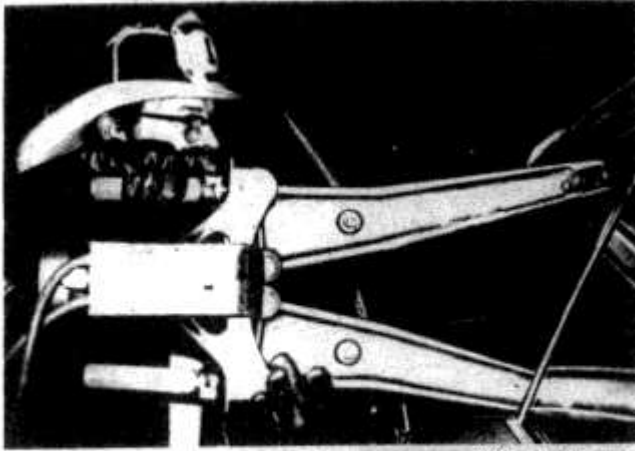


Photo by Mark Thompson

LT. Courtney Deuser of the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department demonstrates the maneuverability of the "jaws of life" on Jan. 12

## 'Jaws of life' arrives

The first "jaws of life" machine in Jefferson County was presented to Chief John Masdan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Friday, Jan. 12, by the Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews.

The machine will be available for use throughout the county.

Mrs. Edna Rowlands, club president, said the machine was purchased for \$3,685 from Stutz Performance Inc.

The Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs is promoting purchase of the machine throughout the state. It is estimated that eight of the tools are needed to adequately protect the county.

The tool was also demonstrated to representatives of county fire departments Friday, Jan. 12, at a regular meeting of the Firefighters Association at the Lyndon Fire Department.

Frank Donley, vice president and sales manager of Midwest Fire and Safety Company of Indianapolis, whose company distributes the equipment, explained the construction and operation of the tool.

Looking like a pair of giant pliers with short handles, the hydraulically-powered rescue tool will develop 15,000 pounds of pressure at its tip, Donley said, but needs only about one-quarter inch of space in which to place the tips to start the prying process. In minutes, it can tear off a jammed exit door or the hinges to enable firemen to rescue a victim quickly from inside a wrecked car, he said.

Two men may be needed to carry the equipment when the pressure hoses are attached to the two parts -- the "pliers" and the hydraulic pump. But one man

can easily operate the 85-pound "pliers," using simple controls at the handles.

Donley and the firefighters then stood aside the firehouse to show the tool used on a wrecked car which was donated to the Lyndon Fire Department for the demonstration by Tom's Wreckers in Lyndon.

LT. Courtney Deuser, of the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department, operated the "jaws of life" as instructed by Donley, prying up the smashed in roof in seconds and flipping off the jammed left front door.

The Woman's Club of St. Matthews is also working to purchase a "jaws of life."



Frank Donley, Indianapolis, (in white) held a training session this week for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department in the use of a power

rescue tool used to free trapped victims of an automobile accident. The device was given by the Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews.

STAFF PHOTO

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January 19, 1973, *The Courier-Journal*, By Joan Kay,—

## **SPEAKING OF PEOPLE, CLUBWOMEN DONATE RESCUE TOOL**

**A proposal made last fall at the conference at Barren River of the Kentucky federation of Women's Clubs bore fruit this week in St. Matthews**

**A Jaws of Life power rescue tool used to rescue trapped victims of an automobile accidents was presented by the Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire department.**

**Mrs. Harold Mullins of Louisville, president of the KFWC, first heard about the machine through a newspaper account of its use at the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.**

**A demonstration of the machine was given at the fall conference, and Mrs. Mullins proposed that the various Kentucky clubs work to buy machine's for their communities.**

**"I think it's a marvelous piece of safety equipment to have on hand," said Mrs. Mullins. "It's fabulous what it can do."**

**The portable rescue tool provides 10,000 pounds of usable force to rescue people trapped in automobiles. It is a flameless and does not employ grinding wheels or saw blades.**

**The tool is a paw-like device with twin forged titanium arms that can pull or lift 5 tons. In sue the jaws open to 32 inches under fill load in 40 seconds.**

**The rescue device operates in any position and requires only thumb pressure for a one-man operation. Weighing 35 pounds, it can be stored in an auto trunk space.**

**The machine, manufactured by Hurst Performance, Inc. of Warminster, PA cost \$3,1825. It was presented by the club to Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, and a training session was held Tuesday night. It will be put into use by the fire department as soon as the men are trained, said Chief Monohan, who is very pleased with the club's gift.**

**The Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews members, whose president is Mrs. Edsel Rawlings, feel that purchase of the rescue equipment is one of the biggest individual community services contributed by the club in many years.**

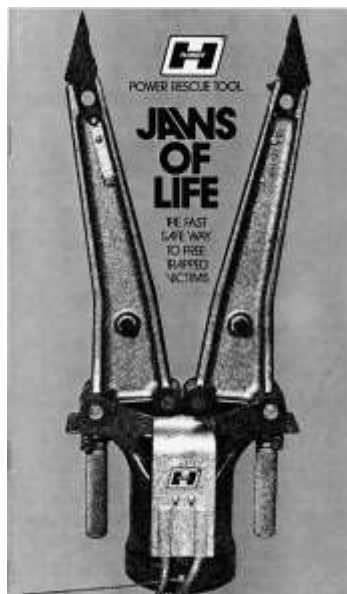
**The St. Matthews group is the first club in the federation to buy the rescue tool. "I'm very hopeful we will get them across the state," said Mrs. Mullins. "The clubwomen who have seen it are sold on it and willing to work for funds to buy it for their communities."**

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January , 1973, The Jaws of Life:



Some of the firefighters: Bill Clifford, Ken Reising, Bill Wilke, Tim Golden and others.





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January 25, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*: Cecil Gilbert Lunsford, Sr.—Assistant Secretary and Radio Operator, 1970 to 1973——January 22, 1907 to January 11, 1973



Kiwanis Ka-doodlers, Gilbert was the banjo player, with his son Mickey Lunsford as the drummer Mickey was later the drummer for the Monarchs in 1968 from Waggener High school. 1950s

Cecil was born in Brodhead, Kentucky Cecil Gilbert Lunsford Sr. January 22, 1907 and passed on in Louisville, Ky January 11, 1973. He was a starter on the Brodhead High school

basketball team with my other two Uncle's. He moved to Louisville and became a Pharmacist at the old Taylor Drug store in St Matthews. Dad and Buck Tharp had a band in Brodhead called the Kentuckians which my brother took over and they played on the Belle for over 20 years on the Saturday Nite cruises. Dad had another band called the Blue Hawks and Mayme S Waggener played piano for him. He also worked as the Photo Manager at the old Sutcliffe sporting goods store for a number of years the Zayre Dept store as photo department manager. Also during the 2nd World War dad was the plant photographer for the Charleston Powder Plant in Charleston, Indiana. His last job was with the St Matthews Fire Department until his death on January 11, 1973. Cecil was survived by his wife Alice Lunsford his two son's Cecil Gilbert ( Sonny ) Lunsford Jr., and Robert Clarkson ( Mickey ) Lunsford and three grandchildren

Connie Lunsford, David Lunsford and Christy Lunsford.

## Cecil Lunsford dies

Cecil Lunsford, office manager for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for the past two years, died Thursday, Jan. 11, at Suburban Hospital. He was 65.

"You couldn't beat him," said Fire Chief John Monahan. "He got along with everybody and everybody liked him. That's all you could say."

"He kept all the records for us and kept all the contracts (for fire protection) up to date and in order."

"He had his duties and he knew how to get the job done," Monahan said.

Mr. Lunsford was a member of Beargrass Christian Church and St. Matthews Masonic Lodge No. 906.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Clarkson Lunsford, sons, Robert and Cecil Lunsford Jr., and three grandchildren. Also brothers, John, of Broadhead, Ky. and Virgil and Raymond, of Hamilton, Ohio, and a sister, Geneva Lunsford Bullock, of Richmond, Ind.

Services were held at the Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home, 2425 Frankfort Ave. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery, Friday, Jan. 19.

*The Voice of St. Matthews*, July 28, 1949

### Photos By Lunsford

Your community newspaper proudly announces the appointment of Cecil Lunsford as staff photographer. He has long been a resident of St. Matthews and has taken an active part in all civic affairs. For the past fourteen years Mr. Lunsford has been a professional photographer and at the present time is head of the photo department of the Appliance Center.

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INTRODUCTION

TO

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1973

Lt. Al Ring

WHAT IS A FIREFIGHTER

He's the guy next door.

He's a man's man with the sharp memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines, sirens, smoke and danger.

He's a guy like you and me with warts, worries and unfulfilled dreams.

Yet he stands taller than most of us. He's a firefighter. He puts it all on the line when the bell rings.

A firefighter is the most fortunate and the least fortunate of men.

He's a man who savors life because he has seen too much death. He's a gentle man because he has seen too much of the awesome power of violent force out of control. He's a man responsive to a child's laughter because he has held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

He's a man who appreciates the simple pleasures of life...hot coffee held in numb, unbending fingers...the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke and fire convulsed lungs...the comradeship of brave men...a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling...the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men.

He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities and when he marches it is to honor a fallen comrade.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man.

He lives it.

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was started in 1919, by a hand full of dedicated men with very little equipment. During the time the department has existed, it has had five locations and is presently located in its new house on Lyndon Way. Now the department has one of the most modern fire stations in the country. Six pieces of well equipted fire apparatus are kept in a state of readiness.

Since 1941, the department has been headed by Chief John M. Monohan Jr. The Chief and his two Assistant Chief's are appointed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members. They in turn appoint the officers of the department.

The St. Matthews Department is staffed by unpaid firefighters, who donate their time and energies for the betterment of their community.

The department receives its monies by contracting its services to the various cities and individuals that lie within its fire protection area. The department is not connected with the City of St. Matthews in any way, other than on a contractual basis for fire service. The Board of Directors are responsible for all the business and financial matters of the department.

The present firefighters are proud of their position in the fire service as well as the community and look forward to the department's future with confidence, and continuing to improve and expand their overall operations. We hope that you too will seriously consider becoming a dedicated firefighter, with the goal of helping this department become one of the finest in the country.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION AREA





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#### PRESENT APPARATUS

S 1 is a 1947 Seagrave pumper. It holds 500 gallons of water and is a 750 gallon per minute pumper. It carries 2000 feet of 2½ inch hose and 1000 feet of 1½ inch hose.

S 2 is a 1931 Seagrave pumper. It holds 220 gallons of water and is a 500 gallon per minute pumper. It also carries its own hose and also is equipped with a deck gun.

S 3 is a 1963 Seagrave pumper. It holds 500 gallons of water and is a 1250 gallon per minute pumper. It also carries its own hose and has a high pressure booster pump that the other apparatus does not have.

S 4 is a 1955 Seagrave quad. It holds 200 gallons of water and is a 750 gallon per minute pumper. It carries 2000 feet of 2½ inch hose and 1000 feet of 1½ inch hose. It also carries rescue and ventilation equipment and ladders up to 50 feet in length.

S 5 is a 1957 Seagrave quint. It holds 200 gallons of water and is a 750 gallon per minute pumper. It carries 2000 feet of 2½ inch hose and 1000 feet of 1½ inch hose. It also carries rescue and ventilation equipment. It is equipped with a 75 foot aerial ladder and <sup>ground</sup> ladders up to 50 feet in length.

S 6 is a 1973 Mack pumper. It holds 500 gallons of water and is a 1500 gallons per minute pumper. It carries 1000 feet of 3 inch hose, 1000 feet of 2½ inch hose, and 1000 of 1½ inch hose. It also has a high pressure booster pump.

All apparatus is radio equipped. Each apparatus is adequately equipped to handle most emergencies individually if necessary.

#### PRESENT MEMBERS

Col. John Monohan

Major Al Haeberlin  
Major Mel Zehnder

Capt. Harry Babcock  
Capt. Bob Walling

Lt. Bill Dieckman  
Lt. Doug Monohan  
Lt. Al Ring  
Lt Russ Bakestraw  
Lt. Ken Strange

A. E. Andriot  
Jim Andriot  
Willey Brewer  
Kennedy Clark  
Bill Clifford  
Gene Curbow  
Charlie Davis  
Garr Davis  
Jack DeHart  
David Dick  
Paul Dillman  
Denny Engnehl  
Walt Franck  
Tim Golden  
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Jack Handel  
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Rob Helm  
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John Hull  
Jim Jackson  
Bernie Karen  
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Clint McAfee  
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Bob McGrath  
Bonnie McGrath

Jim Mauck  
Tom Miller  
John Moon  
Ken Reising  
Phil Schneider  
G. B. Schreck  
Harvey Schulize  
Alan Scott  
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Bob Wheatly  
Bill Wilke  
Jim Woodring  
Jim Youngnosh  
Ronald Fleitz

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Monohan  
George Miller  
Phill Grauman  
J. P. Terry

Leland Wilson  
Fred Boss  
Marty Kaemer

\*R. C. Walling

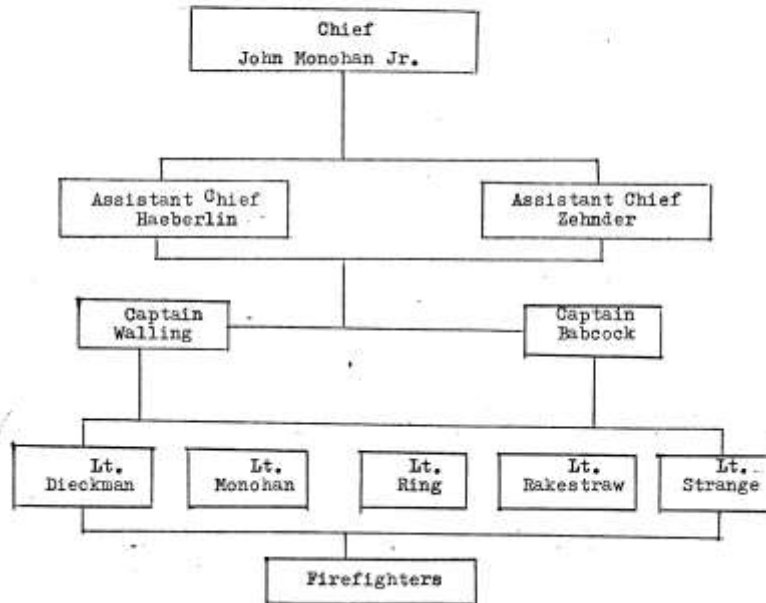
\* Denotes member elected at large by membership



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CHAIN OF COMMAND



PROCEDURES OF BECOMING A MEMBER

1. Requirement, 18 years of age.
2. Must live or work in the St. Matthews fire contract district.
3. Upon approval of the formal application by the Membership Committee, the application will be posted for a period of six weeks or the time required for the trainee to complete six active training sessions.
4. An applicant may be denied membership if (A) he misrepresents a material fact on his application, or (B) if a material fact is brought to bear concerning the trainee's character, ability, or inability that would cause risk to the trainee or other firefighters.
5. Upon completion of membership criteria, the applicant will pass into the status of temporary firefighter for the period of one year. During this time he will be in phase one. During this period he will be permitted to use red lights and or siren for emergency fire calls and accorded full privileges of the Department.
6. Upon completion of the one year period the Phase I firefighter will pass into the ranks of permanent firefighter, unless by action of the joint committees governing his application he is dismissed or denied membership.
7. Firefighting gear will be issued as soon as application is posted, however, it remains Department property and will be surrendered upon suspension or termination.
8. A key to the building is issued upon completion of six weeks however, it remains Department property and will be surrendered upon suspension or termination.
9. Red light and siren card is issued upon completion of six weeks. This too will be revoked upon suspension or termination.
10. A radio receiver (monitor) will be issued upon completion of six weeks. It remains the property of the department and will be surrendered upon termination or suspension.

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## BASIC INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee is appointed by the Chief and is responsible for obtaining new members, keeping records on present members and handling the public relations of the department.

### FIREMEN'S COMMITTEE

Consisting of four firefighters other than officers elected for a period of one year. This Committee shall handle all written grievances. The word grievance shall not be construed to include suggestions pertaining to firefighting, equipment, training or fire ground tactics.

### CHAIN OF COMMAND

The chain of command is (1) Chief, (2) Assistant Chief, (3) Captains, (4) Lieutenant, (5) and Firefighter. During an emergency, in the absence of an officer, the firefighter riding the officer's seat of the first responding apparatus is in charge overall until an officer relieves him.

### FIREMEN'S FUND

A fund created for the entertainment of the firemen shall be administered by a committee of two members elected by membership for a period of one year. One officer and one Firefighter.

### GOING DIRECT TO EMERGENCIES

No one is to go direct to the scene of a fire unless it is within the hours as directed by the Chief of this Department or have approval by same.

### DRIVING OF PERSONAL AUTOMOBILES

While responding to a fire in your private auto, you are subject to all traffic regulations and must be extremely careful at all times. The use of a red light and/or siren does not give you the right of way, they only warn the public of an emergency and that you will take the right of way if it is given to you. Excessive speed and recklessness will not be tolerated. The Department under no circumstances is responsible for your personal liability.

### KEY TO THE FIRE STATION

When you receive your key to the Fire Station, take care of it. You are responsible for it and its use. Under no circumstances are you to make a duplicate. In the event the key becomes lost, report its loss to the Chief immediately. You are responsible for all guests and actions. Duplicate keys can be secured only from the Chief.

### APPARATUS LIMIT

Do not exceed the maximum number of firefighters per apparatus.

- (1) S-1, S-2, S-3...Five men (2 in frontseat and 3 on tailboard).
- (2) S-4...Seven men(2 in frontseat and 4 on tailboard).
- (5) S-5... Seven men( 2 in frontseat, 2 on tailboard, 3men in jump seat.
- (6) S-6

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## BASIC INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

### DESIGNATED RESPONSIBILITIES

Various personnel are designated by the Assistant Chief of tactics to instruct and teach various subjects. These men are to be consulted whenever a question arises concerning their responsibilities. A list of these men and their responsibilities will be posted on the bulletin board by the Chiefs of this Department.

### MOVEMENT OF OR REMOVAL OF OBJECTS

When called to, or combating a fire, only move or disturb those things which are absolutely necessary. In the event you find the movement of a object necessary, always remember exactly where it was and any particulars about it. Under no circumstances does any firefighter start overhaul until he is ordered to do so by an officer. The same applies to removal or movement of objects within the firehouse. Under no circumstance will vehicles be moved, or anything be disarranged or removed without officers approval.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Any member may be referred to the fireman's committee for corrective action up to and including dismissal for the following offenses.

- (1) Disobedience of any rule or regulation
- (2) Neglect of duty
- (3) An act of insubordination
- (4) Intoxication while on duty (severe)
- (5) Unauthorized use of red light and/or siren
- (6) Three successive unexcused absences from Tuesday night training
- (7) Not attending once a month work detail as published, without officers excuse.
- (8) Not responding to an emergency when available and able.

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#### PROCEDURES AND DO'S AND DON'TS

- Do follow the apparatus run schedule.
- Do not drink beer or alcoholic beverages before 9:00 pm on training nights. If under 21, no alcoholic beverages at all.
- No parking in front of the fire station (ramp).
- No apparatus is to be started or moved without the permission of an officer except in an emergency.
- Do not engage in conversation with contracted individuals doing business with this department.
- You are responsible for any guest you may bring in the fire station.
- Do not sit or stand on--soft drink machines, pool table, desk, or air conditioners and apparatus fenders.
- Report all injuries to an officer immediately.
- Do not dress while the apparatus is in motion.
- Fire fighting gear must be worn on all emergencies.
- Sign roster sheet immediately upon returning from an emergency.
- Always address an officer by his rank or title.
- Do not leave the scene of an emergency for any reason unless excused by the officer in command.
- Do not remove any item from any apparatus within the fire station without the permission of the Chief or Assistant Chiefs.
- If you are out of the St. Matthews fire area and learn of a fire call, you are not to use red lights and/or siren until you enter our area.
- If at the scene of a fire you should accidentally break something, be sure to report it to an officer.
- Never ride the tailboard while the truck is laying hose.
- Upon arrival at a scene of an emergency, do not leave the tailboard until ordered to do so.
- If a alarm comes in during a Tuesday night meeting, report to the truck you are assigned to in an orderly fashion.
- We only discuss fires in the fire station. Do not engage in conversation with any private citizen concerning any fire while at the scene or at a latter date. Do not give any information to anyone concerning a fire. Always direct this person to an officer. This includes wives and sweethearts.
- If you have been given a job to do at a scene of a fire, you have completed it, report to the officer who assigned you or the attack truck for further assignment.



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### I Three Point Program

- A. Separate class for new firefighters
- B. Time - First year after receiving key and card
- C. Train one night a month with group
- D. Four training classes (other than Tues. Night) will equal one (1) credit on Phase II - 30 Credit Program

- A. Time - After Phase I until completion (Approx. 3 yrs)
- B. 30 credit program for certificate
- C. Attend two of three Tuesday night block training classes a month for one (1) credit
- D. Fourth Sunday will be scheduled make up class for the month's block training subject
- E. Four training classes (other than Tues. Night) will equal one (1) credit on Phase II - 30 Credit Program
- F. Driver and Engine ring classes will be available on two week-ends a month by prior arrangements with assigned officers.
- G. Train one night a month with complete Group

- A. Recommend review training with Phase II
- B. Must attend group training night
- C. Assign other duties - Instructors or special duties

TRAINING RECORD

30 Credit Program Record (e) Denotes Required Courses

Boat	g	g	g	g
Scott Packs	g	g	g	g
Ladders	g	g	g	g
Hoists & Hitches	g	g	g	g
Rescue	g	g	g	g
Salvage & Overhaul	g	g	g	g
Ventilation	g	g	g	g
Tools	g	g	g	g
Hydraulics	g	g	g	g
Pump Operations	g	g	g	g
Tactics	g	g	g	g
Liquids	g	g	g	g
Driver Training	g	g	g	g
Burnings/Fire School	g	g	g	g
Additional Classes	g	g	g	g

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## INSURANCE PROGRAM

### ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### COVERAGE IN FORCE

1. Firefighter is covered under the county and our department program for the period of the beginning of notification of an alarm by official means through the extent of the emergency and to the first return destination point upon leaving the fire grounds or station house.

#### COVERAGE POLICIES

1. Jefferson County Fire Protection Program
  - (a) See attached copy. Note expiration date 9-14-72 will be renewed.
2. St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Program
  - (a) Initial coverage will pay in conjunction with the county program. Our policy covers full (a) hospitalization (b) weekly indemnity coverage for 204 weeks at \$80 per week (c) standard coverage for loss of limbs, eyes, etc.
  - (b) Full coverage while participating in official department functions, athletic events are exempt.
  - (c) In order to participate in these benefits all physical handicaps, if any, should be noted upon application form. This includes contact linses, hearing aids, or other prosthetic devices.
  - (d) Automobile Insurance and liability-personal automobiles we do not cover under any circumstance by either the county nor the Department insurance programs. Therefore, it is advisable that your private agency be notified of your intent to become a firefighter and coverage adjustments, if any, be done at this time.

#### SECTION II - BENEVOLENT

Section II. This form with "Section I - General Provisions" Form No. 4260 and insert and rules issued as indicated below completes the below described Volunteer Fire Company Specified Plans Policy.

#### PART A: DECLARATIONS

Item 1. Name of Insurable and address, Employer (for the fire ground)

Volunteer Fire Company Specified Plans Policy No. FC - 011472  
Jefferson County Fire Protection Program  
Office of the County Judge  
Jefferson Co. Court House  
Louisville, Kentucky

Item 2. Policy Period

From 9-14-68 to 9-14-72 (See Section I)

Item 3. Total Premium \$

Item 4. No. Piece Equipment 84

#### PART B: DETAILS OF BENEFITS

The benefits provided by the Policy are described on the benefit insert(s) attached to and made a part of the Policy and indicated below by an "X" in the "Amount" column entered opposite the title of each such benefit. Benefits not provided are indicated by the entry of the word "None" in the "Amount" column.

BENEFIT TITLE AND BENEFIT SYMBOL	AMOUNT	PREMIUM
BENEFIT A ACCIDENT-TOTAL DISABILITY Maximum Payment Period: 104 weeks Benefit Symbol: 4270	\$ 75.00 Weekly Indemnity	\$
BENEFIT B ACCIDENT-PARTIAL DISABILITY Maximum Payment Period: 6 weeks Benefit Symbol: 4271	\$ 37.50 Weekly Indemnity	\$
BENEFIT C ACCIDENT-EXTENDED TOTAL DISABILITY Maximum Payment Period: LIFETIME Benefit Symbol: 4272	\$ 75.00 Weekly Indemnity	\$
BENEFIT D ACCIDENT-DEATH, DISMEMBERMENT, LOSS OF SIGHT Benefit Symbol: 4273	20,000.00 Lump Sum	\$
BENEFIT E ACCIDENT-MEDICAL EXPENSE Benefit Symbol: 4274	10,000.00 Maximum Benefit	\$
BENEFIT F EXPOSURE-SICKNESS-TOTAL DISABILITY Maximum Payment Period: 13 weeks Benefit Symbol: 4275	NONE Weekly Indemnity	\$
BENEFIT G EXPOSURE-SICKNESS-MEDICAL EXPENSE Benefit Symbol: 4276	1,000.00 Maximum Benefit	\$
BENEFIT H SPECIFIED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE-MEDICAL EXPENSE Benefit Symbol: 4277	5,000.00 Maximum Benefit	\$
BENEFIT I SPECIFIED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE-DEATH Benefit Symbol: 4278	10,000.00 Lump Sum	\$

Other Amount: 4050

SEARCHED BY: J. M. MONAHAN  
INDEXED BY: J. M. MONAHAN  
SERIALIZED BY: J. M. MONAHAN  
FILED BY: J. M. MONAHAN

#### PART C: EXCLUDED PERSONS

The term "Excluded Persons" means the following classes of persons as defined in Part I of the benefit insert: Veterans, Reserves, Fire Fighters, Emergency Workers. Coverage does not apply under the provisions of a benefit insert to any such class not so defined in Part I of that insert.

#### RULES PERTAINING TO ISSUING OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

ALL MEMBERS JOINING THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE ISSUED FIREFIGHTING GEAR WHEN THEIR APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND POSTED. THIS GEAR IS TO CONSIST OF FIRE HELMET, FIRE COAT, GLOVES, BUNKER PANTS AND SHORT BOOTS, OR THREE-QUARTER BOOTS AND NO BUNKER PANTS. FLASHLIGHT AND ROSE CHAIN ARE ALSO TO BE ISSUED.

UPON COMPLETION OF SIX CONSECUTIVE TRAINING PERIODS THE FIREFIGHTER IS ISSUED A KEY TO THE BUILDING, A RED LIGHT AND SICKEN PERMIT, AND A MONITOR.

BECAUSE MONITORS ARE A VERY EXPENSIVE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT CERTAIN RULES WILL BE APPLIED TO THEM.

ANY FIREFIGHTER WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A MONITOR AND IS NOT USING IT CORRECTLY WILL BE TOLD TO TURN IT IN. THIS INCLUDES LOANING OF MONITOR, MAKING ALTERATIONS TO IT, OR OTHER MISS USE. ANY FIREFIGHTER WHO AFTER BEING CHECKED OUT BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND CHIEF OFFICERS IS NOT ATTENDING ENOUGH TRAINING AND DETAILS, OR MAKING A REASONABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE FIRE RUNS WILL BE TOLD TO TURN HIS MONITOR IN. THESE MONITORS WILL BE ISSUED TO MEN WHO NEED THEM.

IN SOME CASES TWO MONITORS MAY BE ISSUED TO A FIREFIGHTER WHO LIVES AND WORKS IN THE AREA AND CAN MAKE RUNS AT ALL TIMES. THIS WILL BE DONE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND WITH AGREEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND CHIEF OFFICERS. ALSO ANY FIREFIGHTER WHO IS DUE A MONITOR WILL RECEIVE HIS BEFORE A SECOND MONITOR IS GIVEN ANY FIREFIGHTER.

ANY FIREFIGHTER GOING INACTIVE FOR ANY REASON WILL TURN ALL HIS EQUIPMENT IN. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A LONG ILLNESS OR GOING AWAY TO COLLEGE. UPON RETURNING TO ACTIVE FIREFIGHTER THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE REISSUED.

CHIEF JOHN M. MONAHAN JR.

APRIL 25, 1972

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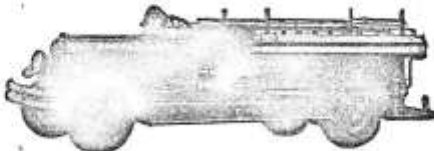
RULES FOR WORK DETAIL

- I. All firefighters are required to attend his scheduled work detail each month.
- II. If work detail cannot be made as scheduled, the firefighter will make satisfactory arrangements with his Lieutenant.
- III. One missed detail will require firefighter to meet with his Lieut. and Capt. Excused misses will require a make up detail. Unexcused misses will require a make up detail and one additional detail.
- IV. Two missed details means suspension untill a meeting with the Lieut. , Capt. , and one Chief Officer.
- V. Three missed details means automatic dismissal.
- VI. Roll calls will be kept by the Lieut. in charge with a copy to the Major in charge (Major M. R. Zehnder).

  
Chief John M. Monahan, Jr.  
2/1/72

**ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

INCORPORATED



4114 Lyndon Way - P. O. Box 7283  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

**GIFT OF APPRECIATION**

Approved by the Board of Directors, June 1972

A gift certificate will be given all eligible persons within one month of his resigning the Department. The amount of the certificate will be determined by the sum of the active service the person has been a firefighter or a board member.

**To be eligible:**

- 1) The individual must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 2) Resign in good standing.
- 3) Meet minimum time requirements.
- 3A) Required time need not be consecutive.

The following is a listing of the time requirements and the businesses where the gift certificates may be redeemed.

10 YEARS	\$25.00
15 YEARS	50.00
20 YEARS	75.00
25 YEARS	100.00

K. Brown Jewelers  
Marckley-Mendricks Jewelers  
Rodes  
Hycks

Levy Brothers  
Fanneys  
Oakwood Sporting Goods  
Allied Sporting Goods

The firefighter will also be allowed to keep his firefighting helmet.

A. ULTIMATE PRAYERS

When I am called to Duty, God,  
Wherever flames may rage;  
Give me strength to save some life,  
What so ever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late;  
Or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
And hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently,  
Put the fire out,  
I want to fill my calling and  
To give the best of me;  
To guard every neighbor and  
Protect his property,  
And if according to Your will  
I have to lose my life,  
Please bless with your protecting hand,  
My children and my wife.

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TO: Prospective Applicants  
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can welcome your solicitation for membership into one of the finest firefighter groups in the State of Kentucky. If accepted, you will become a member of one of the most modern, well trained fire departments in our area. We are very demanding in some respects, but also are known throughout our community as group of serious men that can have fun together.

I am sure that after you have been through our initial training sessions you will realize the sincerity and the serious dedication that is expressed by our body of men. Should you need to request my services, do not hesitate to contact me or one of the Assistant Chiefs.

I remain,  


ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Application for Membership

1. Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

3. Previous Address: Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

4. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Wife's Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

9. Nearest Relative: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and address of last school attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Last grade you completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

11. Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_

12. Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

13. May we check your present employer regarding your character and qualifications?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

14. Military Service: Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

15. Are you a member of any reserve unit or National Guard?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

ST. MATTHEWS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

16. Time available for responses: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

17. Are you an American Citizen? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

18. List all physical handicaps, diseases and disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. List your hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. Club Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. Membership in other fire departments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

22. Have you ever been discharged from any other fire Company? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason \_\_\_\_\_

23. Since your 16th birthday have you ever been arrested, indicted, or summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, or ever been convicted, fined, or imprisoned or placed on probation or have been ordered to deposit bail or collateral for the violation of any law, or ordinance "Excluding minor traffic violations" for a fine or forfeiture of \$25.00 or less was imposed. If the answer is yes, please give details in brief, including dates and places.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. Have your driving privileges ever been revoked, suspended or refused?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

25. Drivers license information: \_\_\_\_\_  
What State \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_



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ST. MATTHEWS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

26. Permission is hereby granted to check my record with any Police Department and F.B.I.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

27. References: Give full names and addresses of three persons not related to you and who are not members of this fire department who know you can state your character.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

28. I understand all fire fighting clothes, dress uniforms, auto I.D. tag, etc., issued by the department remains the property of this department and will return same at any time I am no longer on the roster as an active fireman.

29. Personal Doctor \_\_\_\_\_

30. Falsification of the above information will lead to automatic suspension.

I desire to be enrolled as an active member in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. I hereby agree, if elected, that I will abide by the by-laws of the department, its rules and regulations. I pledge that I shall attend all alarms, drills, meetings, and will assist at all department functions when possible. I further agree to obey all lawful orders from my officers when on duty. I also understand that if elected to membership I shall be on probation for one (1) year period.

I hereby swear that all questions have been answered true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

Recommended by:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Approved) (Disapproved) by Membership Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected to Membership \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
Probation Period ends \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_



Voice photo by Roger Augie

A battered door is all that remains of one of the houses that once stood on the Brown Farm. Debris in background has been dumped despite constant patrols by St. Matthews Police.

## Brown Farm apartment plans abandoned

Plans for a 592-unit apartment complex on the Brown Farm in St. Matthews have been abandoned.

"It was just too expensive to get the zoning we wanted," said John G. Fenwick, representative of the Cox and Crawley Constructive Co., the firm that had planned the apartments.

Meanwhile, the land continues to be a lovers' lane, a garbage dump and a meal-time resting spot for St. Matthews policemen on night patrol.

Cox and Crawley, doing business as the Browns Lane Development Co., were in the preliminary stages of seeking a zoning change to R-5 apartment from the current R-4 Residential category.

James Dorsett, executive director of Baptist Hospital East, and Edward Clark, treasurer of the J. Graham Brown Foundation, said they were unaware the property is being used as a garbage dump. Baptist Hospital's 32-acre parcel adjoins the Brown Farm along the farm's western boundary that runs from Browns Lane to Beargrass Creek.

Dorsett said Friday that debris and garbage dumped on the hospital property was being cleaned up. The cleanup began, he said, after *The Voice* inquired about re-

ports that the land is being used as a dump. Construction company employees have not been responsible for the dumping, Dorsett said.

Clark said a "No Dumping" sign would be posted there and the Foundation would ask St. Matthews, which has jurisdiction over the land, to block the driveway that leads into the farm.

Clark added that the property is "in the process of being sold." He would not name the potential buyer.

However, apparently the only potential buyer to express a tangible interest in the land in the last six months was Cox and Crawley, according to documents on file at the Jefferson County Planning Commission office.

Cox and Crawley's plans included re-channeling about a quarter of a mile of the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek, which presently meanders through the site's flood plains. The preliminary plot plan called for a channel 100 feet wide, with earthen dikes on both sides.

The plan proposed apartment units in about 40 four-story buildings. The complex would have been called Fountain

## Brown Farm

Continued from Page 1

View Apartments, according to public documents on file with the Planning Commission.

Fenwick said the company would have had to rebuild the narrow 65-foot-long bridge on Browns Lane, dedicate an 80-foot right of way and widen the road 15 feet from the 90-degree turn south of Alton Road to the bridge that crosses I-64 south of Sherbourne Lane.

In addition, the drainage problems -- about two-thirds of the land is flood plain -- and future Kentucky Highway Department plans for straightening the two 90-degree turns on Browns Lane discouraged the company from moving ahead with the plans, Fenwick said.

Several police officers have said they chase teen-agers from the farm on weekends. They add that some "hippies" occupied one of the dilapidated buildings on the farm during the past summer.

One of the houses was used by firemen for training last summer. It is still in ruins.

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## Arson studied in two fires

The Louisville Arson Squad is investigating a fire that gutted the Midnight Sun women's clothing shop at 3922 Willis Avenue Jan. 24.

A fire Jan. 16 at the Kentec Corp. testing laboratories at 4018 Shelbyville Road is also being "looked into," according to Arson Squad Captain William Foushee.

"They just don't look right," he said. "We've found similarities but right now I can't say one way or the other whether they were set or caused by something else."

The Midnight Sun fire was reported about 7:15 am by employees of the One Hour Martinizing Co., 3921 Willis Ave., according to fire department reports.

By the time fire companies from Louisville arrived, the building "was in

flames," Foushee said. However, firemen limited the fire mostly to the building's interior.

The Norseman, a men's clothing shop adjoining the Midnight Sun, was heavily damaged by water and smoke. The manager, Craig Hurley, said he managed to save some merchandise and most of his records.

Catrina Ross, owner of the Midnight Sun, was out of town. The building is owned by the Eline Realty Co., which also owns the building occupied by Kentec Corp.

Three firemen at the Midnight Sun fire were treated for tar burns at General Hospital and released. They are Capt. Joe Howlett and officers Ronald Long and Ronald Kinberger.



Jeffersonian photo by Robin Garr III

THREE FIRE CHIEFS admire the new, \$50,000 fire engine at McMahan Center Volunteer Fire Department in Hikes Point. From left are Paul O'Leary, McMahan chief; Bob Gaddie, Jeffersontown, and John Monohan, St. Matthews.

2-1-73

## St. Matthews fire reports

A malfunction in the alarm system caused the St. Matthews fire siren to blare for about 3:20 to 3:25 am Thursday, Jan. 25.

Lt. Al Ring, the volunteer fire department's public-relations officer, said the malfunction was corrected and repair made "in a matter of minutes."

The loudness of the siren has been controversial for several years. However, Ring said state regulations make it impossible to install a quieter siren.

Fire runs reported to Chief John Monohan included:

Jan. 20 -- 9 am -- 209 Perryman, automobile owned by Curtis Hardin, destroyed.

Jan. 20 -- 1:05 pm -- Watterson Expressway near Westport Rd., auto, out on arrival.

Jan. 19 -- 8:25 am -- couch in home of J. R. Bade, 3913 St. Germaine, destroyed.

Jan. 19 -- 6:38 pm -- 4171 Westport Rd., grease on stove, no damage.

Jan. 19 -- 9 am -- Pryor's Restaurant, 4170 Shelbyville Rd., gas leak. Nothing burned, no damage.

Jan. 17 -- 8:15 am -- St. Matthews Nursing Home, Browns Lane, alarm accidentally set off by plumber.

Jan. 17 -- 1:15 pm -- couch in home of W. O. Waterhouse, 279 Salisbury Square. No description of damage on fire department report.

Jan. 16 -- 7:20 pm -- auto at 3721 Lexington Rd., out on arrival.

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February 8, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Feb. 8, 1973.

Directors present:

John Monohan

Fred Boss

Geo. Miller

W. Leland Wilson

Bob Walling

Marty Kamer

Phil Grauman

J. P. Terry

Mr. Monahan read minutes of meeting held Jan. 11, 1973  
Motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Boss that minutes be accepted as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Terry that we purchase a total of 60 lockers from Gil Mueller at a price of \$24.79 each.

Following the death of Mr. Cecil Lundsford on Jan. 11, 1973 a check for a full month's salary was issued with the following deductions-\$6.00 for Occupational Tax  
\$23.56 for Social Security Tax  
Net amount of check being \$276.44 was issued on Jan. 29, 1973

Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that a Dinner/dance be given for the firemen and their wives. Directors are also invited. Dinner to be on April 10 at Keith's Landing and the dance on April 14 at the V.F.W. Hall.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Monohan and seconded by Mr. Terry that meeting be ajourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.





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February 10, 1973: 4810 Brownsboro Road, the Winn Dixie Store. From the private collection of Malcolm McMakin.



Ken Reising



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February 15, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

February 22, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

If the St. Matthews Volunteer firemen ever have to use its "Jaws of Life" rescue apparatus, they should know what they are doing.

Each night for the last weeks, the firemen have used the device to stretch, bend and open "used" cars behind the fire house on Lyndon Lane.

Other training last week included work with ladders and instruction in salvage and overhaul. Lt. Al Ring said. Capt. Bob Walling directed the ladder work and Lt. Doug Monohan worked directed salvage instruction.

Fire reported to Chief John Monohan: Feb. 6 -- 8:06 am -- 123 Fairmeade Rd., furnace motor in home of E. Jones, motor destroyed.

Feb. 5 -- 11:15 pm -- 1804 Knollwood Rd., auto, destroyed.

Feb. 4 -- 1:23 am -- 125 Don Allen Rd., bushes, light damage.

Feb. 4 -- 1:52 pm -- 4232 Alton, auto, out on arrival.

## St. Matthews firefighters finish jaws of life training

Five mangled automobiles have been removed from behind St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. The firefighters have bent, ripped and stretched the cars from bumper to bumper -- for training purposes.

Using the "jaws of life" equipment, firemen have learned how to remove a person who has been trapped in a wrecked car without having to wait for a wrecker or perhaps a cutting torch.

Last week, the firemen practiced fighting automobile fires on Sunday with Lt. Al Ring in charge. On Tuesday, Capt. Bob Walling guided ladder practice and Lt. Doug Monohan worked with firemen on salvage and overhaul work.

In April, 30 firemen plan to take a special first aid course, according to

Lt. Ring. The course will be taught by Capt. Walling and Lt. Gene Curbow, both qualified Red Cross first aid instructors and members of the fire department.

Fire runs reported by Chief John Monohan:

Feb. 10 -- 8:31 pm -- 3518 Hycliffe Ave., dog house, demolished, dog was not at home, according to firemen.

Feb. 11 -- 8:45 pm -- Winn-Dixie grocery, Brownsboro Shopping Center, fire in rear stock room, damaged estimated at \$10,000 by store manager, Jerry Denton. Injured was Doug Morris, 17, of 115 Sweetbriar Lane, when he kicked in front door to turn in alarm.

Feb. 13 -- 3:30 pm -- Windhurst subdivision, trash pile, nothing damaged.

March 1, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

St. Matthews Volunteer firemen studied placement of equipment on each piece of fire fighting apparatus last week.

Lt. Al Ring was in charge. Ring told firemen to put each nozzle and hose in a specific location on each fire truck for split-second use in fighting fires.

On Tuesday, Capt. Bob Walling directed ladder practice at the fire house on Lyndon Way. Lt. Doug Monohan guided salvage and overhaul later the same evening.

Fires reported to Chief John Monohan: Feb. 20 -- 8:15 pm -- home of Frank Corao, 3612 St. Germaine, bedroom, damage to box springs and mattress. Feb. 18 -- 9:50 am -- 4110 Ledyard Rd., trash on fire in garage, little damage.

Feb. 16 -- 4:30 am -- Ponderosa Steakhouse, 5025 Shelbyville Rd., malfunction in alarm system. No damage.

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Directors present:

Geo. Miller  
W. Leland Wilson  
Bob Walling  
Phil Grauman  
Fred Boss

John Monohan  
J. P. Terry  
Marty Kamer

Minutes of meeting held on Feb. 8, 1973 was read by Marty Kamer. Motion made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Walling that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Grauman read a letter from I.R.S. In this letter it stated that I.R.S. has no record of the Assn. having ever applied for Federal Income Tax Exemption. In this case the Assn. would have to apply for exemption. But on the other hand it is the belief that we do have a tax exemption number. Mr Grauman said he will inquire further to see if the Assn. is exempted.

There was some discussion in regards to Workmans Compensation. Upon Mr. Graumans advice Mr. Monohan said he would find out how much a fireman would be paid, if injured, by the Insurance Co,s that the Dept. has policies with.

Representing the firemen, Mr. Walling asked when would the parking lot be resurfaced. Mr. Monohan said for the time being he suggest covering it with oil to settle the dust, which seems to be what most firemen are complaining about.

Also Mr. Walling displayed a new Safety Type Helment. He wanted to know if the board thought it appropate to furnish each fireman with this type helment. Mr. Monohan suggested that we not buy these helmets at present, but wait to see what the Federas Safety requirements will be. This helmet may or may not meet requirements.

There being no further business Mr. Boss made a motion that meeting be ajourned. Motion was seconded by Mr. Terry.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



1973

March 15, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

March 22, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Sadie Apperious Monohan, longtime resident of St. Matthews, who died Saturday, March 10 at Norton Memorial Infirmary.

Mrs. Monohan is survived by three children, Miss Alice Monohan, Mrs. Matthew W. Houston, and John M. Monohan Jr. Mr. Monohan is chief of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

Born October 9, 1884 in Montgomery, Ala., she came to Louisville in 1907. The original family home was on 329 acres of land on Browns Lane, part of which was sold and is now the sites of St. Matthews Elementary School and Waggener High School.

This is Chief John M. Monohan, Jr's mother.

## Community faces burning ban compliance

By Hugo Auge  
Staff Writer

Mayor Bernard Bowling said Tuesday St. Matthews might purchase a "wood chipper" to dispose of residential tree trimmings and other yard debris.

The city must find some alternative to burning trimmings and debris before next fall, it was a county-wide anti-burning law will be strictly enforced.

Only backyard cook stoves and a few special two-burner stoves as those used by farmers, the training will be provided, according to Robert Offutt, chief officer of the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District.

"We'll just have to give these problems on to you all," Bowling said. "We won't take the answer. I think we'll have to buy a wood chipper and sell the chips."

He smiled and almost laughed.

Offutt was speaking to the City Council to urge the members to plan for problems likely to arise when the burning ban goes into effect. He told Bowling a company in eastern Kentucky purchases wood chips.

### Plan immediately

Offutt said St. Matthews faces air pollution problems from "burning trees to

buildings, traffic and incineration of solid wastes."

He suggested the city begin immediate planning on how to handle solid wastes that will no longer be burned when the ban becomes effective.

Council took no action and there was no open discussion of the matter after the public session of the council's meeting. A county regulation passed two years ago called for an anti-burning deadline Jan. 10, 1973. But it was extended to this Oct. 12 because of difficulties in planning to enforce the law, Offutt said.

Solid waste disposal problems will increase as the air pollution district closes incinerators throughout the county, he said.

last six weeks, 30 incinerators have been closed vicariously by businesses, Offutt told the council.

"Government is going to have to help people get rid of these trimmings and debris," Bowling said. He said county government and city government should work together on the project.

"They did it for leaves," said Bowling, referring to an annual county-city program that allows residents to dispose of leaves when bagged and tied at the county work Jefferson County Works Department district office on North Hubbards Lane.

"There is no reason why government agency can't have a chipper down there.

It is easier that way than parking and up off the side of the roads.

"We can't get half way on the leaves -- we could do the same thing for tree trimmings. The chipper would be ideal even if we have to charge fifty cents or a dollar for the service. It would have to be a fair cost," said Bowling.

In addition, Offutt said, traffic problems caused by "commercialization" along Shelbyville Road are a source of air pollution.

He said the air pollution board wants to have locations of planned shopping centers, or any project that might cause

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## Burning ban enforced

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solid waste disposal problems.

"The problem isn't the dirty smoke staked people talk about. It is us, people."

Air pollution in the form of carbon monoxide becomes a more "severe problem when traffic" does not flow smoothly, Offutt said.

Bowling said the city is working with

the state highway department to try to eliminate "left turn lights that only back traffic up. It's ridiculous, sitting there polluting the air with the motors running holding up traffic."

Offutt offered the "expertise" of his 38 person staff to the council to help it air its pollution problems.

"It is going to take a lot of planning to take care of these problems," Offutt said.



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1973

April 12, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on April 12, 1973.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller  
Bob Walling  
Fred Boss  
John Monohan  
Marty Kamer  
J. P. Terry

Minutes of meeting held on March 8, 1973 was read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Walling that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that he has a scheduled meeting to discuss Workmans Compensation insurance.

Some discussion took place in regards to black topping the parking lot. It was decided to first let the firemen submit their plans and ideas as to what they want, before making any final plans.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry, that meeting be ajourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

April 17, 1973, Letter—New fire apparatus pump test.

Copy made for - Call Out 5-1-73

April 17, 1973

Mr. John H. Monohan, Jr., Chief  
St. Matthews Fire Department  
1111 London Way  
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40007

Dear Sir:

**NEW FIRE APPARATUS  
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We have received, from Hadschiforo Laboratories, Inc., a pumping performance certificate for portable 1500 gallon pump.

These data indicate that full output will be an order for the rated pumping capacity of this unit.

We must point out that the certification pertains only to pumping performance, and that it is your responsibility, as in the past, that you satisfy yourself regarding other characteristics of the equipment, including such as reliability.

We shall maintain contact on an advisory of the data and equipment provided with the equipment.

Very truly yours,

*Anthony J. Henry*

ANTHONY J. HENRY  
CHIEF, ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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April 1973: The department took delivery of S6, a 1500 GPM Mack pumper.



1973

April 26, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:  
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DRIVING ST. MATTHEWS, LYNDON, THREE POINT, LEBLANC, FRI AND STURGEON

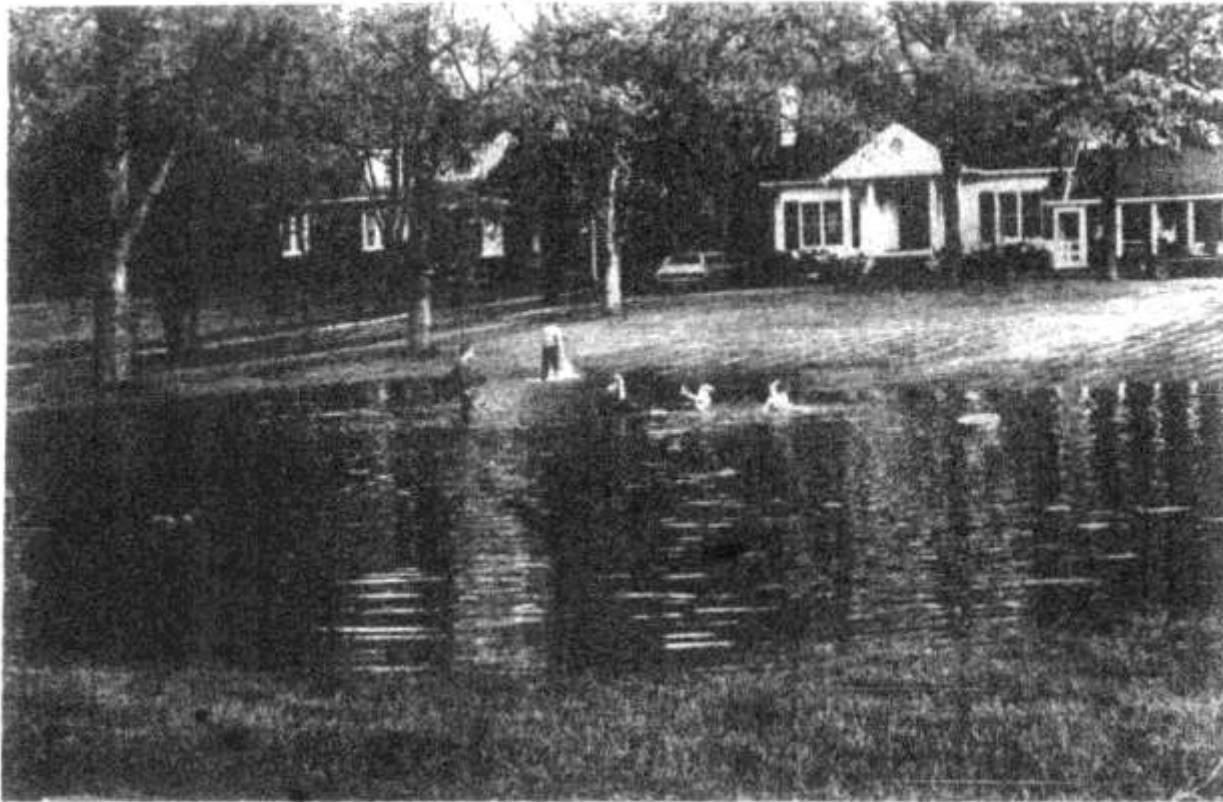


Photo by Guthrie Culbertson

WHETHER they liked it or not, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols of Brownsboro Road in Indian Hills had a natural lake in front of their home Monday. Taking advantage of the recreation is their son, Robbie and friends Hunter Harris, John Hutcherson, Ed and Ann Rankin.

Below, Robert Strong, works foreman for St. Matthews, pulls debris from a clogged storm drain.



Voice photo by Mary Brigham

## Debris clogs drains after big rainstorm

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

On Monday afternoon, Millard French, St. Matthews city councilman, stood on the corner of Nant Avenue and Meridian looking out on the lake of water that stretched up Kans toward Browns Lane.

"If someone could open that drain over there, this water would begin to go out," he said.

"I'd do it myself if I had boots on," he said firmly, looking down at the reporter's galosh-clad feet.

The reporter volunteered to try to remove the debris-clogged grate covering the drain. A 20-foot slush diagonally across the street placed the reporter in ankle-deep water right next to the clogged drain.

"Just pull it up," French said knowingly. The reporter dipped an arm into the water until it lapped above the elbow.

With one good jerk, the grate came free and water began to gurgle and swirl its way to Beargrass Creek.

Rain had fallen steadily since early morning and water had backed up on many streets in St. Matthews and throughout the East End. Cars "flooded out" in small lakes on Westport Road, Gilman Avenue and in Cherokee Park.

Later, as water on Winchester Avenue near Delray Avenue receded from what

the front porches of homes, Mrs. Betty Neal of 4302 Winchester Road, watched St. Matthews works department foreman, Robert Strong, unplug debris-clogged drains.

Meanwhile, some children playing near 4206 Winchester tried to prevent water from swirling down a drain that was mostly open.

"This is part of the problem," said Robert Strong, pointing to the children. They stopped their clogging operation when admonished by Strong.

Over on North Church Way, Mary C. Hayes, owner of the building she lives in at 4215, said, "It's really rough when the water gets this way. I've had to put up with it for six years ever since they did all this paving."

Problems with high water also bothered drivers crossing the Beargrass Creek bridge on Browns Lane, drivers trying to make their way down Gilman Avenue in north St. Matthews, and drivers taking the plunge down Shastler Avenue, where storm drains are partially installed but not yet open.

The weather bureau at Standford Field said 4.49 inches of rain fell between 1 am and 3:48 pm Monday. But the East End got off easy compared to Dallas-Fort Worth (Texas) which was deluged with 3.5 inches in a similar time period.

April 26, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Rudy Lane extension approved

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

Construction of a new intersection at Rudy Lane and Brownsboro Road will probably not begin before August and will not be completed before the fall school term, *The Voice* was told this week.

The \$100,000 project received federal approval last week, but will not go out to bid for several months.

Actually, the state Bureau of Highways is not planning much of a project there, according to Mel Winstead, assistant district engineer for pre-construction.

But it will mean a lot to the bus drivers who haul children to the Dunn Elementary School, 4799 Brownsboro Road.

No longer will they have to go through all kinds of driving contortions to get their buses on the road to the school when they come from the east along Brownsboro Road.

According to plans outlined by Winstead, about 400 feet of the roadway that leads from the school to Brownsboro Road will be bent to the east about 50 feet until it aligns with Rudy Lane.

## Rudy Lane unchanged

There will be no changes made to the existing Rudy Lane on the south side of Brownsboro Road, Winstead said.

A new traffic signal will be installed in the intersection.

The net effect will be to create a traditional intersection at that location.

Also, the elimination of the existing school entrance and the Holiday Inn entrance will eliminate a potentially

Winstead said.

"It will mean one traffic light there and make it easier for getting in and out of those areas," Winstead said.

## Storage lane

A storage lane will be constructed on eastbound Brownsboro Road to handle left turn traffic. That means additional right-of-way of about five feet must be acquired from two property owners on the south side of Brownsboro Road, Winstead said. The additional right-of-way is needed to maintain the existing two through lanes.

An additional lane will be built on the north side of Brownsboro Road from the Watterson Expressway exit ramp to the new Rudy Lane extension, a distance of about 100 feet.

A new Holiday Inn entrance and exit will enter the new Rudy Lane about 100 feet north of Brownsboro Road, Winstead said.

"It (the intersection) certainly won't be finished when school starts,"

Winstead said. "No way."

An early date for start of construction is early August, Winstead said. Contracts for the work probably will not be let until late June or early July, he added.

Just this week, federal officials approved the design plans.

Winstead estimated total cost of the project at about \$100,000 which includes some lane improvements on the east side of the expressway in front of the City of Northfield and on Brownsboro Road between the expressway and the intersection with Ky.22.

May 3, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Parade sends boys off

Shouting, enthusiastic boys clad in bright new baseball uniforms paraded to the St. Matthews Community Center last Saturday for the opening day of the St. Matthews Little League season.

A fire engine from the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department led the 400 boys from Waggoner High School to Cannons Lane down Shelbyville Road to the sounds of blowing horns.

The engine carried the Lions Club and Jim Cooke Buick teams, winners of last year's leagues.

The 75 cars comprising the parade bore multi-colored streamers and personally painted signs identifying the teams. A prize for the best decorated car went to Rhodes in the Mall. The team members were given free refreshments at the concession stand.



1973

May 10, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on May 10, 1973.

Directors present:  
Geo. Miller  
W. Leland Wilson  
Bob Walling  
John Monohan  
Fred Boss  
Marty Kamer  
Phil Grauman

Minutes of April 12, 1973 meeting were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Miller that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that he was advised by carrier of present insurance policies, that we drop said policies upon expiration. No additional insurance needed since we are covered by Workmans Compensation.

Mr. Boss made a motion that we pay cash in full for new Fire truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Walling.

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan and seconded by Mr. Wilson that we purchase 12 more lockers for firemen, from General Auto Supplies. Mr. Walling was instructed to place order for said lockers.

Mr. Grauman reported that he had talked to Mr. Malcolm Marshall, who represented Lou. Country Club, in regards to fire protection dues.

Also Mr. Miller reported having talked with Mr. Marshall. After some negotiating with Mr. Miller, Mr. Marshall agreed to pay \$325.00 per year for fire protection. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walling, that we accept their offer of \$325.00 per year. Mr. Monohan opposed the motion. A vote was then taken and all directors present, except Mr. Monohan, voted to accept the \$325.00 per year offer. Mr. Boss was instructed to send bills to Lou. Country Club for \$325.00 for 1972 and \$325.00 for 1973.

Mr. Walling reported that the firemen still would like to have a switch installed that would open the rear doors.

A motion was made by Mr. Walling, seconded by Mr. Grauman, that the board vote on installing said switch on a 30 day trial basis. Mr. Monohan opposed the motion. A vote was taken and all voted in favor except Mr. Monohan.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



May 20, 1973, Unknown article:

Al Ring, of the St. Matthews volunteer department and vice president of the county firefighters association, was upset recently when he found that there were no hydrants on the construction site of Baptist Hospital East, not far from I-64.

Ring recalled the 1966 fire at the Jamestown Apartments on Breckinridge Lane that destroyed three large apartment buildings under construction, while firemen stood by helplessly because of lack of water supplies.

If a fire occurred at the hospital site now, he said, firemen would have to go more than 1,000 feet to the nearest hydrant — at the Jamestown Apartments.

In the past few weeks, Baptist Hospital officials signed a contract with the water company for nearly \$50,000 worth of water mains and nine fire hydrants.

But Ring, Thom and other volunteer firemen want all water and hydrant installations in before any above-ground construction begins and they want adequate (gravel or hard surface) roads available for fire trucks to be able to enter and exit.

These two points will be the main parts of a proposed amendment to the 1972 resolution passed by Fiscal Court.

Clare, the liaison man between the firefighters and county government, said he plans to seek Fiscal Court approval of the amendment in the next several weeks.

*May 22, 1973*

1973

May 12, 1973, The Courier-Journal, STMFD did not respond.

# Crashes on U.S. 42 fatal to man, woman

A man and a woman, both of the Louisville area, died in separate accidents on U.S. 42 yesterday morning.

Dead are:

✓ Betsy Perkins, 41, of 218 Sequoya Road.

✓ George S. Miller, 59, of 7819 Pine Ridge Road.

Miller, a mechanical engineer with the E. R. Ronald Associates and a past potentate of Kosair Temple, was pronounced dead at General Hospital at 8:30 a.m. after an accident involving a sports car and a pickup truck on U.S. 42 at Wolf Pen Branch Road.

County patrolman Ed Davis said Miller was driving north on Wolf Pen Branch Road when his car collided with a truck driven by Marvin J. Spitznagel, 42, of Clarksville at the U.S. 42 intersection.

## Strike to end Monday at Shelbyville plant

A two-month-old strike at the American Air Filter Plant in Shelbyville, Ky., will end Monday when some 60 members of United Auto Workers Local 43 go back to work.

The union members voted Thursday to accept a company offer of a wage increase of 30 cents an hour during the first year of a three-year contract. Under the terms of the new contract workers will now average \$3.70 an hour, according to a union official. Any increase in the cost of living will also be matched by an equal increase in wages, the official said.

A company spokesman confirmed the settlement. The strike started March 14 at the company which makes industrial air-filtration equipment.

## Rapes are reported by two Louisville women

A 37-year-old Louisville woman told city police that a man wearing a uniform resembling the one worn by police approached her as she was standing at 17th

Miller was pinned in his car about 15 minutes before the police and Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department were able to free him.

Anderson said Miller died of internal injuries and suffered a fractured left leg in the wreck. Spitznagel was not injured.

Miller was a member of the Bethel United Church of Christ, past master of Harry R. Kendall Masonic Lodge, a member of the Louisville DeMolay Commandery, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Survivors include his wife, Syble Miller; two sons, G. Michael Miller and Wallace R. Miller, and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Pearson's, 149 Breckinridge Lane, with entombment in Resthaven Mausoleum. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Kosair Crippled Children Hospital or the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home.

The body will be at the funeral home after noon today.

Mrs. Perkins was killed at 2:45 a.m. when a car driven by her husband, John Perkins, 43, apparently went out of control while headed east on U.S. 42.

According to Jefferson County police Lt. William Kamber, the Perkins car had been going north on Hubbards Lane and then made a right turn into the eastbound lane of U.S. 42 when it hit a mound, overturned and landed about 5 feet off the road 150 yards east of Hubbards Lane.

Mrs. Perkins was partially thrown from the car and was pinned in the wreckage. Chief Deputy Coroner William S. Anderson said she died at the scene of internal injuries and a possible broken neck. Her husband was not hurt.

Mrs. Perkins was the former Betsy Rivers.

Other survivors include a son, John E. Perkins III; a daughter, Miss Diane R. Perkins, and a sister, Mrs. D. L. Weyenberg, of Waco, Texas.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road, with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park. The body will be at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today.





1973

1973 Crusade: \$23,676.00

S1, \$3,163.46 S2, \$1,941.15 S3, \$3,766.86 S4, \$4,200.42 S5, \$4,306.28 S6, \$1,764.28,  
Down Town, \$341.38, Business, \$1,429.00, Miscellaneous, \$2,763.17

Sold raffle tickets for GE TV. Made \$395.25.

1973, Courtesy Marty Kamer:

1973  
La Grange - 4222  
Zareton - 4170  
Shelby Co - 3084  
Clarksville - 5970  
Jeffersonville Community Club - 12410  
Shelbyville - 3416  
Fern Creek - 6386  
Buechel - 4520  
Hanna's Creek - \* REDMEN - 25,500  
Fondale - 9112  
Wentington -  
Camp Taylor - 11 610  
Oxolona - 13595  
Vine Grove 1600  
Shively, Dine Sub. - 14525

Crusade 1973  
St. Matthews - 23,673<sup>12</sup> - Mt. Pleasant - 13586  
Pleasure Ridge - 28351 Jeffersonville - 7814  
Lake Drummond - 694V Black Mt. - 7033  
Lebanon Junction - 1350 Middletown - 7190  
Wentington - 3110 Lyndon - 10575  
Simpsonville - Edgewood - 5080  
West Point - 1110 North Oldham - 964  
Highview - 5403  
Spencer Co - 1173  
Westport Vol - 366  
Pearce Valley - 2430  
South Dixie - 7361  
Pleasantville - 1540  
Kirtwood - 1325  
Muldraugh - 1313  
Radcliffe - 5500  
Ballardsville - 436  
New Castle - 14M  
Emmence - 1256  
E-town - 9050  
Total - 47212  
GE - 40,000

Monday Night  
Sent out S1 and S2 Park area.  
S1 286.96  
S2 408.62  
Total 695.58  
No road block  
Wednesday Night  
Sent out S1 and S2 Born Ave area  
S1 200.67  
S2 515.62  
Road Block 104.45  
Total 820.74  
Thursday Night  
Sent out S1 and S2 finish outside areas  
S1 398.01  
S2 545.14  
Road Block 100.69  
Total 1043.84  
Raffel  
Sold tickets on portable GE tv.  
395.25  
Business Money and large checks  
\$1429.00  
Outside Canvace  
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Our Canvace  
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Road Blocks  
\$3762.62

1973 Crusade for Children - Courtesy and gain  
Counted by Citizens-Videology Bank & Trust Co. (Wilson Industries-  
counted)

Currency  
Gain  
Total gain and  
currency



1973

1973 Crusade: \$23,676.00

ST. MATTHEW FIRE ASSOCIATION					CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN 1973					
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		MILLET	7:00	6PM	NIGHT					
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S-2	408.62					256.82				
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May 24, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## Firemen raise \$\$ in children's crusade

A few days before the WHAS Crusade for Children ended, St. Matthews volunteer fireman Lt. Al Ring predicted the department would collect between \$21,000 and \$23,000.

Late Sunday, May 20, the department delivered \$23,673.42 to the Crusade. That was \$2,208.88 more than last year. But Ring is not satisfied.

"What the business community gives is pathetic, pathetic," Ring said scowling.

He estimated total contributions from businesses at "about \$1,000 not much more than that. They have ten million excuses," he said.

During the Crusade, St. Matthews volunteer firemen collect in an area bounded generally by I-64, the Waterson Expressway and I-71 down to Zorn Avenue and back to I-64.

Ring estimated about 40,000 to 50,000 people live in the area.

"Imagine if each person gave just one dollar, one little dollar," he said.

Well, maybe next year.

To generate this year's donation, the firemen raffled a television that was won by a lady from Prospect, occupied roadblocks on Shelbyville Road, and canvassed door to door.

### Interruptions

On Sunday, the canvass was interrupted by a call to a house on Maxine Avenue to rescue a cat from an air duct. The firemen decided to let the cat stay in hiding until it got hungry and went back to collecting.

Last Thursday, three teenagers boys squirted liquid from a fire extinguisher at firemen occupying the roadblock at Hubbards Lane and Shelbyville Road.

The three appeared in St. Matthews Police Court on Monday, May 21, on charges of disorderly conduct and possession of alcoholic beverages.

Judge Thurston Crady fined one \$100 and costs, another \$50 and costs and allowed the third to pay a \$25 and costs fine by working one day for the St. Matthews works department.

But one fireman said those incidents, humorous or not, will be forgotten by the time money collected in the Crusade begins to find its way to the children who need it.

### Other departments

In other East End areas, at least one volunteer department refrained from roadblocks and street soliciting and confined their efforts to homes and churches.

The Worthington Volunteer Fire Department collected \$3,110 and set a record for the department. They made

at least one call on all the 1,300 homes in the district and made as many as two call-backs to reach people not at home during the first call.

When the firemen sat down to a fried chicken and baked ham dinner prepared for them on Saturday night by the ladies auxiliary, they had already exceeded last year's figure by \$60. This figure reached a total of \$210 by Sunday noon.

The Eastwood volunteers also exceeded last year's collection figure. With approximately 18 firemen working on door to door collections and roadblocks on U.S. 50 and Taylorsville Road, they collected \$1,355. Last year's figure was \$982.

Thirty-five volunteers from the Mid-town district canvassed an estimated 8,000 homes in the area, conducted

roadblocks and solicited church collections. The total figure in this area was \$7,194, an excess of \$1,000 over last year's collection.

A total of \$7,814 was collected in Jeffersonton. Thirty-four firemen, approximately ten teenagers, eight boy scouts from troop 375 and six from troop 175, plus 13 members of the Ladies Auxiliary canvassed some 5,500 homes and 150 businesses. The firemen also set up roadblocks on Taylorsville Road in front of the shopping center.

The Harrods Creek Volunteer Department canvassed the entire River Road area and set up roadblocks at U.S. 42 and 32, at River Road and Harrods Creek bridge and at the entrance to Hunting Creek. With 40 canvassers on the job, they collected \$6,620.10. This

year's plan involved alternating the trucks in different areas so that the firemen could become better acquainted with streets in the district.

The Lyndon fire trucks canvassed some 7,700 homes in the district and solicited from roadblocks on Shelbyville and LaGrange Roads, routes 42 and 22, Harshbourne and Shelbyville Road and at Camoor.

According to Captain Bruce McMillan, about 90 people took part in the canvassing, including firemen, auxiliary members and older children. The collection figure was \$10,576 which was an increase of \$206 over last year's figure.

Members of the ladies auxiliary provided lunch and supper on Saturday and Sunday lunch.

May 31, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews VFD runs for May

These fire and emergency runs have been reported by St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Monahan.

--May 1, 3421 Warner Ave., home of Allan A. Board, bedroom.

--May 1, Bob Klempa Chrysler-Plymouth, 4138 Shelbyville Road, front room, little damage.

--May 2, home of Paul H. Eadsen, 4045 Massie Ave., living room.

--May 3, auto of Judith Franklin, 4311 Northbourne Blvd.

--May 4, auto in front of GES, Breckinridge Lane, no fire, auto's owner could not be located.

--May 5, auto in Almart parking lot Shelbyville Road, no damage, car driven away.

--May 7, backed up McMahon Volunteer Fire Dept.

--May 8, First National Bank, Mall Shopping Center, gas leak, ventilated with fans.

--May 8, truck on Waterson Express-

way between Brownshoro Road and Shelbyville Road.

--May 9, Penney's Mall Shopping Center, false.

--May 9, auto of C. L. McGuire, 4210 S. Church Way.

--May 11, field fire, 4617 Beaver Road.

--May 12, auto accident gasoline wash-off, 4100 block of Shelbyville Road.

--May 14, auto in front of 3618 Brownshoro Rd., Louisville fire department made the run.

--May 14, auto at St. Matthews Community Center, Shelbyville Road.

--May 17, home of James Connel, 3806 Staebler Ave., frying pan, out on arrival.

--May 19, auto of Douglas Jones, parked on Sears Avenue at Shelbyville Road, fire under hood.

--May 20, 3834 Massie Ave., cat in air duct, no response by fire trucks.

--May 21, home of M. Higgins, 3937 Staebler Ave., electric plug, no fire.

--May 21, home of J. Mulaney, 216 Choctaw, oven unit on electric range.

--May 23, auto of W. Brown, 4700 Sallistery Square, out on arrival.

--May 23, home of Mrs. C. E. Johnson, 4188 Blenheim Road, gas dryer.

--May 23, auto of Katherine Watkins, 4174 Westport Road.

--May 23, oxygen request at apartment of Mrs. Schmeider, 120 Meridian.

ments has always been fierce. The winner this year was the Pleasure Ridge Fire Department with \$28,351.82.

The **St. Matthews** Volunteer **Fire** Department this year contributed \$23,673.42 — an improvement of \$2,208.88 over their 1972 total.

Two other groups that traditionally contribute prodigious sums came through again this year.

1973

May or June 1973, training exercise with Harrods Creek:



Comments from Rick Albers June 2007: (His not my language.) Training fire on Hillsdale Road off of Lime Kiln Lane, in Harrods Creek Fire District, in May or June of 1973. (I remember going in with a booster line and it was really smoky and nasty. Al (Ring), this was a fire that you set and came walking out with a shit-eating grin on your face. I think you used an old piss soaked mattress and maybe a tire or two.

Kennedy Clark, Jr. was backing me up and it was right after lunch and he started hacking and coughing and then he puked all over the back of my turnout coat. I could feel the chunks hitting my coat & I almost barfed but I crawled into the room that was on fire and hit the fire. It was pre-flashover but was hotter than shit. After we knocked the fire down, we ventilated with the fog nozzle and then overhauled a little and then backed out.

When we got outside, Kennedy barfed up the rest of his lunch and someone asked what was all baked on my coat so I made Kennedy take the booster line and blast his cooked vomit off my coat.)

1973

June 7, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## New siren arrives

"Shoot," said Lt. Al Ring, "just say it is big enough to handle water for any fire we'll have for a long, long time to come."

Ring, spokesman for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, pointed to the gleaming new \$75,000 pumper truck parked in the station on Lyndon Way.

The truck is capable of pumping over 2,000 gallons of water per minute on to a fire. Its pumps are powerful enough to lift water to the top of the

highest buildings in the department's district, Ring said.

The truck carries a crew of six to eight, weighs 32,000 pounds, has a water storage capacity of 500 gallons and is powered by a 350-horsepower diesel engine, according to a spokesman for the manufacturer, Mack Trucks.

Ring said the truck is equipped with ten hose outlets. Average number of outlets on pumpers is six, he said.

June 14, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

These fire runs were reported by St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Monahan from May 23 through June 1.

May 25 -- apartment of Lynne Carnes, 165 Thierman Lane, odor of smoke, no fire found.

May 26 -- auto 5025 Shelbyville Road, washed gasoline from roadway.

May 26 -- L.S. Ayres, Mall Shopping Center, power failure during heavy rain storm, electric motor damaged.

May 26 -- Woolco store, Blue Grass Manor Shopping Center, Shelbyville Road, power failure during rain storm, electric motor damaged.

May 26 -- Patto Lounge, Mall Shopping Center, Shelbyville Road, power failure, electric motor damaged.

May 26 -- Blue Boar Restaurant, Mall Shopping Center, Shelbyville Road, power failure, electric motor damaged.

May 26 -- Embassy Supper Club, 4625 Shelbyville Road, power failure, electric motor damaged.

May 27 -- auto at 3504 Lexington Road, actually handled by Louisville Fire Department.

May 30 -- home of Martin Kaden, 406 Rolling Lane, food in stove.

May 31 -- Trinity High School, 4011 Frankfort Avenue, dumpster.



June 14, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Firemen working for 1974 Crusade

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

When the Crusade for Children rolls around next year, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is darned well going to be ready, according to Fire Lt. Al Ring, the department's crusade chairman.

The volunteers -- and their wives -- have already started collecting money and making plans for more fund-raising projects this summer, Ring said.

Ring and other firemen say they want to double the department's \$23,000 contribution made this year.

With about 50,000 people living in the fire protection district, the firemen are convinced that one dollar for each resident is a reasonable goal.

They think contributions from the business community also can be increased.

"The money we collect from the business community is ridiculous," Ring said. "The question is why, and the answer, obviously, is that we are not getting out and asking businessmen for their help."

## Meet with businesses

To correct that situation, fire fighters will meet with business groups, professional associations and service clubs in "hopes that they'll help," Ring said.

Ring and others look on a donation to the Crusade given through the fire department as an expression of community support for the efforts of the volunteers during the past year.

"Here's one time the community can pat the fire department on the back and show its appreciation by turning in the most money for any fire department in the area," Ring said.

"What hurts is when a business or

organization gives a big donation but not through the fire department. Maybe they shouldn't, but the fire fighters take this personally.

"You do have to put some of the blame on us. Maybe we haven't organized right or made the right approach," he said.

This year, all that will change.

Phone lists are being updated, meetings with various organizations will produce action plans that will "make the St. Matthews area number one again," Ring says firmly. For the past couple of years, the Pleasure Ridge Park fire department has turned in the largest donation. St. Matthews and Pleasure Ridge are generally considered arch-rivals for the crusade "title."

## Recycling center

For openers, the volunteers are operating a recycling center at the fire house. They want aluminum cans, paper and cardboard only, Ring said.

Hours will be from 10 am to 4 pm Saturdays and noon to 4 pm Sundays, Ring said.

"Last week, the fire fighters filled an entire bin on their own," Ring said. "But we want more."

Also, firefighters' wives are planning at least one Saturday movie matinee for children and parents at the firehouse on Lyndon Way. No date has been set, Ring said.

"We're going to open about an hour early (about noon or 1 pm) to give people tours of the fire house," Ring said. "We're even looking for a popcorn machine."

The wives are also planning a chili supper, garage sale and card party to be held on different dates at the firehouse, Ring said.

## Pleasure Ridge who?

It has come to our notice that a settlement west of here -- Pleasure Ridge Park some call it -- has a volunteer fire department which gives pretty big money every year to the Crusade for Children. In fact, this curious body has somehow raised several thousand more dollars for the 1973 Crusade than did the sterling and selfless members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Apprised of this doleful news, our local saints of the siren have gone through an appropriate period of shame and mortification. One can imagine the embarrassment of having a gaggle of unknown westerners surpass their fund raising efforts for the second year in a row.

Rather than indulge themselves with derogatory and probably justified criticisms of Pleasure Ridge moneygrubbing schemes, the St. Matthews firefighters have elected to accentuate the positive. Drawing on the strength

of character which is bred into all St. Matthews residents, they have pledged to regain the supremacy which is their natural destiny.

Already they have begun a series of scrap drives, dinners and dances designed to raise nearly \$50,000 next year, nearly double what they raised in a few weeks of effort this spring. Wives and other associates of the firemen are getting involved -- thus adding a powerful new force on the side of the already righteous.

With this sort of reaction, it is safe to predict St. Matthews firemen will be unbeatable in 1974. They have a heavy burden, defending the charitable honor of the East End against the yapping rabble of the southwest. But we have the utmost confidence that hard work and clean thoughts by the St. Matthews volunteers will keep those Pleasure Ridgers parked in second place where they belong.

## June 14, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on June 14, 1973.

### Directors present:

Geo. Miller	W. Leland Wilson
Fred Boss	Marty Kamer
Bob Walling	Phil Grauman
John Monohan	J. P. Terry

Minutes of meeting held on May 10, 1973 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Boss that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that 38% of fire runs so far this year were auto fires, for which we receive nothing.

Mr. Monohan suggested we pay 2 firemen 100% of their cost for completing a course in Fire Science at Jefferson Community College. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Miller, that we pay Russell Bakstrev and Mr. E. Dieckman each \$67.95 for their cost in completing the course.

Mr. Monohan reported having received a letter from one helmet Co., stating that their helmet was approved for safety regulations.

Mr. Walling will talk to another factory about a 2nd. helmet in question to find out if it is approved for safety. If so the board will then decide which one to purchase.

Mr. Walling made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grauman, that Mr. Monohan purchase pants and boots for firemen that are in need of them.

Mr. Monohan said he would like to replace locks on doors to Fire House. Mr. Walling made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that Mr. Monohan investigate what type of lock would be best for our use and purchase same.

Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, that we buy a radio monitor to be installed in Fire House for firemen to listen to Police, City and County fire calls.

Mr. Walling reported the the switch operating the back door has worked successfully. There being no objections by the Chief, the switch operation will continue to be used.

Chief Monohan reported that the firemen voted to have Mr. Walling represent them as a director on the board for a period of one year.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Secy.

*Marty Kamer*

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June 22, 1973, Cash receipts and disbursements:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
JUNE 22, 1972 THRU JUNE 22, 1973

BALANCE - JUNE 22, 1972		\$ 7,430.19	
RECEIPTS			
Rental Income	\$ 1,500.00		
Subscriptions	83,387.28		
Contributions - Jefferson County	2,250.00		
Savings Accounts & Certificates of Deposit Transferred - Net	95,488.76		
Miscellaneous - Interest	3,731.98	186,358.02	
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE			\$193,788.21
DISBURSEMENTS			
CAPITAL			
Equipment & Fixtures	\$ 74,646.15		
Investment - Certificate of Deposit	35,000.00		
- Savings Accounts	50,000.00	\$159,646.15	
EXPENSES			
Donations	\$ 25.00		
Dues & Subscriptions	140.50		
Firemen Training School	457.95		
General Expenses	5,537.54		
Insurance & Taxes	3,423.60		
Legal & Accounting	700.00		
Office Supplies & Expenses	714.11		
Radio System Expense	3,934.96		
Salaries	2,961.41		
Supplies	1,487.32		
Truck Expenses	8,433.11		
Utilities	3,714.72	31,530.22	
Total Disbursements			191,176.37
CASH BALANCE - JUNE 22, 1973			\$ <u>2,611.84</u>

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June 28, 1973, Cash receipts and disbursements:

## In Hikes Point Firemen battle apartment blaze

By Kathy French  
Staff Writer

A joint effort by five fire departments controlled a blaze last Saturday night at Stella's Apartments, 3006 Hikes Lane, where five of the 28 two-story apartment units were severely damaged.

No one was injured — even a pet rabbit was saved.

When the fire was reported about 9:30 pm, McMahan Volunteer Fire Department responded, finding a second-story apartment on the south end of the building in flames.

Jim Wetherby, McMahan assistant chief, said — from all indications the fire began in a bedroom, but the cause is not determined.

The firemen had a difficult task containing the fire, as the building has no fire walls between units, though this is required by law, Wetherby said.

### Not covered

But Stanley Boyd, specification and plans specialist in the Kentucky State Fire Marshall's office in Frankfort, said the Stella's Apartments were apparently not covered by the state law.

National Fire Protection Association's code, adopted as law in Kentucky about 10 years ago, provides for installation of fire walls or a sprinkler system in multiple-unit dwellings above a certain variable size, Boyd said.

But, if the apartment is more than 50 percent damaged, architect's drawings for repairs may have to be submitted to Frankfort for approval, and "fire walls will very likely be required," the state official concluded.

Keith Willoughby, resident manager at Stella's Apartments, said "I'm just the manager, and really couldn't say." He did admit there were no fire walls installed in the structure.

All the residents have been moved out, Willoughby said, and utility service cut off. Insurance inspectors have been off the scene but have not reported, he said.



Staff photo by Robin Garr III

**FIREMEN** from four departments battle the Saturday night fire at Stella's Apartments in Hikes Point.

Mikhail (Mike) Markovits of Preston Homes Inc., owner of the fire-damaged complex, could not be reached for comment.

### Falls through floor

McMahan was assisted by two units from Jeffersontown, one from Louisville Engine Company Eight, and one from St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Buckhol firemen manned the McMahan firehouse during the blaze.

Sgt. Daniel Hackmeier, of the Jeffersontown Fire Department, reported one Louisville fireman fell through the floor of a second-story apartment, but escaped injury when he landed on a bed in the unit below.

Other firemen searching the building for residents discovered a pet rabbit, saving it from a fiery fate.

The fire departments no sooner returned to their houses to clean their hoses and equipment when McMahan's alarm sounded again.

This time, a burn on Hundstinger Lane was blazing. Arson is suspected in the turn fire, Wetherby said. "We let the burn burn three-fourths of the way down, upon the request of the county building inspector, Mr. Riddle," Wetherby said.

The inspector had written a request to condemn the building, where children had been seen playing, the assistant fire chief explained.

Again, Jeffersontown Fire Department assisted McMahan while St. Matthews backed up at the firehouse. During the fire a 2 1/2-inch hose broke loose and hit Sgt. Hackmeier in the jaw, knocking him down on a gravel driveway.

County police took the fireman to Suburban Hospital where he was treated for cuts and abrasions and released.

There were no other injuries.

## St. Matthews renews fire contract

St. Matthews City Council Tuesday renewed its annual contract for fire protection with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

The city will pay \$38,185.42 this fiscal year compared to \$34,385.49 for fiscal 1971-72.

The tax rate of \$3.50 per \$100 assessed valuation remains the same, according to the contract, which is identical in language to last year's.

More money will go to the fire department from the city this year because of an increase in property valuation by the county this past spring, Councilman Harry Jones said.

Police Chief John Monahan said the increase will not mean much to the department's overall budget. Money lost because of the Homestead Exemption for property owners over 65 "will cause us to about break even or take in a little less than last year," Monahan said.

The contract calls for the department to fight fires for the city's approximately 13,500 residents. Businesses are billed by the department.

Also, the council was asked by William Poole, of 117 Ridgeway, about regulations for signs on three commercially zoned lots at the northwest corner of Ridgeway and Shelbyville Road. Mayor Bernard Bowling said the council "will

check it out and give you an answer," Poole said he thought zoning regulations limit signs to 1-1/2 square feet in C-2 districts.

A check by The Voice with the Jefferson County Planning Commission shows that the three lots in question were zoned for apartments in 1969 but were changed to a commercial zoning classification in 1969.

At that time, St. Matthews operated its own trading board. County Zoning District Regulations were adopted by the council in June, 1971.

The zoning classification (C-2) that was given by St. Matthews as a designation for professional offices "is the equivalent really of what professional office, C-3, is in the current regula-

tions," according to Robert Edgar, of the planning commission.

That classification allows signs up to ten square feet, according to the regulations.

The St. Matthews zoning classification was changed in 1971 in conformity to the county's classifications, which changed only the lettering and numbering system being used, not the classification of the three lots, Edgar said.

In the audience of four visitors and two news reporters Tuesday was Don Ernst of 156 Chesworth Lane, who said in April he is forming a ticket to oppose the incumbent council in the general election this November.

Ernst said he was attending the meeting "to gather information."

## Pleasure Ridge firefighters hit back

Dear Editor:

The settlement you mention in your opinion page of June 14, 1973 and some calling Pleasure Ridge Park, covers some 30 square miles and has over 20 schools, in excess of 25 churches, approximately 250 business establishments, and is growing. Population is in excess of 40,000 and the majority of residents here are proud of every inch of ground within this Pleasure Ridge and Northern Valley Station area.

First, let me say we feel your opinion editorial was in very poor taste as we have always tried to keep the competition involved in the Crusade for Children on a friendly basis,

and all working for a common goal of making a first class effort, for a very worthy cause. Name calling is not the way to promote this effort.

The area that the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department covers is made up of primarily blue collar workers of whom all well know the value of a dollar. The Fire Department here is proud of the support the people and businesses in our area have given us since we first started working on the Crusade for Children, and we hope the people of this area are as equally proud of the Fire Department.

Quite to the contrary of your editorial, we do not indulge ourselves in schemes, or money

grubbing, but rely completely on hard work and an annual dedication of the people in our area who have helped us be first in this effort of good will for the last 3 years in a row, and not 2 as your editorial shows, and for all years involved with the exception of two that we can recall.

We agree with the steps now being taken by Mr. Al Ring, who is the St. Matthews Crusade Chairman, in his attempt to promote this worthy cause, as only the Crusade can benefit from this. As we recall he has been

chairman of this for some time, and wonder if the slack may have started at the top.

We have no chairman, but our effort is a joint effort involving firemen, wives, residents, and businesses and from past experience it would appear we are doing things right. If Mr. Al Ring could use any help, as brother firemen, we stand ready.

Bob Bohler  
Pleasure Ridge Park  
Fire Department

## Shively thinks we're snobbish

Editor's Note: Following is an editorial published in The Shively Newsworld of June 28. It was written in response to our own editorial of June 14, "Pleasure Ridge who?" Our editorial encouraged the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department in its announced intention to regain first place in the annual campaign to contribute to the Crusade For Children. That position has been held by the Pleasure Ridge volunteers in recent years. A Letter to the Editor on the same subject appears elsewhere on this page.

The preceding editorial, fraught with snobbish, condescending comments was composed in a typical eastern county elitism style mouthed by most of those who have lived there for six months or more. An eastern county address apparently carries with it a "Holler Than

Thou" viewpoint along with the huge mortgage.

At first glance the editorial would tend to make any red blooded southwest Jefferson Countian boil with resentment. How dare they refer to Pleasure Ridge Park as a settlement? And what right have they to call the P.R.P. Crusade collections "Money grubbing Schemes"?

Yes, the piece certainly seems in bad taste, and technically is far out of line. However, our reaction here in the southwest should not be one of resentment or scorn for what was printed, but rather one of understanding, or if you would, pity, for those that know not of what they speak.

Perhaps we here in the southwest, and those of the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department in particular, have been remiss in allowing our pampered eastern

counterparts to remain for so long in the dark. The subject editorial, that hits out blindly in every direction is proof that few in the St. Matthews area have knowledge of just what a successful Crusade effort is all about.

We could hit back at our eastern critics, pointing out the many hapless schemes tried in the past by those of the St. Matthews area in an effort to gain parity in Crusade collections. But that would be uncharitable at best.

We would suggest that the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department extend a Southwest "Hand of Brotherhood" instead and offer help to our less endowed eastern cousins. It appears we should apply the message of the "Good Samaritan" parable and help the weak and the fallen.

Classes two nights a week might get the job done.



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July 11, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular annual meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on July 11, 1973.

Directors present:  
Bob Walling                      John Monohan  
W. Leland Wilson                Marty Kamer  
Geo. Miller                       J. P. Terry

Minutes of meeting held on June 14, 1973 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Wilson that minutes be accepted as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Terry, that we buy new helmets for all firemen.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that Mr. Terry be elected to serve as a director for a period of four years.

Directors and their terms are as follows:  
John Monohan - term expires 1974  
Fred Boss - term expires 1974  
Phil Grauman - term expires 1975  
Marty Kamer - term expires 1975  
Geo. Miller - term expires 1976  
W. Leland Wilson - term expires 1976  
J. P. Terry - term expires 1977  
\* Vacancy of John Barich not filled

Mr. Walling was elected to serve as a director, representing the firemen, until August 1973 meeting, at which time a new director, representing the firemen, will be elected to serve thru June 1974.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Terry, that the following Officers be elected for a period of one year.

John Monohan, President  
W. Leland Wilson, Vice President  
Fred Boss, Treasurer  
Marty Kamer, Secretary

Motion made by Mr. Kamer, seconded by Mr. Walling, that Mr. Terry be elected to serve as Process Agent for a period of one year.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that the following be elected to serve for a period of one year.

John Monohan, Chief  
Al Haerberlin, Asst. Chief  
Bob Walling, Asst. Chief

All above motions made and seconded were voted upon by the usual voting sign. All voted in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Marty Kamer Sec.*

July 12, 1973, The Voice-Jeffersonian:

## St. Matthews fire runs

The following fire runs were reported by St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Monohan between June 15 and June 30.

June 15 -- 491 Kingland, lightning strike.

June 19 -- Suburban Hospital, 4001 Dutchmans Ln., power failure during thunder storm.

June 19 -- home of R. Langford, 4405 Jonlyn Ct., water in basement.

June 20 -- wires down at 503 Macon.

June 20 -- home of George Webb, 219 Tyne, out on arrival.

June 20 -- home of D. L. Cool, 410 Trinity Hills Rd., odor in house.

June 23 -- back up McMahan VFD on Hikes Lane.

June 24 -- back up McMahan VFD

on Hunsinger Lane.

June 27 -- home of George Klemper, 430 Highfield, waste basket.

June 27 -- O. G. Wilson Co. truck at 5000 Shelbyville Rd., tarp in rear, no damage to truck.

June 27 -- home of M. L. Adams, 4120 Stoneview, power line down.

June 27 -- home of Leo K. Broecker, 215 Travois Rd., odor in house.

June 27 -- wires down at 2505 Woodside.

June 27 -- wires down at 419 Kaolin.

June 28 -- L. and N. switch engine at Hubbards Lane and crossing. Leaking fuel line ignited causing minor damage to engine.

June 28 -- false at 3411 Hychiffe.

June 30 -- garbage can at 4520 Shelbyville Rd.

# Fire department appeals for help

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

Al Ring might have lit a fire last week when he talked to the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Businessmen's Association about the annual Crusade for Children.

Ring, a lieutenant in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, is chairman of the department's efforts to raise money for the Crusade. Last year, the department raised about \$24,000. Pleasure Ridge Volunteer Fire Department raised a few thousand more -- as it has two years in a row.

Back in May, Ring was critical of local business for not giving more. He was more critical, however, of himself and the fire department for not making a stronger effort to fire community interest.

Last week, Ring had breakfast with some association members.

"At this point, we will probably only go the route of advertising our membership through our monthly newsletter of a desire here to help the fire department collect the money," said Skip

Thorpe, association president, afterwards.

"Every thing is a little premature at this point," Thorpe said. "The crusade is about a year away. So nobody is getting real cranked up at this point."

But Ring laid substantial groundwork and "from time to time we'll plug it through the monthly letter," Thorpe said.

"I was very encouraged," Ring said. "They expressed an interest. When they get ready to push it, I'm sure they'll be there."

Ring wants businessmen to turn in money to the fire department instead of making individual contributions. The firemen see that kind of activity as a pat on the back "for a job well done." Also, the fire department recognizes each contribution when it delivers its funds to the crusade.

St. Matthews would like to collect more money than Pleasure Ridge Park. If the businesses contribute through the fire department, not only are they helping a worthwhile cause but putting meat and muscle in the money making effort as well, Ring said.

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Flaming challenges

One volunteer fire department in the Kentuckiana area has already gone to work on the WHAS Crusade for Children for next year, but before next May rolls around the whole project may turn into a friendly battle royal between St. Matthews and Pleasure Ridge Park.

LT. Al Ring of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has announced that he and his fellow firemen hope to collect \$50,000 next year. That would be more than double what they collected for the Crusade this year—almost \$24,000.

The most important thing, according to Ring, is that the St. Matthews department would finally collect more than its traditional "arch rival," the Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department. Pleasure Ridge has beaten St. Matthews the last two years in collecting for the annual charity event.

area have joined in with editorials blasting each other.

An editorial in the St. Matthews-based weekly, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*, called Pleasure Ridge Park "a settlement west of here..."

To which the *Shively Newsweek* answered in an editorial of its own: "How dare they refer to Pleasure Ridge Park as a settlement?" The editorial added more fuel to the fire by referring to their rivals as "pampered eastern counterparts."

Al Ring just smiles about the intensified rivalry and hopes it will result in more money to help children in need.

These are the good days

A longtime resident of Louisville says

# Rain swamps homes, woes flood City Hall

By Roger Augs  
Staff Writer

St. Matthews residents flooded City Council Tuesday with a deluge of complaints about drainage problems.

Several Massie Avenue and Gilman Avenue residents accused the council and Mayor Bernard Bowling of diverting water from businesses along Westport Road and residential areas on Staebler, Kennison and St. Matthews Avenues to a ditch in the Trinity Hills area causing severe flooding there.

Jeff Hull, of 4084 Gilman Avenue, said the flooding problems he has experienced this summer "did not exist before the new outlet cut in on Massie."

Hull along with William C. Gray, of 4074 Gilman, Edward Seng, of 4071 Massie and Rick Hippie, of 4061 Massie, explained that their yards had been flooded from three to nine times this summer. Similar flooding has never occurred before they said.

Hull said last summer the stream behind his house "was 12 feet wide during a heavy rain. Saturday afternoon the stream was 35 feet wide and in my basement."

## Massie sewer

"This problem did not exist before that storm sewer system was put in to Massie. It did not exist," Hull said.

In preliminary remarks, Bowling said water problems over the weekend at his summer cottage in Grayson County were worse than in Louisville. He said water had seeped into the basement of his home at 3531 Norbourne Boulevard.

"So I was not without personal problems of my own over the weekend," he said. He did say, however, that he would try to help residents solve drainage

problems in their areas. He termed the weekend rains "unusual, something that might happen every thousand years."

## Storm drains

Last summer, the city completed installation of storm drains on St. Matthews Avenue, Kennison and Staebler avenues.

The pipes empty into a five-foot wide open ditch at 4080 Massie Avenue. The ditch twines through the back of properties on Massie and Gilman, bends down Elmwood picking up smaller pipes and ditches and empties in another creek near Hubbards Lane on the property of Roy Longhoefer, at Hubbards Court and Elmwood.

Seng, who has lived on Massie for nine years, said the additional flow of water being dumped on Massie makes it impossible for water coming from smaller drain pipes to dump into the larger pipes and eventually into the ditch.

"The side drains out in front of the house can't handle this (water) because it can't get into the main creek because the main creek is filled," Seng said.

Therefore, water backs up and "goes into these people's basements," Seng said.

"This man (pointing to Gray) has had water in the back end of his house that he never had before four times in the last week and a half. He's had 18 to 20 inches on his floors. Now this is stupid."

Bowling said he and Fred Wisheart and Marian Comstock, consulting engineer for the city, would consider enlarging a retention basin on Clover Lane, constructing one somewhere between St. Matthews Avenue and Cheno-

with Lane and rainowing obstructions in ditches in Trinity Hills.

Bowling made no public commitment on when plans would be developed or work might begin. After the council's regular meeting, he called for an "unofficial" part of the meeting to talk to you more about this.

## Sewage back-up

In related action, Don Ernst, of 156 Chenoweth Lane, and Skip Thorpe, owner of Thorpe's Interiors, 224 Chenoweth Lane, explained that sewage had backed up in their basements. Ernst said a plug in his basement drain "had blowed off" from the backup of storm water and sewage. Thorpe said he had six to eight inches of water in his business.

Bowling said Thorpe should meet with representatives of Sewer District number one, which administers sanitary sewers in a large segment of St. Matthews, to have the problems explained to him.

"The problem we know, sir, the solution is what we are looking for," Thorpe said dryly.

Ernst and Thorpe explained that "a lake" of water had formed at Massie and Chenoweth Lane.

Usually water from the Massie-Chenoweth area and water from Westport Road finds its way quickly through pipes to the ditch in the low section of Massie near Cherrywood Avenue. Additional water draining from east sections of Cherrywood Village runs off hillside to Elmwood Avenue and Gilman Avenue.

"And it ends up in my basement," said Malcolm Bressler, of 4082 Gilman. He said 45 inches of water inundated his basement on July 14 and 54 inches more came in on Saturday.

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## Trinity Hills drainage

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Councilman Millard Rudy attributed part of the problem to a lack of an adequate outlet for water in a creek that flows under Hubbards Lane. Debris from hillsides and woods forms a dam under a small bridge on Hubbards Lane behind the Loughosters' home.

In other action, the council:

-- introduced an ordinance that if finally approved calls for paving the first alley south of Frankfort Avenue and west of Bauer. Costs of the project would be paid for by "abutting property owners on a pro rata basis."

At a meeting two weeks ago, the council passed a resolution calling for the same work to be done as "a public improve-

ment." The resolution said the city would do the work and implied, but did not state clearly, that the city would pay the costs.

There was no public comment by any councilman about the change or who would benefit directly from the paving project.

-- passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to borrow up to \$400,000 to pay "the interim construction costs" of the Browns Lane storm drain project now under construction. The city decided to borrow the money rather than dip into long term investments and loose money generated from interest payments. The city is charged about four percent to borrow money but makes 7.5 percent interest on its long-term savings investments, according to Councilman John Barker.

-- passed a resolution increasing the monthly retainer of City Attorney J W Jones to \$300 from \$250, beginning July 1, 1973.

-- passed a resolution calling for the police court judge and city attorney to be paid on a per trial basis for trials held on any day other than the regular Monday night court session. Judge Thurston M. Crady will be paid \$65 and Jones will be paid \$50 for any day the court "has one or more trials." The resolution is retroactive to July 1.

Note—STMFD made 17 storm related and flooding runs July 21 & 22 including the next one mentioned at 120 Colonial.



## Two die in weekend storm-linked accidents

By Roger Augs  
Staff Writer

Frank Wilkerson, 18, got off work about 1 a.m. Sunday.

Shortly after two, he was accidentally electrocuted while trying to pump water from a friend's basement in St. Matthews, according to Deputy Coroner Henry Burchett.

About 6 p.m. Saturday, Cassandra Winchell Downer, 44, of 7302 Happy Hollow Road, Prospect, was driving on that road when her car stalled in high water at a one-lane bridge.

Burchett said she apparently slipped off the bridge when she tried to leave her car.

Jefferson County police found her body about one-fourth mile from the bridge over Hunting Creek, a branch of Beargrass Creek. Burchett ruled the death an accidental drowning.

Wilkerson, 18, of 209 Bellemeade Road, left his job, went home and learned from his mother that Gary Falk, a close friend at 120 Colonial Avenue, St. Matthews, had 15 inches of water in his basement and needed help. Dorissa Falk was home alone while her husband played in the band at a local restaurant.

Wilkerson helped Dorissa move furniture up from the flooded basement. Then he decided to return to his home to pick up a rebuilt sump pump owned by his family. It could quickly remove the water, he told Dorissa.

About two o'clock, Wilkerson plugged in the pump. He was standing in knee-deep water. When he turned the pump on, he was accidentally electrocuted.

The heavy Saturday rains that dumped about 4.25 inches of water on the areas between 5 p.m. Saturday and midnight led to the two deaths, thousands of flooded basements, downed power and telephone lines and jammed traffic.

### Record rainfall

The United States Weather Service said the 5.35 inches of rain in a 24-hour period was the fourth heaviest in local recorded weather history. Thunderstorms Saturday dumped 5.09 inches at Standiford Field in 12 hours and about 1.25 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday over the East End. Rain that heavy will only occur once every 50 to 100 years, a weather service official said.

In a section of St. Matthews north of Massie Avenue, rain poured 54 inches into the basement of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Roessler, 4082 Gilman Avenue. A week earlier, 49 inches of water

had flooded the basement, Mrs. Roessler said.

As a service station operator with a large pump bags pumping out the Roesslers' basement, Jeff Hull worked feverishly trying to salvage belongings from his parents' home at 4384 Gilman.

Meanwhile, St. Matthews Councilman Millard Rudy trudged up Gilman toward another house.

### 'Ask the man upstairs'

"You want to know what the city can do about this water?" he snapped when this reporter asked him a question.

"Don't ask me. I've told you not to



Frank Wilkerson

ask me anything, ever. Don't ask me about this water, ask the man upstairs," Rudy said, glaring and pointing a finger toward the dripping sky.

About a block away across a raging, flooded drainage ditch, Rick Hipple, of 4061 Massie Avenue, stood on his front porch watching his recently carpeted family room flood for the second time in less than a week.

Sunday, he would sit on his driveway while his belongings dried out and bolt together metal shelves "to get everything in the basement up high enough to avoid anything like this."

On the corner of Elmwood and North Hubbard Lane, Mrs. Roy Longhoefer could stand and watch murky, brown water chew away a flower bed planted

in a gentle hillside leading to what is usually a docile brook.

The problem near the Longhoefer's home is that a drainage project completed last summer by the city causes water to dump in a five-foot-wide ditch that appears incapable of carrying off water fast enough to avoid flash floods in the basements of people along its banks.

Last summer, St. Matthews installed drainage pipes on Staebler, Kennison and St. Matthews avenues at a cost over \$150,000. The pipe ends at Massie Avenue where water is carried away in a ditch.

### Project added problems

Hipple and other residents say the flooding problems they now face did not exist until the city finished the drainage project last summer.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Health Department warned of health hazards created by possibly contaminated floodwater seeping into drinking water.

Although no contaminated water had been found in the eastern section of the county by late Wednesday, Health Department officials say children should not be allowed to play in pools and puddles created by floodwater.

Funeral services for Wilkerson were Tuesday at St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

An avid electronics expert and musician, Wilkerson was a sophomore at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. He was a 1972 graduate of Waggoner High School, where he had won awards in the National Science Contest and was a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Also, he was a member of the Louisville Youth Orchestra and the Audio Engineer Society of Jefferson County.

July 26, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## Two die in weekend storm-linked accidents

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Joseph P. Wilkerson. Also, his grandmothers, Mrs. Frank L. Wilkerson and Mrs. Kate McDaniel.

The family asks that expression of sympathy be sent in the form of contribution to St. Andrews Episcopal

Church Memorial Fund or Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Miss Cassandra Downer's funeral was Tuesday at Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home.

She was a member of the St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, 6710

Wolf Pen Branch, Harrods Creek, also, Harrods Creek Chapter of Order of Eastern Star. She was a registered nurse and a former first lieutenant (flight nurse) in the U. S. Air Force.

She is survived by one brother, Matthew W. Downer, and two nephews.

## Volunteers plan fund-raisers

St. Matthews volunteer firemen are burning with ambition to collect about \$50,000 next May for the annual Crusade For Children.

This week, they are sending letters to club and organization presidents in the fire protection district asking for help.

The letter, signed by Lt. Doug Monohan, son of Chief John Monohan, calls the collection "our biggest and most dramatic program to raise contributions for the 1974 Crusade."

As upcoming fund raising activities, Monohan lists:

- "a fire sale of a different sort" set for August 4 at the firehouse on Lyndon Way at Sears Avenue.
- a mixed couple card party the evening of October 19 that will include a "bazaar featuring Thanksgiving and Christmas articles." It will be at the firehouse.

- a door-to-door candy sale sometime in August.

- establishment of a collection site for bottles, cans and paper behind the firehouse. The site is a fenced in area off Sears Avenue. Firemen have used it for about two weeks.

Every penny collected from each activity goes to the Crusade, according to Lt. Al Ring, the department's Crusade chairman.

Anyone who wants to drop recyclable material at the site should do it, Ring said.

For the past two years, the Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department has collected a few thousand dollars more than St. Matthews. In March,

Ring announced St. Matthews intends to collect about \$50,000 and trounce Pleasure Ridge Park.

Ring has met with businessmen and community leaders in an effort to generate interest in the department's efforts.

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August 2, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

## St. Matthews firemen plan Crusade benefit sale

A garage sale -- scratch that, make it fire sale -- is set for Saturday, August 4, from 10 am to 4 pm at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department "garage" on Lyndon Way at Sears Avenue.

It is another step in the department's continuing effort to collect about \$50,000 next year for the Crusade For Children. All the money raised during the sale will go to the Crusade, according to Lt. Al Ring, the department's Crusade Chairman.

The garage-fire sale is headed by a group of "the firemen's girls," according to Ring. "I'm just tickled pink by the job they've done."

Mrs. James Gravens is chairman of the group.

The volunteers continue to collect aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard and magazines at a collection site directly behind the firehouse. They are not collecting tin cans or glass, as incorrectly printed in *The Voice* last week. All money collected from the aluminum and paper collection goes to the Crusade, Ring said.

### FIREHOUSE GARAGE SALE

"By St. Matthews Vol.  
Fire Dept."

For Crusade for Children  
Sat. Aug. 4th  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Matthews Vol.  
Fire Dept.  
4114 Lyndon Way

August 9, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



Staff photo by Mary Bridgman

THE FIRE SALE of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was so successful, they may hold another. The profits, \$800, will be donated to the Crusade for Children. The sale was part of a year-long drive by the firemen to benefit the crusade.

1973

August 9, 1973, Board meeting:

August 9, 1973, Resignation from the Board of Directors  
by Bob Walling.

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on August 9, 1973.

Directors present:  
Geo. Miller John Monohan  
Fred Boss Marty Kamer  
Bob Walling

Minutes of meeting held on July 11, 1973 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Bill Andriot was selected by the firemen to represent them as a director on the board.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that the board elect Mr. Andriot as a director, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Walling, who submitted his letter of resignation as of this date- Aug. 9, 1973.

Having presented his letter of resignation, Mr. Walling asked that he be appointed to serve as a director, filling the vacancy left by Mr. Ehrich. The board decided not to elect Mr. Walling because in previous minutes it states that only one fireman shall serve as a director, to represent the firemen.

Mr. Walling read a letter from the firemen, which was to make known to the board that the new Fire Truck that we have had for 120 days has not been put into use.

Mr. Monohan answered this by stating that the truck does not as yet have all necessary equipment on it for making fire runs.

Mr. Walling wanted to know if new Tarps could be purchased for covering the hose on the trucks. Mr. Monohan instructed Mr. Walling to contact salesman and have him come by firehouse to discuss said purchase.

Mr. Miller made motion that Mr. Boss buy \$5000.00 in Certificates of Deposit at Stock Yards Bank for one year at 6%.

Mr. Monohan was instructed to contact Mr. Briscoe to get names of Contractors to pave parking lot.

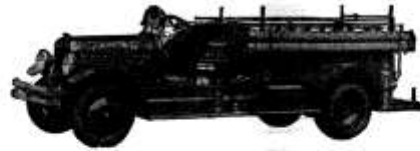
There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*  
Sect.

## ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



4114 Lyndon Way - P. O. Box 7283

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

August 9, 1973

Board of Directors  
St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn.  
St. Matthews, Ky. 40207

Gentlemen:

As per the request of the board of Directors and my agreement, I would like to submit my resignation as the fireman elected member of the Board, as of the close of the business meeting of August 9, 1973.

I would like to call the Board's attention to the opening it has and also my desire known to you that I would like to have you. The banker you have hoped for could be used at any time from any bank that we have money in. I feel I have a genuine interest and devotion to the department and hope I have displayed decisions only to the best interest in the department.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve with you, and I am looking forward to the opportunity again.

Respectively,

*Robert C Walling*

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"



## Baptist East Operations set for fall, 1974

By Roger Ruge

Shirley D. Singh, resident engineer, has been set to start construction of the new, grey concrete structure that is to be the Baptist East hospital.

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The building will be one of four similar structures in the area. The others are Baptist East Hospital, Lexington, Eastern Baptist Hospital, Lexington, and Eastern Baptist Hospital, Parkersburg.

Each of the four structures is to be a three-story building with a total of about 100,000 sq. ft. of space. The building will be one of four similar structures in the area. The others are Baptist East Hospital, Lexington, Eastern Baptist Hospital, Lexington, and Eastern Baptist Hospital, Parkersburg.

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### Eastern Area News

"The Heart"

Worksite in Doctors Building

"We are supposed to have it finished by fall of 1974. Right now the concrete work is 95 percent complete. The whole job is 35 to 40 per cent complete."

-- Arnold M. Judd, architect.

Shirley D. Singh, resident engineer, points out structural details.

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ST. MATTHEWS

1973

September 13, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Sept. 13, 1973.

Directors present:

John Monohan	Marty Kamer
Fred Boss	Bill Andriot
Geo. Miller	J. P. Terry

Minutes of meeting held on Aug. 9, 1973 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that we appoint Mr. Stan Jones to serve as a director, filling the unexpired term of Mr. John Emrich, which expires July 1977.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that checks be made payable to four firemen, who have left the department, in appreciation for their years of service.

A check for \$25.00 each to Jack DeHart and Tommy Miller for 10 years or more of service.

A check for \$75.00 to Mel Zehnder for 20 years or more of service.

A check for \$100.00 to Ed Foley for 25 years or more of service.

There being no further business motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect

*Marty Kamer, Sect.*

### Fire runs

The following runs by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department have been reported by Chief John Monohan.

Aug. 14 -- gas leak -- 7000 Mallgate Apartments, 18 men answered the call.

Aug. 15 -- electrical -- 208 Clover Lane, 10 men.

Aug. 16 -- auto fire -- 147 Thierman Lane.

Aug. 19 -- trash -- Chenoweth Lane and Brownsboro Rd., 25 men.

Aug. 20 -- back up Louisville Fire Dept. -- 3700 Lexington Road.

Aug. 22 -- malfunction in alarm system -- Suburban Hospital, 4001 Dutchmans Lane, 16 men.

Aug. 23 -- trash -- Chenoweth Lane and Brownsboro Rd., 19 men.

Aug. 24 -- trash -- 3533 St. Germaine Court, 30 men.

Aug. 25 -- auto -- 4048 Massie Avenue.

Aug. 25 -- transformer -- Big Springs Country Club, 24 men.

Aug. 29 -- gas wash off -- Browns Lane and Dutchmans Lane, 24 men.

September 6, 1973, The  
Voice-Jeffersonian:

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September 13, 1973, Board meeting: New Board member:

Stanley H. Jones

Trustee 1973 to 1974



Born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, April 14, 1931. He went to grade school there and then graduated from Fort Knox High School. He attended the University of Kentucky and Louisville. After college he took a graduate course at the University of Virginia in Banking. He started his career at the Admiral Finance Company switching to the Interstate Finance Company. In 1966 he went with the Citizens Bank in Louisville at the St. Matthews branch until becoming Vice President of Installment Loans in 1974. He is a member of the St. George Masons, and member of the St. Matthews Optimist. He served on the Board from 1971 to 1974 when he was transferred to a downtown bank.

Was in the November 21, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



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October 11, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

# Fire auxiliary plans card party benefit

By Karen Grimes

Wives of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department will host a card party and bazaar on Oct. 19 from 7:30 to 10 pm at the firehouse, 4114 Lyndon Way. It will benefit the Crusade for Children.

For the card party, there is a \$1 donation. Patrons are asked to form groups of four for cards or buncos and to bring cards or dice. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded.

The bazaar will feature homemade cookies, breads and brownies and hand-crafted items such as ceramics, Christmas ornaments, crocheted and knitted purses and linens. Bazaar chairman Linda Wilke has met with the women on Mondays and Wednesdays to make the items.

She said residents can help by not only attending the bazaar, but by donating baked goods and handcrafted articles.

Marilyn Monahan, co-chairman of the card party, organized a poster contest among present and past firemen's children to advertise the event.

The posters were judged last Wednesday by Chief John Monahan, Marty Kam-

er, board of directors member, and John Barker, St. Matthews councilman. All of the posters were placed in St. Matthews businesses.

Winners Kennedy Clark III and Lynne Karen are both seven-years-old and the children of present volunteer firemen.

Kennedy attends Dunn Elementary and his poster was placed at Thornbury's. He said, "My poster has a building with lots of smoke."

Lynne's poster can be seen at Delfarts Smoco Service Station on Shelbyville Road. She is in the second grade at Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Kennedy and Lynne were given prizes for winning, but the best treat was yet to come. On Friday, all of the entrants were taken for a ride on a fire truck -- a rare event even for a fireman's child.

## CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN BAZAAR and CARD PARTY

Friday, October 19

BAZAAR: 7:00 to 10:30

CARDS: 8:00 to 10:30

ST. MATTHEWS FIREHOUSE

DONATION — ONE DOLLAR

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE  
1974 CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

K. Brown Joubert  
2788 Lexington Road  
Buck's

Shelbyville 410 River City Mall  
St. Matthews 2788 Lexington Rd.  
Covington, 7005 Shelbyville Rd.  
Shelbyville United Furniture Co.  
6028 Shelbyville Rd.

Clare & Doreen Hair Salon  
Greensboro, 4-0

J. Agley Miller Co., Realtors  
128 Brookside Lane  
Madison-Kennedy-Jewett  
128 Oldenwood Lane  
Quick Print  
125 Chesapeake Lane

Phonics & Personal Station  
141 Brookside Lane  
1270 South 2nd

4114 Lyndon Way  
The Voice-Jeffersonian

October 11, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Oct. 11, 1973.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller  
Stan Jones  
Bill Andriot  
J. P. Terry

John Monahan  
Marty Kamer  
W. Leland Wilson

Minutes of meeting held on Sept. 13, 1973 were read by Mr. Monahan. Motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that minutes be accepted as read.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that we authorize Mr. Boss to invest \$8,000 in Certificates of Deposit at Citizens Fidelity.

The board agreed that in the event of death of a fireman, or a member in his immediate family, that we make a donation, to his or his family's favorite charity, not to exceed \$10.00.

His immediate family would be defined as being his wife and children, or if single it would be his mother and father.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer, Sect.*

October 26 & 27, 1973, *The Courier-Journal*

**St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, 4114 Lyndon Way.** Maj. Robert Walling told police that the fire station was broken into between 2:15 and 3 a.m. yesterday and six portable two-way radios, with a total value of \$7,200, were stolen.

## Three men charged in break-in, larceny

Jefferson County police have arrested three men, two of them teen-agers, charging them each with two counts of storehouse breaking and two counts of grand larceny.

Arrested were Gene R. Canole, 22, of the 1800 block of Payne Street; Michael, 19, of the 1900 block of Payne Street, and Robert E. Smith, 19, of the 1000 block of Goss Avenue.

They are charged with breaking into the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Thursday morning and stealing six portable two-way radios. They also are accused of breaking into the Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department on Oct. 17 and stealing two radio sets.

Police said the radios were recovered.



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October 31, 1973, Louisville Division of Fire Multiple Alarm Book:

10-31-73 - Special Alarm on Box 2682 - Lexington Road & Bauer Avenue

Alarm	Engines	Quad	H. & L.	BAT. CHIEF	Special Instructions
1 <sup>st</sup>	4 - 21		6	4	St. Matthews F.D.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 - 11 - 8	10		2	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 - 5 - 9		7	1	
4 <sup>th</sup>	15 - 7 - 2				

3741 Lexington Road  
Box 2682 hit at 8:54 PM  
Car 54 called for extra engine, sent Engine 20 at 9:01 PM  
St. Matthews V.F.D. also on scene  
L. Needy

November 1, 1973, The Courier-Journal

## Chemicals ignited at plant

Smoke, but no damage, was the result of a fire yesterday morning at the Marshall Supply Co., 4053 Westport Road, manager Dick Rawles said.

A spark from a cutting torch apparently ignited residue chemicals in a dip tank used to treat wood with preservative. The tank was being removed at the time, Rawles said.

The alarm was answered by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department at 9:45 a.m.

# Firefighters watch a fire

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan ordered firefighters not to fight the fire that gutted the Fashion Post clothing store on Lexington Road last week, according to fire Captain Harry Babcock.

"I was told to park the truck and stay out of the way," Babcock said. "And that is exactly what I did."

He said "three to four minutes" passed before a truck arrived from the Louisville Fire Department's fourth district station at Frankfort Avenue and Frank Avenue.

Two other sources confirmed Babcock's story.

## Monohan's response

Monohan denied he prevented his firefighters from attacking a fire that was about to burn through the roof of the store at 3741 Lexington Road.

Monohan did say St. Matthews "did a limited amount" of fire fighting and "we didn't lay any hose or anything like that."

Babcock said he had not asked Monohan for an explanation at the time of the fire but planned to do so this week.

By the time the first Louisville fire truck arrived at 8:58 pm, fire was about to burn through the roof of the one-story brick building, according to officials from both departments. The store had closed at 5:30 pm and the fire had been "smoldering for some time," according to Capt. William Foushee, of the Arson Squad.

He said the cause remains undetermined, but ruled out arson.

Monohan said he arrived at the fire first in his own car. It was about 8:50 pm, he said.

Monohan said both fire departments received the call about the same time.

"One was coming down Lexington Road and the other was coming the other way from the St. Matthews station on Lyndon Way).

"I didn't have a stop watch on them or marks in the street or anything like that," Monohan said. "But I would say in my judgment they were both there about the same time. They were certainly no three or four minutes apart."

Fire department records show both trucks left the stations at 8:54 pm. The records show the Louisville truck arrived at 8:58 pm. No records were available to show exactly when the St. Matthews truck arrived.

The store is located in a section of Louisville along Lexington Road near Frankfort and Fairfax Avenues, a mostly commercial district.

## In 'contract area'

Monohan said the location is in a "contract area," which calls for St. Matthews to respond with one truck to fires in the area.

However, Major Lehrberger said a check with LFD officials shows "the location is not in a contract area. It is in Louisville and the people there pay taxes for protection from Louisville."

"On a fire like that we wait for instructions from Louisville if we arrive

about the same time," Monohan said.

The "contract" calls for one St. Matthews truck to respond to fires in the contract area, said Monohan. The firefighters either act as backup or fight the fire, he said.

"Our report shows we acted as backup," said Monohan.

## 'We did nothing'

However, Babcock said, "We did absolutely nothing. After that (parking the fire truck) I don't see any point in sending even one truck if it's not going to do anything."

"I've been with the city (of Louisville) many times before and I've never sat there twiddling my thumbs. I really don't understand it," Babcock said.

Babcock said it would have made "very little difference" had St. Matthews fought the fire. He said the fire was about to burn through the roof when the truck arrived. He said the store was locked and smoke was streaming through the roof.

Asked if Monohan could have assessed the situation and decided there was little St. Matthews could do and based his decision on that thinking, Babcock said there was no way Monohan could have had information to make such a decision.

"The building was locked tight. Nobody, the chief, me or anybody else, had the vaguest idea of the involvement. It would have taken a genius to know that," Babcock said.

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# A word of thanks

To the person or persons who notified the St. Matthews Fire Department of the fire at our Lexington Road store Wednesday night.

To all of the firemen who responded quickly and efficiently to the call, thereby preventing the fire from spreading to other stores.

To our customers and friends who have expressed their understanding regarding the temporary closing of our St. Matthews store.

Please continue to visit us at our Riverfront location, 412 W. Main, where we have a full stock of our fine traditional clothing, with more on the way. To make visiting us easier we have arranged free parking in the First National Bank building for our customers, while we continue to work 'round the clock for the reopening of the suburban location.

Again, we thank everyone for their aid, assistance and understanding, and promise a quick return to our regular two store operation.



412 West Main Street-Riverfront

## Fire wrecks store on Lexington Road

A fire at Fashion Post, Inc., at 8:55 last night gutted the one-story brick building at 3741 Lexington Road.

Four Louisville Fire Department units and St. Matthews firemen answered the call, according to Major Kenneth Lehrbergen, battalion chief. Lehrbergen said the fire was about to burn through the roof when they arrived. He said the fire was under control in about ten minutes, but not before a large amount of merchandise was burned or damaged.

The store, a women's clothing store, had closed for the day at 5:30 p.m., according to Lehrbergen.

The cause of the fire was undetermined, Lehrbergen said, and no estimate of damage was available.

## Fire chiefs to speak about rescue equipment

AT A MEETING Monday of the Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews, Chief John M. Monohan Jr. of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Bob Martin of the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department will speak about the use of the Jaws of Life rescue tool.

The meeting will be at 7:45 p.m. at the Woman's Club of St. Matthews on Shelbyville Road.

Mrs. Fred Gorbandt, who has been first vice president, has replaced Mrs. Robert Coshow, who is moving to Indianapolis, as president. Mrs. Joe W. Chiles is the new first vice president.



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November 8, 1973, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

November 8, 1973, Board meeting:

# Firefighters watch a fire

Continued from page 1

Major Kenneth Lehrberger said it is "not necessarily" St. Matthews' responsibility to put water on the fire if they arrive first.

"That's still in the city of Louisville. If they arrive first and throw water, that's fine. We'll work with them, which we've had happen. Some people, not knowing the boundaries, call St. Matthews direct.

"But if we get the call at the same time, we'll arrive first. We've got men on duty. We don't have to come from home," Lehrberger said.

"When I arrived there, I had a fire. I don't know what happened before I got there. I had three pieces of equipment and I called for one other one on the Frankfort Avenue side.

"I've got radio communication with all those companies. And I know those men and I know what they can do. Now I can't go around ordering Chief Monohan's men around. They don't take orders from me. You don't order around another man's outfit and start giving orders."

La. Al Ring said he thought a contract exists between the Louisville and St. Matthews but said he has never seen a copy of it. Ring said St. Matthews gets "knocked out" on all fires in the Fashion Post area.

He said the department fought an automobile fire Monday at the corner of Frankfort Avenue and Lexington Road, about 75 yards from the Fashion Post and in the city of Louisville. Ring said St. Matthews' district starts at Cannons Lane.

Because of Tuesday's election, other Louisville fire officials were not on duty.

Major Lehrberger, Louisville battalion chief, said he did not ask St. Matthews for help and he added St. Matthews did not ask if it could help "until we had the thing well under control."

Records show St. Matthews left the fire location at 9:32 pm. The Louisville firefighters left about 12:30 am, according to the fire prevention bureau.

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Nov. 8, 1973.

Directors present:

John Monohan  
Bill Andriot  
Geo. Miller  
J. P. Terry

Fred Boss  
Marty Kamer  
Phil Grauman

Minutes of meeting held on Oct. 11, 1973 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Boss made a motion that he would like to nominate Mr. Miller to be Chairman of Board. Nomination was seconded by Mr. Grauman. Mr. Boss then made a motion that nomination be closed and one vote be cast by secretary, electing Mr. Miller as Chairman.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that we accept the bids from Mr. Bristow for \$5502.00 to pave parking area, and \$11,616 to build water pit.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss that Mr. Monohan get bids on painting of two trucks. When bids are received, select the best bid and proceed immediately to have painting done.

Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that we buy Turkeys at Thanksgiving to be given to the firemen.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

November 7, 1973, *The Courier-Journal*

**Theodore H. Huffman, 76, of 1914 Herr Lane, died at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Kentucky Baptist Hospital.**

He retired in 1967 from the accounting department at The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Huffman was an organizer and the first commander of Zachary Taylor American Legion Post 180. He had also been active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving as a committeeman for 10 years and helping organize and support the scouts' Sea Explorer Ship 180, the Zachary Taylor II.

He was a former member of the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department** and a member of Highland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Robert W. and Theodore H. Huffman Jr., and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home, 2428 Frankfort Ave., with burial in Zachary

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November 11, 1973, Working fire at 4006 Springhill Road.



## Commends fire fighters

I'm writing this letter to you in hopes that you will pass it on to your readers. No one ever thinks fire will hit you or your friends until it does. Sunday, Nov. 11, our neighbor's house caught fire. Within minutes of calling the fire department the trucks arrived, the firemen went about their business in a very orderly manner, each man with his own job—the chief and his assistant in charge all the way. St. Matthews Fire Department members are to be commended on their professional manner, in their knowledge of confining a fire and on their courtesy to the owner of the house.

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All this we expect of our firemen but I was so impressed with their courtesy. Not only did the firemen save the complete downstairs but also threw canvas on the carpet and furniture and kept the water to a minimum. The firemen completed with a clean-up job that even amazed the insurance man. As vast as the damage was upstairs, the downstairs was completely livable—thanks to the St. Matthews Fire Department.

MRS. ROBERT L. TYDA  
4004 Springhill Road, Louisville



# 359-unit apartments asked for Browns Lane farm site

By Robin Garr III  
Staff Writer

The J. Graham Brown Foundation last Thursday applied for rezoning to build a 359-unit apartment complex on the old Brown farm, at Browns Lane and Interstate 64 in St. Matthews.

C.F. Wood, foundation secretary, filed application with the Jefferson County Planning Commission for the rezoning, which would change the 27-acre tract from residential to medium-and-high-density apartment use.

Following review by the commission's land development and transportation committee, a public hearing on the proposal will be scheduled before the full commission -- probably early next year.

Preliminary plans for the complex, designated "Browns Lane Farm," were prepared by Miller, Whry and Lee, architects and engineers.

The plan indicates slightly over three acres of medium-density zoning on the north end of the property, where 75 townhouse units are proposed.

In the central portion of the tract, high-density zoning is asked for two

medium-rise apartment building containing a total of 192 dwelling units.

Closest to the interstate highway, on the south end of the property, two more medium-rises are proposed, also with a total of 192 units.

Along the banks of the Middle Fork of the Beargrass, which meanders across the center of the tract, park-like open space is to be retained. The plan indicates numerous trees and a network of walkways and footbridges in the open space.

The preliminary plan is stamped with the approval of county water management officials, and notes that no building is planned within the creek's 100-year flood plain.

In his application to the planning commission, Wood observed "Lapitist Hospital East, now under construction, uses only part of the property designated for institutional use on the comprehensive plan. The remainder is now available for other uses compatible with the hospital.

The applicant, Wood's petition reads, believes medium and higher density apartments, or offices, would be more appropriate than any other institutional

use, which would be further restricted by the limited buildable area remaining outside the flood plain.

Approximately a third of the property is on the flood plain, Wood's application states. "In order to allow development while preserving the natural character (of the area), a higher use is necessary for the remaining areas above the flood level."

Also, Wood suggests, medium-density development on the north end of the tract, and high-density on the south, is compatible with the comprehensive plan's recommendations for neighboring properties, and with the existing Village commercial complex directly across I-64.

The preliminary plan designates three points of auto access to the 359-unit complex -- at Sherburn and Browns Lane, at Browns and the proposed hospital entrance, and on the south side of Browns between the other two entrances.

The commission's final recommendation will not be binding on St. Matthews City Council, which will ultimately render a decision on the zoning request.



Staff photo by Mary Bridgman

CHARLES LINEBACH'S family shoe repair business on Chenoweth Lane will close Dec. 1 after being in business in St. Matthews for more than 50 years.

## Linebach mends last shoe

By Nancy Garling  
Staff Writer

The small hand printed sign in the shoe repair shop of Charles Linebach reads, "Going out of business as of December 20, 1973." The sign was made by Mr. Linebach's 11-year-old grandson, Doug Linebach who appropriately decorated it with a sketch of a hammer and a shoe-sole.

The sign and a simple notice posted on the door of the Breckinridge Lane shop are the only visible indications of the end of a business that had its beginnings in St. Matthews over 50 years ago. Soon after the shop is vacated Dec. 20, the building will be torn down to make room for a parking lot.

Inside the shop, Charles Linebach continues to quietly practice the trade he learned from his father who brought his skill to St. Matthews in 1922 when he opened the first shoe repair shop in the area.

Charles Linebach was surprised that his memories of old St. Matthews would be interesting to Voice readers.

"It was just a quiet little farm community back in 1922," he said. "All the land from our shop back to Nantz, or maybe Grandview, was farm land. I imagine it was one of the biggest potato raising sections in the country. The old Holzheimer property stretched out across the street from us as far

back as we could see -- just corn and potatoes."

Charles Linebach was a young boy when his family moved to St. Matthews from Shelbyville. His father had brought the family to Shelbyville from Austria soon after Charles was born and among Linebach's earliest recollections is the trolley ride into Louisville.

"The old interurban went through Anchorage and right on down Frankfort Avenue. The trip was a day's outing," he recalled.

The first Linebach Shoe Repair Shop was opened by his father on the corner of Frankfort Avenue and Chenoweth Lane, present site of the White Castle Restaurant.

"The Shuler and Bower Garage used to be there," said Linebach, "and right next door was the old telephone exchange building. When the telephone exchange moved out my daddy put his shop right there. That corner was the center of life back in those days."

On the southwest corner stood the "old Farmer's Bank" and directly across the street from the bank was Bushmeyer and Ogden Drugstore, a good place to congregate after school or on Saturday nights after a shopping trip to Bauer's Grocery store.

The grocery stood beside the St. Matthews Bank, a spot now occupied by the

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# Linebach's to close after 50 years

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First National Bank building.

The Marshall Planning Mill operates on the site of the former St. Matthews Produce Exchange where Linebach recalls the farmers came every day in "carts and trucks."

Beyond that busy corner there just wasn't much more," except Holy Trinity Church and elementary school and the old Greathouse School. The children used to flock from the schools every afternoon and run down the road to Bushmeyer's for ice cream and penny candy.

During those first years in St. Matthews, Linebach took the trolley downtown to St. Xavier High School. Afternoons in the shop, he began learning the shoe repair business in the same manner his father had learned his trade back in Austria.

## Another move

About 1926 the family business moved across the street into a store behind Bushmeyer's.

"It used to be the side yard of the drugstore building," said Linebach,

"Daddy kept after Dr. Ogden to build a store there until finally he did, and we moved in. We were there 20 years."

These were busy years for young Charles Linebach. He met and married Angie Walker and established his first home in a small apartment above the Farmer's Exchange Bank.

They moved from there to a house on Chenoweth Lane, then to Westport Road and eventually to their present home on Nantz Avenue, where they have lived for the past 35 years. They watched St. Matthews grow as they raised two sons, Rudy Jr. and Charles Alvin. They attended Holy Trinity Church and Linebach found time to be an active member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years.

"The first fire department was right here where our store is now," recalled Linebach. "They just had one truck, an old model-T Ford truck with two chemical tanks on it."

Mrs. Linebach remembered her husband attended one fire that almost caused a family crisis. Their son, Charles, a student at Holy Trinity School, came home one day and related to the family that everything had gone wrong that day and that he "wished that old school would burn down."

That was the night that Linebach answered the fire bell and found the school in flames. In spite of an all-night effort by the volunteers the school burned to the ground.

"When Charles came downstairs the next morning he said it was all his fault," said Mrs. Linebach. "We told him that he didn't cause the fire but that he should be more careful about what he wished for."

Meanwhile St. Matthews was growing. Shelbyville Road opened with a day-long celebration.

"I kind of enjoyed seeing it start to build up," said Linebach. "It didn't

really boom until after the flood of '37 when people started moving out of the flooded areas. It's getting awful crowded now," he added wistfully.

## Third move

Nicholas Linebach died in 1945 and a year later, the shop was moved to the building vacated by the fire department. Linebach's mother continued to go to the shop with her son, as she had done most of her life. They worked side by side until she was 90 years old. She lived with the family until her death two years ago at the age of 94.

For the past six years Charles Linebach has been alone in the shop. Rudy Jr., now married, makes his home on Pope Lick Road and Charles, who worked with his father for a short time after the Korean War, has moved to Middletown with his family.

But the family is a close one and Mr. and Mrs. Linebach are enjoying their seven grandchildren.

And there are familiar faces in the shop each day.

Many who first came to the shop as children, now come back with their children. Shoes still need mending and Charles Linebach is still there to do it.

But, as Angie Linebach says, the time has come to "have a rest."

## December 13, 1973, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass. was held on Dec. 13, 1973.

### Directors present:

Geo Miller

Fred Boss

Stan Jones

W. Leland Wilson

Marty Kamer

John Monohan

Bill Andriot

Minutes of meeting held on Nov. 8, 1973 were read by Mr. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Monohan, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that as of this date only one bid has been received on painting of trucks. This matter passed on until other bids are received.

A Motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we purchase Hams for Xmas, to be given to the firemen.

Mr. Monohan instructed Mr. Miller and Mr. Boss to check into the Matter of finding someone to supply the dept. with deisel fuel.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

December 1973: S2, Betsy was retired from active service.

# 1973 Fire Statistics For 1973

Total number of fire runs: 282  
Total working fires: 7  
Total hours of fire fighting: 78  
Total 1 1/2" hose used: 2,300 feet  
Total 2 1/2" hose used: 4,800 feet  
Back up City of Louisville: 1 time  
Number of A. M. runs: 81  
Number of P. M. runs: 201

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

S1: 226  
S2: 23  
S3: 84  
S4: 96  
S5: 67  
S6: 9

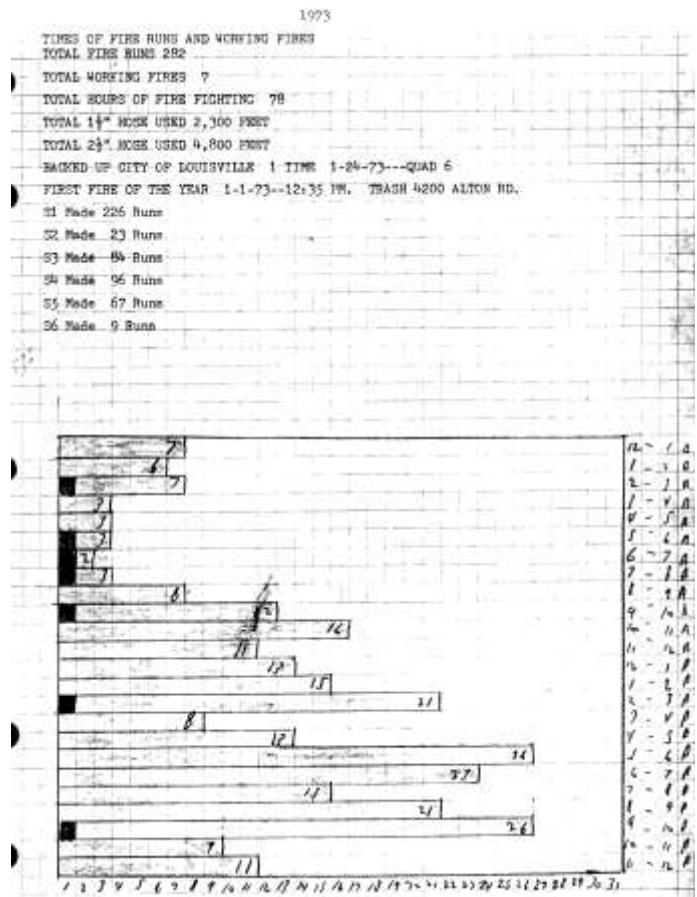
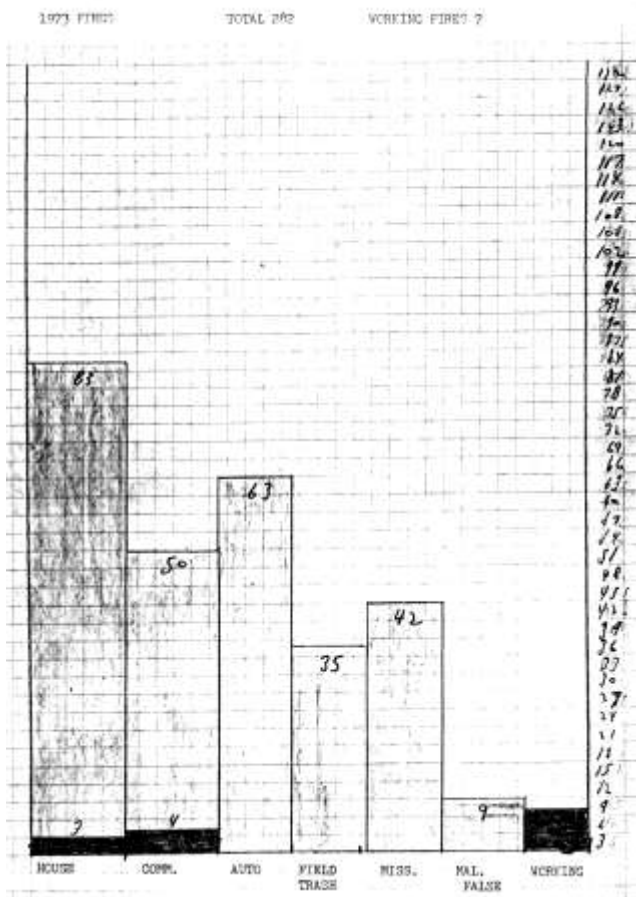
Types of fire runs:

House 83  
Commercial 50  
Automobile 63  
Field & trash 35  
Miscellaneous 42  
Malicious false 9

## Working fires

1/16/1973 6:37 a.m. Laboratory, 4018 Shelbyville Road (LFD contract area)  
1/16/1973 2:56 p.m. Business Offices, 135 Breckenridge Lane  
1/24/1973 7:18 a.m. Business, 3922 Willis Avenue (LFD contract area)  
2/10/1973 9:36 p.m. Winn Dixie Store, 4810 Brownsboro Road  
11/2/1973 2:04 a.m. House, 421 Chippewa, basement  
11/11/1973 9:31 a.m. House, 4006 Springhill Road  
12/10/1973 5:20 a.m. House, 3434 Warner Avenue

STMFD Fire report charts, by Al Ring Total runs 282 Working fires 7





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1/24/73	10:58 PM		51-57-58	28	1:12 PM		Chief	Ford Van	Walters - West General - Police	Walters - West General - Police	Spore Truck and Co.	Spore Truck	Spore	
1/24/73	8:57 PM		51-52-58	29	9:22 PM		Monahan Major	Truck elderly	115-42 and 115-60	115-42 and 115-60	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
1/24/73	7:12 PM		51-58-	30	7:11 PM		Major	Auto	209 Perryway 3721 N. Hill	209 Perryway 3721 N. Hill	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
1/24/73	9:36 PM		54-	31	10:11 PM		Major	Auto	1148	1148	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
1/25/73	-		Response	32	-		Major	Auto	1149	1149	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
1/27/73	1:14 PM		51-57-58	33	1:36 PM		Major	Auto	1150	1150	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/1/73	1:50 PM		51 & 52	34	1:58 PM		Major	Auto	1151	1151	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/4/73	1:14 PM		51 & 58	35	1:14 PM		Major	Auto	1152	1152	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/5/73	11:01 PM		51-52-58	36	11:01 PM		Major	Auto	1153	1153	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/6/73	8:13 PM		51-52-59-57 57 & 58	37	8:13 PM		Major	Auto	1154	1154	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/8/73	2:14 PM		51-52-4	38	2:14 PM		Major	Auto	1155	1155	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/14/73	-		N/R Response	39	-		Major	Auto	1156	1156	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/14/73	8:38 PM		51-57-58	40	8:38 PM		Major	Auto	1157	1157	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/14/73	8:34 PM		58-54	41	8:34 PM		Major	Auto	1158	1158	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/14/73	8:34 PM		51-52-58-54	41	8:34 PM		Major	Auto	1159	1159	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	
2/13/73	5:40 PM		51 & 58	42	5:40 PM		Major	Auto	1160	1160	Curtis Hardin	same -	car	

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3/5/73	—	—	5-4 57-58	58	—	1266 Ratington Chert	LT	House	25 Westport Terrace	At. Ring	Same		
3/11/73	6:28 PM	—	51-53-55	59	6:40 PM	1267 Monahan HALL Dine	Chert	Restaurant	920 Dupont Road	Steak-Ale	Same		
3/7/73	7:30 PM	—	51-53-55	60	7:40 PM	1268 Monahan HALL Dine	Chert	Store	4174 Westport Rd	Pir-Way	Same		
3/13/73	12:30 PM	—	51-57	61	12:35 PM	1269 Monahan Chert	LT	Right of Way	4114 Lynden Way	L & NRR	RR.		
3/13/73	2:30 PM	—	53-55	62	2:40 PM	1270 Monahan Chert	LT	Store	4174 Westport Rd	Pir-Way	Same		
3/14/73	5:30 PM	—	51-53-55	63	5:40 PM	1271 Monahan Chert	LT	Store	31 Browns Lane	Harvey Gray	Same		
3/18/73	1:30 PM	—	51-	64	1:40 PM	1272 Monahan Chert	LT	Auto	3420 Frankfort Ave	D Rhodes	1. 27-657		
3/18/73	10:30 PM	—	51-52	65	10:40 PM	1273 Monahan Chert	LT	Truck	115-60 E X way	—	—		
3/21/73	11:30 PM	—	51-	66	11:40 PM	1274 Monahan Chert	LT	Truck	Rt 301-1000 ft	—	—		
3/23/73	9:40 PM	—	51-54	67	9:45 PM	1275 Monahan Chert	LT	Residence	5811 Bonfire Dr	H Welebin	Same		
3/23/73	9:40 PM	—	51-58	68	9:45 PM	1276 Monahan Chert	LT	Dumster	102 Browns Lane	KFC	H Salt Fish & Chips		
3/23/73	—	—	No Response	69	—	1277 Monahan Chert	LT	Truck	Lynden Way	—	—		
3/24/73	4:30 PM	—	51-58	70	4:40 PM	1278 Monahan Chert	LT	Lumber	5000 Ave	—	—		
3/25/73	10:30 PM	—	51-53-55	71	10:40 PM	1279 Monahan Chert	LT	Truck	Westport Road & Clear Lane	—	Rail Road		
3/31/73	5:45 PM	—	51-52	72	5:50 PM	1280 Monahan Chert	LT	Furniture	4310 Shelbyville Road	Bensingers	Furniture		
3/31/73	5:45 PM	—	51-52	72	5:50 PM	1281 Monahan Chert	LT	Lumber	Springfield Mossie	—	—		

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6-27-73	12 <sup>30</sup> PM		51-54	148	1 <sup>14</sup> PM	1224	Ring	2505 Woodlands				
6-27-73	1 PM		51-54	144	1 PM	1225	Ring	419 Kaelin				
6-28-73	10 <sup>36</sup> AM		51-	150	10 <sup>53</sup> AM	1326	Ring	Hubbards Lane & R.R.		L & N Engine # 1583		
6-28-73	2 PM		54	151	2 PM	1327	Ring	3611 Hycroft				
6-29-73	5 PM		51-54	152	5 PM	1220	Monahan	4530 Shelbyville Road - Road				
7-1-73	6 PM		51-54	153	6 PM	1329	Monahan	5700 Prince William				
7-3-73	1 PM		54	154	2 PM	1330	Monahan	500 West				
7-3-73	3 PM		51	155	4 PM	1331	Monahan	8000 Ridge Lane		Cherrolat house		
7-3-73	4 PM		54	156	5 PM	1332	Monahan	4600 West		AS-2-416		
7-3-73	7 PM		51	157	7 PM	1333	Monahan	Twain				
7-3-73	8 PM		51	158	8 PM	1334	Monahan	3623 Lexington Road				
7-3-73	10 PM		54	159	10 PM	1335	Monahan	3930 Grandview				
7-8-73	4 PM		51-54-55	160	5 PM	1336	Monahan	Wills & Wilshire				
7-8-73	1 PM		51-54-55	161	1 PM	1337	Monahan	6000 Harding Road				
7-10-73	10 PM		50-54	162	11 PM	1338	Monahan	5000 Shelbyville Road				
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9-13-23	2 PM		58-54-55	223	3 PM	Ring	1350	Ring		3816 Nantz				
9-15-23	2 PM		51-57-59	224	2 PM	1351	1351	1351		420 Sunny View Drive				
9-18-23	5 PM		54	225	5 PM	1352	1352	1352		3917 Massie Ave				
9-20-23	5 PM		51-59	226	5 PM	1353	1353	1353		5000 Shelbyville Road				
9-21-23	7 PM		51-58-59	227	7 PM	1354	1354	1354		3630 Frankfort Ave				
9-24-23	8 AM		51-9	228	8 AM	1355	1355	1355		Macon & Wilkes				
9-24-23	9 AM		51-58-59	229	9 AM	1356	1356	1356		4560 & Sherburn				
9-25-23	6 AM		51-58-59	230	6 AM	1357	1357	1357		Livingston Rd & Power Ave				
9-25-23	7 PM		51-	231	2 PM	1358	1358	1358		207 St Matthews Ave				
9-26-23	1 PM		51-55	232	1 PM	1359	1359	1359		3542 Dayton Ave				
9-30-23	5 PM		51-53-55	233	5 PM	1360	1360	1360		3301 Tomahawk				
10-2-23	11 PM		51-1	234	11 PM	1361	1361	1361		Ladyard at Hubbard Lane				
10-3-23	7 PM		51-59	235	7 PM	1362	1362	1362		4219 Churchway				
10-7-23	7 PM		51-58	236	7 PM	1363	1363	1363		1112 Dupont Circle				
10-11-23	6 PM		51-	237	6 PM	1364	1364	1364		Cannonsburg & I-64				
10-11-23	6 PM		51-58	238	6 PM	1365	1365	1365		Rocky Lane & N-42				

\*If a fire occurred in either building, make a separate record of each under the original alarm but on these tabs.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM

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Part of Building Where Fire Started	CAUSE	Extinguished by A. Bucket B. Chemicals C. Pumps or other D. Extinguisher E. Fog F. Steam G. Water H. Other I. Spontaneous	Number of Hydrants Used	Hours Property Burned	Number of Lives Lost	Size and Number of Loads Used	Status of Chemicals Used	INSURANCE RECORD								SPECIAL NOTES		
								BUILDINGS				CONTENTS						
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Kitchen Closet - Auto Sofa Auto Auto Wash. etc. Truck - Out on Annual Back up L.F.G. Controlled Burning - Faulty Electric Wall Switch (No fire) Mal function of Burglar Alarms. Auto Auto Auto Controlled Burning Truck - Out on Annual																		16. 16. 21 16. 21 12 13 18 9 11 31 20 11



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1973

**Board Of Directors**

A. E. Andriot, Jr.  
Fred C. Boss  
Philip Grauman  
Stanley Jones, start Sept. 1973  
Marty A. Kamer  
George E. Miller  
John M. Monohan Jr.  
James "JP" Terry  
Robert C. "Bob" Walling, end August 1973  
William Leland Wilson

**Officers**

1973 Chief John M. Monohan Jr.  
Assistant Chief Al Haeberlin  
Assistant Chief Melchior R. "Melch"  
Zehnder, end  
Asst. Chief. Robert C. "Bob" Walling, start  
Captain Harry K. Babcock  
Captain Robert C. "Bob" Walling  
Lieutenant Herb L. Chreste  
Lieutenant Jack DeHart  
Lieutenant William E. "Bill" Dieckman  
Lieutenant Douglas L. "Doug" Monohan  
Lieutenant Russell "Russ" M. Rakestraw  
Lieutenant Al Ring  
Lieutenant Ken Strange, start

**Firefighters**

Rick Albers  
A. E. Andriot, Jr.  
A. E. "Bill" Andriot, III  
Jim L. Andriot  
Wiley A. Brewer  
Dennis L. Bryant  
Kennedy Clark, Jr.  
William Brad Clarke Jr.  
William "Bill" Clifford  
Gene O. Curbow  
E. Gar Davis  
Charile T. Davis  
David C. Dick  
Paul G. Dillman  
Darrell C. Doyle  
Denny Engnehl  
Walt Frank  
Tim D. Golden  
Jim Graven  
John S. "Jack" Handel  
Jason B. Handel  
Rob N. Helm  
Roger S. Herdt  
John Jeff Hull  
Jim L. Jackson  
Bernie J. Karem  
Chris E. Kinberger, Sr.  
Walter Lage  
Frederick L. Lau, Jr.

Ross H. "Pat" Maloney  
James Mauck  
Clinton S. McAfee  
Jim J. McGrath  
Robert E. "Bob" McGrath  
William "Tony" McGrath  
R. "Pat" McNally  
W. "Tommy" Miller  
Jeffery D. Money  
John M. "Jack" Monohan, III  
Mike E. Noland  
John L. Noon  
John R. "Jack" O'Toole, Jr.  
Lawrence C. Pilcher, Jr.  
John S. Redman  
Ken C. Reising, Jr.  
Philip "Leakey" Schneider  
Gerald P. Schreck  
Richard Harvey Schultze  
Allan R. Scott  
Richard E. Tackett  
Richard J. "Rick" Tonini  
Joseph "Joe" Wheatley  
William F. "Bill" Wilke  
Sam A. Wolfe  
James W. "Woody" Woodring  
Jim D. Youngson



1974

1974: The building at 109 Breckenridge Lane, which served as the firehouse from 1925 to 1942, was torn down.

1974: New training program was introduced.

1974: Captain Al Ring became President of Firefighters, Inc.

1974: The softball team got uniforms.

1974: Jack Monohan, III became Assistant Chief.

January 3, 1974, *The Voice*:

# Wind damage light

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

Winds that reached up to 61 miles per hour at Bowman Field ripped down trees, power lines and signs but caused no serious injuries Dec. 26.

Jefferson County Police said they responded to "lots of things" such as trees blown across roadways, power lines and poles knocked down and "general runs that took time but no injuries."

In St. Matthews, City Clerk Gretchen Kaiser said trees were blown down in the 3600 block of Warner, the 3600 block of St. Germaine, Chenoweth Lane near Brookfield and at Browns Lane and Shelbyville Road.

She said those four were in the right-of-way and after inspection by Mayor Bernard Bowling were cut up and removed by city works department crews.

St. Matthews policy is to help with removal of trees and branches that fall from within the roadway right-of-way. The city will not clean up private property but will, if requested, pickup material that has been cut and dragged to the edge of the street.

St. Matthews Fire Department answered only one call during the storm, according to Lt. Al Ring, and that was to be on hand in case a sign that had been blown loose fell on some electric power lines at Hubbards Lane and Shelbyville Road.

"It was very unusual," Ring said. "Usually, we get more calls but we were very fortunate not to have more damage."

A sudden gust tore about one-quarter of the surface of the roof of The Voice-Jeffersonian's building at 3928 Chenoweth Square, spilling a quantity of pooled water from previous rains into the newspaper's composing room.

Little damage was done inside the building, and workers from the Howard Dohrman Construction firm labored into the blustery night constructing a temporary roof over the damaged area.

Other wind damage reported includes a skylight shattered at Oxnood shopping center; signs blown down at both entrances to Hurstbourne on Shelbyville Road and a television antenna destroyed on Massie Avenue in St. Matthews.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company answered about 1,600 calls between about 3 pm and 5 pm and about 5,000 by early Thursday morning.

South Central Bell Telephone Co. reported no specific wind damage problems in eastern Jefferson County.

January 8, 1974, *The Courier-Journal*, many times

## Trash Cash

This month a WSTM-FM listener will win a G.E. Compactor that fits in kitchen, laundry, utility room—almost anywhere. . . and frees you from the messiest chore of all.

It's an "easy to enter" contest, tied in with the **St. Matthews Volunteer Fire** Department's collection of newspapers to raise money for the Crusade for Children.

Here's your chance to be a winner. Get away from trash. DIAL 103—And hear music that makes ears important.

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r PAGE 2, THE VOICE AND THE JEFFERSONIAN, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1974

# Firefighters plan school

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

Fire fighting schools planned by Firefighters Inc. should make sleeping a little easier for residents of Jefferson County, according to association president, Lt. Al Ring, of St. Matthews.

Ring, installed Jan. 11, announced the plan for 21 to 24 hours of concentrated study, within minutes of taking office. He succeeds 1973 president Don Thom, chief of the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

Lt. Doug Monohan, of St. Matthews, will act as school director.

Monohan said the four schools planned include classes in fighting liquid and gas fires, high-rise building fires; and aircraft fires and rescues. Each will be taught by a professional firefighter who is tops in his specialized field, Monohan said.

Announcement of the schools and installation of officers for 1974 topped the wide-ranging agenda before the association at the South Dixie Volunteer Fire Department station. Ring said 106 firefighters from 17 of the county's 23 departments attended.

Monohan said Middletown Chief Bob Martin will teach the liquids and gas course. Martin teaches at the state fire fighting school in Lexington and is a recognized expert in fighting liquid and gas fires, Monohan said.

Lt. Col. John Ridge, an instructor at Jefferson Community College, will teach methods of fighting fires in high-rise buildings. He will combine the course with instruction on the use of sprinkler and standpipe systems inside high buildings, said Monohan.

Standiford Field fire chief Cecil Hammons will teach aircraft fire fighting,

Monohan said. Hammons is working up a program for teaching rescue, hazards and confinement of aircraft fires, Monohan said.

Ring said the schooling will make the volunteer departments "more professional."

Besides Ring, new officers include; Lt. Ed Melman, Lake Dreamland, first vice president; Boz Tabler, Harrods Creek, second vice president; Bernie

Wathin, Fairdale, treasurer; Glenn Vogedes, Fern Creek, secretary, and Phil Schneider, St. Matthews, sergeant-at-arms. Offices are held one year.

In other action, the association tabled a motion to deliver money to the annual Crusade for Children at specific times rather than having to wait "for three or four hours to get on stage for three minutes" as in the past, Ring said.

## January 10, 1974 Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Jan. 10, 1974.

### Directors present:

Geo. Miller	John Monohan
Stan Jones	Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer	J. P. Jerry
Fred Boss	

Minutes of meeting held on Dec. 13 1973 were read by Chairman Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan recommended that we accept the one and only bid received on painting of two trucks and proceed to have them painted. The cost being \$895.00 for truck #1 and \$1095.00 for truck #4. This price includes painting, striping, chrome refinishing and any necessary metal repairs.

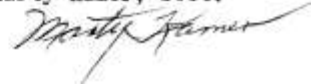
Mr. Boss put it in a form of a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, that we accept said bid ~~and~~ proceed to have painting done.

Mr. Andriot, representing the firemen, wanted to know if the board would agree to having a Dinner-dance for the firemen. The board agreed and instructed him to go ahead with making plans.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we invest \$5000.00 in Certificate of deposit with Citizens Fidelity at 6 3/4% for 2 years.

There being no further business Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



# Ring crusades for children

By Karen Grimes

Jim Walton and Al Ring talked about their favorite subject -- children -- at the St. Matthews Rotary Club meeting last Wednesday. They want to raise money for the Crusade for Children.

Walton, who emceed the last Crusade, now spends the year distributing the money collected and is planning an even bigger Crusade for next year.

"Perfectly honest Jim Walton," as he called himself, kept his comments short. He spoke of how the Crusade began 21 years ago, of the seven-million dollars that have been given to the Crusade and of recollections of his many years with the Crusade.

Walton read a few letters from parents of handicapped children who want to thank him, WHAS and the Crusade for helping their child.

It was a low key speech, but then maybe he knew that Al Ring's speech would be just the opposite.

## Rivalry

Ring, a lieutenant in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, described the rivalry between the St. Matthews Fire Department and Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department. He explained the two units have been number one in collections for five years each, but that Pleasure Ridge Park has collected more money overall. And that is precisely what annoys Ring.

He said, "We're St. Matthews. We should be number one."

So this year, the firemen are giving a no holds barred effort to trouncing Pleasure Ridge Park. They hope to collect \$50,000.

With that figure in mind, Ring said the firemen allowed women in the firehouse for the first time to aid in plan-

ning fund raising activities.

The firemen's wives have held a garage sale, a card party and bazaar, a door-to-door candy sale and plans are being made for a chili supper in February. So far, the wives have made \$2,000 for the Crusade.

## Recycle

Ring also said a site had been established behind the firehouse for bottles, cans and paper for recycling. The firemen are paid \$20 a ton for newspaper.

He mentioned that WSTM is conducting a contest, "Cash for Trash" with a prize for guessing how much money will be raised from the January paper collection. He also said WSTM was helping with advertising.

Ring praised the mayor and the St. Matthews City Council for supporting the fire department 100 percent.

Ring read an editorial written by Voice publisher Bruce Van Dusen about the St. Matthews Fire Department and its effort for the Crusade.

Ring then read the letter of reply that the Voice received from the Pleasure Ridge Park firemen, in which they offer their help in boosting our total collections.

Ring said, "Don't let us accept or need their help."

## Number one

The firemen are asking the businesses and clubs to give to the Crusade through the fire department. Each contribution goes straight to the Crusade and is recognized when the department delivers its funds to Memorial Auditorium.

Ring said, "We view this activity as a vote of confidence, a pat on the back

for a job well done."

He stated that the fire department is completely volunteer, no salaries. The men even furnish their clothing and some equipment.

"Give us what money you do give to the Crusade. It's the only payment we ask for serving you 365 days a year. Let's be number one in everything," Ring concluded.



# Two dogs die in home fire

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

Fire gutted one room and heavily damaged much of a one-story home at 4623 Brownsboro Road Friday morning, Jan. 11, 1974.

Two pet dogs died from smoke inhalation but a tiny toy poodle survived by hiding under a bed in a bedroom in the furthest corner of the house from the fire, according to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Lt. Al Ring.

The homeowner, Mrs. Verna Hamilton was away at work when the fire was reported by a neighbor about 9:15 am. Firefighters said the fire had been smoldering sometime before it blew out a den window causing flames and smoke to billow over Brownsboro Road.

Ring said the cause of the fire is "undetermined." The Louisville Arson Squad is investigating, but Ring said arson is not seriously being considered as a cause.

Fire department Major Robert C. Walling, first to arrive, said he originally thought the house was fully involved in flames. But 500 gallons of water from one pump truck brought the fire under control, he said.

Ring said, "This is one stop I can brag on. It took some real quick, concentrated work because we thought there was a heck of a lot more fire than there was."

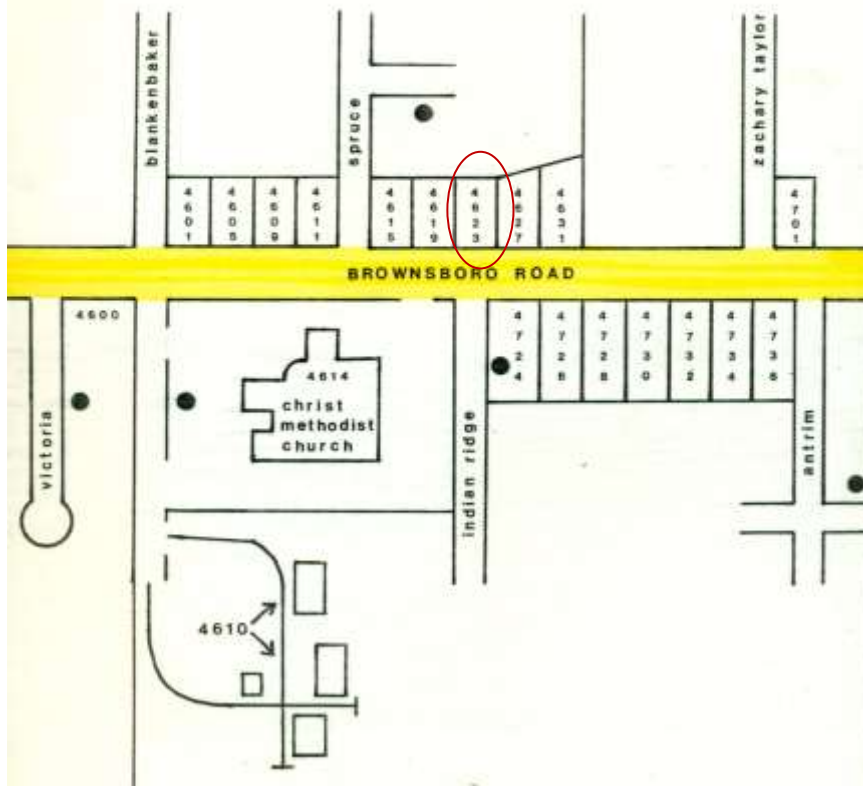
"But our firefighters confined the fire to the one room, the front den and made a beautiful stop," Ring said.

Because of a lack of fire hydrants along that section of Brownsboro Road, Ring said the department laid two 1,300 foot hoses.

"It's just an unfortunate area where the houses are a good distance from the closest hydrant," he said.

Ring emphasized that a hydrant located in the front yard of the Hamilton home would have made no difference in fighting the fire because it was controlled quickly with water from the pumper.

**BROWNSBORO ROAD**  
BOX 071  
4600 - 4736





1974

February 2, 1974, *The Voice*:

#### What's cooking

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The supper is phase three of the wives' plan to help their husbands raise \$50,000 for the Crusade for Children. In the last few months, the wives have held a garage sale and a joint card party and bazaar.

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Diana Strange, chairman of the supper, admitted the wives were glad that Mrs. Fuchs has offered her help. None of them knew how to make chili for 500

people.

All of the ingredients to make that much chili and the other food for the supper was donated by area businesses. Another 50 businesses have displayed posters advertising the supper.

The menu includes chili at 40 cents a bowl, sandwiches and hot dogs, cake, pie, coffee and soft drinks. The chili is available for carry-out orders, but you must bring your own container.

After supper, you can attend the Trinity vs. Manual basketball game in the gym.

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Note, I believe this is Mary Kay Klapheke.

February 7, 1974, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



Staff photo

DANA MONOHAN, 6, won a stuffed dog at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department chili supper to raise money for the Crusade for Children. Dana is the grandchild of Fire Chief John Monohan. The supper netted about \$700. The fire department is competing with other departments to raise the most money for the annual crusade.

1974

February 14, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Feb. 14, 1974.

Directors present:

Geo Miller	Fred Boss
Stan Jones	Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer	W. Leland Wilson
	John Monohan

Minutes of meeting held on Jan. 10, 1974 were read by Chairman Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we invest a certain sum of money in Treasury Bills as an investment toward new equipment. The amount to be invested will be \$9727.35 for 6 months at 7.10% At maturity date, which will be July 25, 1974, the return shall be \$10,000.

Mr. Monohan reported that one piece of equipment is now being painted and is near completion. The second piece will get painted in about 2 weeks.

Mr. Monohan also asked the board their thinking on the idea of installing an underground tank for gas, to be used in the trucks in emergencies, such as at nights and on week-ends when gas stations may be closed.

The board agreed with the idea and authorized Mr. Monohan to install said tank.

Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that a dinner-dance be given for the firemen

The dinner to be on March 13 at Keith's Landing and the dance will be at the V.F.W. hall on March 16.

Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we buy a calculator from Louisville Typewriter Co. at a cost of \$310.00 less discount.

Setting in on this Feb. 14, 1974 meeting were two guest. Namely, Mr. Dennis Clare, who is Co-ordinator for Volunteer Fire Depts. in Jefferson County. Also Mr. Bruce VanDusen, editor&publisher of the Voice Newspaper.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Mar. 14, 1974.

Directors present:

John Monohan	Fred Boss
Bill Andriot	Geo. Miller
J. P. Terry	Marty Kamer
Phil Grauman	W. Leland Wilson

Minutes of meeting held on Feb. 14, 1974 were read by Chairman Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that we authorize the instalation of sport equipment in and on the parking lot.

The board members gave their O.K. for the firemen to purchase a truck to be used to collect and haul paper for benefit of the Crusade. The cost of the truck will be 300.00 dollars and will be paid for by the firemen out of the Crusade fund. The Fire Dept. will carry the insurance on said truck.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



March 1974: S4, 1955 Seagrave 750 GPM Quad, was repainted.

# The frustrations of an outspoken gas-station dealer

By PHIL NORMAN, Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

IT SEEMS that Al Ring has always been a little outcasted. When he was 8 years old, as he remembers it, he told his parents that "I was going to have my own business, period." His mother's follow to the business of his father, an employee of General Electric, and work for a big company.

He broke another family precedent by desiring that "college wasn't my cup of tea," although he did agree to give it a "test drive" by going to Eastern Kentucky University for one semester.

He quit college, got a job, saved his money, and he had asked for 12 months to become an automobile and diesel mechanic and took a two-month college course in bookkeeping.

After an apprenticeship of pumping gas for 30 cents an hour, he was ready for one of the nation's most famous and highly populated small-business towns. At 21, he bought his own service-station business and became "The Independent American (I/A) dealer in Louisville. . . I don't mind saying I was very proud."

Now 38, he has operated four major divisions under control with three major oil companies, within a six-block stretch of Louisville Road in western Jefferson County.

He soon he has managed to make only what he owes to a relatively modest \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year. But so far, he says, he has received a series of frustrations that already have thinned the ranks

of the more than 200,000 operators down to the business during days of plentiful gasoline, proliferating methods and easy credit.

In the process, his reputation for being "outspoken" — it is a word used by at least everyone who talks about Ring's approach to his business — has grown.

SEATED in the cramped office in his current storefront (in Louisville) station — he is at pains to exempt that company from many of his complaints about the big oil companies — he offers this chronicle of a station owner's whole frustrating experience since the last night of the year.

First, sometimes something is "tampered." One of the complaints that caused thousands of dealers to close up shop a day and take part in "oil riots" of gas and motorists that cost thousands of dollars while bottling the companies.

Ring bought a quarter but being better with Evans, Corp., U.A. (then known as Fisk), which he accused of trying to control a plan to replace his Evans station with a large company-owned station. During that struggle about three years ago, Fisk's estimates gave him four or five cents, which he mailed to the company.

Intense competition from "outlets" service stations, some of which had their



Service-station operator Al Ring predicts that the gasoline shortage will be over soon, but he is walking to preserve each fruit of the energy crisis as for giveaways and shorter work days.

gasoline from major refiners at prices below those paid by the companies' own brand-name dealers. In some cases, Ring estimates, the company outlets are owned and operated by the big companies.

"The word gas wars is better," which brought his price down to 28 or 29 cents a gallon in 1973. In addition to changing rates of the price war, Ring says stations were engaged in one, he promises and even as much as 1 cent a gallon by losing trading stamps in customers.

The energy crisis and accompanying gasoline shortages, starting only a few months after the price war ended, Ring's price for regular gasoline has about doubled—it's 51 cents a gallon for regu-

lar—and his supply has been cut to about 80 per cent of 1973 levels.

Without promotions and with a correct increase of three cents a gallon in their profit margins—he makes up for reduced volume—dealers apparently are making more money on the gasoline they sell.

But while he stays open shorter hours and has less particular help, Ring says, his customers show up in "waves" of as many as 30 cars at a time at Fords, Saturns and Minis. He has less time for mechanical work and "loses the chance to get under the hood and maybe sell a needed item." As a result, he says, his income from non-gasoline items has dropped about \$2,000 in February compared with the same month last year.

A switch from a heavy brand of free-education to government outlets on price markups and business practices. Ring is one of a number of dealers who have moved to foreign a government rate limiting that to give preferential treatment to major customers. They say they will need time to respond to the new rate limiting.

In an opinion based on the crisis, which would be used once by the lifting of the oil embargo, Ring says such efforts to cut back price controls in the face of inflation, some models with the oil companies, a response of "under" competition from economy stations, and

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PHIL NORMAN, Feb. 1, this section

## Frustrations of an outspoken gas-station dealer

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possibly even a dwindling demand for gasoline because of the trend away from big cars.

IN GENERAL, Ring's complaints seem typical of those being registered by Kentucky's service-station owners. And Ring himself might be considered typical of the neighborhood dealer who has become known in his community. A captain on the 28th Madison Volunteer Fire Department, he recently became president of Fire Fighters Inc., an organization of fire departments in the Louisville area.

"But I'm considered somewhat of a rebel," he says, looking back to his three-year feud with EXXON. "Every time they told me to do something, I did the opposite. Just to prove to them that I was my own businessman."

He is engaged by "this Simon's little rule" (referred to William E. Simon, director of the Federal Energy Office) that we can't give preferential treatment to steady customers. . . I have made it very clear to my customers, the Internal Revenue Service and Simon and everybody else that I am going to take care of my steady customers — come hell or high water. I could care less what they say."

"MY BIGGEST COMPLAINT," he adds, "is these out-of-state gas stations that are building up and taking a large percentage of the market."

He asserts that major oil companies "own an awful lot of these out-of-state stations. We want to see it that if they sell a out-of-state station a gallon of gas for a certain amount of money, they must sell . . . to us for the same amount of money." However, he says he doesn't know of any immediate plan to challenge the price variations, which he thinks are illegal.

If enough customers turn to economy outlets, he contends, "it will eliminate service-station dealers." Since the economy stations offer limited services, he says, the consumer would "be in the hands of automobile dealers, and we all know that doesn't work." Prices are too high, service is rotten. . .

With such decisive views, Ring has become co-chairman of a group of Louisville area dealers who banded together recently in the face of the fuel shortage. Members were threatening to close down their stations, Ring notes, but that threat has been blunted by the recent government decisions allowing dealers to add 3 cents to their price markups.

Still, he says, a profit of some sort could be forthcoming if the government promotes dealers for refusing to serve "transients" on the same basis as regular customers. The group has been pushing



Al Ring makes it "very clear" that "I am going to take care of my steady customers . . . come hell or high water."

also for an early end to government control on dealers.

The group, the Kentucky Gasoline Dealers for Action, drew about 125 dealers in a recent meeting. It has been described as a faction seeking to gain power in the larger and more moderate Kentucky Gasoline Dealers Association. While the association hasn't suggested that any motorists should receive special attention at the gasoline pump, according to Executive Director Charles T. Mathis, it does have some common goals with the more activist group.

The two groups are similar in their criticism of the oil companies and economy-gasoline stations. And the Kentucky Gasoline Dealers for Action has joined the association in supporting a bill, currently in the state legislature, spelling out the rights of gasoline dealers and other entrepreneurs who operate under franchises from larger companies.

WHATEVER THE MERITS of their complaints, the dealers apparently have been in one mind or another for the past few years.

According to the American Petroleum

Institute (API), an industry group that speaks primarily for the oil companies, the number of stations was reported to have reached a high of more than 222,000 in 1960. The number declined to 88,000 in 1970 — about 2,800 in Kentucky — before the energy crisis and probably is dropping below 213,000 as construction is slowed and some stations are closed because of the shortage, says API Vice President B. W. Cecil.

The turnover in station operators, many of them underfunded and poorly trained, has amounted to more than 28 per cent a year, according to API.

API and other industry spokesmen tend to concede that the nation's network of gasoline outlets was "overbuilt" until some companies began a trend of replacing marginal brand-name stations with a relatively few company-operated service centers.

With the "spit bucket" for surplus gasoline having dried up, Cecil observes, many economy stations have been hurt worse than major-brand service stations as a result of the gasoline shortage. Still, economy gasoline outlets are an integral part of the business of some oil companies.

IN THE LOUISVILLE AREA, American (now known as Amoco), has increased its dealership into company-run self-service stations under the Whale brand name. Ashland Oil, which has 408 Ashland dealers, also operates the Paycon and 10-Py and other economy chains. Most of Ashland's gasoline sales are and traditionally have been to jobbers who supply other chains of independent stations.

Spokesmen for the oil companies explain that they can sell gasoline more cheaply to economy stations because such sales don't involve the advertising costs and other expenditures entailed in transactions with major-brand dealers.

In a typical case, a major oil company

might own a brand-name station and lease it to a dealer for 2 or 2 1/2 cents on each gallon of gasoline sold.

Before the shortage, Ring observes, a dealer usually had a markup of about 7 cents a gallon. After deductions for rent and trading stamps, he contends, gasoline profits weren't enough to cover the expenses of an average dealer selling 40,000 to 45,000 gallons a month. Thus, he asserts, sales of other items and mechanical services have been crucial to the dealers.

API has a report showing a startling range in service-station profits in Kentucky cities in 1973, when prices were more uniform in the Louisville area. The report shows average incomes of \$3,400 in Louisville, \$5,040 in Lexington, and \$17,000 in Bowling Green. It says the top one-third of the operators in the three cities averaged between about \$12,000 and \$25,000.

If they are accurate, the average-income figures could amount for some of the recent gains of mobility among some Louisville-area dealers.

As Ring sums it up, the dealers are struggling to keep some of the fruits of the energy crisis — as Sunday sales, no discounts, no giveaways, no 24-hour business days. In addition, he says, they want to stay ahead of inflation and persuade motorists to patronize their neighborhood service stations instead of just looking for the lowest priced gasoline.

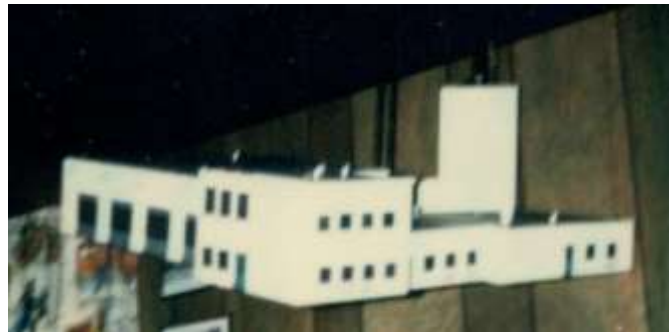
The last part seems as the hardest, especially if the shortage ends as Ring and other station operators think it might. Predicting that the shortage will be over soon, Ring suggests that "when the price gets up, they're going to find a whole lot of gas."

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1974 Photos from Al Ring—his collection of STMFD fire houses he made.





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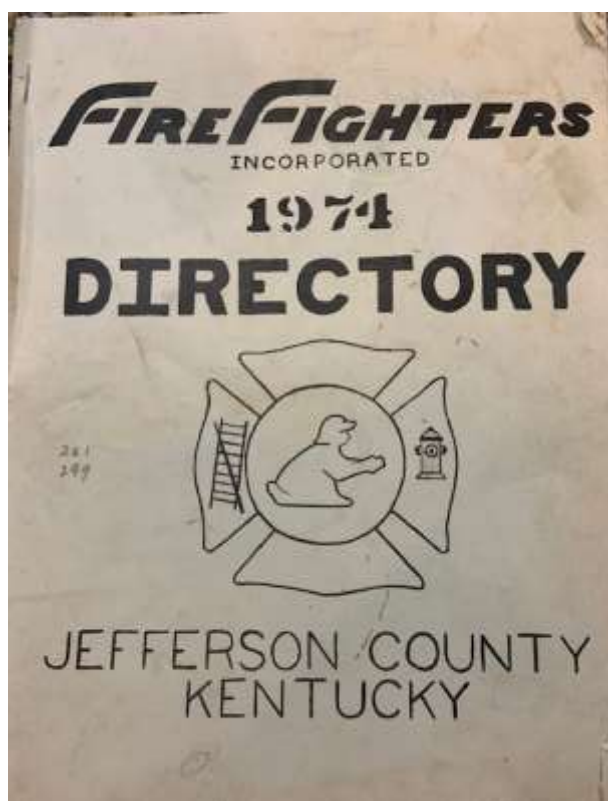


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**The April 3, 1974 Tornado information will be covered in a separate section.**

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# On Call

## Volunteer firemen reacted quickly in wake of tornado

By BILLY REED

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Late on the afternoon of April 3, only minutes after the tornado had leveled the affluent suburb of Northfield in eastern Jefferson County, volunteer fire fighters were on the scene, looking through the debris for survivors, checking the demolished homes for gas leaks, working to clear the streets for rescue vehicles.

Their helmets and trucks identified them as being from several departments — Harrods Creek, McMahan, Landon, Warthington, St. Matthews, Jeffersonville, and Middletown. But they worked together quickly and efficiently, as if they were regularly confronted with such disasters.

Soon the streets were crisscrossed by a cobweb of thick canvas hoses. The red and yellow helmets of the fire fighters

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ballooned among the ruins in the fading twilight.

"Hey, somebody trapped over here!"

At the cry, the firemen dropped their hoses and dashed toward a demolished home. For a few frantic moments, they dug and poked among the ruins, looking for some sign of human life.

It turned out to be a false alarm. Nobody was trapped. But the point was, somebody could have been, and the volunteer firemen were there.

"I've never been so proud in my life," says Al Ring, a fillingstation operator



who also is a St. Matthews volunteer fireman and president of Firefighters, Inc., an organization of county fire fighters.

"None of us had ever been involved in a disaster of that nature, so we felt that what we did was a miraculous feat. The cooperation, the fact that we got there so quick. One of our men put it best when he said, 'When they crawled out of their homes, they saw a few fighters.'"

Like a lot of other people, the volunteer firemen did a marvelous job in the minutes and hours just after the tornado struck. Of the 22 departments and estimated 860 volunteer firemen in the county, about 25 per cent of them were on the job that night, according to Ring.

Understandably proud, the firemen — or at least a healthy number of them



A Jeffersontown volunteer fireman walked through the rubble that was Northfield after the April 2 tornado ripped through the community.

Staff Photo by Larry Kester

— were disappointed that they didn't get more recognition through the media.

Last Friday, at a meeting of Firefighters, Inc., at Harrods Creek, the McMahan Fire Protection District distributed a letter calling attention to the shoddy treatment given to the volunteer firemen and to the Louisville Fire Department by the news media and citizens elected officials of Jefferson County.

"A lot of us wondered why we weren't mentioned more in the press," said Ring, "and we finally figured out that we were in there so quick — within 10 minutes in some cases — that we were already breaking down and leaving the area by the time the media got there. Also, most of our work was done within three hours after the tornado struck, instead of continuing for days."

Volunteer firemen are accustomed to doing a lot of good work for little or no return. Most are men whose main line of business is elsewhere. They are plumbers, electricians, bankers, businessmen. Except for a few professionals, some receive any financial reward for the time — sometimes 10 hours a week or more — they spend as volunteer firemen.

At best, it's a thankless job, so why bother? Why do men spend time at the firehouse instead of bowling or watching TV or something like that?

"A variety of reasons," says Al Ring. "First, there's the very strong fellowship. Some people belong to country clubs, some become volunteer firemen. Second, there's the small element of helping the community, although I'm not going to tell you that's the only reason we do it.

"In a lot of cases, I think there's a sense of adventure and challenge involved. I know that's why I do it. Am I good enough? Can I meet nature's challenge? Those are questions we ask ourselves."

Most volunteer firemen train about four hours a week, besides participating in emergency projects — such as helping combat cancer during charity drives. And, of course, there are fires to be fought and false alarms to be run down.

"Some take only 20 minutes but others take eight or nine hours," says Al Ring.

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April 11, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass. was held on April 11, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss	J. F. Terry
John Monohan	W. Leland Wilson
Bill Andriot	Geo. Miller

Minutes of meeting held on March 14, 1974 were read by Pres. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Terry, that they be accepted as read.

Geo. Miller was instructed to contact Phil Grauman to find out whether or not Mrs Sharp is covered on new wage scale.

Fred Boss reported that Treasury Bill for \$10,000 has not been received. Mr. Boss talked to Stan Jones and Helen Hamilton and they said it was supposed to have been delivered Mar. 20, 1974.

There being no further business motion made by Geo. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



April 12, 1974, The Courier-Journal

## Man, 86, killed by freight train

An 86-year-old man, Arthur H. Graf, of 216 Chenoweth Lane, was fatally injured yesterday when he was struck by a Cheasapeake and Ohio Railroad freight train at the crossing at Chenoweth Lane and Westport Road, according to St. Matthews police.

Graf died at 2:05 p.m. at Suburban Hospital of head injuries, according to Chief Deputy Coroner Billy G. Wilkey.

St. Matthews police said Graf was walking across the tracks at about 1:30 p.m. when he was struck by the westbound freight train. The warning signals were working and the gate was down at the crossing, police said.

The body was taken to the Arch L. Heady and Son Funeral Home, 1201 E. Oak St.

April 18, 1974, The Voice:

## Firefighters take care of their own

Jefferson County volunteer firefighters "took care of one of their own" last week in a swift and generous gesture which raised \$142.37 for a very sick boy.

The recipient is nine-year-old Mike Thom, son of Worthington Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Donald C. Thom and Mrs. Thom, of 7802 Crown Top Rd.

Last month, after back pains defied

repeated attempted medical diagnoses, Mike was found to have a malignant tumor on the spine. An operation has left him paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair for an indefinite period.

At a meeting of the Firefighters Association April 12, Association president Al Ring asked for contributions so that toys could be bought for Mike, a fourth-grader at Norton School.

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During April & May of 1974 there was unrest with the firefighters and officers with the leadership of Assistant Chief Bob Walling. After several meetings Bob Walling resigned from the position.

May 9, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on May 9, 1974.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller

W. Leland Wilson

Bill Andriot

John Monohan

Phil Grauman

Marty Kamer

Minutes of meeting held on April 11, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Grauman, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the pay rate for Mrs Sharp be increased to \$1.90 per hour effective May 1, 1974 in order to meet new wage rate requirements.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that a letter be sent to Mr. Stan Jones asking for his resignation as a director, since he is no longer connected in business in the St. Matthews area.

Mr. Monohan brought before the board a petition, dated April 30, 1974, signed by 31 firemen, asking Bob Walling for his resignation as Asst. Chief. Having submitted his resignation, Mr Grauman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that resignation be accepted. Motion so carried.

Mr. Monohan requested firemen to submit a list of names to be considered for the Asst. Chief vacancy. This list is to be made available on or before the next board meeting.

Mr. Monohan appointed a committee of three to review this list of names. The committee consist of Mr. Andriot, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Kamer.

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that we purchase Jump Suits for the firemen.

There being no further business Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



May 16, 1974, *The Voice*:

# Crusade wins predicted

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

R. K. Back, chief of the Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department, is confident his firefighters will donate more money to the annual Crusade for Children than their arch-rival, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

He flatly states his department will donate "a lot more" than last year's total of \$28,351.

But St. Matthews officials are equally confident they will once again reign as Jefferson County's most giving group of volunteer firefighters.

Last Year, for the fourth straight year, Pleasure Ridge Park won. In the past 11 years, the record is St. Matthews six wins, Pleasure Ridge five. Overall, St. Matthews has donated \$202,411, Pleasure Ridge Park \$208,097.

St. Matthews Officials, tired of being number two, vowed last year to collect \$50,000 and, with a boatload of help from their wives, planned a titilla of chili suppers, card parties and newspaper and can collections to make the promise stick.

St. Matthews Crusade Chairman, Lt. Al Ring cautiously declined to say how much has been collected, "because it'll make them work harder if I do."

But, Ring reached for an adding machine and began pushing buttons and ringing totals.

"Let's see just how much it will take for them to beat us," he said.

"They're a fine fire department," Ring said, "But they're going to have to come up with around thirty, nope about thirty-five percent more this year than they did last year to beat us."

"And I just don't think they stand a chance. In fact, you can say St.

Matthews WILL be number one again. Pleasure Ridge WILL be number two," said Ring.

Back said an editorial in *The Voice* last year "called us a bunch of penny-pinching money grubbers or something like that. So we'll just see how many pennies we can pinch and how much money we can grub."

St. Matthews firefighters will set up roadblocks this weekend and finish canvassing neighborhoods in their fire protection district, Ring said.

So far, about \$750 has come in from East End businesses but Ring said "a whole lot more is in the mail, a whole lot more."

"We are banking on the businesses coming through for us this year," he said. In the past, East End businesses have donated no more than \$2,000

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through the fire department to the Crusade, he said.

St. Matthews is scheduled for an appearance on WHAS-TV at 1:30 pm Sunday, May 19 to deliver its haul. Pleasure Ridge Park is to go on at 4 pm.

Back said the three hour additional period of collection time might help Pleasure Ridge Park. Ring said it would make no difference because St. Matthews traditionally "stops all operations at 1:30 anyway" and besides, he repeated, Pleasure Ridge Park doesn't have a chance of winning.

Back, laughing, said, "We'll see."

May 17, 1974, Unknown:

## The absent sirens

Where are the sirens? Who heard them?

Three weeks after the devastating tornado struck this community, I am appalled that so little has been heard of plans for installation of Civil Defense sirens in all areas. Without these alerts, we have no civil defense.

I wonder how many people ever heard a warning unless they happened to have a radio or television turned on. You can't stay "tuned in" 24 hours a day, and I know of several instances where victims knew nothing about it until their homes were destroyed. How fortunate that they escaped being killed. Suppose it had come during the night hours, when most people had retired. The death toll would have been ghastly.

When we lived in the Anchorage area the siren was mounted on top of Eastern High School and since it rotated it could be heard all over the countryside.

Since I've lived in St. Matthews (five years) I have yet to hear one. When I called Mr. Durand, acting director of Louisville and Jefferson County Office of Civil Defense, and asked him why, his answer left me stunned. "No, you haven't heard one and won't until the fire chief (volunteer fire department) consents to having one placed on that building. This he has persistently refused to do."

Do you mean to tell me that one man's objection to such an important means of protection is allowed to risk the lives of thousands of citizens?

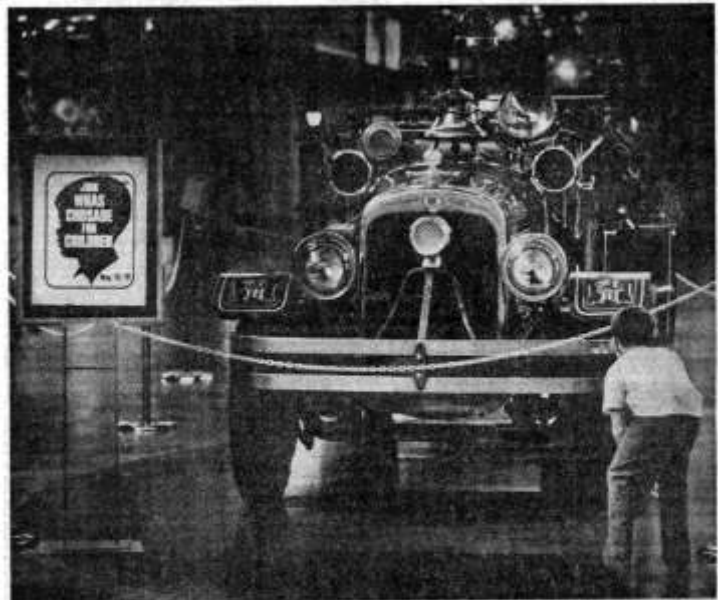
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LOOKING OVER "Betty," a 1931 Seagrave pump-and-tank fire truck displayed at The Mall on Shelbyville Road is Eric Kline, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kline, of 2408 Taymer Drive in Louisville. The

truck is being shown in conjunction with a bazaar sponsored by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and The Mall for the Crusade for Children. Betty is still in service after 43 years.

A 4 THE LOUISVILLE TIMES, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1974



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### Snackers three

The Gregory brothers, from left, Todd, 7, Jason, 3, and Scott, 7, enjoyed popcorn in front of a St. Matthews Fire Department truck on display at The Mall on Shelbyville Road during a bazaar yesterday to

collect money for the WHAS Crusade for Children. The effort was sponsored jointly by the fire department and the shopping center. The crusade broadcast begins tonight on WHAS television.



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May 18, 1974, Unknown:



bernie vonderheide

## Crusade rivals fired up again for No. 1—the kids

Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Chief Kay Back said it all.

"We don't really care if St. Matthews beats us this year," he noted in a serious vein this week, "because all that means is that the Crusade for Children will benefit."

The chief was talking about the cross-town rivalry that has developed between his Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

In recent years, St. Matthews has always been the bridesmaid and never the bride when it came to which volunteer department could collect the most money for the annual Crusade for Children.

The Crusade for Children gets under way on WHAS radio and television at 10 tonight. And sometime tomorrow afternoon, as volunteer fire departments from Kentuckiana bring their collections to the stage of Memorial Auditorium, we'll know who won the 1974 competition between St. Matthews and Pleasure Ridge Park.

"We'll definitely do better than we did last year," said Capt. Al Ring of the St. Matthews volunteers. "And you can tell Pleasure Ridge Park that we absolutely have the utmost respect for them as fire fighters and human beings . . . but they will be No. 2 this year," Ring predicted.

"They always talk like that," Chief Back retorted.

Officials at WHAS have been mildly concerned this year over the effect the April 3 tornadoes may have on crusade collections. The station sent letters to the volunteer fire departments in areas hit by twisters saying that it would understand if the departments could not participate this year.

But if the Irvington (Ky.) Volunteer Fire Department is any indication, there should be little cause for concern.

Irvington, south of Brandenburg, was hit on its outer edges by the storm. Even so, Wayde McCamish, a member of the Irvington volunteers, said they would participate this year.

"We don't expect to do as well as last year," he said, "but we're going to try."

Members of the Southwick Improvement Club will be at 34th Street and Southern Avenue today selling barbecued ribs, cupcakes and other assorted goodies, the proceeds from which go to the crusade.

Sarah Thompson, president of the club, said they'll also have pony rides and collect at three roadblocks.

Mrs. Thompson's husband, John, will be serving as chief cook. He has handled this chore for the past 12 years and his work has earned him a membership in the organization, which consists mostly of women.

"Once in a while," said Mrs. Thompson, "he even cooks at home."

Amy Waddell was one of about 350 Sullivan Business College students collecting for the crusade last week.

She turned in a sparkling performance thanks to a woman who drove up to her in a car in a shopping-center parking lot.

The woman dropped \$130 in cash into Amy's collection bucket. Amy was too startled to get the woman's name, but it will most likely get her a free steak dinner, which the school annually awards to the top collector.

Then there's Joseph Robinson, a chef in the dietary department at the Christian Church Home, 942 S. Fourth St.

An accomplished gospel singer, Robinson will open the religious part of the crusade tomorrow morning for the fourth straight year.

This year, however, he'll bring a gift of \$300 to the crusade, made possible by Robinson's fellow employees in the dietary department.

Coming off a regional barbershop-singing championship that they won last weekend, the Cardinal IV quartet of the Kentuckiana Chapter of Sweet Adelines will appear tomorrow morning on the crusade.

The quartet—Mary O'Hara, bass; Bernice Orr, tenor; Viola Pendleton, lead; and Patricia Humphrey, baritone—will be facing another challenge besides singing.

"That getting up at 4 a.m. to be ready to sing at 6:15," said Mrs. O'Hara. "I hope we can make it."

A crusade first this year: More than 100 churches in the five-county New Albany district of the United Methodist Church will pool their members' donations to make one giant gift tomorrow morning.

Handling what most likely will be his biggest collection ever, the Rev. Gordon Byrum, pastor of the Unity Chapel United Methodist Church at Ramsey, Ind., organized the effort.

May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children: Courtesy Marty Kamer:

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St. Matthews - 46,201	LaGrange - 5388
Pleasure Ridge - 32,708	Elkhorn - 13,179
Lexington - 11,412	Zionsville - 4,357
Morehead - 15,266	<del>Shelbyville</del> - 12,122
Harrodsburg - 4,776	Lynchburg - 562
Terre Haute - 7,855	Fairdale - 7,746
Middletown - 4,000	Shively + Danford
Fear Creek - 6,521	
Blue Mound - 7,718	Lebanon - 12,211
New Castle - 18,890	St. Paul - 16,118
Highland -	St. Mary - 5,771
Evansville - 23,400	Holy Spirit - 16,795
South Bend - 9,928	Holy Trinity - 12,558
Shelbyville -	Summit -
McCool - 7,718	Decorah - 8,154
North Oldham - 18,914	St. Jo - 3,811
Wentworth - 4,035	St. Paul - 6,611
Lawrenceburg - 6,100	St. Stephen - 1,511
Eastwood - 13,577	
Ellettsburg - 4,466	G.E. 50,000

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Jeffersonville - 15,376
Camp Taylor - 10,723
Redman - 27,605

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children:

ST. MATTHEW FIRE ASSOCIATION									
40,000.00 GOAL									
CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN 1974									
	BEFORE	BEFORE	EARLY	FRI NAY	SAT NAY	SAT 6PM	SAT NAY	SUMMARY	
NEWSPAPER	4050.48	51		62170	407.48	65276		4050.00	
CANS	400.05	52						261.86	
GARAGE SALE	838.87							church	210.00
MRS. WREGE	1000.00							600.00	
BLUE BOAR	143.88	53		1109.62	135.16	437.21		745.29	
CHILE SUPPER	853.84				772.44	314.78	464.04		297.26
EARLY MONEY	329.01								
CARD PARTY		54		553.26	172.85	716.25		490.01	123.64
BAZZAR	560.31				891.46	369.54	370.31		552.70
BAZAR									
THURSDAY NIGHT ROAD BLOCK	61.60							204.14	
OTHER	152.75	55		1305.30	908.41				
TOTAL	12182.59					1294.50	287.25		1152.24
BAZAR	1045.02								
ROAD BLOCK	284.22								
NEWSPAPER	12182.59							2252.00	
SI	356.54	56		348.13	308.94	252.78	531.25		871.86
	257.59								1000
SI	251.80								
Misc.	406.45			283.46	355.66	343.97		374.51	
SI	481.31				151.16		227.78		
							347.76		
TOTAL	12182.59			4448.07	4068.50	4486.39	2228.99	5567.81	3107.72
Total	12182.59			16631.66	20700.16	28186.55	27415.54	72988.35	36191.07
CASH, YR. 1955.41	2925.41			6771.33	7283.46	1379.19	19947.32	27626.06	36201.07
	+ 977.21								

1974 Crusade for Children

Newspaper	\$4175.48
Cans	400.05
Garage Sale	838.87
Mrs. Wrege	1000.00
Blue Boar	143.88
Chile Supper	853.84
Early Money	329.01
Card Party	560.31
Bazar	
Thursday Night Road Block	61.60
Friday Night Road Block	369.52
Other	152.75
Concert Mall	1045.02
S 1 Monday night	218.09
Wed. Night	356.54
Thursday night	257.59
S 2 Thursday night	251.80
S 6 Monday night	406.45
Wed Night	280.41
Thursday night	481.31
Total	12,182.59

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Newspaper	\$ 4055.48
Cans	400.05
Concert Mall	1045.02
Woman about	3000.00
Special Donation	1000.00
Business 900 contacted	Pancake House 600.00
Blue Boar	143.88
West St. Matthews About	6700.00
Road Blocks	5000.00
Church	210.00
Boling	100.00
Canvase terrratory	14630.55
Will	10000.00
Total	46228.80

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children: ey.

Notes, that were read on TV while giving the mon-

We want to thank our wives and friends who helped us this year. They did an excellent job. Also a special thanks to Mrs. Joe McGrath who was chairwoman of the wives.

We want to thank the Mall Merchants Association, for their wonderful help this year. We had a bazar Friday and Saturday, and did real well, and also we received \$1,045.00 from an Oldie but Goodie concert, sponsored by the Mall Merchants Association, Shackletons, Music Co. and the Monarchs, Epics, and the Trindells singing groups.

We want to mention that Chip Snyder held a Carnival with some helpers Maria Poschinger, Jimmy Fronts, Maria Gentile, and Andrew Gentile, and collected 22.92

We received 100.00 from Mrs. Westerman in the honor of Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Westerman.

Excel Service 5.00

Galbraiths Beauty Salon 25.00

K- Sue Liquors 25.00

Smith Hauling & Rigging Co. 101.00

We want to thank Mr. Joseph Boone owner of 4 Panoske House, and 2 Windhill Restaurants, for 100.00 from each for a total of \$200.00.

CLIFTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND BIBLE SCHOOL 210.00

TONIC JACARIL 25.00

DR. DON WRIGHT 100.00

10.00 FROM TERRY WINTERBERG IN MEMORIAM HIS BROTHER MIKE.

JUL IN HONOR OF CAROL 22.75

GIVE NOTE TO JIM 197.7825

There has been a lot of talk about competition between FRP and us for the Crusade. We want to be sure everyone understands that as Fireman and Friends we have the utmost respect for FRP Firefighters, They are our Friends. But at Crusade time we square off into good friendly competition. As a Firefighter from St. Matthews I hope and expect them to be no two, For the Crusade, if they beat us it means more money for the kids, and thats ok. If they beat us, they will have worked hard and earned it.

We want to be sure and thank all the people in West St. Matthews again this year they came through.

We also want to thank all the people in the tornado area, which came right through west St. M. and are district, we thought it would hurt us, but it didn't, We are proud to represent people like this, and hope to continue to do so.

We would like to thank the estate and memory of Mrs. Glao Milligan, she died May 23, 1973 and directed that \$10,000.00 be given to the Crusade through our Fire Department.

Last Year \$23,626.06

% of increase. 95 1/2

Total ~~46228.80~~ 46228.80

May 20, 1974, The Courier-Journal Edited

Every year there are those groups that bring in sizeable donations and always try to top the previous year's gift.

Among those groups were the **St. Matthews** Volunteer **Fire** Department, which collected \$46,228 (a "95 per cent increase" over last year, a department spokesman said, and Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department, which brought in \$32,708.

Other groups contributing sizeable amounts were the Buechel-Fern Creek Fire Department with \$12,170 and the Okolona Fire Department with a total of \$13,379.

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children: Our Crusade Recording Keeping Chart includes Al's Ace

				FRI M	SAT. M	SAT 6A	SAT PM	SUNDAY		
S-1	NEWSPAPER	4050.48						480.00		
	CASH	400.05	51	621.70	407.48	652.26		261.86		
	CASH IN	813.81	-					church	21000	
	WAGE	1000.00								
S-2	BLUE BOAT	148.88			1125.10	427.21				
	CHURCH	857.84	53	1109.62	776.44	314.78	464.44	745.29	2922.6	
	OTHER	329.01								
S-3	CASH P.				1125.10	716.25		490.01	12844	
	MADRID	500.31	54	5532.6	891.46	369.54	370.11		552.70	
	BOAT									
	R.A.	666								
S-4	OTHER	152.75								
	DANCE	1045.02	55	1105.30	908.41	1194.50	287.25		1152.26	
	HOUSE/PAID	125.00								
	T.A.	369.52								
S-5		212.09								
	SI	356.54	56	343.17	309.94	257.78	531.35		881.86	
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	SI	251.30	57							
Misc.		406.45	EARLY Ad	227.61	2635.66	Ad 349.97	227.81	324.51		
	SC	230.48	Ad 44	282.46	Ad 151.16	MAIL 347.76		27.77		
		431.31								
		1212.59		4449.07	4068.50	4426.79	2228.99	3562.61		
Total		1212.59		16631.66	20700.16	25186.55	27415.54	72983.35	46228.80	

May 20, 1974: Mailgram from Chief Paul O'Leary, McMahan Fire Department

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ALAN D RING  
25 WESTPORT TERRACE  
LOUISVILLE KY 40207

AL CONGRATULATIONS ON 74 \$46,000 WONT BE ENOUGH NEXT YEAR WE'RE  
AFTER YOUR A--. WE ALL LOVE AND RESPECT ST MATTHEWS FIRE DEPT  
CHIEF PAUL O'LEARY MCMAHAN FIRE DEPT

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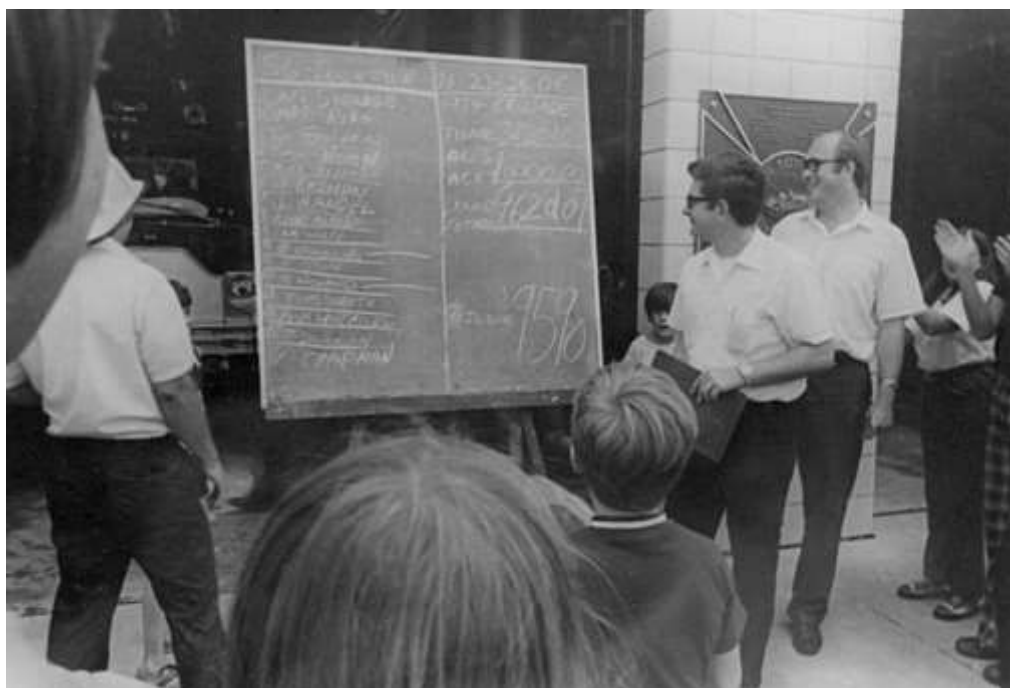
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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children:

56-DOWNTOWN	73 23626.06
1. CAPT. STRANGE	1974 CRUSADE
2. CAPT. RING	TOTAL 36201.01
3. Tim Golden	AL'S 10000.00
4. John NOON	ACE 46201
5. MIKE McLANE	GRAND TOTAL
6. J. REDMON	
7. JIM HANDEL	
8. RICK ALBERG	
9. SAM WELT	
10. J. WOODWARD	
11. J. O'NEAL	
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16. CHAPMAN	
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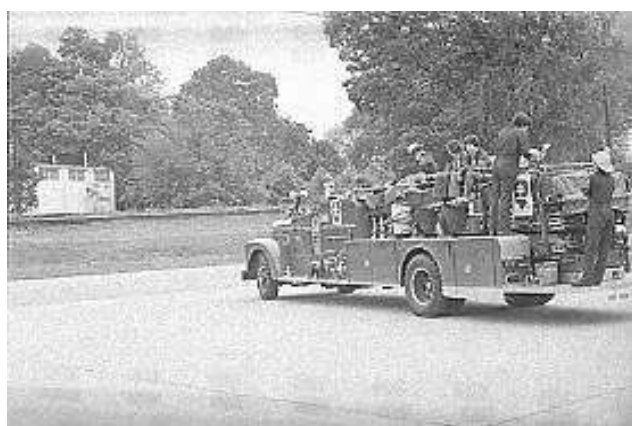
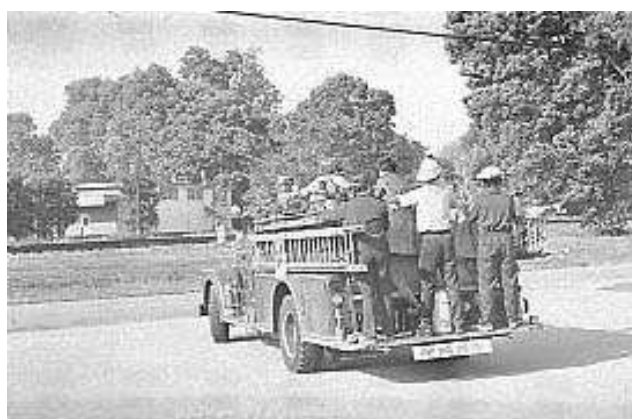


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1974 or 1975 Crusade pictures:



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May 20, 1974, *The Courier-Journal*:



May 20, 1974, Letter of resignation from Stan Jones:

  
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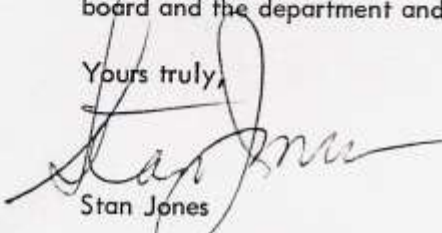
May 20, 1974

Mr. Marty Kamer  
St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association  
4114 Lyndon Way  
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

Dear Mr. Kamer:

Due to the fact that I am no longer working in the St. Matthews area, I am submitting my resignation from the board of the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association. I have enjoyed my association with the board and the department and tender this resignation with regret.

Yours truly,

  
Stan Jones



May 23, 1974, *The Voice*:

Number one again

# Firefighters boost Crusade by \$46,201

By Karen Grimes & Roger Ague  
Staff Writers

Cheers went up at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Sunday afternoon as Lt. Al Ring wrote in big white letters \$46,201.07.

Firefighters, their wives, children and friends of the department jumped and whooped and hugged each other and a few even cried a little.

The money was St. Matthews' donation to the annual WHAS Crusade for Children.

"We beat Pleasure Ridge Park even without the \$10,000," Ring said, with a slightly villainous laugh.

St. Matthews soundly ended Pleasure Ridge Park's reign as the "number one" crusading fire department. PRP this year came up with \$32,708, about \$5,000 over its 1973 total. St. Matthews had come in second the past four years.

The \$10,000 came from the will of Mrs. Cleo Milligan, a grandmother who died May 23, 1973, Ring said. She left the money to the Crusade for Children but stipulated it must be channeled through the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, he said. Beyond that, Ring said, Mrs. Milligan

asked that nothing be said about the donation.

The \$10,000 was labeled "Al's Ace" until about 1:30 pm Sunday, May 19. No one knew the amount except Ring. As he listed the \$38,201.07 subtotal, several firefighters burst into cheers.

Then, on a special tote board line for "Al's Ace," he wrote the \$10,000, zero by tantalizing zero. People were slapping him on the shoulder with congratulations.

Then he chalked up the grand total, the big daddy of them all — \$46,201.07.

"We said we were going to be number one and by golly we are. I'm darned proud of it. And I'm proud of the firefighters and their wives. And I'm proud of this community," Ring said.

"Even with the tornado (April 3) people still, despite their own personal tragedies, came out and helped.

"We got one check for \$50 with an address on Edmond Lane crossed out and a temporary apartment address written in," Ring said. "Why, there is not a house on Edmond Lane anymore.

"That kind of thing happened numerous times. So these people obviously care. I mean, you have to feel proud of that kind of thing."

The \$46,201.07 was by far the largest donation from any fire department.

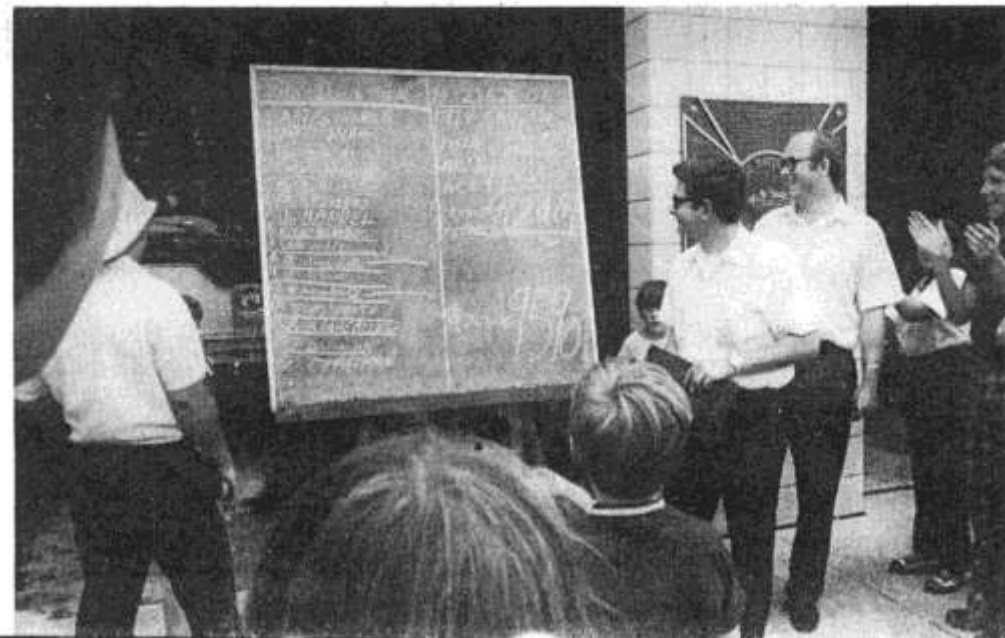
In fact, it was the third-largest donation from any organization in Kentucky or Indiana. Only the Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville and the General Electric Company donated more — and not much more at that.

The total beat last year's \$23,626.06 donation by \$22,575.01 for an increase of 95 percent, by far the largest percentage increase of any organization making a donation.

But the St. Matthews donation was only a part of the \$768,343 that was poured into the Crusade from throughout the East End, the state and from southern Indiana. Fire departments gave thousands. Children gave pennies. One man gave the \$17 he had been saving to buy camping equipment.

For St. Matthews, however, the attempt to raise what Ring predicted last year would be an estimated \$50,000 and beat Pleasure Ridge Park's fund-raising efforts, started one day after the 1973 campaign. Lt. Ring and Lt. Doug Monohan, son of Chief John Monohan, decided they'd go to work.

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Staff photo

CHEERING ERUPTS as Lt. Al Ring chalks up final donation from St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. The donation was far greater than any other department, but only a part of the crusade.

## St. Matthews boosts Crusade; wives helped

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First, a group of fire fighters' wives jumped on the wagon.

Until this year the wives of the firemen have remained in the background at Crusade time. More to the point, they sat at home watching the children, keeping dinner warm, waiting for a glimpse of a tired husband.

But this year things were different. The wives were busy all year planning activities to help raise money for the Crusade. In August they gathered trash and treasures for a garage sale at the firehouse, an event that netted \$838.87.

A card party and bazaar followed in October with a profit of \$560 said chairwoman Linda Wilke. Another \$850 was added after a chili supper in February.

The wives thought that was the end of their involvement, but The Mall Merchants Association offered. The Mall plaza for a Crusade weekend bazaar. With only one month before the Crusade the wives worked furiously to get the project on its feet.

They called area clubs hoping to get one or two to sponsor a booth, but everyone said there wasn't enough time, said Mrs. Kenneth Strange.

A committee headed by Mrs. Jo McGrath called businesses and managed to get some of them to furnish

baked goods or raffle items and sponsor booths.

Another problem was staffing the booths. How could the women watch the children and work the bazaar without hiring babysitters? It seemed impossible up to the Thursday before the Crusade. And then a youth group from Bethel United Church of Christ came to the rescue. They volunteered to man the booth all day Saturday.

The bazaar which was held all day Friday and Saturday turned out to be a success. Over \$1,000 was made at The Mall, including income from a dance held with the bazaar.

Overall, the wives were responsible for boosting the total by over \$3,000.

At 1 pm Sunday, May 19, Ring asked all the wives and the children to the firehouse. It was the first time the women had been invited to share in the excitement.

When Ring wrote the grand total on the blackboard, the women felt a special exhilaration, said Mrs. Strange.

"We had been a part of it."

Ring and Monohan also contacted 900 eastern Jefferson County businesses by phone but came up with only about \$3,000. Of that, \$600 came from the Original Pancake House and \$143.88 came from Blue Boar Cafeteria, Ring said.

"We're in a learning process to try

to learn how to approach them to get help," Ring said. "We just didn't do it good enough last year."

"Next year," Ring said, "we're going to learn how to approach them from a promotional standpoint. We're going to say, 'Look, you hold an event and give the money to us to give to the Crusade and you'll get good publicity and help a cause at the same time.'"

So, with the Crusade just 11 months and three weeks away, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department

has already started crusading.

Other East End volunteer departments that donated to the Crusade include:

Worthington: \$4,030.  
Harrods Creek: \$4,776.  
Eastwood: \$1,358.  
Lyndon: \$11,412.  
Anchorage: \$1,461.  
Pewee Valley: \$3,001.  
Middletown: \$9,000.  
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Jeffersontown: \$17,855.

## Fire contract tops public session; decisions made in private

By Roger Augs  
Staff Writer

While St. Matthews City Council spent about two hours behind closed doors talking about open meetings and other things, the members did conduct a 20-minute public meeting to make official some already-decided matters.

The council voted to renew a fire protection contract with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for \$46,339.16 based on a tax rate of 3.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The tax rate is the same as last year.

The council also approved \$71,237 in federal revenue sharing funds to pay part of the costs of the city's Winchester Creek storm sewer project. The council decided last year to use all federal revenue sharing funds for the next five years to pay for storm sewers on the city's southeast side.

The action Tuesday placed the money in the most recent check into

the storm sewer project.

In other action, the council:

- Discussed but took no action on questions from the Casa Grande Condominium Association of the proposed widening of Thiesman Lane.

Mayor Bernard F. Bowling said he would get with the condominium owners to work out what they should pay for the widening. Bowling said the project plans are not near completion because of problems "with the total widening." He did not explain.

- Took under consideration applications for street lights to be installed at 145 Trinity Hills Lane and on Willis Avenue near Wallace Avenue.

- Announced that Richard Avenue will be resurfaced "in the first resurfacing contract awarded by the city," according to Bowling.

- Announced that council member Harry Hargadon Jr. is drafting a letter to Civil Defense authorities requesting installation of a warning siren "in this

general area even if it means putting it here at St. Matthews City Hall, if that is the logical place," Bowling said.

- Approved deletion from the tax rolls of the bill for property at 179 St. Matthews Avenue, which the city bought last year in order to expand a drainage retention basin in the area.

- Discussed but took no action on an informal request for a liquor license approval in the office section of what is now a fruit and vegetable stand at 111 Chenoweth Lane.

J.C. Scheibel, alcoholic beverage administrator, said no formal application had been made but a man "from somewhere in the west end" came to city hall to inquire about the license "and I turned it all over to Mayor Bowling."

Bowling said he was concerned about traffic on Chenoweth Lane and would advise council on further developments.

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**June 13, 1974, Board meeting:**

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on June 13, 1974.

**Directors present:**

Fred Boss	Marty Kamer
Geo. Miller	John Monohan
Bill Andriot	W. Leland Wilson

**Ordered 2 new apparatus.**

Minutes of meeting held on May 9, 1974 were read by Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that minutes be accepted as read.

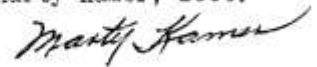
**Stan Jones Resigns.**

Mr. Monohan read a letter from Mr. Stan Jones, submitting his resignation from the board.

The board authorized Mr. Monohan to go ahead with placing orders for 2 new trucks.

There being no further business Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



**ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**JUNE 22, 1973 THRU JUNE 22, 1974**

BALANCE JUNE 22, 1973			\$ 2,611.84	
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	\$110,305.78			
Contributions - Jefferson County	4,300.00			
Savings Accounts Transferred - Net	30,000.00			
Rental Income	1,500.00			
Miscellaneous Interest Income	3,782.64	149,888.42		
Total Cash Available				\$152,500.26
DISBURSEMENTS				
CAPITAL				
Equipment	\$ 27,356.85			
Investment - U. S. Treasury Bills	10,000.00			
- Savings Accounts	20,000.00			
- Certificates of Deposit	38,000.00	\$ 95,356.85		
EXPENSES				
Alarm System	\$ 510.00			
Dues & Subscriptions	84.50			
Firemen Training School	883.80			
General Expenses	12,281.38			
Insurance & Taxes	3,914.38			
Legal & Accounting	600.00			
Maintenance & Repair	-0-			
Office Supplies & Expense	308.82			
Radio System Expense	1,624.17			
Salaries	2,842.16			
Supplies	1,851.81			
Truck Expenses	9,856.55			
Utilities	3,668.23	38,425.80		
Total Disbursements			133,782.65	
CASH BALANCE JUNE 22, 1974				<u>\$ 18,717.61</u>

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June 20, 1974, *The Voice*:

June 26, 1974, *The Courier-Journal*  
Future STMFD firefighter



John Mondan, Chief, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department

## THE CHIEF WANTS YOU

The Volunteer fire departments in your community need additional men to round out their departments. This could well be the opportunity of your lifetime. . . to be of real service to your community without investing a lot of your time. Help keep your community a safe, pleasant place to live. Drop by one of the following stations: Worthington, Middletown, Eastwood, Crestwood, Harrods Creek, Lyndon, McMahan, Jeffersontown or St. Matthews. Ask for one of the officers. He'll be glad to explain how you can help.

## Be a Firefighter

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## \$191,288 awarded to collision victim

Ralph S. Haeberlin, 23, of 3824 Elmwood Ave., Monday was awarded \$191,288.93 by a jury in a suit against the Jefferson County Board of Education and the driver of a school bus.

Haeberlin was injured on May 16, 1972, when his motorcycle collided with a school bus as it was being backed into the street by Charles F. Straub, 60, of 3833 Elmwood Ave.

Haeberlin's suit, tried before Jefferson Circuit Judge J. Paul Keith, originally had sought \$250,000 in damages. Haeberlin had suffered a broken collarbone and multiple fractures of a leg in the accident.

The jury awarded Haeberlin \$175,000 for pain and suffering and \$9,440 for loss of work, \$6,537.93 for medical expenses and \$311 for damage to his motorcycle.



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**1974 By Laws:**

**We believe this were recorded June 26, 1974.**

**ARTICLE I Preamble**

Members of the fire department should understand that these By Laws are not intended to cover each and every case which may arise in the discharge of their duties. A great deal must necessarily be left to the intelligence and discretion of individual officers and firefighters. It will be their claim to promotion and reward according to the degree to which they show that they are possessed of the necessary qualifications and to their zeal, activity and judgment on all occasions.

It should be remembered by each member of the department in carrying out the By Laws and obeying the orders of the officers that these By Laws were adopted and the officers were appointed by the Chief and Assistant Chiefs for the sole purpose of having a better organization. Each firefighter is a member of this department because he voluntarily chose to become a member and because he had an interest in his community. Observance of these By Laws can result only in a more efficient department and a better understanding by the men as to their various responsibilities.

**ARTICLE II Members - New**

SECTION I Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older desiring membership, that lives or works in the St. Matthews fire or contract area may make application. Any applicant living outside of the fire or contract area must submit a letter from his employer stating that he may respond to all emergencies. Upon receipt of the application he is to be investigated by the Membership Committee and upon its approval the application shall be posted on the bulletin board. During this period, the applicant shall remain in good standing. When the application is posted, the applicant in order to remain in good standing must make six (6) consecutive scheduled weekly sessions unless excused by the Membership Committee. The applicant shall complete his six (6) meetings in ninety (90) days. If the applicant fails to complete his six (6) meetings and/or he misses three (3) consecutive meetings, his application shall be removed from the board and admission to the department shall be denied. The applicant may reapply after ninety (90) days.

SECTION II The applicant: Shall not be issued fire fighting gear during his application period. Shall not ride, under emergency conditions any fire apparatus. Shall not, under emergency conditions respond to the firehouse, fire scene or emergency. Shall not have emergency lights, siren or radio on his vehicle unless he is an active member of another emergency organization for which it is required. Shall not be considered for full membership until he has completed fifty-two (52) scheduled weekly sessions. Shall not have a voice or vote on matters concerning the department during this period.

SECTION III The applicants six (6) weekly sessions shall consist of the following: An information booklet of Do's and Don'ts. A tour of the fire station and facilities. Introduction to the fire apparatus, equipment and tools used. A visit to the scene and observation of department training. A final orientation by the Membership Committee followed by a welcome from the Chief Officers. After this, assignment to an apparatus, issue fire fighting equipment and/or measurement taken for permanent equipment. The light/siren permit will be issued along with a locker and/or key number and radio monitor.

SECTION IV If a member feels the applicant cannot fulfill the requirements it is his obligation to report these reasons to the Membership and/or Firemen's Committee in writing or in person. If the Committees have not received a valid complaint they will approve the applicant for apprentice training which consists of fifty-two (52) scheduled weekly sessions.

SECTION V The applicant will be governed by the By Laws set forth by this department and will enjoy all benefits.

SECTION VI Membership (firefighters and apprentice~ may be limited or closed to new applicants by the Chief Officers with the approval of the appointed officers. The total number in membership, the inability to handle more firefighters in training or an unbalanced ratio of firefighters and apprentice may require this Section to be initiated. However, this Section may not be used to deny anyone membership but will be used to better the department.

**ARTICLE III Members - Active**

SECTION I The apprentice period starts at the completion of the applications period and consists of fifty-two (52) actively participated scheduled weekly sessions.

SECTION II The member shall attend seventy-five (75) percent of the scheduled weekly sessions during a quarter period unless excused by his Company Officer. Failure to attend this percentage shall be cause for the member to be dropped from the department. (governed by Article III, Section 13) A quarter period shall be defined as follows: First Quarter - January, February and March, Second Quarter - April, May and June, Third Quarter - July, August and September and Fourth Quarter - October, November and December.

SECTION III If a member is dropped from the department he shall not be considered for reinstatement for a period of six (6) months.

SECTION IV During the apprentice period, he shall have no voice or vote in matters of the department. He shall also not be allowed to hold office or be a member of any committee.

SECTION V The regular meetings and drills shall be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday evening of each week unless otherwise posted. An alternate meeting and drill will be held each week for those who cannot attend the Tuesday evening sessions. This alternate date and time will be posted.

SECTION VI A company detail shall be held on Thursday evenings of each week and on the third Sunday of each month at their posted times. The company detail will last for two (2) hours. Each member shall be assigned to one of these details. All members shall participate in sixty-six (66) percent of their assigned company details during a quarter period unless excused by their Company

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Officer. Failure to participate and/or absence from two (2) consecutive details shall be cause for dismissal from the department. (governed by Article III, Section 13)

SECTION VII It shall be the duty of all members while on duty to give strict obedience to the, lawful orders of the officers. Under no circumstances shall any attention be given to orders, suggestions or criticism of unauthorized persons.

SECTION VIII No one who is not an active member, unless authorized by an officer shall be allowed to ride on the apparatus or to handle equipment. Each member is charged with the enforcement of this rule.

SECTION IX No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, or shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the department.

SECTION X The fire station, all apparatus and the premises in general shall be kept clean, orderly and in sanitary condition. Every member will be held individually responsible for any act of negligence on his part which may contribute toward the violation of this rule.

SECTION XI While responding to an emergency in your private auto, you are subject to all traffic regulations and must be extremely careful at all times. The use of a red light and/or siren does not give you the right of way, they only warn the public of an emergency and that you will take the right of way if it is given to you. Excessive speed and recklessness will not be tolerated. The department under no circumstances is responsible for anyone's personal liability.

All members responding to an emergency, except the Chief Officers shall report directly to the firehouse unless in route he passes the scene of the emergency. In this case he may stop and render whatever aid possible. Special exceptions may be approved by the Chief. All apparatus and members will respond from the firehouse per the run schedule.

SECTION XII All members will be personally responsible, except for normal wear of all department property issued them. They are required to return all department property issued to them on termination of their membership or on demand of the Membership Committee working on orders from the Firemen's Committee.

Any member who has been issued a monitor and is not using it correctly will be told to turn it in. This includes loaning of the monitor, making alterations or any other misuse. In some cases two (2) monitors may be issued to a member who lives and works in the area and can make runs at all times. This will be done on an individual basis and with agreement of the Membership Committee and the Chief Officers. Any member who is due a monitor will receive his before a second monitor is given any member. If a monitor is in need of repairs, a loaner unit will be made available.

### ARTICLE III Members - Active

SECTION XIII Any member may be reviewed for disciplinary action for the abuse of his authority, for misconduct and for not complying with the By Laws and/or Rules and Regulations. Any member desiring to bring up a complaint against another member must submit the charges to the Firemen's Committee and the membership present on any Tuesday night. The hearing will be open testimony for and against the accused. After the formal hearing the members will vote, by a show of hands whether to take further action. If further action is to be taken the Firemen's committee will handle all apprentice and firefighters and the Chief Officers will handle the officers.

SECTION XIV Any member who has his drivers license revoked will be temporarily suspended from driving until his license is reinstated.

SECTION XV Any member who has been dropped from the department can be reinstated only by complying with Article II of the By Laws.

SECTION XVI At no time will dues be collected from the active or inactive membership.

SECTION XVII No member shall be permitted to leave an emergency for any reason unless excused by his responding officer. Wandering around the fire grounds and engaging in unnecessary conversation with others will not be tolerated.

SECTION XVIII Any member injured shall report it to his officer as soon as possible. It is the members responsibility to see that all insurance papers are filled out and taken care of. If a member is told by any doctor not to make emergencies he is to report this to his officer and he will become inactive until he brings a letter from that doctor stating that he may participate.

SECTION XIX Apparatus drivers shall be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have a valid State of Kentucky drivers license.

SECTION XX Due to the Kentucky State Law, no one may drink alcoholic beverages on fire department grounds or at any department function if he is under the age of twenty-one (21).

### ARTICLE IV Member - Inactive

SECTION I Any active member for reasons he deems best may transfer to the inactive membership for a period of one (1) year. Inactive members with less than ten (10) years active service will be dropped from the membership after a period of one (1) year.

SECTION II Any active member with under ten (10) years of service who for reasons he deems best, goes inactive, must remain inactive for a period of three (3) months. Any active member who has been so, for more than three (3) months but less than six (6) months, must take a minimum of three (3) training sessions as a refresher course. Any active member who goes inactive for

months, but less than one (1) year must up-date their application and will be required to take the same three (3) training sessions as a refresher course. Any active member who has less than ten (10) years of service and is inactive for more than one (1) year must reapply as in Article II of the By-Laws.

SECTION III If a member goes inactive or resigns, he must notify the department in writing of his intentions and return all department property. Both must be completed within ten (10) days. Failure to comply with this section will result in the member being dropped from the department for a period of one (1) year from the date all department property and the letter of intentions is received.

SECTION IV Any active member with more than ten (10) years of service and goes inactive for more than one (1) year, must up-date their application and will be required to take a minimum of three (3) training sessions as a refresher course.

#### **ARTICLE V Elections**

SECTION I The elected committees are to be elected at the first meeting of each year by secret ballot by the members present at the meeting. Elections shall not be held unless a quorum of one-half (½) of the eligible membership is present. Any vacancies are to be filled within one (1) month by a special election.

SECTION II Nominees for a committee must be present to accept the nomination or must have submitted in writing their intent to the Firemen's Committee.

SECTION III Any committee member shall have the right to succeed himself.

SECTION IV A waiver may be granted by popular vote of the general membership for anyone to become a committee member or an officer.

#### **ARTICLE VI Officers**

SECTION I The Chief and Assistant Chiefs are appointed by the Board of Directors and are responsible to them.

SECTION II The Officers are appointed by the Chief and Assistant Chiefs and are responsible to them. A minimum age of twenty-one (21) and three (3) years of active service is required. The candidate must also be a qualified engineer.

SECTION III The chain of command is Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Captains and Firefighters. In the absence of an officer, the firefighter riding the officer's seat of the first responding apparatus is in charge of the emergency until relieved by an officer.

SECTION IV The assigned Sergeant who is appointed by the company Captain, subject to the approval of the Chief officers is responsible to his Captain for assigned duties.

#### **ARTICLE VII Committees**

SECTION I Four (4) firefighters shall be elected to a Firemen's Committee and serve for a period of one (1) year. They shall have the responsibility of presenting the name of the firefighters who will serve as the members representative to the Board of Directors. This committee shall also dispose of all disciplinary action pertaining to the members but only after being presented to the general membership for their recommendations. This committee shall also be responsible for the updating of the By-Laws. Any elections which are held will be supervised by this committee.

The nominations for the firemen's committee shall be from the floor. A list of a minimum of six (6) and an open maximum are to be submitted. The three (3) candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be appointed. The chairman of the preceding year will remain as a member for the upcoming year making a committee of four (4). These four (4) men shall elect the chairman of this committee from within the committee.

SECTION II The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Chief.

SECTION III The members fund shall be administered by a committee of two (2) members elected by the membership for a period of one (1) year. Nominations must be a minimum of two (2) officers and two (2) firefighters with an open maximum. A fund shall be created for the benefit of the members and the money shall be derived from any donations made directly to the members or as the committee so designates.

#### **ARTICLE VIII Member on Board of Directors**

SECTION I With the approval of the Board of Directors of the Saint Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Incorporated, at the September 1969 meeting, the eligible members shall elect one (1) member to the Board of Directors to serve as a voting member on equal status to the Board.

SECTION II The member shall serve on the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year, to run concurrent with the Boards election year. The name of the elected member will be presented to the Board of Directors in writing by a member of the Firemen's Committee by the first Board meeting in June for confirmation to the Board.

SECTION III The election of the member to the Board of Directors will be held at the third Tuesday meeting in May each year.

SECTION IV Any member, with the exception of a Board appointed officer unless he resigns his appointment shall be eligible for the Board office. He also must have been an active member for a period of three (3) or more years.

#### **ARTICLE IX Activities**

SECTION I The membership may actively participate in fund-raising drives for charity. The drives are to be selected by the membership and a chairman will be elected to head this activity. Within one (1) month following the completion of a charitable drive a vote will be taken to determine the future of that charitable drive.

#### **ARTICLE X Amendments**

SECTION I No amendment shall be effective until presented to the Firemen's Committee in writing. The Committee will present the amendment and it shall not be effective until adopted by one-half (½) of the eligible members present at any regular Tuesday night meeting.

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1974, Kentucky State Fire School: Photo and comments courtesy Sam Wolfe:

Sam Wolf's own words: Brief history. STMFD usually went up and took the Strategy and Tactics course at Kentucky State Fire School in Lexington, Kentucky, because it had a live burn for an exercise. Each year the big burn of the day came right after lunch and STMFD was usually given the first crack to put the fire out. It became a friendly rivalry between STMFD and the boys of the Lexington FD who supervised the burn.

They purposely left the fire burn bigger and hotter and would then let the "hotshots" from STMFD try to put it out. The picture on the first picture was taken as our group sized up the fire which was a small 4 or 5 room single story house with covered porch. Fire was blowing out both windows to the left and right of the front door. The roof was still intact. We had a 1 ½ inch line and are getting ready to do an interior attack. (Note lack of breathing apparatus.)

The entire first floor was off and burning as we entered. As we progressed into the structure knocking down the fire. One of the Lexington firefighters decided to make things more interesting and he stuck his 1 ½ line into a front room window and blew all the fire, smoke, heat and steam back onto us. (another stupid move by today's standards). At any rate, the STMFD guys took the ass whipping, put out the firggin fire (to the chagrin and amazement of the Lexington guys) and promptly exited the building and lost our lunches on the side lawn.



left to right, Rick Tonini, John Redman (back to Picture), Helmet 54 is Wally Lage, and Sam Wolfe.

John Redman and Sam Wolf at State Fire School in 1974 in Lexington Kentucky.





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July 3, 1974, *The Voice*: NOTE see next page—

# Firefighters begin work on fiery history book

By Roger Auge  
Staff Writer

Captain Al Ring of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department needs help. He's writing a book.

The book is a history of the fire department from its beginning in 1919 as the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association to 1939, when it became the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, to today when it is generally considered the best volunteer fire fighting outfit in Kentucky, Ring said.

"What I really want to get across to the public is that we really need help. Information is very, very scarce from

about 1945 back to 1919," he said.

Anyone who has pictures of old buildings that might have burned, pictures of old fire fighters, stories about fires, stories about funny incidents at the firehouse or in the lives of the firefighters will be welcomed with open arms by Ring.

"I'd like to find people I can just go and interview about what they know about the fire association," Ring said.

He is being assisted in the project by Captain Jack Monohan, one of Fire Chief John Monohan's firefighting sons.

"Our hope is to make it a professional hardback book about the fire association," Ring said.

The book will be published, Ring said, . . . "as soon as we exhaust every lead and come up with all the information it is possible to get."

Right now, Ring and Monohan plan sections on all the board members that have ever served with the association, all the fire chiefs (there have been 5), the various pieces of firefighting equipment that have been used and a detailed explanation of how the department has been able to work to reduce fire insurance rates in its protection district over the years.

"But we've got to let people know that we don't have anything like all we want to have and they can help by calling me at my home (896-4271) or writing to me (25 Westport Terrace, St. Matthews, 40207) and giving me anything they know about this department," Ring said.

Any pictures or documents loaned to the researchers will be carefully guarded and returned, Ring said.

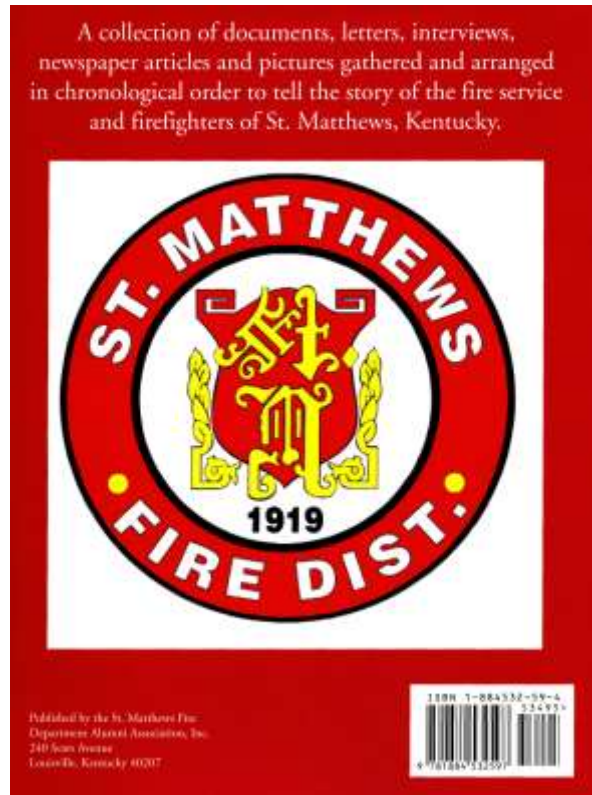
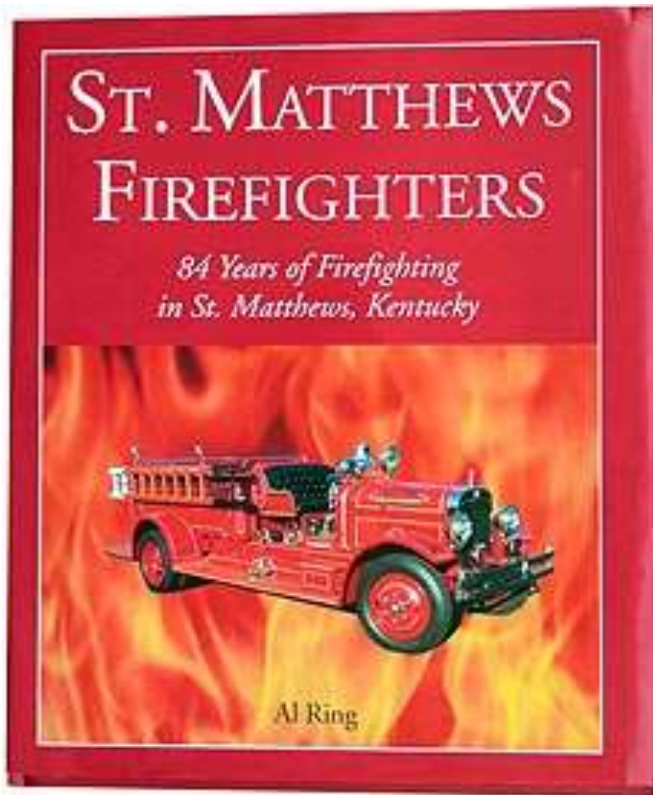


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The dream of Al Ring came true in 2004 after many years of ups and downs—



Al & Karen Ring, Jul 2004

 *St. Matthews Fire Dept.  
Alumni Association Inc.* 

Is proud to announce... the book signing of

**St. Matthews Firefighters**  
*84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*  
Al Ring

**Friday July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**6 - 8 PM**  
*A Readers Corner*  
138 Breckinridge Lane @ Willis Ave.

Meet "AL RING"

 This book will make a great gift for those "hard to buy for" friends and relatives. It is a "must have" for all alumni of the St. Matthews Fire Department.



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July 10, 1974, *The Voice*: Boosters needed: Al Ring and Jack Monohan, the two St. Matthews firefighters who are writing a book about the department, are looking for issues of the St. Matthews Booster, a weekly newspaper issued in the late 1920's and early 1930's.

The Booster was published by a civic club that dissolved around 1940.

Ring and Monohan, both captains on the fire department, also would like "anything anybody has on the fire department, the board of directors, any firefighters or anything else," Ring said.

Al Ring on left, Jack Monohan on right working on the "History of the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association."

NOTE: Jack and Al collected a huge amount of information on the department at that time. However as with many things in life time got in the way and their best intentions just didn't get accomplished. The good thing, the information is still available and just before the reunion in 2001 Al, now retired with Jack's help in gathering new information, is entering all the information in his computer, every newspaper article, pictures, letters, etc, etc. and even if a book is never written, the reference information will be available in chronological order for 1919 to at least 2002.

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Unknown: The event took place July 9, 1974, Capt. Ring in charge.

## 3 men held in bank holdup; amount of loss undetermined

Three gunmen took an undetermined amount of cash from a branch of the Louisville Trust Bank at the Holiday Manor Shopping Center on Brownsboro Road at 9:18 a.m. today, according to county police.

Three suspects were apprehended by the FBI 15 minutes later after a chase that ended near 200 N. Clay St. The suspects' car was spotted by a city motorcycle policeman, who thought it resembled the description of a car seen leaving the bank lot.

Arrested and charged with armed robbery were Dwight H. Davis, 18, Michael R. Pumphrey, 20, and a 15-year-old juvenile, all of Louisville.

They are being held by the FBI, and were expected to be arraigned in U.S. Magistrate Court today.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was called to the bank to help disperse gas given off by a tear-gas bomb. County Police detective Sam Davis said the bomb was inside the money container and set to go off when the container was opened. He did not know exactly what kind of container the money was in.

No one was hurt at the bank, Davis said. The robbery took place shortly after it opened for business.

Roger K. Atchley, a bank spokesman, said an audit was being conducted to determine the amount of money taken.

An FBI spokesman said some money has been recovered, but there was no report of the amount.

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July 10, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular annual meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn was held on July 10, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss	Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot	John Monohan
W. Leland Wilson	Phil Grauman
Marty Kamer	

Minutes of meeting held on June 13, 1974 were read by Geo Miller. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion that we nominate John Monohan and Fred Boss to serve as directors for a period of 4 years. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion was voted on, electing Mr. Monohan and Mr. Boss to serve for a period of 4 years.

Directors and their terms are as follows:

Phil Grauman--term expires 1975  
Marty Kamer --term expires 1975

Geo Miller----term expires 1976  
W. Leland Wilson- term expires 1976

J. P. Terry---term expires 1977  
• Vacancy -Resignation of Stan Jones

John Monohan--term expires 1978  
Fred Boss-----term expires 1978

Mr. Grauman made a motion that existing Officers be elected to serve for a period of 1 year. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken and all members voted in favor of electing :

John Monohan, President  
W. Leland, Vice President  
Fred Boss, Treasurer  
Marty Kamer, Secretary

Mr. Boss moved that Jack Monohan be nominated as the new Asst. Chief, seconded by Mr. Miller. Nomination was voted on with all in favor, electing Jack Monohan as Asst. Chief. Mr. John Monohan- sustained from voting.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that the following Officers be elected to serve for a period of 1 year.

John Monohan, Chief  
Al Haerberlin, Asst. Chief  
Jack Monohan, Asst Chief

Motion voted on with all in favor

Mr. Boss moved that Mr. Terry be nominated as Process Agent. A vote was taken with all in favor, electing Mr. Terry.

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Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that Geo Miller be nominated as Chairman of Board. Motion carried to a vote with all in favor.

Mr. Miller made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that Mr. Bill Andriot be elected to serve as a director for 1 year representing the firemen. A vote was taken with all in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*



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July, 1974: Notes and info on selection of Assistant Chief—

Selection of Assistant Chief

S 1 Crew

Al Ring

JACK Monohan

Kenny STRANGE

*Chief,*

*I would like to suggest Jack Monohan as being considered for Asst. Chief vacancy.*

*Thank You  
Bill Eickman*

*S-6 Nomination Asst. Chief*

*Capt Jack Monohan  
" Doug Monohan  
" Al Ring*

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



4114 Spades Way - P. O. Box 7283  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

*July 27, 74*

*Notes to be considered for the appointment  
of Asst. Chief*

*Wm. H. Anderson III  
A.E. Anderson  
Doug Monohan*

To Board of Directors

July 1974

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Quint S. Crow*

Gentlemen:

*Capt D. L. Anderson*

Speaking for the Screening Committee, namely Mr. Terry, Mr. Andriot and Mr. Kamer, I wish to report that we have decided on who we recommend to fill the vacancy as Asst. Chief.

Based on experience and qualifications, along with other factors, we hereby recommend that Jack Monohan be considered for this position.

The selection of this man is in no way any reflection upon anyone else. We realize others are doing a good job and we do appreciate their time and service.

*Marty Kamer*

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July 18, 1974, *The Voice*: Former STMFD member.

## Have turtles, will cook soup

By Karen Grimes  
Staff Writer

The Men's Fellowship of Bethel United Church of Christ, 115 Meridian Avenue in St. Matthews, will serve their turtle soup supper on Saturday, July 20. The famous supper has been an annual event in St. Matthews since 1929.

Will Lausman, chief turtle soup chef has been making the turtle soup for 35 years, but credits the original idea and recipe to George Drascher.

Lausman said Drascher made a gallon or two of turtle soup for a Men's Fellowship meeting. "Everyone raved about it and someone suggested we do it again the following year and invite the wives," Lausman said. When that proved so successful, the Men's Fellowship made the turtle soup supper an annual community festival, he said.

Lausman, of 201 Fairfax Avenue, organized Bethel Evangelical Church in 1923. At present, although he is 80 years old and retired, he serves part-time as St. Matthews director of sanitation.

For the 45th annual supper, Lausman will supervise the making of 750 gallons of turtle soup. Lausman said the soup is expensive to make but it is a meal in itself, because it is so rich with protein and vitamins. Lausman said he has seen the price of turtle meat go from 25 cents a pound in 1930 to \$1.29 a pound in 1974.

The recipe for 750 gallons requires 500 pounds of dressed turtle meat, 250 pounds of chicken, 200 pounds of beef and a truckload of fresh and canned vegetables. The vegetables in the soup are cabbage, carrots, celery, corn (six cans), beans, peas, onions, potatoes and tomatoes. Lausman also adds some secret ingredients — but he isn't telling what they are.

The making of the soup is a laborious task, because preparation takes a lot of work and a long time. The preparation starts at 6 a.m. Friday, with the men inspecting the meat. Around 8 a.m., 30 to 50 women of the church arrive with paring knives in hand to peel

the vegetables. Then the meat and vegetables are put through a food chopper. By noon, the 24-hour cooking vigil is under way. The men work in six hour shifts stirring the soup constantly.

The soup is cooked outdoors over gas burners now, but Lausman remembers the days when the soup was cooked over a hickory wood fire. "I always said you couldn't make good turtle soup unless you cooked it over a hickory wood fire, but I learned better," Lausman.

By 11 a.m. Saturday the soup is done and people are lined up waiting for the carry out stand to open. Lausman said the people line up early Saturday with pots, pans and even buckets to get the turtle soup.

Lausman recalled that last year even though it rained, the people stood in line. "And we sold all of the amount for carry out by 1:30."

Some of the soup is retained for the cafeteria style supper later in the day.

The people who come are not just St. Matthews residents and church members. Lausman remembers one man who drove from Cincinnati to buy 10 gallons.

"We had sold all of our carry out soup by the time he got here, but it touched me that someone would come that far for our turtle soup. So I sold him two gallons and he was happy that he hadn't made the trip for nothing," said Lausman.

People come from Indiana and other parts of Kentucky every year. They tell me they wouldn't miss our supper for anything," said Lausman.

The turtle soup supper will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the church grounds, unless it rains. Then the supper will move indoors to the gym. In addition to the soup, there will be fish, bratwurst, german potato salad and desserts.

All proceeds from the turtle soup supper will be used by the Men's Fellowship for church work. Lausman said in the past the funds have been used for maintenance projects such as building a garage and black toping the parking lot.

## 45<sup>th</sup> famous turtle soup festival

saturday 20th  
carry out — ready at 11 am  
(bring your container for carry out)

rain or shine

45th annual genuine turtle soup will be served by Bethel Men's Fellowship

cafeeteria supper

soup - bratwurst - fish - etc. - rides for kiddies - door prizes

shelbyville road and meridian

## Show will help 1975 'Crusade'

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is beginning its annual Crusade for Children fund raising early this year by sponsoring a country music show starring several personalities from Nashville's Grand Ole Opry.

The show is slated for Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium in Louisville. According to Howard Thompson and Al Ring, who are heading the department's ticket sales effort, the department hopes to net more than

\$5,000 for the 1975 Crusade.

Tickets will sell for \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Thompson said the telephone will not be used for solicitation, but tickets will be available from any volunteer fireman and from local record shops.

Ring said the fire department will receive 30 percent of the concert's net proceeds. Sonic Sound Studios, a new company on Preston Highway is promoting the concert.

July 1974: S1, 1947 Seagrave 750 GPM pumper was repainted.

# Lost and Found

## Bicycling monkey is back at toy store

By ELLEN SCHNEIDER  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

**Lost:** One brown monkey, 20 years old, about four feet tall. Cut face, avid bike rider. Last seen riding a red bicycle on top of Thornbury's Toys in St. Matthews. Named "Thorny" but doesn't answer to it.

That's how an ad might have read, but as it turned out, Thorny came home without the aid of one.

A community landmark, a symbol, a trademark — Thornbury's Toys' bicycle-riding wooden monkey is part of St. Matthews. For 14 years, he has pedaled vigorously at 4101 Shelbyville Road, 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

And for six years before that he rode

above the entrance to Thornbury's toy store on Breckinridge Lane.

Wednesday night someone stole Thorny and his bicycle.

Thomas Struck, vice president and general manager of the store, was the first to notice Thorny was gone.

"I always look up and wave to Thorny when I come into work," Struck said. "I came riding in here (Thursday morning) and looked up and said, 'Thorny's not here.'"

He asked Larry Rogers, the store's service manager, if he had taken Thorny down to fix his motor. Then he called Charley Rueff Sign Co. to see if they had taken Thorny instead of the store's sign for fixing.

Finally Struck decided Thorny had been kidnapped.

"I called Chief (Kermit) Cook of the St. Matthews police, and the first thing he said was, 'I've been watching that monkey for years. He had a detective over here in no time flat.'"

But yesterday afternoon Thorny reappeared as mysteriously as he had disappeared. About 3 p.m. a man who wouldn't give his name called Struck and said he had found the monkey in a ditch near Harrods Creek.

He brought him back to the store safe and sound, with just a few scratches, Struck said. "We're going to devise a way to get him back up there so that won't happen again," he said.

Thorny is made of four-inch thick wood and weighs about 75 pounds. He's painted brown with touches of yellow and rides a 16-inch red bicycle. His legs are jointed at the knees so they can move up and down as his feet "push" the pedals.

Behind Thorny is a backdrop, painted with trees, grass, a house, and a winding road.

Thorny was created 20 years ago when Thornbury opened his toy store on Breckinridge Lane. He bought a used bicycle and the Rueff sign company cut "a monkey with a child's impish face" out of several layers of plywood.

He had to be repainted every three or four years, and several times his arms and legs had to be replaced, but he kept on pedaling. When Thornbury moved his store to Shelbyville Road, Thorny went along, and three years ago he got a complete overhaul.

Everyone was glad to see Thorny back yesterday, but if he hadn't turned up, the store would have spent \$500 to \$750 to have a new one built.

After all, "Thorny's a member of the family," Thornbury said. "Thornbury's just wouldn't be Thornbury's without Thorny."

## City is named co-defendant in \$252,000 auto-death suit

A suit was filed yesterday in Jefferson Circuit Court seeking \$252,000 from the City of Louisville and a Louisville resident as a result of an automobile accident last July in which one person was killed and three injured.

Joe Milton Bunch, administrator of the estate of Lillie Mae Bunch, and Patty J. Roy, Kimberley Roy and James Virgil Roy filed suit against Theodore Fynter, of 2107 W. Chestnut St., and the city.

Bunch is a resident of Jamestown, Ky., and James Virgil Roy lives at 229 E. Magnolia Ave.

The Roys were injured in the accident at the intersection of Brook Street and Magnolia Avenue on July 21.

The suit says Lillie Mae Bunch died on Sept. 13, 1973, as a result of injuries suffered in the July accident, when a car operated by Fynter and a car operated by James Roy collided. The suit alleges that the city should have known of a defective traffic light at the intersection.

The suit seeks \$125,000 for the estate of Lillie Mae Bunch, \$110,000 for Patty J. Roy, \$7,500 for Kimberley Roy and \$10,000 for James Roy.

## 'Unhealthy' again!

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In addition, the paper has added a new address, in that, it offers four separate offices in the following cities: the St. Matthews office and others for Methodist representatives and Third World Advocates may purchase stock in any denomination at three dollars.

By Louis Michael Aus

It is a small, fairly flimsy item in Arlington, England, and for the past several years I have been having a good time. I have been reading the July 13 and July 22, 1994, editions of *The Voice*, containing the history of St. Matthew's with 20 years ago for the paper's 10th anniversary.

I will never forget the night I wrote that story. St. Michaels was having one of the hottest summers in history — I swear there were 90 days in 1954 when the temperature went over 90 degrees.

The voice office was on the second floor of a two-story building in Colony Way then, across the parking lot from the A & P supermarket on Shadyville Road. The temperature was over 100 degrees as I sat down to write and it stayed that way for 36 straight hours.

By 5:30 everyone else on The Value staff had gone home but I went on writing late into the night. Everything I touched was warmer than my body and the sticky paper stuck to my hand.

You had some conditioning, right? Well, we did the morning thing—pushups or sit-ups every day. By 9 am my spirit was up, by 10 my shoes, and by midnight I was down to my shorts, still happy as ever. I breakfasted at 2 am after about 14 straight

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W. H. Hesse, publicity chairman for the Third Annual Mt. Mazama Potato Festival, announced that this year's festival would be the biggest and best yet. It begins Wednesday at 4 P. M. July 20th and continues through Sunday, July 22nd at the Festival Grounds in Shoshone Park. Hesse said, "It's a family affair for a good reason. The potato is the main crop of the area and there will be fair prize money for the best potato grown. The prize money will be \$100.00 for the best potato grown in the area. The prize money will be \$100.00 for the best potato grown in the area. The prize money will be \$100.00 for the best potato grown in the area."

Fluoride will not interfere with the release, from manufacturers, and use for the green-lime function. Don Woods will continue to be a member in good health and doing well. He is still a member of the club and has been a member since 1964. There will be more from the club's President, Don Woods, in future columns. Don Woods is a member of the club and has been a member since 1964. There will be more from the club's President, Don Woods, in future columns.

First announced Wednesday, the bill will cost taxpayers \$500 million in the future because of the income-giving rights given to the former Georgia Native with a long criminal history on his record. The bill, which is sponsored by Sen. Dan Claitor, R-Georgia, and Sen. Dan Claitor, R-Georgia, the bill will cost taxpayers \$500 million in the future because of the income-giving rights given to the former Georgia Native with a long criminal history on his record. The bill, which is sponsored by Sen. Dan Claitor, R-Georgia, and Sen. Dan Claitor, R-Georgia, the bill will cost taxpayers \$500 million in the future because of the income-giving rights given to the former Georgia Native with a long criminal history on his record.

A representative flower plant will be held Thursday, June 12th, at 2

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*Song of Norway*, the life story and songs of Edward Grog is the opening presentation of the Brooklyn Amphitheatre. The all-star cast featuring Nelson Dillaford, Ralph Hagopian and Henry Rowan. *Song of Norway* should be a tremendous hit and start the season off in style. The production is under the direction of Dandale Dwyer, with sets by Rollo Wayne. Curtain goes at 8:30 p.m.

**Methodist Caravan Coming Saturday**

Rev. Myrtle Whitford, pastor of the St. Matthews Methodist Church, is announcing the arrival of the Methodist Caravan, coming to St. Matthews, Saturday, July 12th. The caravan's members are Miss Sara Huggs, Leesville, Ga.; Betty Karpovitch, Westport, N. Carolina; Mr. LaVita Nelson, Daytona, Texas; and Mr. William McElhiney of Philadelphia, Pa. The group and their leader will visit churches, homes, schools, and other organizations. Frivolous Whitford, a member of the caravan, is on page 21.

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What your neighbor thinks about the server situation.

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When asked if he thought the protesters had done a reasonably good job under the circumstances, his reply declined to reply saying, "I think that's a little bit of a comedian's act, but I do not think

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Errol Ann, whose 'last years' were spent on The Vyne

hours of writing, and the material was published just as it came from my typewriter. We had no time to add or delete it. It was in the author's hands by 7 am.

Reaching it took 20 years later, I am astonished at how much I wrote and how fulfilled the history is. Its worldwide length helped us to fulfill a two week dream.

Fighting, I think I wrote more than anything wanted to know about St. Matthews, taking care back to former days. I had studied nearly nothing, nothing, please and not inappropriate -

and had impressed on them the Ten Commandments. And I put it all in. But long and hard as this, I am proud of one thing. Not a single fact in these thousands of words was ever thought of or written.

I served as intern editor and then editor of *The Voice* from the fall of 1987 till the fall of 1990, except for an eight-month period in 1989 when I was in Europe.

During those years at the 50+ group, he was the voice and for me personally in that respect. St. Matthews grew up. Most of the shopping centers including the Shadybrook Plaza and The Mall were built, and were most of the actions including Wagner, Adams and St. Matthews Elementary. Most of the activities were formed. As a father I applauded and promoted the development.

My old publisher, Al Schwartzberg, took a leading role in publishing and promoting Little League, Pony League and the Babe Ruth League, all of which were formed during the 1950s.

Dan Glog, an old college chum, and I organized the old St. Marianne Community Theatre which during the '50s staged such classics as "You Can't Take It With You," "The Long Voyage" and "Milk and Honey." We were

But the environment in which I am presently working, building the Steve Memorial Library in St. Matthews near Harvey Bruce Church,

This remarkable adventure began in a quiet way in the small office in New York in late 1962 or early 1963. I

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July 25, 1974, *The Voice*:

## Firemen post water ball challenge

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has challenged all fire departments in the greater Louisville area to compete for water ball supremacy announced St. Matthews Fire Lt. Al Ring.

Firemen from throughout the metro area will meet on the field of battle at St. Matthews Firehouse, 4114 London Way, on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 11 am. Water ball, explained Lt. Ring, pits two five-man teams with two fire hoses each, against each other in an attempt to keep a 1 1/2 foot aluminum ball on the other team's side, while they try to wash it back over the line during a three-minute period.

The public is invited and welcome to attend the free event, Ring said. Proceeds from the sale of food and soft drinks will go toward St. Matthews VFD's 1975 Crusade for Christian donation.

### Around Town

STMFD participated in parade.

## Potato Festival could lure 20,000

A crowd of 20,000, who will spend \$100,000, is predicted for the revival of the Annual St. Matthews Potato Festival scheduled for Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

Festival chairman Roy Link made the estimate in a report to the St. Matthews Community Center Board of Directors at the center last Thursday, July 25. Link said the estimate was made by persons who are familiar with such community events.

Although he made no estimate of the net profit which might result, he did say as much as \$8,500 could be raised through one successful musical concert planned for Saturday, Sept. 14.

Link made his report with several other members of the St. Matthews Jaycees who are heading up festival subcommittees. All profits from the affair will go toward support of the community center's operating expenses and a capital fund drive to buy the center property.

Among many plans reported last week were these highlights:

- A carnival with four rides will be operating all three days. Local merchants will be asked to promote the sale of ride tickets before the festival.

- A "midway" of 15 amusement booths will be manned by volunteers. A dozen other booths will exhibit various community programs or sell goods.

- A big parade featuring 20 antique cars, several bands, clowns and floats will proceed from The Village shopping center on Dutchmans Lane north on Breckinridge Lane to Shelbyville Road and east to the center, beginning at 9 am Saturday, Sept. 14.

- A children's pet show will be held Saturday morning.

- The opening of the Little League football season will be coordinated with the parade.

- A donkey baseball game, featuring local disc jockeys and public figures will be held the evening of Sept. 12.

- A contest for local bands will be held. The winner to receive \$350 in prizes.

Bands interested in participating in the Battle of the Bands, call Bill Bartlett at 425-3091.

- A nationally-known entertainer (still unselected) will appear Saturday night.

- Cliff Wise will present a fireworks display.

As Link outlined the plans, he repeatedly emphasized the need for volunteer help to oversee various aspects of the festival.

Ray Howard and John Riley of the St. Matthews Little League agreed to take the responsibility for recruiting scores of workers to man game booths for the three-day affair. Anyone willing to help is asked to call them at 459-4626 or 695-5225.

Bill Bartlett, entertainment chairman for the festival, outlined plans for a "name" entertainer, explaining that while expenses might run about \$7,500, profits could net \$8,500 if 4,000 people paid \$4 per ticket.

The main problem was that about \$5,000 must be raised in advance of the concert for the entertainer. Link and Evans asked St. Matthews City Councilman Millard French, a member of the center board, whether the \$15,000 recently placed in escrow by the city for the land purchase fund might not be used for that purpose.

French said that while the purposes were related, Link's proposal would require separate council action. When it became clear the council would not meet for another three weeks, the group tried to explore other sources of revenue.

It was finally agreed to try to borrow the money from a bank in the name of the Jaycees or continue to seek an individual contributor.

Among entertainers being mentioned as possibly available were Eric Weissburg, Tom T. Hall, the Righteous Brothers, the Coasters, the Association and Floyd Kramer.



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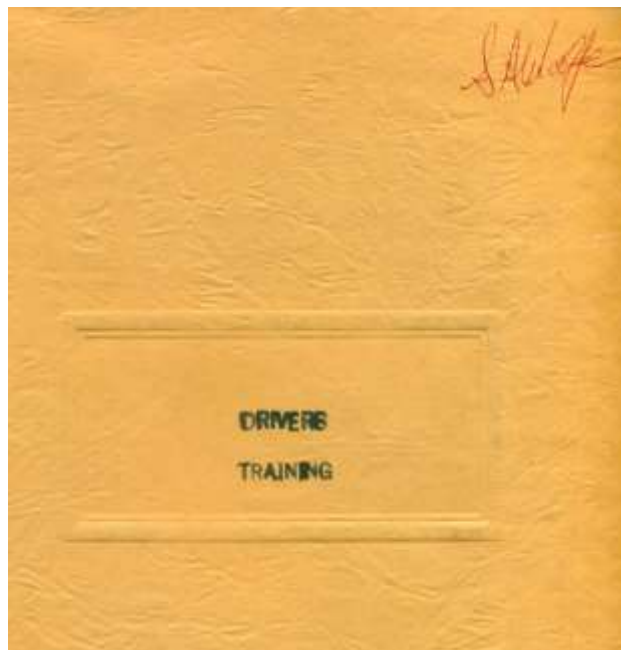
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THE OPERATOR OF THE APPARATUS MUST BE A DRIVER CAPABLE OF HANDLING HEAVY FIRE EQUIPMENT UNDER ALL ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS AND MUST GET TO THE FIRE THE QUICKEST AND SAFEST WAY.



THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WILL HELP PRESERVE THE EQUIPMENT AND INSURE ITS SAFE ARRIVAL AT THE FIRE.

1. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE FIREHOUSE.
2. DO NOT START APPARATUS DAILY TO SEE IF IT WILL RUN; WHEN STARTED IT SHOULD BE RUN...OUTSIDE...AND THE ENGINE PERMITTED TO WARM UP BEFORE IT IS SHUT OFF.
3. DO NOT RACE ENGINE WHEN STARTING OR WHEN IT IS NOT PULLING A LOAD.
4. DO NOT PUMP GAS PEDAL WHEN STARTING, TURN ON THE IGNITION AND COUNT TO TEN, THIS WILL GIVE THE ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP TIME TO PUMP THE GASOLINE TO THE CARBURETOR.
5. ALWAYS CHECK THE TRANSMISSION OT MAKE SURE IT IS OUT OF GEAR BEFORE STARTING.
6. ALWAYS DEPRESS CLUTCH PEDAL BEFORE STARTING.
7. RELEASE HAND BRAKE BEFORE ENGAGING CLUTCH.
8. SHIFT GEAR SLOWLY AND SMOOTHLY, NEVER JAM INTO PLACE.
9. ENGAGE THE CLUTCH SLOWLY AND ALL THE WAY, THEN DEPRESS THE GAS PEDAL BUT NOT BEFORE THE CLUTCH HAS BEEN ENGAGED.
10. ALWAYS START IN LOW GEAR, MOVE SLOWLY, DO NOT JUMP START.
11. DON'T DRIVE AT EXCESSIVE SPEED, BUT DON'T FASTER GIVE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET TO THE FIRE AS SAFELY AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NEVER WHEN SPEED IS SECONDARY.

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August 8, 1974, *The Voice*:



THE ST. MATTHEWS volunteer fire department softball league wrapped up the season in third place, behind Fern Creek and Jeffersontown. Pictured from left to right are Major Al Hasberlin, Wally Lage, Jim Woodring, Sam Wolf,

Rob Helm, and Jim Graven. Second row: Jason Handie, Jim Andriot, Tim Golden, Jack Handie, Bill Andriot III, Harry Babcock, Russ Rakestraw, Rick Tonini, and coach Bill Andriot Jr.

1974

August 8, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn was held on Aug. 8, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss  
Marty Kamer  
Geo. Miller  
John Monohan  
Bill Andriot

Minutes of meeting held on July 10, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Miller, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Andriot brought before the board, for viewing, one of the new jump suits that were bought for all firemen.

There being no business at hand a motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

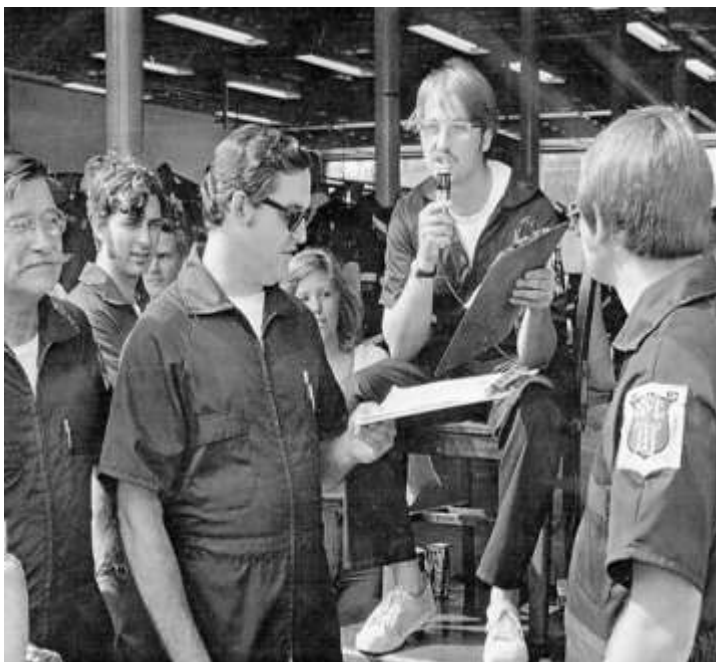


Major Ring's uniform, 2010.



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August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



Boz Table, Harrods Creek

Fireman Bill Andriot, Joe Noland, Sam Wolfe, Jack Monohan, Tim Golden, Bill Andriot, Jr.

1974

August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



August 11, 1974, Unknown:

### Hose power

## *Firemen get dousing in water-ball contest*

By KEN LOOMIS

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

It was a duck's paradise at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department station on Lyndon Way yesterday.

For nearly four hours, teams from 10 volunteer fire departments in three counties took turns dousing each other and a few hundred spectators as they played a kind of reverse tug-of-war with a metal ball and high-pressure hoses.

The hollow ball—about 15 inches in diameter and painted yellow—was attached to a free-rolling pulley that hung at exactly the middle of a 110-foot cable, strung 10 feet from the ground.

At the starting whistle, two teams of firemen facing each other under the ball directed a stream of water, under 90 pounds per square inch of pressure, at the ball. The object was to slide it along the cable into the other team's territory. At the end of three minutes, the team that had kept the ball over its opponents' heads the longest time was declared the winner of the heat.

But with 18 teams involved and two heats required between each set of contestants in the elimination contest, it was a long and wet afternoon before the final match.

That pitted two teams from the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department against each other, and the "A" team edged the "B" team by a scant 8.9 seconds when the last drop had fallen.

According to William (Fireman Bill) Andriot, the St. Matthews Department had staged a water-ball contest once before, about eight years ago, but then dropped the idea of continuing it.

But this time, according to Capt. Al Ring, the department hopes to make it an annual event. Proceeds from refreshment sales go to the Crusade for Children.

There was one mishap during the day. A member of the Worthington Volunteers, Donald Ruark, 21, suffered an eye injury during a morning practice session when he was hit in the face by a blast from one of the high-pressure hoses. He was admitted to Suburban Hospital.

During the competition, there were no such mishaps—the rules provided for disqualification of any team that was guilty of "intentional directing of hose stream at opponents"—but things were wilder, and wetter, nearby where children engaged in the junior event.

That employed less pressure from garden-variety hoses, but somehow it seemed that there was more water. Most of the contestants sprayed not only their opponents, but also their teammates, the judges and even the yellow ball.

Ring said the turnout of several hundred was good.

He suggested, however, that more people might have come out to watch all that water if it hadn't been for the rain.

1974

August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



### *Push instead of pull*

With hoses trained on a hollow steel ball riding on a pulley along a cable, 18 teams of volunteer firemen from 10 departments tested each other's skills in a series of three-minute tug-of-war-type contests yesterday at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department station on Lyndon Way. The "A" team from the Lyndon department beat the Lyndon "B" team in the final match.



### **Battle of the hoses**

**Dousing each other and spectators as well were members of 10 volunteer fire departments in a water ball contest yesterday at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department station on Lyndon Way**



**Kiernan Monohan, son of Doug & Margo Monohan**

1974

August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



September 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Engineers

Effective Date: 9-1-74  
Supercedes No.: None

1. Engineers shall be twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have a valid State of Kentucky drivers license. They shall also have completed fifty-two (52) training weeks to be eligible, and satisfactorily completed the engineers examination.
2. Engineers shall be qualified by the officer and approved by a Chief Officer. They shall be qualified for their driving and mechanical ability and shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of all apparatus.
3. Before leaving the scene of an emergency and after returning to the station the engineer using each piece of apparatus shall make a service check and advise the officer of any discrepancies.
4. No member shall drive the apparatus except the qualified engineers unless directed to do so by an officer.
5. Each engineer shall be thoroughly familiar with the territory to be served, including the conditions of routes during the different seasons and the location of all water supplies.
6. Engineers shall observe speed limits which are consistent with safety, considering traffic, weather and road conditions. Special care shall be taken when approaching all intersections, the apparatus being kept under control at all times.
7. Engineers shall maintain familiarity with all apparatus.



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August 18, 1974, *The Voice*:



Staff photo by Robin Garr III

ST. MATTHEWS volunteer firemen Chris Kinberger (left) and Jim Hytken man the hose during a water ball tournament at the local firehouse on Sunday. Two teams from Lyndon VFD dominated the competition, which matches teams of firemen in a test of fire hose skill.



Staff photo by Robin Garr III

MIDDLETOWN Volunteer firemen (from left), Robert Totten, Jim Menafee, Ernest Tillman and Harry Winningham, hose the ball toward their opponent's side in the firemen's water ball tournament held Sunday at the St. Matthews fire house. Lyndon firemen dominated play by capturing both first and second place.

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## September 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-5-74  
Supercedes No.: 9-1-74

1. Do follow the apparatus run schedule.
2. No apparatus is to be started or moved without the permission of an officer except in an emergency.
3. Do not dress while the apparatus is in motion.
4. Never ride the tailboard while the apparatus is laying base.
5. Upon arrival at the scene of an emergency, do not leave the apparatus until ordered to do so.
6. If you have been given a job to do at the scene of an emergency and you have completed it, report to the officer who assigned you or to the command post for further assignment.
7. If at the scene of an emergency you should accidentally break anything be sure to report it to an officer.
8. Report all injuries to an officer immediately.
9. Do advise the engineer of any and all equipment removed from the apparatus.
10. All clothing must be worn on an emergency until an officer deems otherwise. If three quarter boots are worn they must be pulled up. No bare chest will be allowed.
11. Immediately upon returning from an emergency, sign the roster sheet, designate apparatus number and also designate engineer with an "E" and officer with an "O".
12. Personnel remaining at the station will be expected to help ready the returning apparatus.
13. No firefighter shall be permitted to leave any emergency, department function or training for any reason unless excused by his officer.
14. No parking in front of the fire station ramp.
15. No alcoholic beverages other than beer will be allowed on the premises at any time. No one under twenty-one (21) will be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. No beer may be consumed until after training is completed.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-5-74  
Supercedes No.: 9-1-74

28. DEFINE WORKING FIRE AS THE LAYING OF HOSE TO A WATER SUPPLY.
29. CODE 1 RESPONSE - NORMAL DRIVING PROCEDURES:

Nonemergency. This is used when responding to another departments area for standby service.

#### CODE 2 RESPONSE - WARNING LIGHTS ONLY

Nonemergency. This is used only at the officers discretion in inclement weather.

#### CODE 3 RESPONSE - WARNING LIGHTS AND SIREN

Emergency. This is used when responding to the scene of an emergency inside and outside of our fire or contract area.

30. RESPONSE:

All first alarm units will respond to the emergency unless cancelled. If a working fire is reported all second alarm units will respond to the emergency. If another emergency call is received during an existing emergency the officer in charge of the first emergency will determine the other response.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-5-74  
Supercedes No.: 9-1-74

16. Do not sit or stand on the soft drink machine, pool table, desks, air conditioners and apparatus fenders, or any other object not intended for that purpose.
17. You are responsible for any guest you may bring into the fire station.
18. Always address an officer by his rank or title.
19. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, or shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the department.
20. If you are out of the St. Matthews fire area and learn of an emergency, you are not to use red lights and/or siren until you enter our area.
21. If an alarm comes in during a fire department gathering or meeting, report to the apparatus to which you are assigned and await instructions.
22. We only discuss emergencies in the fire station. Do not engage in conversation with any private citizens concerning any emergency while at the scene or at a later date. Always direct this person to an officer.
23. Passing other apparatus on the way to an emergency will not be allowed.
24. All apparatus shall follow the proper response route.
25. Any firefighter going direct to an emergency will check in with the command post and be relieved from there.
26. APPARATUS PERSONNEL LOAD LIMIT:  
S-1 and S-2 5 men (2 in the front seat and 3 on the tailboard)  
S-3 and S-4 6 men (2 in the front seat and 4 on the tailboard)  
S-5 7 men (2 in the front seat, 3 in the jumpseat and 2 on the tailboard)  
S-6 8 men (2 in the front seat, 2 in the jumpseat and 4 on the tailboard)
27. RADIO PROCEDURES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:  
10-6 Responding - All units.  
10-7 Arriving at the scene, out of service - all units with the first reporting.  
10-8 In service - officer in charge of the emergency.

1974

1974: From Jack O'Toole private collection.



8821 – 1947 Seagrave 750 GPM pumper



Ready to roll



8836 – 1973 Mack 1500 GPM pumper



8844 – 1955 Seagrave 750 GPM quad



8855 – 1957 Seagrave 750 GPM quint with 75' aerial ladder



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September 5, 1974, *The Voice*:

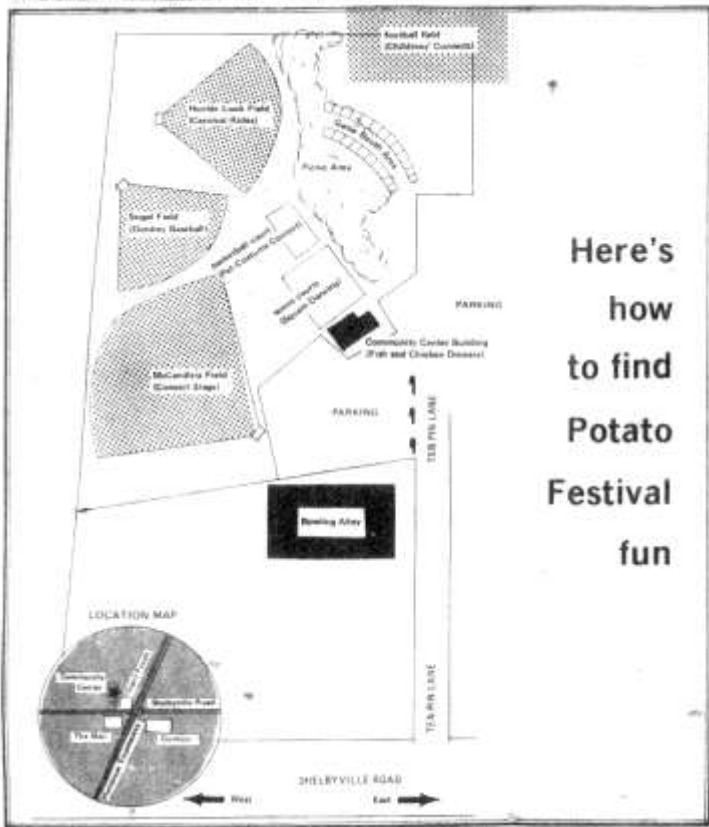


Staff photo by Robin Garr III

ST. MATTHEWS volunteer firemen Jason Handel and William Clifford mount their ladder to help hang a Potato Festival banner across Shelbyville Road on Saturday. The mammoth festival is set for Sept. 12-14 at the St. Matthews Community Center.

September 12, 1974, *The Voice*:

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# In Concert



**BRENDA LEE**

AND



**FLOYD CRAMER**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th  
AT 8:00 p.m.  
On the Community Center Grounds**

**TICKETS**  
Adults \$4.50 advance\* \$5.00 gate  
Children (under 12) \$3.50

\*Tickets available at all greater Louisville bookstores (The Mall, Green House & River City Mall) and at Shelby Lane House of Music, 1001 Shelby Lane Road.

**To Benefit The St. Matthews Community Center  
Just One Part of  
The**

## Potato Festival



**Don't Miss The Fun!**

**Thursday**  
September 12th, 1974

- 8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. Festival Hours
- 9:00 P.M. - Double Barrel Game featuring County Judge Todd Holcomb and the "Double Barrel" band. Radio and TV personalities from WVA, WLSV, WISN, WISN, WISN, WISN, and WTVW Radio Stations.
- 1:30 P.M. "Battle of the Bands" featuring top rock music bands as selected by WLSV radio.

**Friday**  
September 13th, 1974

- 4:30 - 11:00 P.M. Festival Hours
- 4:30 - 11:00 P.M. Pub Dining available for patrons
- 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. Super Evening Exhibition (Starchitects and Playmakers, Cider, Art Show)
- 7:30 P.M. "Battle of the Bands" finale.
- 7:30 P.M. Potato Festival Game Evening.

**Saturday**  
September 14th, 1974

- 10:30 - 11:00 P.M. Festival Hours
- 9:00 - 4:00 P.M. Family featuring over 1,000 games, races, antique cars, military units and bands. Parade route originates at Frankfort Avenue and Lexington Road, west on Shelbyville Road to the Mall.
- 11:00 A.M. - Pot and Corn Game contest for children and their parents. Age brackets 5-8 and 9-12. Any type pot, cornmeal not required. Additional information: 800-4565.
- 12:30 P.M. - Children's Games with various prizes: Ages 5-12, Potato Cook Contest, Potato Peel Contest, Pie Eating, Relay Races with parents, etc.
- 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Super Evening Exhibition (Starchitects, Playmakers, Cider, Art Show)
- 4:30 - 11:00 P.M. - Children's Games available for purchase
- 8:00 P.M. - Concert: Brenda Lee and Floyd Cramer with orchestra. Highlights of the festival. Tickets: Adults \$4.50 advance, \$5.00 or gate, children under 12: \$3.50.
- 11:00 P.M. - Fireworks finale. 20 minutes fireworks, shatter for My Famous Colonel Cliff Whig.

**Bring the whole family  
for 3 nights of fun!**

\*This space is sponsored by:

The St. Matthews Jaycees  
Organizers and sponsors  
of the 1974 Potato Festival

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1974

September 12, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Sept. 12, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss  
Geo. Miller  
Bill Andriot  
Marty Kamer  
John Monohan  
Phil Grauman

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Geo. Miller with the reading of minutes of meeting held on Aug. 8, 1974. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

The next order of business was the financial report, given by Mr. Boss.

Mr. Monohan reported that he had met with representatives of Mack Truck and that progress is being made toward the purchase of new truck.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

## Arson suspected in house fire

By Robin Garr III  
Managing Editor

County Police arson detectives are investigating the blaze that gutted a home at 4185 Westport Road early in the morning on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Major Jack Monohan, Assistant Chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, said firemen called in arson detectives shortly after the first fire units arrived at the scene of the 2:12 am alarm.

Monohan declined to discuss specific details, but said "it was obvious" arson detectives should be called.

The fire in a vacant home owned by Ray Laughner, Monohan said, gutted the entire interior, with the heaviest damage in the living room area where the fire apparently began.

Flames also burst through windows to involve the exterior of part of the house, Monohan said.

The assistant chief said 25 firefighters and four units were on the scene, fighting the fire for over two hours.

Rick Tonini, 21, of 117 St. Matthews

Avenue, a volunteer fireman, sustained slight injuries while fighting the blaze and was taken to Suburban Hospital by St. Matthews Police, where he was treated and released.

According to Officer Bob Yates, information officer of the Jefferson County Police Department, "arson" was listed as probable cause of the fire.

September 19, 1974, *The Voice*:

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September 12, 1974, The Courier-Journal



Staff Photo by Robert Steinau

### *Fire drill for firemen*

THE FIRE WAS FAKE, a training exercise yesterday for firemen from Louisville and 23 county fire departments. Firemen coupled a hose in the second floor hallway of a high-rise building at U.S. 42 and Lime Kiln Road. In the first 30 minutes of the exercise the Harrods Creek and St. Matthews fire departments were called away to real alarms.

1974

October 10, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Oct. 10, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss  
Geo. Miller  
John Monohan  
Marty Kamer  
Bill Andriot

Minutes of meeting held on Sept. 12, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Miller, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Boss gave a financial report and Mr. Monohan reported that all bills have been paid.

Mr. Monohan reported that he talked a representative of Mack Truck and said we should soon receive prints to review for approval.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

October 22, 1974, *The Courier-Journal*:

## *Courier Journal* Businessmen honor Al Ring

*Oct. 22, 1974*

Alan D. Ring is a busy man, and last night some of his industriousness was rewarded when he received the community service award presented by the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association Inc.

Ring, 31, is a captain in the St. Matthews volunteer fire department, was a leader in that organization's record-setting Crusade for Children fund drive and is president of Firefighters Inc.

He also operates a service station at 4217 Shelbyville Road, and was outspoken as a leader in battling government controls and regulations during the gasoline shortage earlier this year.

The group, holding its 20th annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Northeast, cited Ring for his "outstanding leadership and dedication" to the community.

Several hundred members of the association heard Kentucky Lt. Gov. Julian

Carroll call on the nation to "live together as brothers" if it is to survive the current troubled times.

Warren Park of the J.C. Penney Co. was elected president for the 1974-75 year, succeeding Kenny Zax. Ed Gaupin was elected vice president, while Sara D. Gidden was renamed secretary and Marvin J. Fisher was re-elected treasurer.



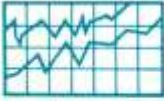


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October 21, 1974, St. Matthews & East Jefferson County Business Association, Inc.

## ST. MATTHEWS AND EAST JEFFERSON COUNTY

### BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, INC.



119 ST. MATTHEWS AVE.

LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

Sara D. Gidden  
Secretary

Paul Clark  
Executive Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD....Alan D. Ring....October 21st, 1974

Over the years, the men who have received the Community Service Award have been just a little older than the man we honor tonight. Not three score and ten perhaps but certainly more than one score and eleven which figures up to 31 busy years. Alan D. Ring was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut where his father worked for General Electric. In 1951 the family moved here and young Alan became a member of the second graduating class of Waggener High School.

In 1965 he became the youngest oil dealer in the State of Kentucky, operating his own business at the age of 22; over the years his service station has won a number of beautification awards.

Ten years ago Al became a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and is now a captain. He is also President of Fire Fighters Inc., a countywide organization of 22 fire departments.

For the past 10 years, Al Ring and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department have worked with the WHAS Crusade for Children, collecting \$232,000.00 in the time. This year was the biggest with a total of \$46,228.00, twice as much as last year and far ahead of any other fire department.

They have been working on next years Crusade for the past 4 months but they need your help to make 1975 bigger than ever before. There's a garage sale on Saturday, November 2nd at the fire house. Keep that date in mind and give them your help.

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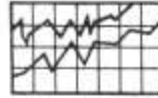
Paul Clark  
Executive Secretary

Al Ring's Standard Service Station at 4217 Shelbyville Road is a busy place and Al is a busy man but he still finds time to indulge in his favorite hobbies: reading and collecting fire engine models. He and his lovely wife Carol have just moved to their <sup>NEW</sup> home at 6605 Tottenham Road.

The St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association is proud to present this plaque to Captain Al Ring of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for outstanding leadership and dedication to the Greater St. Matthews area.

## ST. MATTHEWS AND EAST JEFFERSON COUNTY

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Secretary

Paul Clark  
Executive Secretary

October 29, 1974

Dear Member:

The 30th Annual General Membership Dinner and Meeting of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association was a huge success. Some 200 members and guests enjoyed a good meal at the Holiday Inn N.E. and a fun evening topped off by remarks by Lieutenant Governor Julian Carroll.

Al Ring was honored with the Community Service Award in recognition of his work with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and the WHAS Crusade for Children. In the past 10 years under the leadership of Al Ring, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has collected over \$232,000 for the Crusade. They have been work hard all summer on next year's Crusade and there will be a garage sale Saturday November 2nd at the Fire House. Please give them your help.

Warren Park, manager of the J.C. Penney store is our new president. The next board meeting will be Tuesday November 19th at 9:00 AM at Fryer's, 4170 Shelbyville Road.

We have four "brand new" members since our last letter.

Helen's Fashion Center, 111 St. Matthews Ave., owned by Glenn and Helen George.

Continental Collection Bureau, Executive Park; managed by Joseph French.

International House of Pancakes, 7310 LaGrange Road; owned by Larry and Bob Morris.

Metts Company Inc., 999 Breckinridge Lane, run by Frank Metts.

The Chenoweth Lane crossing of the L. & N. Railroad will be closed for renovation beginning November 4th. at 8 am until 5 pm on November 8th. Traffic will be detoured one block east through Westport Road, St. Matthews Ave. and Steebler Ave. Please keep this in mind and tell your friends and customers. Let's keep the traffic moving.

Paul Clark  
Executive Secretary



October 24, 1974, *The Voice*:

## Business group honors Al Ring, firefighter

By Robin Garr III  
Managing Editor

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Capt. Alan D. (Al) Ring, 31, is Community Service Award winner of the year of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Assn.

Commending Ring at the association's annual dinner meeting Monday, A. J. (Bud) Eline, himself one of last year's award winners, observed "In the past, our honorees have been older men — older than Al's one score and eleven."

A native of Bridgeport, Conn., Ring came to St. Matthews as a child in 1951, and was a member of Waggener High School's second graduating class.

In 1965, at age 22, he became the youngest oil dealer in the state of Kentucky. Proprietor of Ring's Standard Station on Shelbyville Road near Hubbards Lane, he has received numerous awards for beautification, most recently a beautification award from the St. Matthews Business and Professional Women's Club.

For 10 years a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, Ring has risen to the rank of captain, and also is president of Fire Fighters Inc., the association of volunteer fire departments in Jefferson County.

Accepting the plaque in his honor, Ring said "I'm accepting this in the name of all in the community. All deserve it. Only some of us are more

boisterous about it than others."

Also on the business group's annual dinner meeting program:

- Warren C. Park, manager of J. C. Penney's Mall Store, was unanimously named president of the organization for 1973-74.

The rest of the officer slate, proposed by nominating committee chairman Bud Eline and adopted unanimously, included: Edward W. Gaupin, vice president; Sara D. Gidden, secretary; (for the 19th consecutive year); Marvin J. Fisher, treasurer; and as directors, Don Black, Larry Miller, John O'Leary, Ed Ritchie, Don Roberts, Phil Sansam, Paul Schlich, John Thomas and Mike Skelton.

- Lt. Gov. Julian Carroll, guest speaker, entertained the group of about 250 with a light-hearted talk peppered with jokes.

On a brief serious note, Carroll told the organization "Let's hope, when it's all over, we've left our footprints somewhere on the sands of time for those who follow to see."

"We can live together as brothers, if we appreciate that everything we do affects somebody else."

"If you include the people in government, they'll let you do it the right way," the lieutenant governor said. "Some will agree and some will disagree, but all will stand together."

"United we will stand; we know that

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## Businessmen honor Ring

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divided, we will fall."

- Retiring President Kenny Zax was presented a plaque of appreciation by incoming President Park.

- Miss Gidden presented a brief membership report, and Treasurer Fisher detailed the organization's finances for the past year, which were topped by a \$4,284 expenditure for last fall's "Go East" advertising campaign.

- St. Matthews Mayor Bernard F. Bowling presented a "municipal report," outlined in a separate article in this week's *Voice*.

Fall 1974: Pump testing of S3, using "Test Pit" built the previous year behind the fire station on Lyndon Way.



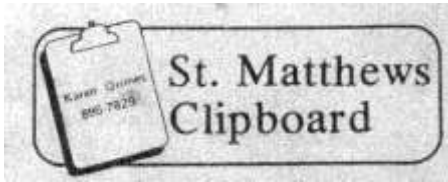
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Fall 1974: Pump testing of S3, using "Test Pit" built the previous year behind the fire station on Lyndon Way.



Pump tests, S-21, S-33, S-36, S-44



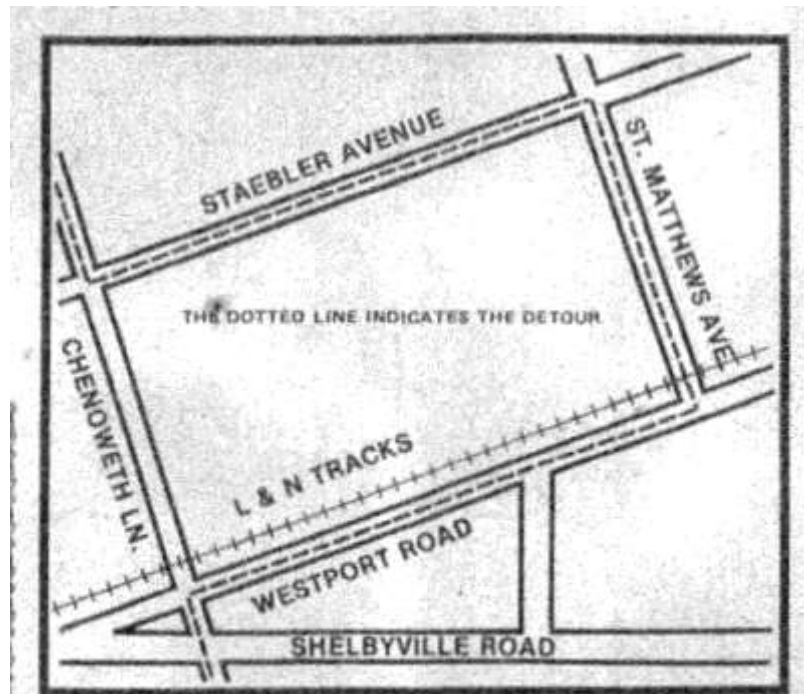
October 31, 1974, *The Voice*:**Garage sale**

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department will hold a garage sale at the firehouse, Lyndon Way at Sears Avenue, Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 am - 4 pm.

Small appliances, books, glassware and other items are needed to sell. All

items, except large appliances, will be accepted. Anyone wishing to donate items to the garage sale may take them to the firehouse on Nov. 2 from 10 am - 4 pm or on Nov. 6 and 7 from 9 am - 9 pm.

The garage sale is part of a year-long effort by the fire fighters to raise funds for the Crusade for Children.



## Chenoweth detour to start Monday

By Robin Garr III  
Managing Editor

The L & N grade crossing at Chenoweth Lane will be closed for at least five days, beginning Monday, Nov. 4, at 8 am, St. Matthews city officials confirmed this week.

While railroad work crews are tearing up the existing grade crossing, rebuilding it with a smoother surface and adding a new, additional northbound lane across the tracks, traffic in the area will be detoured.

St. Matthews City Clerk Gretchen Kaiser said city policemen will be detailed to direct traffic through the

detour route. At least at peak traffic periods.

Northbound traffic on Chenoweth will detour one block east on Westport Road, turn left onto St. Matthews Avenue across the tracks, one block north to Staebler Avenue and left on Staebler one block back to Chenoweth.

Southbound traffic will follow the same path in reverse, detouring left on Staebler to St. Matthews, Westport Road and back to Chenoweth again.

Alternative routes for motorists who prefer to avoid the entire area include Thierman Lane from Shelbyville Road to Westport Road; Hubbards Lane from Shelbyville Road to Brownsboro Road; the Watterson Expressway between the same exists; or Hillcrest Avenue in Crescent Hill from Frankfort Avenue to Brownsboro Road.

However, Mrs. Kaiser noted, a state highway department repaving project on Shelbyville Road near Hubbards also occasionally tangles rush hour traffic in that area.

Unless weather imposes a delay, Mrs. Kaiser said, the project is to be completed, and the intersection reopened to traffic, by 5 pm Friday, Nov. 8.

The city of St. Matthews is paying \$4,000 toward the cost of the project, to assist in construction of the new northbound lane, which is being done at the city's request.

An estimated \$1,000 additional widening cost, and the entire cost of the crossing renovation, is being borne by the L & N.

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# November 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-1-74  
Supercedes No.: None

### SUBJECT: LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

To qualify for the Life Time Membership you must reach the magic number seventy (70). This is determined by your age at the time you joined the department. The chart following will tell you how many years of service you will need to qualify for the program. The first column is your age at the time you joined. The second column is the years of active service needed. These two columns added together total seventy (70). But as we obtain one year of service we also become one year older, thus, the third column denotes the actual number of years needed to qualify. The fourth column gives you your age at the time you qualify.

Any temporary medical disability or any compulsory relocation out of the district with a minimum of ten (10) years of active service maintains continuity of time towards Life Time Membership, but only if you return to the department.

Permanent disability while you are an active member regardless of the time of active service qualifies you automatically as a Life Time Member.

When you have become a Life Time Member you will be relieved of all mandatory participation. However, all other by-laws and rules and regulations must be observed. All Life Time Members will also receive a plaque and a personalized lapel pin.

### LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

#### CALCULATION CHART

Age when you joined	Years of Service Needed	Years Needed To Qualify	Age at time You Qualify
17	53	26.5	43.5
18	52	26	44
19	51	25.5	44.5
20	50	25	45
21	49	24.5	45.5
22	48	24	46
23	47	23.5	46.5
24	46	23	47
25	45	22.5	47.5
26	44	22	48
27	43	21.5	48.5
28	42	21	49
29	41	20.5	49.5
30	40	20	50
31	39	19.5	50.5
32	38	19	51
33	37	18.5	51.5
34	36	18	52
35	35	17.5	52.5
36	34	17	53
37	33	16.5	53.5
38	32	16	54
39	31	15.5	54.5
40	30	15	55
41	29	14.5	55.5
42	28	14	56
43	27	13.5	56.5
44	26	13	57
45	25	12.5	57.5
46	24	12	58
47	23	11.5	58.5
48	22	11	59
49	21	10.5	59.5
50	20	10	60
51	19	9.5	60.5
52	18	9	61
53	17	8.5	61.5
54	16	8	62
55	15	7.5	62.5
56	14	7	63
57	13	6.5	63.5
58	12	6	64
59	11	5.5	64.5
60	10	5	65
61	9	4.5	65.5
62	8	4	66
63	7	3.5	66.5
64	6	3	67



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November 7, 1974, *The Voice*:

November 14, 1974, *The Voice*:

## St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has made six runs in the past week, Fire Capt. Al Ring reported Tuesday.

Monday Oct. 28, at 912 Dupont Road, Flahertys III, rags on fire.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, on West Wind Road, leaves.

Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 Dupont Road, gasoline washoff.

Friday, Nov. 1, at 503 Wallace Avenue, leaves.

Friday, Nov. 1, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, hot water heater.

Sunday, Nov. 3, at 4805 Brownsboro Road, gasoline washoff.

### Garage sale

*Nov. 9*

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department will hold a garage sale at the firehouse, Lyndon Way at Sears Avenue, Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 am - 4 pm.

## St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to four fire alarms last week, Chief John Monohan reported Tuesday.

• Thursday, Nov. 7, at 109 Don Allen, defective wiring.

• Monday, Nov. 11, at 96 Beechwood Road, food on stove.

• Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 214 Travels Road, truck.

• Tuesday, Nov. 12, backup Lyndon firemen at their firehouse. Lyndon forces were at a serious house fire, 1811 Millgate Road.

November 14, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews vol Fire Assn was held on Nov. 14, 1974.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller

Fred Boss

Bill Andriot

John Monohan

Marty Kamer

Minutes of meeting held on Oct. 10, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that he had a meeting with Mack representatives and taht work is still being done on the prints.

Mr. Andriot presented to the board a request from Officers and Chief Officers of the Dept. The request was, that the board give their approval for the adoption of a Life Time Membership Program. (request & program attached) After studying and discussing said program the board voted with all in favor of adopting said program.

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we buy Turkeys to be given to the Firemen at Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.

*Marty Kamer*

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November 14, 1974, Board meeting:

*Handwritten initials*

#### REQUEST FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers of this department with the Chief Officers have designed a Life Time Membership Program, for this department. We have enclosed a copy of this program for you to see, and are requesting that the Board furnish the benefits that this program outlines. "A gift of a personalized lapel pin and plaque will be given to all persons qualifying for the Life Time Membership Program."

We thank you for your consideration.

Officers and Chief Officers  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.

#### LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

##### Qualifications

1. To qualify you must reach the magic number 70. This is determined by your age, and years of service. ( See Chart)
  - 1A. Relocation out of district, or medical disability with a minimum of ten years active service maintains continuity of service toward Life Time Program, if and when you come back.
2. Permanent disability during active membership qualifies automatically for the Life Time Membership Program.

##### Benefits of Program

1. Honorary Participation.
2. A gift of a personalized lapel pin and plaque will be given to all persons qualifying for this program.

##### Start of Program

This program will take effect in November of 1974, and will be retrospective to all past members of this department who qualify.

November 22, 1974, The  
Courier-Journal



## THE MALL

invites you to join the  
Parade to Santa's  
Castle

**Saturday  
November  
23,  
10:00 A.M.**

- Santa arrives at 10 A.M. at Front Entrance, courtesy of The **St. Matthews** Volunteer Fire Department
- Westport High School Marching Band will play.

**the Mall**

Shelleyville Rd. & The Waterson Expressway  
Open  
10:00-9:30 Weekdays 12:30-5:30 Sundays

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December 12, 1974, *The Voice*:

J. C. Nuckols joins board replacing Stan Jones.

December 12, 1974, Board meeting:

## St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has responded to these recent alarms, according to the department's official record book:

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4:55 pm, Grandview Avenue between Macon and Jola, false.

Friday, Nov. 22, at 8:57 pm, 3718 Werner, sump pump motor.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 9:38 pm, 512 Cornell, furnace motor.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at 10:54 am, 4112 Elmwood, false.

Friday, Nov. 29, at 7:12 pm, 4310 Shelbyville Road, false.

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol Fire Assn. was held on Dec. 12, 1974.

Directors present:

John Monohan

Fred Boss

Geo. Miller

Marty Kamer

Bill Andriot

J. P. Terry

Minutes of meeting held on Nov. 14, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that checks in appreciation of service be made payable to three firemen who have left the dept.

A check for 25.00 to Doug Monohan for 10 years of service.

A check for \$50.00 to Robert Walling for 15 years of service.

A check for \$50.00 to Harry Babcock for 17 years of service.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we appoint Mr. J.C. Nuckols to be a member of the board. Mr. Nuckols will serve as a director, filling the unexpired term of Mr. Stan Jones. Said term expires July 1977.

Mr. Andriot made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that we purchase Hams to be given to the firemen at Xmas.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that we purchase \$5000.00 in Certificates of Deposit at Greater Louisville.

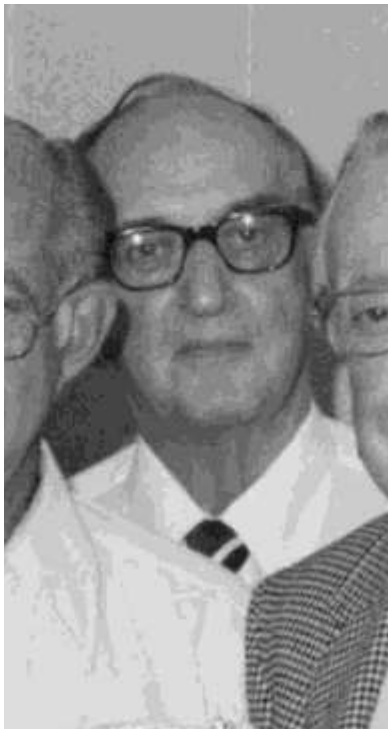
There being no further business motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Marty Kamer, Sect.



December 12, 1974, Board meeting:

Director 1974 to 1982



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New board member: J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.

July 8, 1908 to August 30, 1992

J. CECIL NUCKOLS  
250 CHENOWETH LANE  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

March 16th 1982

To the Board of Directors and Mr. John M. Monahan, Pres.  
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n.

Gentlemen:

Effective the date of this letter, I do hereby  
tender my resignation as a Member of the Board of Directors  
and as Treasurer of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n

It has been my pleasure to serve the Citizens of  
our Community.

Sincerely Yours

*J. C. Nuckols*  
J. C. Nuckols

Mr. Nuckols, was born July 8, 1908. The 1920 census shows him living with his family on Allison in Jefferson County, Kentucky. He is the son of J. Cecil Nuckols and Claudine Nuckols, with a brother Franklin W. Nuckols and a sister Cecile V. The 1930 census shows about the same. We know he went to du Pont Manual High School, in the late 1920s. In 1937 he was a manager with the Dean Tire Company. He became a self employed contractor building homes in the St. Matthews area and converted apartments on Chenoweth Lane to condos. He lived with Claudine at 250 Chenoweth Lane, and died August 30, 1992.

F&W CRIMSON	
HARRY KIRKUP SMITH MEMORIAL DECLAMATORY CONTEST	
du Pont Gymnasium March 4, 1927	
Moderator: Mr. E. P. Chapin, Principal of the du Pont Manual Training High School	
Judges: Mr. W. L. Davisport, Professor of Education, University of Louisville Mr. Bennett M. Braggan, Dean of the Speed Scientific School Mr. Guy M. Whitaker, Assistant Superintendent of Schools	
on Peter Old Medal	and Peter Silver Medal
Second Inaugural Address	By Karl E. Rothrock
America, Beacon Light of Power	By C. J. Koonce
The Secret of Lincoln's Power	By Calvin Cramer
Shall America Retire Herself	By Edwin Brailley
Napoleon, the Exile	By Robert T. Owen
The Teacher's Death Bed	By John Scoville
The Classic Race	By J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.
First: J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.	Second: Robert T. Owen

F&W CRIMSON	
CONSTITUTIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST	
(Sponsored by the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times)	
du Pont Gymnasium April 13, 1927	
Moderator: Mr. E. B. Martin, Head of the History Department, du Pont Manual Training High School	
Judges: Mr. James S. Richmond, Principal of the Richmond School Mr. H. J. Stipe, History Department, du Pont Manual Training High School Mr. W. C. Hatfield, History Department, Louisville Male High School	
Prize: Fifty Dollars	
The Constitution	By Karl E. Rothrock
The Constitution	By James Poyross
The Meaning of the Constitution Today	By J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.
Franklin's Contribution to the Constitution	By Robert T. Owen
Marshall's Contribution to the Constitution	By Robert E. Smith
Lincoln's Contribution to the Constitution	By Calvin Cramer
Winner: Karl E. Rothrock	

F&W CRIMSON	
ANNUAL MITRE DECLAMATORY CONTEST	
du Pont Gymnasium May 8, 1927	
Moderator: Mr. George Patterson, English Department, du Pont Manual Training High School	
Judges: Mr. W. F. Brailley, Head of the English Department, Louisville Male High School Dr. W. Paul Jones, Speed Scientific School Mr. H. J. Stipe, History Department, du Pont Manual Training High School	
on Peter Gold Medal, presented by the Mitre Club and Prize: Silver Medal, presented by Mr. Bennett M. Braggan, Executive and President, Executive of the Mitre Club	
The Adverser's First Plea	By Robert E. Smith
Patrick Henry, the Agitator	By William E. Bulky
The Victor of Marston	By William H. Henschild
The Classic Race from Ben Hur	By Wallace J. C. Nuckols, Jr.
Regulus to the Carthaginians	By Calvin Cramer
Second Inaugural	By Karl E. Rothrock
The Teacher, the Hope of the Future	By Robert T. Owen
First: Calvin Cramer	Second: Karl E. Rothrock



## W. Leland Wilson dies 74

W. Leland Wilson, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 14, at 12:40 pm, in Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Long a director of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn., he was the department's vice president.

The 84-year-old Mankato, Minn., native lived at 502 Bauer Avenue in St. Matthews. He had retired from General Foods Corp., in 1955, and remained a member of the Christian Church.

Active in Masonic affairs, he was a 50-year member of Valley Lodge 511, a member of the Louisville Council for Royal and Select Masons, and of the King Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by his wife, the former Billie Brumley.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery on Monday afternoon, with members of the fire association as pallbearers.

### Builders Supply Co. damaged by fire

A fire of undetermined origin damaged the Louisville Builders Supply Co., 245 N. Hubbards Lane, last night.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was at the scene from 8:25 p.m. yesterday to 1 a.m. today. Company officials could not be reached for comment on the losses, but a fire department spokesman said the two-story building had heavy smoke, water and heat damage.

No injuries were reported.

## Fire damages local building supply firm 12-19-74 12-16-74

By Judith Berzof  
Staff Writer

It just took the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department about 60 seconds to reach the scene of a blazing fire Tuesday night at the Louisville Builders Supply Co., 245 N. Hubbards Lane.

"The fire was through the roof when we got there and five units and 40 men were at the scene. We had it under control in about 30 minutes, but were there until 1 am," said Al Ring, fire captain.

The alarm reached the station at 8:25 pm and was answered quickly because, "it was training night at the firehouse," according to Ring.

"The fire was right behind the offices of the Louisville Builders Supply Co. and destroyed the roof. There is a

tremendous amount of water, smoke and heat damage in the office area but it didn't reach any warehouse area in the concrete block firm," he added.

There were no people in the building at the time of the blaze and firemen had to break the front fence to reach the fire.

Ring said he couldn't make any estimate of the damage in dollars, and declined to comment on the cause of the fire.

"It is being investigated by the county arson bureau which is trying to determine the cause. Not that we suspect anything," Ring concluded.

On Wednesday the company owner said the insurance company will estimate the damage today. He declined to admit a photographer to the scene of the fire.

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December 24, 1974, *Unknown*:

STMFD was called for a rescue.

## Girl dies of injuries suffered in crash on Christmas Eve

Catherine L. (Cathy) Hellmann, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert E. Hellmann Jr., of 3932 Kennison Ave., died at 5:56 p.m. yesterday at General Hospital.

Death was due to head injuries she received in an automobile accident at Frankfort and Bauer avenues, according to Deputy Coroner Robert Carter. The accident occurred Dec. 24.

She was a ninth-grade student at Mayme S. Waggener Junior High School.

Survivors also include a brother, Dale E. Hellmann; four sisters, Judy, Libby, Jo Ann, and Christy Hellmann, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert E. Hellmann Sr.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 501 Cherrywood Road, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. The body is at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road.

# ST. M. F. D.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
Bureau of Vocational Education	
PUBLIC SERVICE OCCUPATION UNIT	
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY	
This Certifies That <u>Capt. Brian Ring</u>	
of <u>St. Matthews Fire Dept.</u>	
Has Completed <u>20</u> Hours of Fireman Training	
And In Recognition Has Been Awarded This Certificate	
<u>W. K. Rutledge</u> Instructor	<u>M. S. McClain</u> Director
Subject <u>Unit 1</u>	Date <u>7/2/74</u>

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December 1974: "General Pictures"



Captain A. E. Andriot, III & Tim Golden "teaching class" about fire safety.



Mrs. Billie Sharp, secretary, Department's only employee at the time



"The White Hats" as they were called, Chief Officers Assist. Chief's Haeberlin, Monohan, Chief John Monohan



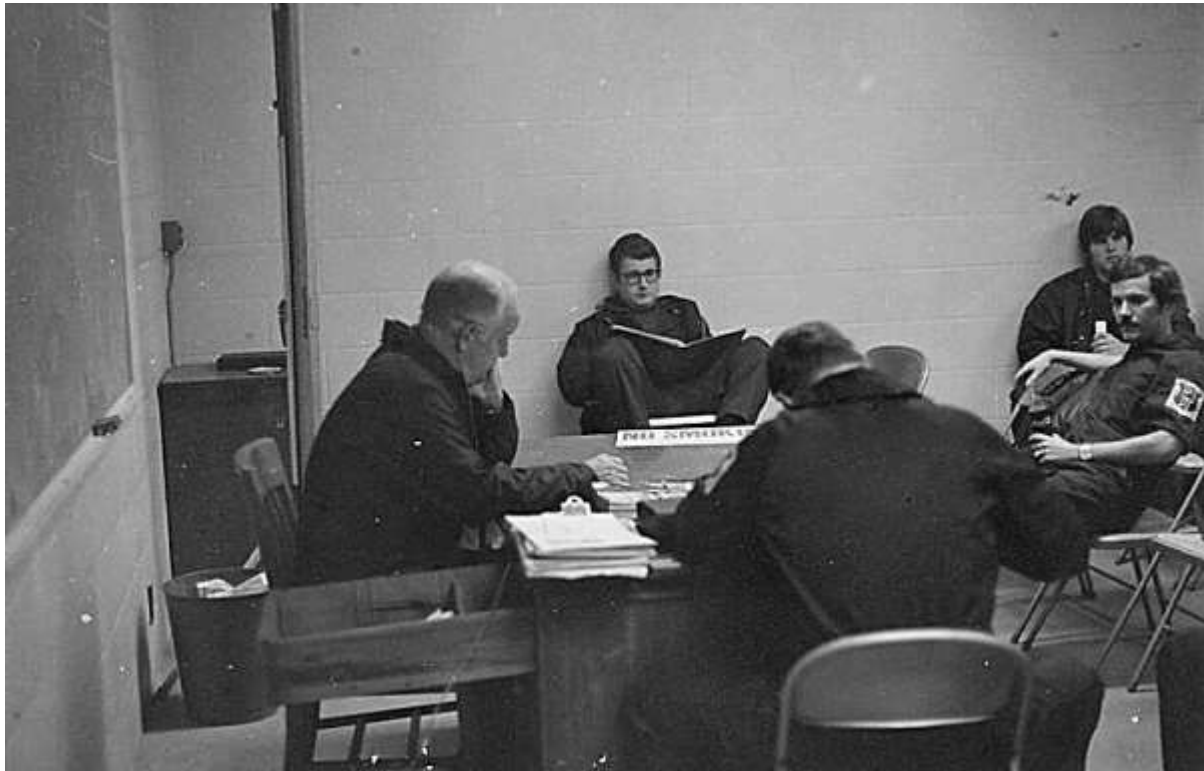
Alarm Desk, note huge map to right of desk, 8' x 16' of the area.



Jim Andriot and the Scott Pack

1974

December 1974: "General Pictures



General meeting, Chief Monohan, Capt. Al Ring, Denis Bryant, Sam Wolfe, back of Assistant Chief Al Haerberlin.

Training Class on Tuesday Evening Training





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The department developed a brief history to help in recruiting:

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

(REPRODUCED)



4114 Lyndon Way - P. O. Box 7283  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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The department was on the move and has been one of the leaders in the fire service. They were one of the first to use telephone communications and then in 1954, were the first to go the two-way radio. They were the first department in the state to get self contained breathing apparatus called "Scott Air Panks". They were the first to get a Quint which is a combination aerial ladder and pumper. Keeping abreast of the changes in the fire service and always expanding has been the trademark of this department which is still under the leadership of Chief Monohan.

In 1950, the department added a 1947 Segrave 750 GPM Pumper, and in 1952 moved to 117 St. Matthews Avenue to a much bigger fire house. In 1954, they added a 750 GPM Quad. In 1957, they added a 750 GPM Segrave Quint with a 75' aerial ladder. By then the department was operating four pieces of fire apparatus and working out of a modern fire house with a well established training program.

Since the department's fire protection area population, houses, and business district continued to grow, the department made plans in the early 1960's for the 1970's. In 1963, they added a 1250 GPM Segrave Pumper. In 1969, they moved to 4114 Lyndon Way to one of the largest and most modern fire stations in the state. In 1973, a 1500 GPM Mack Pumper was added and in 1974, two additional 1500 GPM Mack Pumps were programmed for delivery.

Today the department and its fire fighters stand proud of the history and tradition of their department. Having grown from a one truck-ten man department with no money to a seven truck-fifty men department, and making well over 200 emergency runs a year. The Association is financed through city contracts and other contributions based on a 3½¢ per one hundred dollar property evaluation. The current Kentucky State Law allows a 10% maximum charge. Our fire protection area has an insurance classification of Class Six, which is the lowest residential rate available. The Association has eight on the Board of Directors. The department functions under the directions of a chief and two assistant chiefs responsible to the Board of Directors. The Chief Officers appoint seven Captains to complete the management structure.

Protecting many thousands of lives and millions of dollars of property value, the department is not idle. We are constantly keeping abreast of the latest fire suppression techniques and equipment, and looking for new firefighters to add their talents to the team. With their ever expanding training program, the department and its fire fighters are ready to face the future with the same professionalism and excellence that they have been building for over 50 years.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is a non-profit organization chartered in the State of Kentucky and governed by a board of directors. "St. Matthews Citizens Form Fire Brigade". That was the caption over an article in the Courier Journal on June 13, 1919. It went on to say, "For the purpose of providing better protection of houses in and around St. Matthews, residents of that town have formed a fire brigade". It was to be called the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association. It started with no money, a hand full of dedicated men, and an old hand pulled hose cart, that no one knows where it came from. These pioneers, being the first of its kind in the State of Kentucky, had no where to get advice and had to do it all on their own.

The first chief, F.X. Schuler, made arrangements with A.J. Elme to house the "fire truck" in his automobile dealership on Frankfort Avenue. There was one fire hydrant where Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue met, and that was it. With very little money and no real experience, its amazing the department survived.

In 1921, Andrew Neichter became Chief. The department bought a Model T Ford truck for \$900.00. They mounted three chemical tanks and a wooden ladder on it, and had their first real fire truck. In 1923, they were given a piece of land behind the drug store on Breckenridge Lane, and the department built its first fire house. Along with providing fire protection, the fire insurance rates were reduced.

By 1930, the department was in real trouble with the State Actuary Bureau. The town was told to either get a new fire truck or lose its insurance classification. Because of this, the Board of Directors reorganized in 1930 and started on an active plan to buy a new fire truck. In 1931, a 300 GPM Segrave Pumper was delivered and given the name "Betsey". The department's financial troubles still were not over. For years, they had to hide the fire truck from the Segrave Co. to keep it from being repossessed.

"Betsey" became the pride of the community, making all of the town's parades, hundreds of fire runs each year, and even going as far as Frankfort, Kentucky, to help with the bi-centenary fire. It pumped many basements out during the 1937 flood until its pump blew. Although "Betsey" was removed from first line fire response in December of 1973, after 42 years of active service, it is still used as an auxiliary and training truck. It is still in as good a shape today as when it was delivered.

By 1939, the department's emergency runs were increasing. A good percentage of them were outside of their fire protection area. The department bought a 1934 White Salvage Wagon to primarily make runs out of their protection area.

From 1939 until 1941, the department had two chiefs. They were Bud Young and Henry A. Monohan. In September of 1941, John M. Monohan Jr. became Chief and also a member of the Board of Directors. It was around this time the department started to really grow. The new Chief learned quickly that to stay in the fire service, the department had to expand and move ahead. The department expanded the training program, bought new fire suppression equipment, and replaced the White Salvage Wagon with a new 1942 Segrave Ford 500 GPM Pumper. In 1942, they also built a new and bigger fire house at 115 Breckenridge Lane.

#### WHY NOT BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER?

We are a proud department, in a proud community, dedicated to the belief of helping your fellow man. Why? Well its hard to say or put in words. We feel the reason was best summed up when one of our fire fighters wrote a few years ago.

I guess, first, there is the excitement, the little boy in me that never has quite gotten over the roar of the siren and the clang of the bell.

Then there's the feeling of being needed. The feeling of satisfaction I get when a homeowner looks me in the eye and says "Thanks". I know he is speaking from the bottom of his heart.

There is always the feeling of daring, being a member of the nations most dangerous profession.

The challenge is there too. If you don't get the fire, it may well get you.

Last, but not least, throw in a sense of belonging to a rather exclusive club, whose dues are sweat, lost hours, cuts, bruises, scratches and a few tears.

Being a fire fighter is all of these things and more, and there isn't a one of us who, having crawled through a room with the only breath available is air three inches off the floor and the temperature 250 degrees, or having been at the end of a nozzle for hours in zero degree weather, hasn't ask himself: "What am I doing here?"

There is no answer, no rhyme nor reason except to say to yourself: "Buddy, you are a FIRE FIGHTER".

If interested, please see any of the fire fighters or come by the Station on any Tuesday night around 8:00 PM. We would welcome the opportunity to explain our program to you.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.  
John N. Monohan Jr., Chief

1974

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History and Progress of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.

1. Start of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.
  - A. June 1919
  - B. 15 prominent men of the Community wrote, signed, and recorded the first Articles of Incorporation of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.
    - a. Some of the men.
      1. Arthur, and Henry Bauer--Owned much land in area, ran restaurant, and Grocery store.
      2. G. T. Dick--Well known bank cashier in area, he became treasurer of the Department.
      3. A. J. Elms--Real estate man, owned Ford Dealership. Well known
      4. William, and P. C. Sueff, Well known business men of the area.
      5. F. K. Schuler--Well known business man, and later ran Schuler Motors.
  - C. June 13, 1919 Headline in Courier Journal.
    - a. Headline--St. Matthews Citizens Form Fire Brigade.
    - b. Article--For the purpose of providing better protection of houses in and around St. Matthews, residents of that town have formed a fire brigade. The organization filed articles of incorporation yesterday under the name St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association. It has no capital stock and is authorized to incur liabilities not to exceed \$7,000.00 and to accept voluntary subscriptions for purchase of apparatus and maintenance of same.
2. St. Matthews now had a fire department, with no experience, and because they were one of the first ones in the state, they had no one to learn from. They also had no money or anything else.
  - A. F. X. Schuler became the first Chief.
  - B. A. V. Reichler became the first Captain
  - C. An old horse cart found in the town became the first piece of fire apparatus.
  - D. A. J. Elms let the department keep the fire truck in his garage making it the department's first fire house.
  - E. The first alarm system was the telephone exchange located on the second floor of Bauers General Store. With no alarm or anything else the operator had to call all the firefighters by phone.
3. By 1921 the department started to improve and grow up.
  - A. There was no training of any real nature then, and really didn't until the early 40s.
  - B. A. V. Reichler became the second Chief, and there were no other officers.
  - C. A. J. Elms sold the department a 1921 Model T. Ford Truck, which became the department's first motorized fire truck for \$900.00. The new mounted 135 gallon tanks on it and a ladder and it became a chemical wagon.
  - D. The department got 9th class rates.
    - a. Paid for helmet and coats for the firefighters
    - b. Paid for the heat of the engine house.
- E. There were also headlines like, Eight Mile House burns to ground, J. J. Biggem House destroyed by fire, Fire Damages I. S. Homan Home, and so on, which finally began to bring the seriousness of the situation to the citizens.
- F. In March 1930 the Board of Directors resigned, and a special election was held for new members to run the department until July when the Articles of Incorporation stated they had to hold elections. This was the beginning of a new and better department.
- G. The new Board quickly agreed to start raising funds for a fire truck, and then ordered one.
- H. In July another election was held and the department had a strong action minded board, with such men as
  - a. Irvin Bauer
  - b. Joseph Beierle
  - c. J. J. Buttler
  - d. J. J. Elder
  - e. A. V. Reichler
  - f. J. E. Rudy
  - g. I. E. Schweitzer
- I. By the end of 1930 the department had close to \$2,000.00 in money and pledges, but there troubles weren't over.
- J. In 1931 A. V. Reichler ~~was~~ was still Chief and Irvin Bauer became Assistant Chief, and the department also had a Captain and a Lieutenant.
- K. Betsy which became the towns pride and joy, a 500C.P.M. Segrave Pumper was delivered, and the Model T. was sold to Lake Breanland Fire Department.
- L. Firefighting improved, more men joined the department, and the town began to care, except when it came to giving money.
- M. From 1931 to about 1934 the department tried everything to raise money from, dances, to carnivals, to going door to door, to handbills, just about everything they could think of, but the money was slow in coming.
- N. They even had to go as far as hiding the fire truck from Segrave so it wouldn't be repossessed. The department received many telegrams and letters such as the one from Segrave, but finally the department was able to pay Segrave off.
- O. In 1934 many of the Board members had to resign because they worked for the L&N Railroad and they put out a Bulletin stating no member of their organization could be an office holder in any outside organization, or he would be fired. So the Board went to many nearby Churches and ask them to provide a man for the board of directors.

4. 1923 the St. Matthews Booster, the areas first newspaper started, and later became one of the departments biggest helps, by always writing articles on the department, and asking for help, and so on.
5. 1924 was a big year for the department.
  - A. Jesse Egan owner of Egan and Bushamer Pharmacy gave the department a piece of land behind his drug store at 109 Breckenridge Lane to build a fire house on. He also had the alarm system moved in his store, and he became the departments alarm system, after they bought a siren.
  - B. That gave the department their first real fire house, and alarm system and siren to notify the men of a fire.
  - C. The St. Matthews Community Club started that year and one of its main reasons was to help the town get better fire protection. They held the first of many St. Matthews Festivals, where Taylor Drugs and the Young Theater are now located, for the purpose of raising money for civic needs. Of which they considered the Fire Department first. The festival always started with a parade, led by the fire truck.
  - D. The American Legion Post 100 started that year, and for many years they helped raise money for the department.
6. By 1927 the department was slowly getting into trouble.
  - A. Because of little money, and no power the fire truck was in terrible condition. Before the St. Matthews Festival that year the truck rode through town carrying signs saying, I DO NOT CHOOSE TO RUN IN 1928. With no money, training, and other items the department was headed down hill.
7. By 1929 it had reached a low, the State Actuary Bureau told the town to get a new fire truck or they would loose their rates.
8. Reorganization of the St. Matthews Fire Department in 1930.
  - A. With the department and Community Club failing, the town was sure to loose everything.
  - B. Through the efforts of the St. Matthews Booster using headlines every week, and new leadership in the Community Club, the town decided to do something.
  - C. In January the Community Club reorganized and the fire department board agreed to let the Community Club meet with them.
  - D. Jesse Egan became President of the Club, and they held a big membership drive, and got many of the areas leading citizens to speak out for the department. During this time there were many articles in the Booster, one of them stating what the Club had done for the department so far.
    - a. Paid off \$900.00 debt on fire truck.
    - b. Paid \$200.00 to have fire house built.
    - c. Paid \$200.00 for siren.

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15. In 1837 the St. Matthews Civic Club formed to help with civic activities and to help the fire department, in raising money. Betty blew her pump, pumping out basement during the 37 Flood, and that was the year that Holy Trinity burned, being one of the biggest fires St. Matthews had had up until that time.
16. In 1938 E. A. (Bud) Young became Assistant Chief, and in 1939 A. W. Fletcher resigned and Bud Young became Chief.
17. In April of 1938 the Department bought a <sup>1938</sup> White Salvage wagon from the Louisville Salvage Store for \$1.00. This was to be used mostly for fire out of the St. Matthews Area, because many of the fires that were fought were far out in the county and the people were afraid that they would need the truck when they were gone. At that time the only other department in the area was Jeffersonstown New Vee Vally, and Anchorage which would not go out of there area.
18. In 1940 Bud Young resigned from the position of Chief, and H. A. Monahan served as chief for a couple of months while the board decided on a permanent Chief. Then in September of 1940 John H. Monahan Jr. became Chief and still is the department's Chief.
19. By 1941 with John Monahan as Chief and E. C. Herdt as Assistant Chief, and Monahan also President of the Board of Directors, the Department started to really move.
  - A. They started a training program.
  - B. They moved to a new fire house they built next door to the old one to give them more room.
  - C. They bought a new Ford Segrave Pumper.
  - D. They changed the Articles of Incorporation so they could collect money.
20. During the War Years it was hard for the department to move ahead, because all the attention was on the war, but they did it anyway. They slowly became financially sound, and training improved, and equipment was kept up and new equipment was always being added.
21. In 1943 Another big fire struck, this time the St. Matthews Motor Company, which was where White Castle is now located, burned destroying 17 cars and doing \$75,000.00 damage to the building.
22. In 1945 the Ak & Food store, located where Byrds is now, burned to the ground giving the area its third big fire since 1939.
23. Also in 1945 Jesse Olson died, so the alarm system was moved to the Belmont Cab office, owned by a Mr. Hopkins.
24. In 1946 the County Government decided they would furnish fire protection in the county, so they bought 3 fire trucks, and put one in Middle Town, one in the center of the County and one out in Pleasure Ridge Park area and called this the County fire department. Needless to say this just didn't work and by 1950 it folded.

25. Some time during the late 40s the department received 8th class rates.
26. In 1949 the department installed telephones in the fire trucks, becoming the first department in the state to do so. This had a tremendous help in fighting fires.
27. In 1950 Harrods Creek Fire Department started, and we loaned Betty to the Lyndon Fire Department who had just recently started, and we bought one of the fire trucks from the County when they disbanded which is called 31, and is still in service today.
28. By now the department had grown to a size that it needed a Chief, Assistant, Chief & Captains, and 5 Lieutenants. Its training program had expanded, and they were looking for land to build a new fire house.
29. In October of 1952 the Department moved to a brand new fire house at 117 St. Matthews Avenue, and were running 3 good pumps for fire apparatus.
30. Along this time we became the first department in the state to go to Scott Air Base, to enable firefighters to go into smoke filled rooms and fight the fires.
31. In 1954 many things happened----were the second department in the state to go in two way radios, bought 29, a Segrave Quilt, and the Consolidated Sales Building and Variety Millwork Company burned. Both fires were in December and we lost our siren bees as it was on top of the Consolidated building. In less than 24 hours we had another siren installed and our alarm system was functional again.
32. In 1956 we started the year with a hot one, at 20 after 12 Jan. 1, the Valmer Company Building burned to the ground in a spectacular fire.
33. Early 1957 became Assistant Chief.
34. In 1957 sold the 1941 Ford fire truck to McMahn, and bought a Segrave Quilt, the first in the state, and it is still in service.
35. In 1957 there were two major fires and explosions, Fryers restaurant, and St. Johns Lutheran Church.
36. In 1958 Central formed and took over our alarm system.
37. In 1960 Terries Towne burned.
38. In 1963 bought a new 1250 G.P.M. Segrave Pumper.
39. We best remember 1965 for two big fires, Miralish Apartments, and Malania, where 19 firefighters were injured.
40. In 1966 we bought the land for a new fire house, for \$25,000.00. And big fires seemed to be the thing.---We started the year with a big apartment fire on Island rd. then, Jametown case where 4 apartment houses containing 76 apartments was destroyed, and then 3 separated fires at Palmer Ball Company keep the department busy.
41. In 1969 we went back to Jametown for another big fire, then helped Harrods

12-26-74

Goal of old department to replace St. Matthews, from Tony Gray

Next departments pay their men for a 36 hour work week.  
 Rule of thumb is to use 3.5 men per man on duty. This will include sick and vacation time.  
 A fair wage to use right now for firefighters is \$12,000.00 per year including benefits.  
 Should figure 4 men per company, and a total of 5 companies.  
 Should figure one chief at \$20,000.00.  
 Should figure chief officers salary at \$16,000.00.  
 Should figure at least 2 fire prevention men at \$14,000.00.

Example, 5 companies x 4 men = 20 x 3.5 = 64 full time men.  
 64 full time men-----\$768,000.00 per year  
 1 Chief-----20,000.00 per year  
 3 Chief officers-----48,000.00 per year  
 2 fire prevention men-----28,000.00 per year

Man power costs \$864,000.00 per year

Rule of thumb for expenses is 15% of man power costs.

15% of \$864,000.00 = \$129,600.00 expenses per year.

\$864,000.00  
 129,600.00  
 \$993,600.00 operating cost per year.

We presently are working on between \$110,000.00 and 120,000.00 per year. We charge 71¢ per 100.00 property evaluation, example, a 30,000.00 home cost you about \$16.50 per year for protection, and you are getting 6 class rates which are the best rates you can have.



**1974**

**1974: From Tim Golden private collection, various events we think from 1974. Many may be late 1977 or a little later.**



**Jim Woodring at foosball table in “Rec” room.**



**Rick Albers, Ron Unthank & Jack Monohan, in Frank Florence’s big white Caddy.**



**S7, Chief John M. Monohan, Jr.**



**Plaque on Station No. 1 & Wiley Brewer, Cruising.**





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**Training pit fires on lot east of firehouse.**



**Saturday night dance at Trinity High School  
Charles & Buzz McCune (probably after late 1977)**

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Same "Epics" Dance at T. H. S.



John & Susan Walling, (probably after late 1977)



Tom Kaelin

Suzanne Abbott Andriot, Lisa Jenkins, Dave Kamer, Dance



Dennis Bryant Wedding, circle dance



D. B. wedding, Martha Woodring & Tim Golden  
Mona Briggs, Jim Graven, Martha Woodring at wedding





1974

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Chief Monohan and others at wedding



Wally Lage



Wally Lage, Martha Woodring, Jim Graven, Susie Lage



Field Party: Joe Wheatley (his date), Martha Woodring



Field Party



Kent Monohan, Stewart Monohan and Susan Swope

(Field party was at least 1977 or later.)

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Charles McCune, Vicky (Buzz) now husband & wife. 1978



Rick Albers with Joules (Julie Smith) & 8855-1976



Dave Kamer & Julie Smith & 8844-1976



Lexington Fire School, Russ Rakestraw in red hat. 1974



Jim Woodring & Wally Lage, Lexington Fire School, 1974



Middletown Training Fire, Gary Doyle & Mike Noon, 1977



Middletown Training Fire, 1977



Charles McCune & Keith McBride, 1978



**1974**  
**Fire Statistics For 1974**

**Total number of fire runs:** 274  
**Total working fires:** 6  
**Total hours of fire fighting:** 73  
**Total 1 1/2" hose used:** 1,800 feet  
**Total 2 1/2" hose used:** 4,800 feet  
**Back up City of Louisville:** 1 time  
**Number of A. M. runs:** 76  
**Number of P. M. runs:** 197

**Number of runs made by fire apparatus:**

**S1:** 127  
**S2:** 2  
**S3:** 93  
**S4:** 85  
**S5:** 82  
**S6:** 126

**Types of fire runs:**

**House** 81  
**Commercial** 45  
**Automobile** 44  
**Field & trash** 35  
**Miscellaneous** 54  
**Malicious false** 14

**Working fires:**

1/11/1974	9:15 a.m.	House, 4623 Brownsboro Road, Lyndon assisted
2/13/1974	8:36 p.m.	Garage, 4116 Ledyard Road
3/1/1974	6:41 a.m.	House, 4017 Gloucester Road, bedroom
4/18/1974	6:40 p.m.	Apartment, 3838 Washington Square, bedroom
9/12/1974	2:12 a.m.	House, 4185 Westport Road, arson
12/17/1974	8:30 p.m.	Louisville Builders Supply, Hubbards Lane
4/3/1974	4:15 p.m.	Tornado swept through our district, 2 fatalities, one man in a car, one lady in a garage
12/24/1974		Frankfort & Bauer Avenue, car wreck, one young girl died

**1972 Letterhead**



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## Fire Statistics from 1964 to 1974

Total number of fire runs: 2,477  
Total working fires: 83  
Total hours of fire fighting: 697  
Total 1 1/2" hose used: 42,850 feet  
Total 2 1/2" hose used: 120,000 feet  
Back up City of Louisville: 24 times  
Number of A. M. runs: 733  
Number of P. M. runs: 1,744

### Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

S1: 1,580  
S2: 360  
S3: 652  
S4: 1,310  
S5: 579  
S6: 138

### Types of fire runs:

House 730  
Commercial 387  
Automobile 501  
Field & trash 382  
Miscellaneous 341  
Malicious false 136

### Working Fires

49 Working house fires  
34 Working commercial fires

## Fire Statistics from 1954 to 1974

Total number of fire runs: 4,177  
Total working fires: 176  
Total hours of fire fighting: 1,233  
Total 1 1/2" hose used: 70,650 feet  
Total 2 1/2" hose used: 186,600 feet  
Back up City of Louisville: 31 times  
Number of A. M. runs: 1,254  
Number of P. M. runs: 2,923

### Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

Engine 3: 129  
S1: 2,826  
S2: 956  
S3: 688  
S4: 2,250  
S5: 799  
S6: 138

### Types of fire runs:

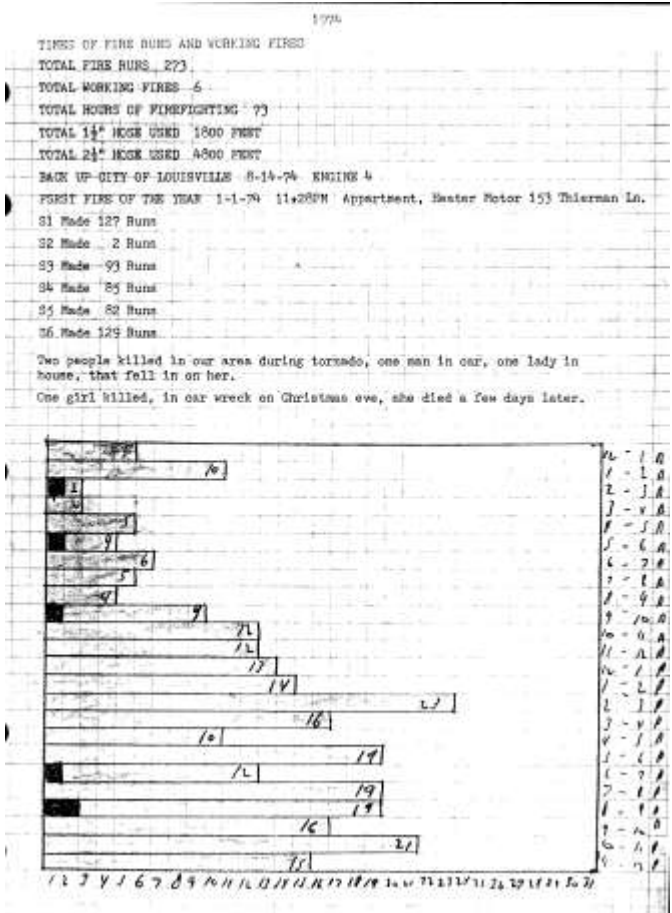
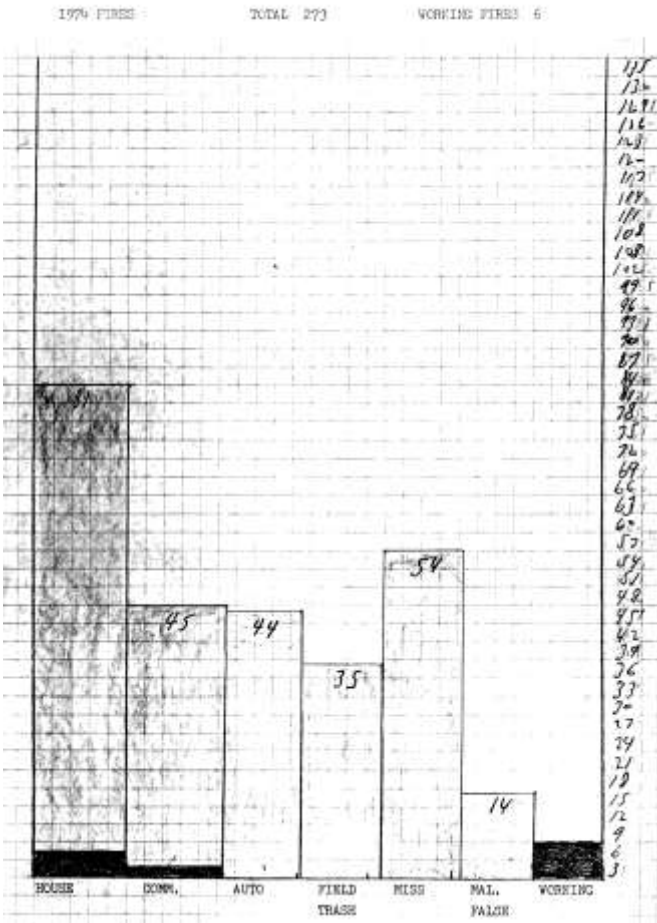
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Commercial 614  
Automobile 765  
Field & trash 794  
Miscellaneous 429  
Malicious false 220

### Working Fires

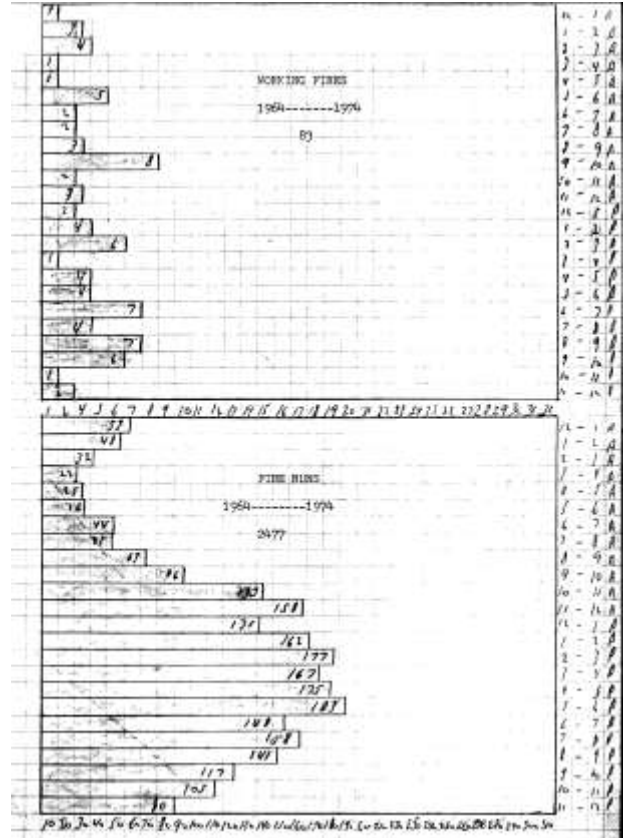
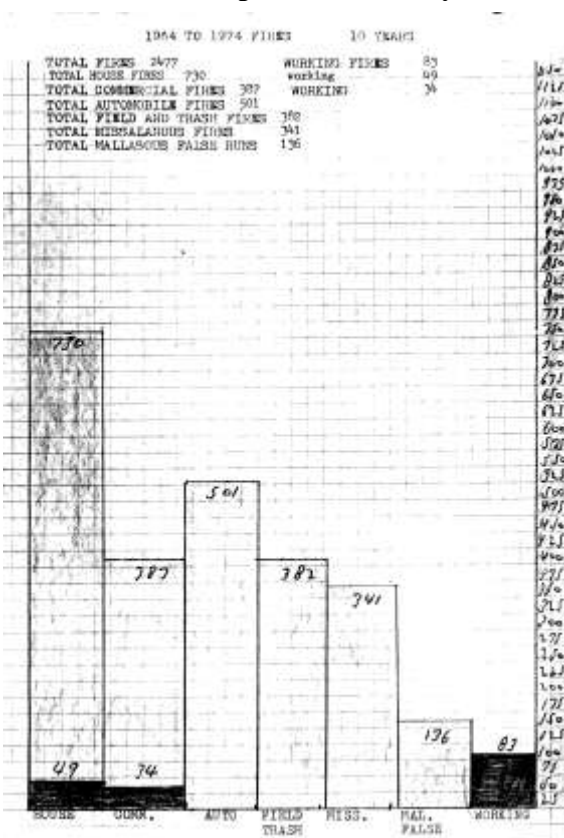
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59 Working commercial fires  
5 Field and trash fires

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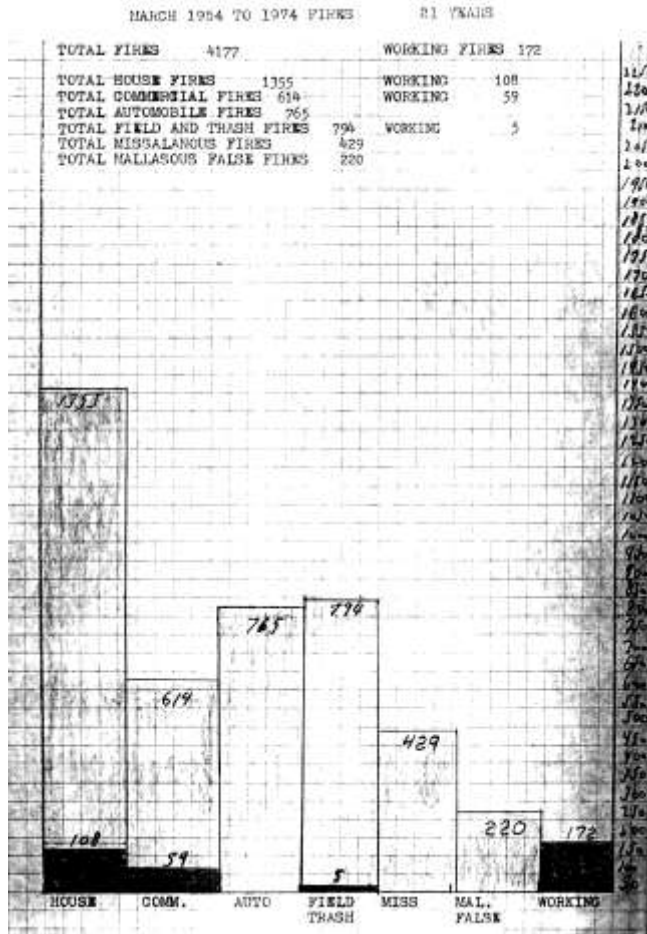
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STMFD Fire Report Charts, by Al Ring, 1964 to 1974



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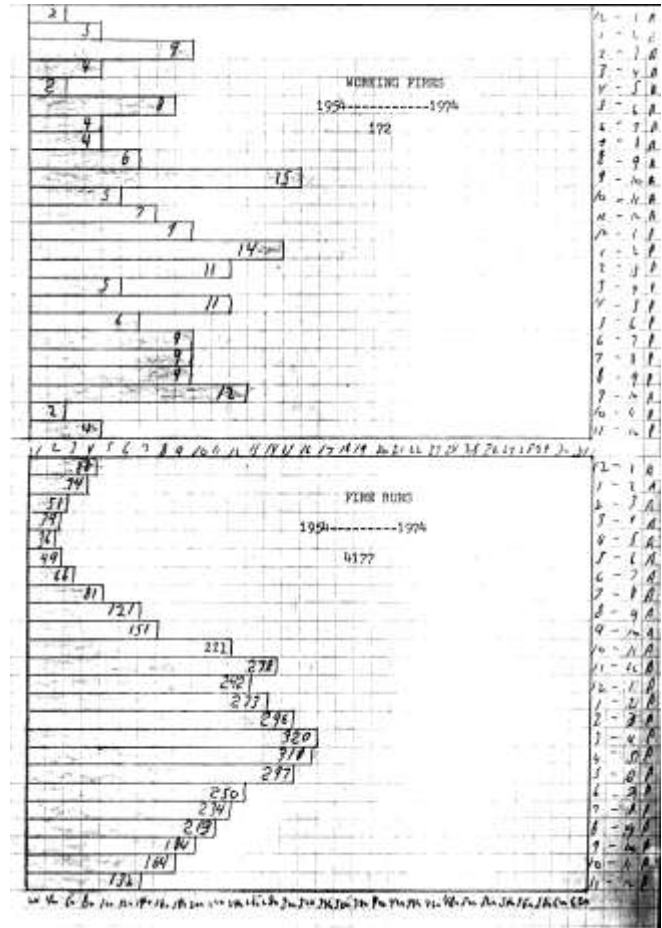


Recap 1964-1974

RECAP

1964-----1974

TOTAL FIRES	2477	
TOTAL WORKING FIRES	83	
TOTAL HOUSE FIRES	730	WORKING 49
TOTAL COMMERCIAL FIRES	387	WORKING 34
TOTAL AUTOMOBILE FIRES	501	
TOTAL FIELD AND TRASH FIRES	382	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FIRE RUNS	341	
TOTAL MALICIOUS FALSE RUNS	136	
MOST FIRE RUNS MADE BETWEEN 5 and 6 PM.		
MOST WORKING FIRES BETWEEN 9 and 10 AM.		
NUMBER OF FIRE RUNS BETWEEN 7AM. and 5 PM.	1295	TOTAL 10 HOURS
NUMBER OF FIRE RUNS BETWEEN 5PM. and 7AM.	1182	TOTAL 14 HOURS
NUMBER OF WORKING FIRES BETWEEN 7AM. and 5PM.	35	TOTAL 10 HOURS
NUMBER OF WORKING FIRES BETWEEN 5PM. and 7AM.	48	TOTAL 14 HOURS
TOTAL OF 697 HOURS OF FIRE FIGHTING		
TOTAL OF 42,850 FEET OF 1½" HOSE USED		
TOTAL OF 120,000 FEET OF 2½" HOSE USED		
BACKED UP CITY OF LOUISVILLE 24 TIMES		
WERE INVOLVED WITH 16 DEATHS		
S1 MADE 1580 RUNS		
S2 MADE 360 RUNS		
S3 MADE 652 RUNS		
S4 MADE 1310 RUNS		
S5 MADE 579 RUNS		
S6 MADE 138 RUNS		



Recap 1954 — 1974

RECAP

MARCH 11, 1954-----1974 20 YEARS 10 MONTHS

TOTAL FIRES	4177	
TOTAL WORKING FIRES	172	
TOTAL HOUSE FIRES	1355	WORKING 108
TOTAL COMMERCIAL FIRES	614	WORKING 59
TOTAL AUTOMOBILE FIRES	765	
TOTAL FIELD AND TRASH FIRES	794	WORKING 5
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FIRE RUNS	429	
TOTAL MALICIOUS FALSE RUNS	220	
MOST FIRE RUNS MADE BETWEEN 5 and 6 PM.		
MOST WORKING FIRES BETWEEN 9 and 10 AM.		
NUMBER OF FIRE RUNS BETWEEN 7AM. and 5PM.	2302	TOTAL 10 HOURS
NUMBER OF FIRE RUNS BETWEEN 5PM. and 7AM.	1875	TOTAL 14 HOURS
NUMBER OF WORKING FIRES BETWEEN 7AM. and 5PM.	87	TOTAL 10 HOURS
NUMBER OF WORKING FIRES BETWEEN 5PM. and 7AM.	85	TOTAL 14 HOURS
TOTAL OF 1,233 HOURS OF FIRE FIGHTING		
TOTAL OF 70,650 FEET OF 1½" HOSE USED		
TOTAL OF 186,600 FEET OF 2½" HOSE USED		
BACKED UP CITY OF LOUISVILLE 31 TIMES		
WERE INVOLVED WITH 20 DEATHS 1-6		
S1 MADE 2,826 RUNS		
S2 MADE 956 RUNS		
ENGINE 3 MADE 129 RUNS		
S3 MADE 688 RUNS		
S4 MADE 2,250 RUNS		
S5 MADE 799 RUNS		
S6 MADE 138 RUNS		



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## STMFD Fire Run book.

## FIRE RECORD OF

Date	Time	Alarm- Phone Box No. A.D.T. Radio	COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type	No. Alarm	No. Service	Fire Alarm No.	Officer in Charge	STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION	OWNED	DISCUSS	*Spread to Purpose Used For	*Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No
12-21-73	10 PM	1008	31-34	287	20	1412	Walling MAY	3509 Hillsboro Rd		False		
12-26-73	5 PM	7 PM	55-58	295	21	1413	Walling MAY	4200 Swilbryn Rd		Sign -		
12-27-73	7 PM	8 PM	51-53-54	286	12	1415	Walling MAY	4300 Brownwood Rd		Garbage Truck		
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1-1-74	10 PM	11 PM	54-57	X	24							
1-1-74	11 PM	11 PM	55-56	1	27	1416	Walling MAY	143 Therman Lane		Furnace Motor		
1-2-74	10 PM	10 PM	55-56-57	2	30	1417	Walling MAY	512 N Hubbards Lane		Grass on stove		
1-3-74	11 PM	8 PM	55-56	3	22	1418	Walling MAY	Suburban Hospital		Mal function of Alarm		
1-3-74	11 PM	11 PM	55-56-57	4	32	1419	Walling MAY	510 Broderidge Lane		False		
1-6-74	4 PM	5 PM	55-56	5	31	1420	Walling MAY	4003 Darchman's Lane		FALSE		
1-6-74	7 PM	7 PM	55-56	6	31	1421	Walling MAY	4631 SHELBYVILLE ROAD		FALSE		
1-8-74	10 PM	10 PM	54	7	11	1422	Walling MAY	218 BONNER		CHILD Locked in bath room		
1-10-74	6 PM	7 PM	5-1	8	9	1423	Walling MAY	428 Country Lane		Auto		
1-10-74	12 PM	12 PM	51-54	9	13	1424	Walling MAY	4303 Kinloch Rd		Furnace Motor		
TOTALS												

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1-10-74	9 PM	9 PM	51-54-56	10	27	1425	Walling MAY	2011 Indian Hills		FALSE		
1-11-74	9 PM	11 PM	51-54	11	16	1426	Walling MAY	4633 Brownsboro Road		House		
1-11-74	3 PM	3 PM	51-54	12	15	1427	Walling MAY	727 Indian Ridge Rd		FALSE		
1-11-74	8 PM	9 PM	55-56	13	21	1428	Walling MAY	Ten Pin Lane		Light Fixture		
1-12-74	3 PM	3 PM	55-56	14	27	1429	Walling MAY	4560 Brownsboro		False		
1-11-74	12 PM	12 PM	51-53-54	15	15	1430	Walling MAY	409 Springfield		Grass on stove		
1-22-74	10 PM	10 PM	51-	16	8	1431	Walling MAY	1112 Dupont Circle		Truck		
1-12-74	9 PM	10 PM	51-54	17	9	1433	Walling MAY	3918 Warner		Out on arrival Auto-truck accident Cancelled before arrival		
1-21-74	4 PM	4 PM	55	18	14	1434	Walling MAY	Willie & Maxon		Former Motor		
1-23-74	7 PM	7 PM	51-54	18	16	1435	Walling MAY	3411 Warner Ave		Grass -		
1-25-74	-	-	51-	20	6	1436	Walling MAY	4115 Lyndon Way		Open Valve on Oxygen Tank		
1-27-74	5 PM	5 PM	55	21	16	1437	Walling MAY	227 Brownsboro		Food on stove		
1-28-74	3 PM	3 PM	55-55	22	15	1438	Walling MAY	3804 Island Road		Grass on stove		
1-29-74	11 PM	12 PM	51-53	23	12	1439	Walling MAY	3949 Frankfurt Ave		Order in house		
1-30-74	3 PM	3 PM	51-53	24	13	1440	Walling MAY	221 Fairfax Ave				
TOTALS												

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## FIRE RECORD OF

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1-31-74	11:54 AM	1000	58-59	25	15	1441 Haddonfield	1441	3800 Broadview Road	Dumpster		
2-7-74	4:24 PM	1000	51	26	7	1442 Walling	1442	4542 4th Avenue Lane	Auto		
2-22-74	11:00 AM	1000	51	27	21	1443 Johnston	1443	3727 Front St N	Auto		
3-10-74	1:04 PM	1000	51-53-54-51	28	34	1444 Haddonfield	1444	708 Brighton Road	Waste container		
2-13-74	4:24 PM	1000	55-53-51	29	23	1445 Walling	1445	200 Westwind Road	Dishwasher		
2-13-74	8:00 PM	1000	55-54-53-51	30	33	1446 Walling	1446	4116 Leonard Rd	Garage		
2-19-74	8:04 PM	1000	51	31	32	1447 Walling	1447	423 Deerfield	Mrs. Dawn		
2-22-74	7:04 PM	1000	51	32	17	1448 Walling	1448	1001 Breckenridge Lane	Tire		
2-22-74	8:04 PM	1000	51-55	33	19	1449 Walling	1449	411 Trinity Hills Road	Electric Celler		
2-28-74	7:04 PM	1000	51	34	31	1450 Haddonfield	1450	I-264	Auto		
2-28-74	8:04 PM	1000	51	35	29	1451 Haddonfield	1451	Brimshaw & Chamwell	Paper		
3-1-74	5:04 PM	1000	55-51-53	36	33	1452 Walling	1452	4019 Gloucester	Bedroom		
3-1-74	5:04 PM	1000	51-51-53	37	27	1453 Haddonfield	1453	227 Blackwater Lane	Floor		
3-1-74	10:04 PM	1000	55-53-51	38	29	1454 Haddonfield	1454	3522 Hyde Ave	Garage		
3-2-74	1:04 PM	1000	55-54-51	39	28	1455 Haddonfield	1455	4530 Westport Rd	Television		
TOTALS											

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3-3-74	2:04 PM	1000	58-59	40	27	1456 Haddonfield	1456	Beechwood Relat. L.A.R.R.	Grass		
3-1-74	7:04 PM	1000	51	41	11	1457 Walling	1457	4152 Springfield Rd	Auto		
3-7-74	2:04 PM	1000	51-55	42	10	1458 Walling	1458	200 Dimeview	Closet		
3-7-74	8:04 PM	1000	No alarm	43	24	1459 Haddonfield	1459	Baron fire station training det.	Auto rear seat cushion		
3-8-74	7:04 PM	1000	51	44	35	1460 Haddonfield	1460	North Diamond	Auto		
3-8-74	10:04 PM	1000	51-55	45	16	1461 Walling	1461	Hoffman 4550 to 4542	Electric Wiring		
3-11-74	12:04 PM	1000	51	46	16	1462 Walling	1462	426 Wendover	Auto		
3-13-74	12:04 PM	1000	51-55-56	47	20	1463 Ring	1463	Breckenridge home at Plymouth	Electric Motor		
3-13-74	7:04 PM	1000	55-53-54-51	48	27	1464 Haddonfield	1464	3940 Westport Road	False		
3-15-74	7:04 PM	1000	51-53-55	49	38	1465 Haddonfield	1465	426 Wendover	Stove		
3-18-74	9:04 PM	1000	51	50	19	1466 Haddonfield	1466	117 Fairfax	Back up L.F.D.		
3-21-74	8:04 PM	1000	55-51-53	51	16	1467 Haddonfield	1467	411 Oxford Place	Stove		
3-22-74	7:04 PM	1000	51-55-56	52	29	1468 Haddonfield	1468	416 Trinity Hills Road	False		
3-22-74	8:04 PM	1000	55-51-53	53	22	1469 Haddonfield	1469	3930 Grandview	Furnace		
3-24-74	5:04 PM	1000	51-55-56	54	21	1470 Walling	1470	205 Bampton	Grass		
TOTALS											

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## FIRE RECORD OF

Date	Time	COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type	N/E Run	N/E Time	N/E Horse of Service	N/E Office in Charge	STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION	ORDER	DESCRIPTION	*Served to Purpose Used For	*Served to Other Buildings Yes or No
4/27/74	10:00 PM	58-59	65	20	1471	Hesterlin	4211 Shelbyville Road		Gasoline work off		
5/27/74	12:00 PM	51	48	8	1472	RING	3800 Duthen Lane		Auto		
4/1/74	7:00 PM	51-50	57	27	1473	Monahan	2207 HAZLEY		Wires Down		
4/1/74	7:00 PM	51-50	58	26	1474	Monahan	2207 HAZLEY		Wires Down		
4/2/74	5:00 PM	51	47	17	1475	Hesterlin	331 Ridgeway		Grass		
4/2/74	6:00 PM	51-58-59	60	27	1476	Monahan	2513 Windy Way		Clothes Dryer		
4/3/74	11:00 AM	51-55-56	57	7	1477	Walling	3819 Washington Ave		Odor of smoke		
4/3/74	11:00 AM	51	62		1478	Walling	1824 Knollwood				
4/3/74	5:00 PM	51-55-56	64		1479	Monahan	East 100 St		Auto Rtn Lower		
4/3/74	5:00 PM	51-55-56	63		1480	Monahan	Removal of VFD		Removal of VFD		
4/3/74	0:00 PM	51	54		1479	Monahan	East to Washington Express Way		Tornado Area		
4/3/74	11:00 PM	51	66		1480	Monahan	5404 Wendling Ct		Wires Down		
4/3/74	11:00 PM	51	65		1480	Monahan	5812 Diamond Rd		Wires Down		
4/3/74	1:00 PM	51-55-56	67	14	1481	Walling	4799 Brownsboro Road		Trash		
4/5/74		51	68	10	1482	Walling	1819 Knollwood Road		Search for Valuables		
4/4/74	10:00 PM	51-51-51	69	19	1483	Monahan	414 Grand Road		Wires Down		
TOTALS											

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4/5/74	5:00 PM	58-59	70		1483	Hesterlin	Dupont Square		Gasoline Work off		
4/7/74	2:00 PM	62	71	27	1484	Hesterlin	3611 Myrtle		Trash		
4/8/74	12:00 PM	51	72	8	1485	R. Hesterlin	4040 Massie		Auto		
4/9/74	7:00 PM	51-54-53	73	32	1486	Walling	5910 Old Brownsboro Road		Fireplace - Hearth		
4/9/74	8:00 PM	51	74	31	1487	J. Monahan	4000 W.S. 42		Auto		
4/11/74	3:00 PM	51-56	75	8	1488	Walling	3806 Kingsbury		Shed		
4/13/74	6:00 PM	51	76	29	1489	Hesterlin	4800 Shelbyville Road		Woods		
4/14/74	2:00 PM	51	77	6	1490	Monahan	Back up L.V.F.D.				
4/14/74	2:00 PM	51	78	12	1491	Walling	4800 Shelbyville Road		Auto		
4/14/74	3:00 PM	51	79		1492	Monahan	Brownsboro Rd & Abbeville Lane		False		
4/17/74	10:00 PM	51-58	80	31	1493	Walling	Brownsboro & Duthen Lane		Wash off		
4/18/74	6:00 PM	51-55-56	81	26	1494	Monahan	3818 Washington Square		Apt		
4/18/74	11:00 PM	51-55-56	82	34	1495	Monahan	304 N. Hubbard Lane		False		
4/19/74	12:00 PM	51	83	32	1496	Monahan	3818 Washington Square		Trash		
4/19/74	11:00 PM	51-54	84	11	1497	Ring	5211 TAMMAMING Ck		DRYER		
TOTALS											

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## STMF Fire Run book.

## FIRE RECORD OF

Date	Time	Alarm Zone Number Verbal Alert Type	COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type	NR Pole Number	NR Line Number	Fire Start Time Cause	Officer in Charge	Building Type	STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION	Damage	Operation	*Spread to Property Used For	*Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No
4-19-74	5:47 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	29	1998	Manhattan Fire	Chief	417 BLANKENBUSH LANE	Closet			
4-22-74	10:30 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	22	1999	Harbort Fire	Chief	Room of Dunn School	Trust (controlled)			
4-23-74	12:20 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	10	1300	Willing Fire	Chief	I-264 West bound. Bot. #42860	Auto			
4-23-74	7 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	15	1501	Harbort Fire	Chief	Travis Rd at Pennsylvania Tr	Trash (controlled)			
4-24-74	7 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	22	1502	Harbort Fire	Chief	110 FAIRMENDE Rd	Bug Spray			
4-25-74	5 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	19	1503	Harbort Fire	Chief	4001 DUTCHMAN'S LANE	Auto			
4-27-74	7 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	23	1504	Harbort Fire	Chief	41560 & I 264	False			
4/28/74	2 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	7	1505	Willing Fire	Chief	41542 E Rudy Lane (Dunn School)	Woods			
4/30/74	1 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	33	1507	Harbort Fire	Chief	4012 Dupont Sq	False			
5/1/74	2 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	10	1508	Ring Fire	Chief	516 Cornwell Place	Photo			
5/1/74	5 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	23	1509	Harbort Fire	Chief	4406 Shelbyville Road	Light Fixture			
5/2/74	5 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	20	1510	Willing Fire	Chief	3930 Grandview Ave	Dumpster			
5/3/74	1 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	12	1511	Willing Fire	Chief	211 Chetco Rd	Tractor			
5/3/74	3 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	7	1512	Ring Fire	Chief	330 S. Hubbards Lane	Auto			
5/3/74	10 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	17	1513	Harbort Fire	Chief	4027 Elmwood Ave	Auto			
TOTALS													

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5/8/74	7 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	28	1514	Harbort Fire	Chief	168 Toren Road	False			
5/14/74	12 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	28	1515	Harbort Fire	Chief	5000 Shelbyville Road	False			
5/13/74	9 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	23	1516	Harbort Fire	Chief	5000 Shelbyville Road	Wash off			
5/13/74	6 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	15	1517	Manhattan Fire	Chief	605 Quail Run	Trash			
5/13/74	10 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	20	1518	Manhattan Fire	Chief	Louisville Country Club	Alarm Mal Function			
5/14/74	7 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	20	1519	Manhattan Fire	Chief	314 Castwood	Trash			
5/20/74	3 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	14	1520	Manhattan Fire	Chief	4618 TWEED	Food on stove			
5/21/74	2 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	9	1521	Ring Fire	Chief	4001 DUTCHMAN'S LANE	Alarm Mal Function			
5/21/74	6 AM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	32	1522	Harbort Fire	Chief	3528 Plymouth Road	Electric Range			
5/22/74	4 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	16	1523	Ring Fire	Chief	147 Therman Lane	Wires Down			
5/30/74	10 AM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	11	1524	Ring Fire	Chief	21 Executive Park	Auto			
5/30/74	9 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	27	1525	Harbort Fire	Chief	3503 Wimer Ave	Wires Down			
5/30/74	7 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	20	1526	Harbort Fire	Chief	1001 Breckenridge Lane	Mal function Alarm System			
6/1/74	9 AM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	25	1527	Harbort Fire	Chief	4522 Cordova Rd	Gas meter struck by truck			
6/1/74	12 PM	51-53-34-35	1008	30	27	1528	Manhattan Fire	Chief	4421 Shelbyville Road	Light Ballast			
TOTALS													

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## FIRE RECORD OF

Date	Time	Alarm Number Station Address	COMPANIES RESPONDED Co. No. and Type	N <sup>o</sup> Alarm Number	N <sup>o</sup> Alarm Number	Fire Alarm Number	Officer in Charge	Street Address OR LOCATION	Damage	Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No	Spread to Other Buildings Yes or No
6-7-74	10 <sup>00</sup> AM	10 <sup>00</sup> AM	53-58	104	10	1529	Ring	Back up McMahon V.F.D.			
6-8-74	10 <sup>00</sup> AM	10 <sup>00</sup> AM	53-54-56	116	24	1530	Monahan	123 Sweetbrier	Television		
6-9-74	6 <sup>00</sup> PM	7 <sup>00</sup> PM	53-54-56	117	28	1531	Monahan	491 Highfield	Mattress		
6-11-74	2 <sup>00</sup> PM	2 <sup>00</sup> PM	51-	118	12	1532	Monahan	107 Fair fax	Gasoline spill		
6-11-74	6 <sup>00</sup> PM	6 <sup>00</sup> PM	51	119	24	1533	Monahan	330 N. Hubbards Lane (Rear)	Tractor		
6-12-74	1 <sup>00</sup> AM	1 <sup>00</sup> AM	51-54	120	19	1534	Monahan	404 Trinity Hills Lane	Light Fixture		
6-13-74	2 <sup>00</sup> PM	2 <sup>00</sup> PM	51-54	121	9	1535	Monahan	4100 Leedyard	False		
6-13-74	10 <sup>00</sup> PM	10 <sup>00</sup> PM	51-54	122	31	1536	Monahan	357 B Hyckette	Tool shed		
6-16-74	10 <sup>00</sup> PM	10 <sup>00</sup> PM	51	123	25	1537	Monahan	3614 Lexington Road	Back up L.F.D.		
6-17-74	9 <sup>00</sup> PM	10 <sup>00</sup> PM	53-56	124	14	1538	Monahan	500 Rockport St	Mal Function Alarm System		
6-18-74	7 <sup>00</sup> PM	5 <sup>00</sup> PM	51	125	19	1539	Monahan	3936 Ethin Ave	Wires Down		
6-20-74	1 <sup>00</sup> AM	2 <sup>00</sup> AM	51	126	22	1540	Monahan	711 Indian Ridge	Transformer		
6-20-74	11 <sup>00</sup> PM	11 <sup>00</sup> PM	51	127	16	1541	Monahan	903 Ambbridge	Trunk		
6-20-74	6 <sup>00</sup> PM	6 <sup>00</sup> PM	51	128	19	1542	Monahan	309 South Hubbards	Child Locked in Chair		
6-22-74	7 <sup>00</sup> PM	7 <sup>00</sup> PM	51-54-56	129	29	1543	Monahan	4533 Fox Run Road	False		
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6-26-74	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	54-	130	22	1594	Hagerlin Capt	1594	4975 Shelbyville Road		Auto		
6-27-74	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	51	131	9	1595	Ring Capt	1595	5900 Dutchmans Lane		Miss Davis		
6-28-74	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	56	132	10	1596	Stange Capt	1596	25 Southwind Road		Washott		
6-28-74	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	53-55-56	133	31	1597	D. Monahan Capt	1597	4783 Conswick		FALSE		
7-2-74	4:00 PM	12:00 PM	54	134	12	1598	Ring Capt	1598	4112 LEDYARD		FALSE (H)		
7-2-74	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	56	135	15	1599	Kobstraw Capt	1599	I-264 - South bound - #71-42		Auto		
7-2-74	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	56	136	20	1590	Kobstraw Capt	1590	3940 Westport Road		Auto		
7-2-74	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	53-54-55-56	137	35	1591	D. Monahan Capt	1591	4001 Dutchmans Lane		Smoke Score		
7-2-74	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	53-54-56	138	34	1592	Kobstraw Capt	1592	233 Norbourne		Pipes (H)		
7-3-74	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	55-56	139	16	1593	Ring Capt	1593	4621 Shelbyville Road		Electrical		
7-8-74	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	55-56-53	140	32	1594	Hagerlin Capt	1594	183 Thurman Lane Apt 406		Dishwasher		
7-9-74	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	55-	141	13	1595	Ring Capt	1595	4810 Brownsboro Road		Tan Gas		
7-9-74	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	56	142	26	1596	Hagerlin Capt	1596	#264 South bound		Auto		
7-10-74	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	55-56	143	16	1597	Kobstraw Capt	1597	227 Brownsboro		Alarm System		
7-11-74	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	56	144	11	1598	Hagerlin Capt	1598	#264 West bound		Truck		
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7/11/74	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	54-56	145	12	1599	Ring Capt	1599	5306 Indian Crest		Furnace Motor		
7/11/74	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	56	146	23	1590	Monahan Capt	1590	508 Cornell Pl.		Gasoline car		
7/12/74	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	54-56	147	30	1591	Hagerlin Capt	1591	304 N Hubbards Lane		False (H)		
7/12/74	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	54-56	148	13	1592	Ring Capt	1592	313 Castlewood Dr		Tree		
7/12/74	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	53-54-56	149	22	1593	Hagerlin Capt	1593	4011 Hyatt		Light socket		
7/13/74	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	56-	150	16	1594	Monahan Capt	1594	1001 Breckenridge Lane		Dumpster		
7/13/74	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	56	151	16	1595	Monahan Capt	1595	976 Dupont Road		Transformer		
7/13/74	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	54	152	8	1596	Ring Capt	1596	Dutchmans Lane		Auto		
7/13/74	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	54	153	14	1597	Ring Capt	1597	#5 Westport Tenac		False (H)		
7/13/74	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	56	154	12	1598	Hagerlin Capt	1598	4135 Shelbyville Road		Auto		
7/14/74	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	54-56	155	22	1599	Monahan Capt	1599	6100 Greenmeadow Circle		False		
7/17/74	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	56-59	156	10	1591	Ring Capt	1591	4122 Shelbyville Road		Auto		
7/19/74	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	53-54-56	157	26	1592	Hagerlin Capt	1592	4311 Winchester		Wiring		
7/20/74	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	58-51-56	158	24	1593	Monahan Capt	1593	3908 Altan Rd		Matress		
7/20/74	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	53-54-56	159	23	1594	Monahan Capt	1594	3907 Old Brownsboro Rd		Lightning		
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7/24/74	8 PM	56-57	160	28	1575	Harberlin MAJ	1st Floor New Baptist Hospital	Field	
7/25/74	10 PM	56	161	21	1576	Harberlin CAPT	4047 ORMOND ROAD	Tree	
7/26/74	4 PM	53-55-56 57-58-59	162	25	1577	D. Monahan CAPT	3930 Dutchmans Lane	Dumpster	
7/27/74	2 PM	53-54-55-56 58-59	25		1578	Monahan MAJ	6914 Ambridge Circle	House	
7/28/74	10 PM	55-56 58-59	164	21	1579	Harberlin MAJ	4800 Brownsboro Road	Light Fixture	
7/29/74	1 AM	56	165	16	1580	Monahan MAJ	219 Oxford Ave	Camp fire	
7/29/74	10 PM	55	166	21	1581	Monahan MAJ	4800 Brownsboro Road	Light Fixture	
7/29/74	10 PM	55-56 58-59	167	20	1582	Monahan MAJ	Brown Ave & Westport Road	Auto	
7/31/74	12 PM	53-55-56	168	30	1583	Harberlin CAPT	5025 Shelbyville Road	Alarm System Alarm S4360	
7/31/74	6 PM	55-56	169	18	1584	Engelstrom CAPT	151 Thurman Lane	FALSE	
7/31/74	2 PM	55-56	170	14	1585	Engelstrom CAPT	4543 Shelbyville Road	Air Conditioner	
8/1/74	12 PM	56	171	11	1586	Engelstrom CHIEF	3985 Dutchmans Lane	Field	
8/2/74	9 PM	54	172	21	1587	Monahan CHIEF	4008 St. Ives Court	Wires Down	
8/7/74	4 PM	53-55-56 58-59	173	23	1588	Monahan MAJ	4500 Westport Road	Out on Arrival	
8/8/74	12 PM	56	174	18	1589	Harberlin	Brownsboro at I 64	Wash off	
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8/11/74	12 PM	57-58-59	175	27	1590	Monahan CHIEF	7090 Shelbyville Road	Grease on stove	
8/11/74	9 PM	53-55-56 57-58-59	176	28	1591	Monahan CHIEF	4414 Rudy Lane	Radio -	
8/11/74	9 PM	53-54-56 57-58-59	177	27	1592	Monahan CAPT	155 Thurman Lane	False	
8/13/74	1 PM	54-55-56	178	9	1593	Eng CAPT	227 Browns Lane	Alarm System - Mal Function	
8/14/74	4 PM	56	179	21	1594	Engelstrom MAJ	Engine #4	City of Louisville, Back Up	
8/14/74	7 PM	55-56	180	22	1595	Monahan CAPT	3630 Frankfort Ave	Switch - Electrical	
8/16/74	10 PM	54-56 57-59	181	11	1596	Engelstrom MAJ	3609 Dayton Ave	Auto	
8/17/74	9 PM	56 57-58-59	182	30	1597	Monahan CHIEF	Fairfax & Goodwood	Auto	
8/24/74	1 PM	54-56	183	28	1598	Monahan MAJ	232 Brown Ave	False (MAL)	
8/24/74	5 PM	56 57-58-59	184	13	1599	Monahan CAPT	Dayton & Wiltshire	Auto	
8/24/74	9 PM	53-54-56	185	28	1600	Monahan CAPT	217 Sequoyia	Grease on Stove	
8/23/74	2 PM	55-56	186	13	1601	Petersen	4995 Shelbyville Road	Light Fixture	
8/24/74	5 PM	51 58-59	187	16	1602	Wendrop MAJ	Chenoweth & US #42	Auto -	
8/25/74	1 PM	51-54-56 57-59	188	39	1603	Monahan MAJ	140 Wiltshire	Television	
8/25/74	11 PM	51-52-54-56	189	31	1604	Harberlin	508 Brightwood -	Feed on stove	
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8/27/74	2:06 PM	51-54-36	170	16	1605	Director Chief	304 Sprite		False		
8/27/74	3:15 PM	55-56	191	15	1606	Robinson Chief	227 Browns Lane		Alarm malfunction		
8/28/74	12:00 PM	58-59-56	192	30	1607	Monahan Chief	115 Indian Hills Trail		Defective light switch		
8/28/74	2:00 PM	54-56	193	14	1608	Monahan Chief	4030 Gilman		Electric Store		
8/31/74	10:00 PM	51	194	17	1609	Monahan Chief	7805 Brownsboro Road		Auto		
9/1/74	10:00 PM	51	195	20	1610	Monahan Chief	4311 Norbourne Blvd		Dumpster		
9/1/74	2:00 PM	54-56	196	26	1611	Monahan Chief	417 Oread Road		Grease on stove		
9/3/74	11:00 PM	58-59	197	30	1612	Monahan Chief	6405 Regency		House - electrical -		
9/6/74	12:00 PM	53-54-56	198	29	1613	Monahan Chief	44 Calumet Drive		Refrigerator/Freezer		
9/6/74	10:00 PM	51	199	9	1614	Ring Chief	Dutchmans Lane & Dupont		Auto		
9/7/74	6:00 PM	51-53-54-56	200	30	1615	Monahan Chief	6428 Regency		Mattress		
9/7/74	11:00 PM	54-56-53-51	201	30	1616	Monahan Chief	425 Cherrywood Road		Ironing Mangle		
9/9/74	11:00 PM	51	202	20	1617	Robinson Chief	4400 Alcott Ct		Laundry Mower		
9/9/74	10:00 PM	51	203	10	1618	Robinson Chief	330 S Hubbards Lane		False (Hal)		
9/11/74	7:00 PM	54-56	204	23	1619	Monahan Chief	4101 Dutchmans Lane		Lighting		
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9/1/74	2:00 PM	53-59	205	31	1620	Monahan Chief	4185 Westover Road		House		
9/2/74	1:00 PM	51-58-54-56	206	39	1621	Monahan Chief	620 Breckinridge Lane Apt. 203		Apt. (Kitchen)		
9/2/74	7:00 PM	51	207	23	1622	Monahan Chief	5916 Warner Ave		L.G.E. Wires Airing		
9/2/74	2:00 PM	57-58	208	27	1623	Monahan Chief	*12 Dupont Way		Dumpster		
9/2/74	10:00 PM	51	209	22	1624	Monahan Chief	111 Hubbards Lane (S.W.)		Dumpster		
9/23/74	5:00 PM	51	210	27	1625	Monahan Chief	3800 Washington Sq		Broken Strawlins		
9/25/74	11:00 PM	51	211	23	1626	Monahan Chief	118 Meridian Ave		Back Up L.F.D.		
9/28/74	2:00 PM	55-56	212	36	1627	Monahan Chief	4213 N Churchway		Refrigerator		
9/29/74	8:00 PM	54-55-56	213	31	1628	Monahan Chief	4101 Springhill		Toaster		
9/29/74	8:00 PM	51-58-59	214	33	1629	Monahan Chief	4174 Westport Road		Mal function of Alarm		
10/1/74	10:00 PM	56	215	12	1630	Robinson Chief	142 Breckinridge Lane		Back Up L.F.D.		
10/1/74	6:00 PM	51	216	21	1631	Robinson Chief	5000 Shelbyville Road		Rescue		
10/6/74	8:00 PM	54-55-56	217	34	1632	Monahan Chief	531 Cornell Place		Defective Wiring		
10/9/74	10:00 PM	55-59	218	35	1633	Monahan Chief	4120 Dutchmans Lane		False		
10/12/74	8:00 PM	54-56-53	219	28	1634	Monahan Chief	3603 Winchester		Defective Wiring		
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10-17-74	8:40 PM	15	51	220	17	1635	Hart	1635	330 South Hubbards Lane	Auto			
10-20-74	11:14 PM	37	51-52	221	20	1636	Hart	1636	600 Hunting Road -	Back Up H.C. V.F.D.			
10-20-74	6:04 PM	57	51-52-53	222	28	1637	Hart	1637	733 Wickloc	Furnace motor			
10-21-74	9:14 PM	14	51-52-53	223	16	1638	Hart	1638	4006 Spring Hill Rd	Trash			
10-24-74	6:14 PM	38	51-52-53	224	28	1639	Hart	1639	3340 Wilks Ave	Furnace Motor			
10-24-74	3:04 PM	38	51	225	9	1640	Hart	1640	316 Ridgeway Ave	Leaves			
10-25-74	11:04 PM	30	51	226	21	1641	Hart	1641	413 Windsor Ave	Trash			
10-26-74	5:04 PM	10	51-52	227	22	1642	Hart	1642	11592 at Country Lane	Gasoline Wash Off			
10-27-74	1:04 PM	10	51	228	15	1643	Hart	1643	501 Mallory	Auto			
10-27-74	2:04 PM	10	51	229	13	1644	Hart	1644	3937 Starbler Ave	Trash			
10-28-74	8:04 PM	15	51-52-53	230	19	1645	Hart	1645	912 Dupont Road	Rags			
10-29-74	2:04 PM	38	51	231	20	1646	Hart	1646	West Wind Road	Leaves			
10-31-74	6:04 PM	10	51	232	28	1647	Hart	1647	*7 Dupont Way	Gasoline wash off			
11-1-74	3:04 PM	38	51	233	16	1648	Hart	1648	503 Wallace	Leaves			
11-1-74	3:04 PM	38	51-53	234	19	1649	Hart	1649	4001 Dutchmans Lane	Hot Water Heater controls			
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11-3-74	6:04 PM	38	51	235	24	1650	Hart	1650	4805 Brownsboro Road	Gasoline Wash off			
11-7-74	5:04 PM	10	51-52-53	236	25	1651	Hart	1651	109 Dan Allen	Detritive wiring			
11-9-74	9:04 PM	14	51	237	17	1652	Hart	1652	4000 Shelbyville Road	Trash			
11-14-74	6:04 PM	14	51-52-53	238	96	1653	Hart	1653	96 Birchwood	Feed on stove			
11-14-74	8:04 PM	10	51	239	11	1654	Hart	1654	214 Terrors Rd	Truck			
11-14-74	2:04 PM	38	51	240	17	1655	Hart	1655	Lyndon Vol Fire Dept	Back Up			
11-13-74	9:04 PM	10	51-52-53	241	25	1656	Hart	1656	5055 Shelbyville Road	Alarm Mob Functions			
11-14-74	9:04 PM	10	51-52-53	242	25	1657	Hart	1657	6300 Kresge Way	Insulation			
11-17-74	4:04 PM	13	51	243	26	1658	Hart	1658	Lyndon Vol Fire Dept	Back Up			
11-19-74	7:04 PM	10	51-52-53	244	20	1659	Hart	1659	1110 Dupont Circle	False			
11-20-74	4:04 PM	10	51	245	13	1660	Hart	1660	Macar & Lake - Grandview	False			
11-21-74	8:04 PM	10	51-52-53	246	28	1661	Hart	1661	3713 Warner	Sump pump motor			
11-21-74	9:04 PM	10	51-52-53	247	25	1662	Hart	1662	312 Cornell	Furnace motor			
11-28-74	10:04 PM	10	51-52-53	248	35	1663	Hart	1663	4112 Elmwood	False			
11-29-74	7:04 PM	10	51-52-53	249	28	1664	Hart	1664	4310 Shelbyville Road	False			
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12-1-74	12:40 PM	12:40 PM	5-6	250	15	1466	Harbohor	1501	1181 Henderson Ave	Backup City 1 Line		
12-3-74	12:40 PM	12:40 PM	54-58	251	15	1467	Conner Rising		116 Beaver Ave	Furniture maker		
12-4-74	10:17 PM	10:17 PM	56-58-56 57-58-59	252	34	1468	Majors		Lounsbury Country Club	Hit back in dry Sprinkler system		
12-7-74	1:16 PM	1:16 PM	54-56-53 51-58	253	27	1469	Monahan		306 Sage Road	Fireplace ash dump		
12-10-74	4:16 PM	4:16 PM	54-56-53	254	26	1470	Monahan		3344 Dayton Ave	Grass on store		
12-13-74	11:11 AM	11:11 AM	5-1	255	11	1471	Strawman		4174 Westport Road	Gasoline wosh oil		
12-13-74	11:11 AM	11:11 AM	5-1	256	11	1472	Strawman		311 Barrows Lane	Auto -		
12-14-74	5:14 PM	5:14 PM	53-54-56	257	28	1473	Harbohor		187 Bow Lane	Odor in house		
12-16-74	10:14 PM	10:14 PM	5-6- 57-58-54	258	23	1474	Majors		3515 Lexington Road Apt #3	Backup L.F.D.		
12-17-74	8:14 PM	8:14 PM	51-53-54-55-52	259	44	1499	Monahan		245 North Hubbards Lane	Builders supply		
12-17-74	11:11 AM	11:11 AM	5-6- 5-9	260	13	1700	Strawman		3816 Shelbyville Road	Back up L.F.D.		
12-16-74	1:14 PM	1:14 PM	55- 5-7	261	20	1701	Monahan		3218 Hikes Lane	Backup M-Holm L.F.D.		
12-15-74	12:14 PM	12:14 PM	54-56- 57	262	14	1675	Monahan		4209 Briarwood	Overheated Dryer		
12-19-74	3:14 PM	3:14 PM	54-56- 57-58-59	263	13	1676	Monahan		313 Sage	Odor in house		
12-21-74	3:14 PM	3:14 PM	58-55-56	264	24	1677	Monahan		4875 Shelbyville Road	Water heater		
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12-21-74	5:14 PM	5:14 PM	54-58-59	265	26	1678	Majors		8100 Westport Road	Backup Lyndon V.F.D.		
12-21-74	7:14 PM	7:14 PM	55-56-59	266	26	1679	Majors		4001 Dutchmans Lane	False		
12-23-74	2:14 PM	2:14 PM	52-59-58	267	10	1680	Harbohor		730 Dupont Circle	Dumpster		
12-23-74	6:14 PM	6:14 PM	54-56-59	268	27	1681	Monahan		126 Gibson Road	T.V.		
12-23-74	7:14 PM	7:14 PM	57-58-59	269	17	1682	Monahan		126 Breckinridge Lane	Auto - L.V.F.D.		
12-23-74	10:14 PM	10:14 PM	54-56-53 57-59	270	21	1683	Monahan		403 Breckinridge Lane	Dishwasher		
12-24-74	11:14 PM	11:14 PM	54- 57-59	271	27	1684	Monahan		Frank Post & Lower Ave's	Auto accident (18 years)		
12-26-74	4:14 PM	4:14 PM	51	272	18	1685	Monahan		Rudy Lane - early Hubbards Lane	Auto -		
12-27-74	4:14 PM	4:14 PM	51	273	12	1686	Ratstron		9301 Shelbyville Road	Auto -		
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**Stanley Jones, end May**  
**Marty A. Kamer**  
**George E. Miller**  
**John M. Monohan Jr.**  
**J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr., start December**  
**James "JP" Terry**  
**William Leland Wilson, died December 14,**  
**1974**

**Officers**

**1974**  
**Chief John M. Monohan Jr.**  
**Assist. Chief Al Haeberlin**  
**Assist. Chief Robert C. "Bob" Walling, end in May**  
**Assist. Chief John M. "Jack" Monohan, III, Start**  
**July**  
**Captain A. E. Andriot, III**  
**Captain Harry K. Babcock, end in December**  
**Captain Dennis L. Bryant**  
**Captain William E. "Bill" Dieckman**  
**Captain John S. "Jack" Handel**  
**Captain Douglas L. "Doug" Monohan, end Decem-**  
**ber**  
**Captain Russell "Russ" M. Rakestraw**  
**Captain Al Ring**  
**Captain Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange**

**Firefighters**

**Rick Albers**  
**A. E. Andriot, Jr.**  
**Jim L. Andriot**  
**Wiley A. Brewer**  
**Kennedy Clark, Jr.**  
**William Brad Clarke Jr.**  
**William "Bill" Clifford**  
**Charile T. Davis**  
**E. Gar Davis**  
**Jack DeHart**  
**David C. Dick**  
**Paul G. Dillman**  
**Darrell C. Doyle**  
**Denny Engnehl**  
**Mike Engnehl**  
**Walt Frank**  
**Franklin R. Florence**  
**Tim D. Golden**  
**Jim Graven**  
**Jason B. Handel**  
**Rob N. Helm**  
**John Jeff Hull**  
**Jim F. Hytken**  
**Jim L. Jackson**  
**Tom Kaelin**  
**Dave Kamer**  
**Bernie J. Karem**  
**Chris E. Kinberger, Sr.**  
**Walter Lage**

**Jim J. McGrath**  
**Robert E. "Bob" McGrath**  
**William "Tony" McGrath**  
**Joseph L. "Joe" Noland, Jr.**  
**Mike E. Noland**  
**Patrick H. "Pat" Noland**  
**John L. Noon**  
**John R. "Jack" O'Toole, Jr.**  
**Patrick M. "Jesse" Owens**  
**John S. Redman**  
**Ken C. Reising, Jr.**  
**Philip "Leakey" Schneider**  
**Richard Harvey Schultze**  
**Allan R. Scott**  
**Richard E. Tackett**  
**Richard J. "Rick" Tonini**  
**Ron D. Unthank**  
**John Walling**  
**Joseph "Joe" Wheatley**  
**William F. "Bill" Wilke**  
**Sam A. Wolfe**  
**James W. "Woody" Woodring**