

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1972

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The purpose of this "collection" was to create the background and research for the book *St. Matthews Firefighters, 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*, written by and published by Al Ring in 2004. The collection is continuing today, so if you should have old or new information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact Al Ring.

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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?

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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.

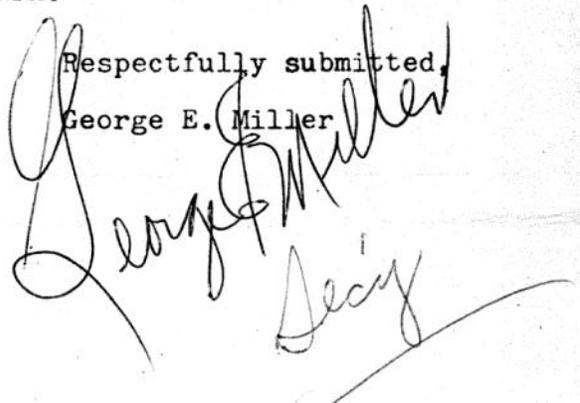
Motion made by John Emrich, seconded by George Miller that we give Fireman & Directors Dance and Dinner separate at a cost not to exceed \$750.00.

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

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George E. Miller". Below the main signature, there is a smaller, more cursive signature that appears to read "Seay".

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 broad ordinance passed Jan. 11 by the St. Matthews City Council made no exception to the statement that all traffic signals would be included in the ordinance, once it was legally published. St. Matthews City Attorney J. W. Jones said in his opinion all signals within the city are included.

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

ment are asked about the nine 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 problem areas in the ordinance relating to Shelbyville Road. O'Marra said later he knew of the city's plans to pass the ordinance, but the department had not worked out its recommendations when the city took its action.

Since the highway department is responsible for traffic control on Shelbyville Road (U.S. 60), the city's plans for the strip from Breckinridge Lane to LaGrange Road (including a portion of Frankfort Ave. to Fairlawn Ave.) are handled with highway 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 by means of a green arrow, while the through traffic is stopped. However, when westbound 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 Chenoweth Lanes. At that point (see map) the city limits cross the intersection, making it disputable, whether St. Matthews' ordinance applies.

Barker believes St. Matthews controls the intersection, but he feels it would 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 (permission) 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.

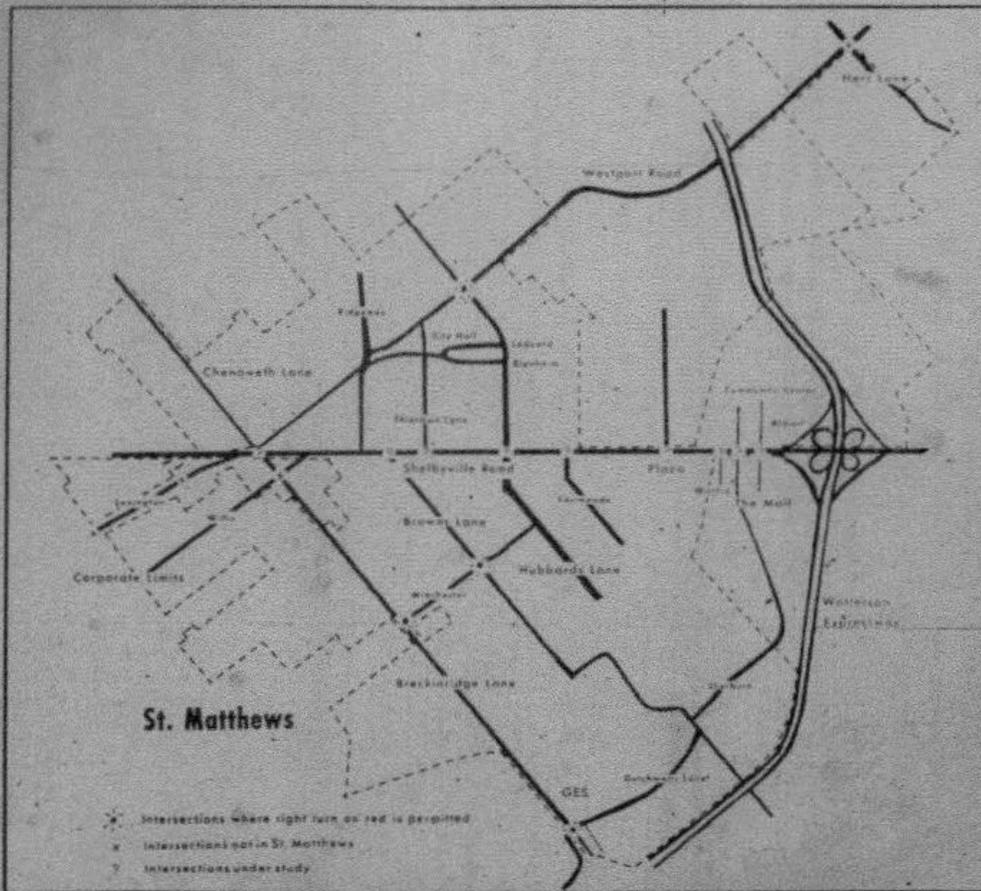
Chief Cook said motorists who do follow the letter of the ordinance will be instructed, not cited for their interpretation of the ordinance. He hopes the signs will be up within a few days.

Jones defends the law

Informed of the opinions of the Highway Department regarding Shelbyville Road, Attorney Jones maintains the letter of the ordinance to be 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's* map at your side. The only intersections at which you may unequivocally take a right turn on red are: Westport Road and Hubbards Lane; Breckinridge Lane and Winchester Road; Browns Lane and Winchester Road, and Breckinridge Lane and Duchmans Lane (at the GES store).

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 two corners there to speed traffic flow.



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. Hottinger 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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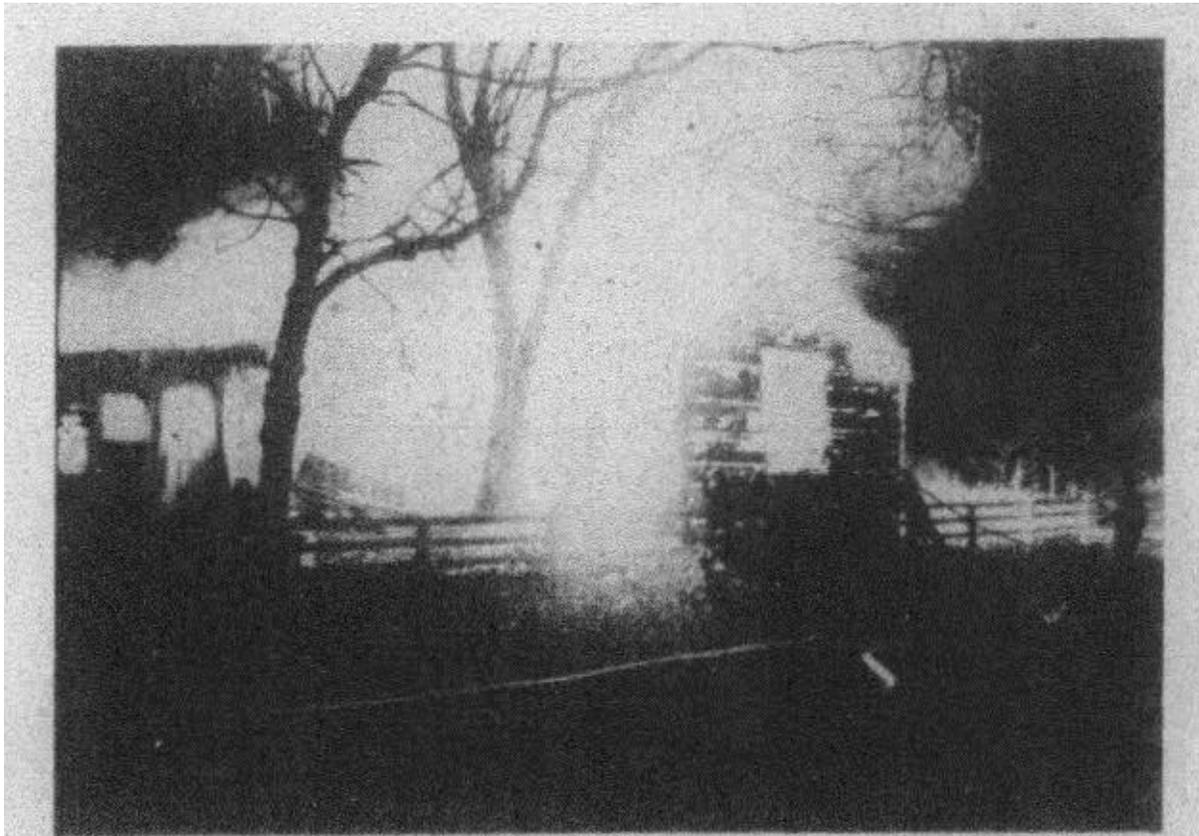


Photo by Mike Thoben

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 Sheds in rear

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

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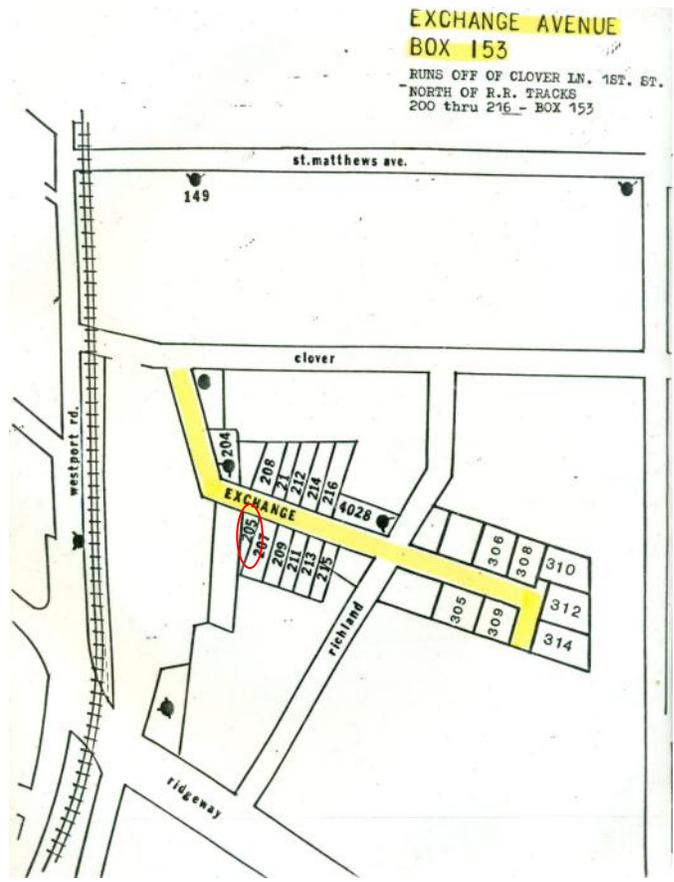
OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS _____

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY same

This came in during raining at the Brown hood. 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

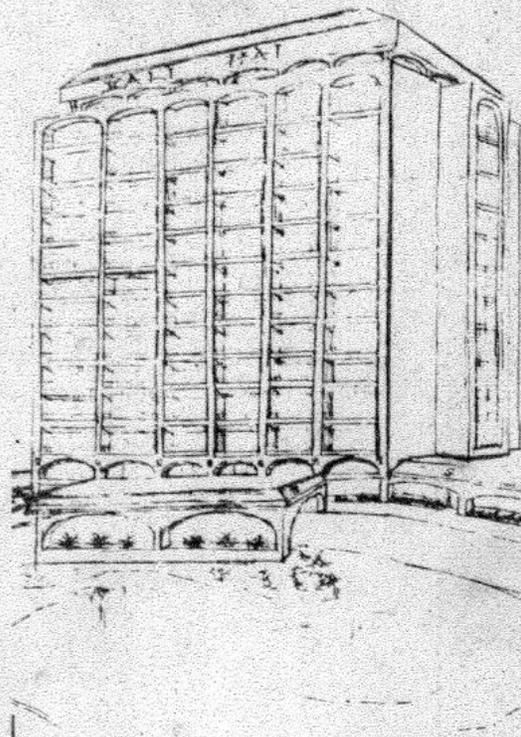
Ford was told by the City Council that it would probably will have "no objection" to the proposed hotel if the commission recommends granting the variance.

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 Oxmoor Center and directly across the Watterson Expressway from the AImart-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 99 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. Romine, district engineer for the highway department.

Romine reaffirmed 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, Romine 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 4296 Shelbyville Road, formerly owned by Duncan Mercury company, which was appropriately zoned for a car lot. His used-and-inused-car business is located there.

A few months later, Amerisa Mattel, who owned the large lot adjacent to Ford's LaGrange-Shelbyville property, died. In September, 1971, Ford bought the Mattel 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 each 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 looms as a nightmare.

For some, the widening would lop large chunks off their properties. Trees, hedges and plantings 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 feel the brush of passing vehicle traffic. The proposal was to get a thorough airing at the Feb. 4 public hearing of the Department of Highways in the Jewish Community Center. The hearing represented part five, the Design Public Hearing phase, 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 sentiment for and against the project will be included, according to highway department officials.

Additional letters accepted

Additional statements may be mailed to the district engineer, District Five Office, 377 Phillips Lane, P. O. Box 21178, Louisville, Ky. 40221, before the Feb. 12 deadline.

Opposition 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 extends well onto many of the apparent front yards of these lots, particularly those on the west side of Cannons Lane.

Those on the east side would lose roughly 16 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. Neighbors 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.

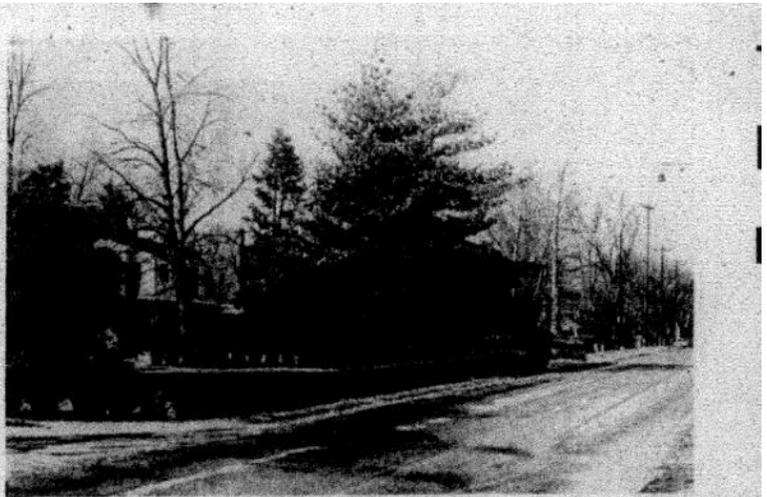
Over the years, many persons have made improvements on this wide, unused right of way. One property owner will probably lose the natural screening effect of his planted trees and shrubs in front of his swimming pool.

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 easements 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 also insure sufficient land is available for the extensive storm sewer system to be installed in connection with the project. After construction is completed, damaged lawns will be reseeded to restore 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 Seneca Park," 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 believes the alternative to taking a 30 foot swath of Seneca Park is more justifiable than relocating any 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 12,000 cars use Cannons Lane each day, with the area south of the I-64 interchange receiving about 1,500 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 justify the four lanes right now."

Mrs. Herman M. Kessler, of 801 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 justifies the widening.

"We used to have hiccups in the morning and afternoon between Willis and Lexington," she said. "But since 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 Dutchman's 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 utilized.

Throughout the project, one reason for using the entire right of way, especially for 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 "utility" 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 Hylfite to Grandview are located in St. Matthews.

St. Matthews support

"Mayor Bernard Bowling has generally given us encouragement," Winstead said. The St. Matthews and Eastern Jefferson County Businessmen's 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 runways, to supporting the project because of added business such an improvement would make, Winstead explained. "As a matter of fact, we only paid \$1 for the right of way we took. Apparently they felt the 'after value' equaled the 'before value.'"

There is apparently no truth to the fears of some residents that Cannons Lane is planned to be extended through

to Brownsboro 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 for sees 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 "congestion has reached a state of prime concern and drainage facilities outmoded by increased development, seem only to intensify an ever-increasing problem. With the installing of curbs and gutters along each side of the proposed route, unsightly wells 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 Polley. "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. Polley and Winstead urge response 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 Bureau tells where posh and plain areas are

By Robin Garr III
Staff Writer

So you want to buy a home in Jefferson County's East End?

If you want an address in portions of Crescent Hill or the Highlands, you can buy an East End address for as little as \$5,000.

On the other hand, the sky's the limit in suburban properties, and you can pay your own way beyond your last for \$95,000 and up in many of the area's more prestigious communities.

Thousands and thousands of new tracts homes and other dwellings may be built by the area's real-estate firms in the \$20,000 to \$40,000 range.

In the other areas, and irrespective of the cause, "de facto" racial segregation seems to be the rule in most neighborhoods.

These are some of the facts revealed last week to the "Black majority" released to the St. Matthews (part-time) Census Bureau, which breaks out data from the April 1, 1970 decennial census on a block-by-block basis for the Crescent Hill area.

Information on housing values listed in the report is based on information given

by the homeowners themselves, who filled out forms and returned them to the bureau on "census day."

Other information listed in the bulky document includes block population, percentage of black residents, average number of rooms per dwelling, and number of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units.

The report shows that 178,750 residents, roughly one-quarter of Jefferson County's 692,705 population, lived in the East End. The census effectively freezes a moment in time, and takes no account of the fact that the population of the rapidly-growing area had already exceeded the April 1 total while the census forms were still in the mail.

The rapid development of East End apartment complexes, subdivisions in almost every price range, and single dwellings has doubtless resulted in considerable population growth in the almost two years since the census was taken.

In Jeffersonstown, for example, the census gave a total of 9,701, while city officials estimate the community now numbers near 13,000.

The same principle certainly applies throughout the East End's suburban reaches, where the bulldozers and

hammers sound a continuous counterpoint to the noise of traffic and the shouts of suburban children at play.

The *Voice-Jeffersonian's* analysis of the census housing data takes as the "East End" the portion of Jefferson County extending east from Harrods Road to the county line and south from the Ohio River to the area of Hikes Point and Jeffersontown.

For comparison, the East End is further

divided into nine sections, listed in descending order of population: The Highlands, St. Matthews, Crescent Hill, Lyndon-Plantation, Jeffersontown, Harrods Creek-Prospect, Middletown, Hikes Point, and Anchorage-Pewee Valley.

St. Matthews area
The census figures list a 1970 population for St. Matthews of 33,162. The city's

3,036 homeowners told the census bureau their homes average \$18,700 in value.

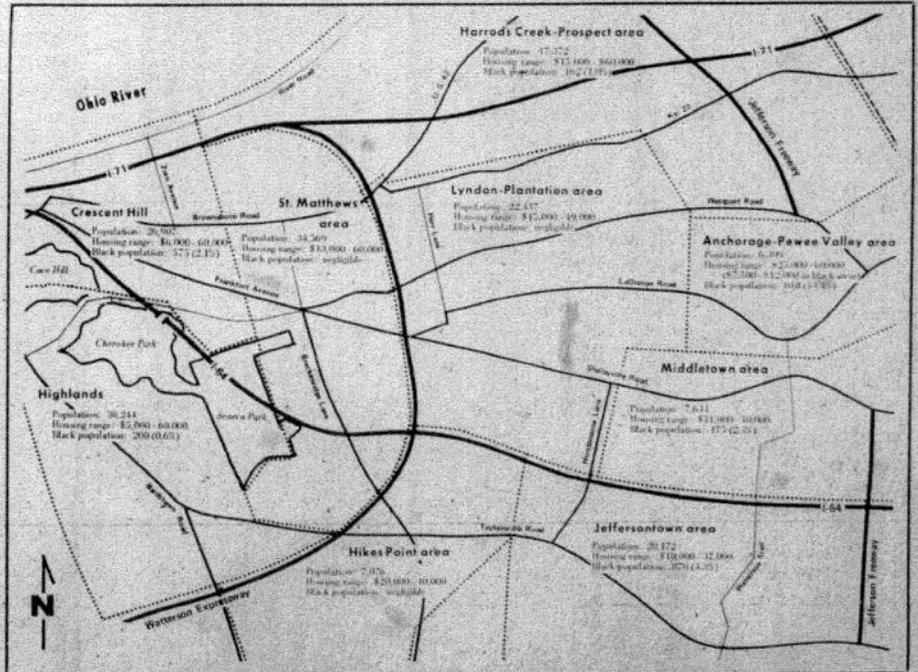
The broader St. Matthews area, bounded on the west by Seneca Park, Cassius Lane, and Mascoe Home and Mockingbird Valley Lane, and on the other sides by the western loop of the Waterson Expressway, numbered a population of 34,519 in the count.

Housing values in this neighborhood range widely, from a minimum of \$13,000

to \$15,000, according to homeowners along Mascoe Avenue in St. Matthews; to a maximum in excess of \$60,000. The top figure listed on the census form in parts of Indian Hills.

Black population in the St. Matthews area, according to the census report, is negligible.

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Voice Map by Robin Garr III

HOUSING PATTERNS in the East End appear on this map, with divisions between the area's neighborhoods indicated by dotted lines. Tables in each district reveal

total population in the April 1, 1970 census; range of housing values as reported to the Census Bureau by homeowners, and percentage of black population.

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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 \$50-60,000 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 575-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 20,907 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 Seneca Parks.

Homeowners in the "Inner Highlands," between Baxter and Barret Avenues and south of Broadway, estimated their property values at \$5,000 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' 200 blacks make up only 0.6 percent of the community's 36,244 population. Most of the black families live in predominantly white neighborhoods, or in small sectors such as the two blocks on Dundee Road behind the Douglass Loop, where some 20 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 houses 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 Taylorville 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 saving prices in the teens for them--no block in this area averaged less than \$35,000.

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 162 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 22,437 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 Hurstbourne 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

Nowhere 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 \$60,000-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 255 blacks lived in homes averaging \$8,400.

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 6,309.

Middletown

The unincorporated community of Middletown, with its immediately-surrounding neighbors, totaled 7,634 on the census report. Homeowners there estimated their property values up to \$40,000 in the Douglass Hill subdivision, and as low as a block average of \$11,700 in an older section of central Middletown.

Jeffersontown

One of the fastest-growing communities in the East End is the fourth-class city of Jeffersontown, which jumped 182 percent from a population of 3,431 in 1960, to 9,701 in the 1970 census.

Relatively homogeneous in estimated property value, the city of Jeffersontown listed a minimum of around \$10,000 in older homes along Watterson Trail, and a maximum of a little over \$30,000 in a new subdivision near Taylorville Road and Six Mile Lane.

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

Slightly over 100 blacks lived together in a small area in the older portion of Jeffersontown; about 770 more lived in areas along Watterson Trail north of the city, and near Nachand Lane between Jeffersontown and Buechel.

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

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February 10, 1972, Board meeting:

Board Director of The

Minutes of the meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire
~~Ass'n~~ Ass'n held Feb 10th 1971. *1*

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 319 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-- 8:58 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 Ellne, 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 fire-fighting 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 Nanz Avenues.

Brian Martin earns Eagle Award

Brian D. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Martin of 3922 Hycliffe Ave., in St. Matthews, received his Eagle Scout rank and award at recent Court of Honor held by Troop 194 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 Haerberlin, Russ Rakestraw, ?????



Al Ring



Ken Reising & Jim Andriot

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



?????, Al Haerberlin



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



Russ Rakestraw, Al Haerberlin, 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 Haeberlin



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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. N^o 553

FIRE REPORT

DATE 2-18-72 TIME OF ALARM 4:30 A.M. TIME RETURNED 4:45 A.M.

LOCATION 19 WESTPORT TERRACE APT. NO. 1

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 _____

OWNER Billy C. Young

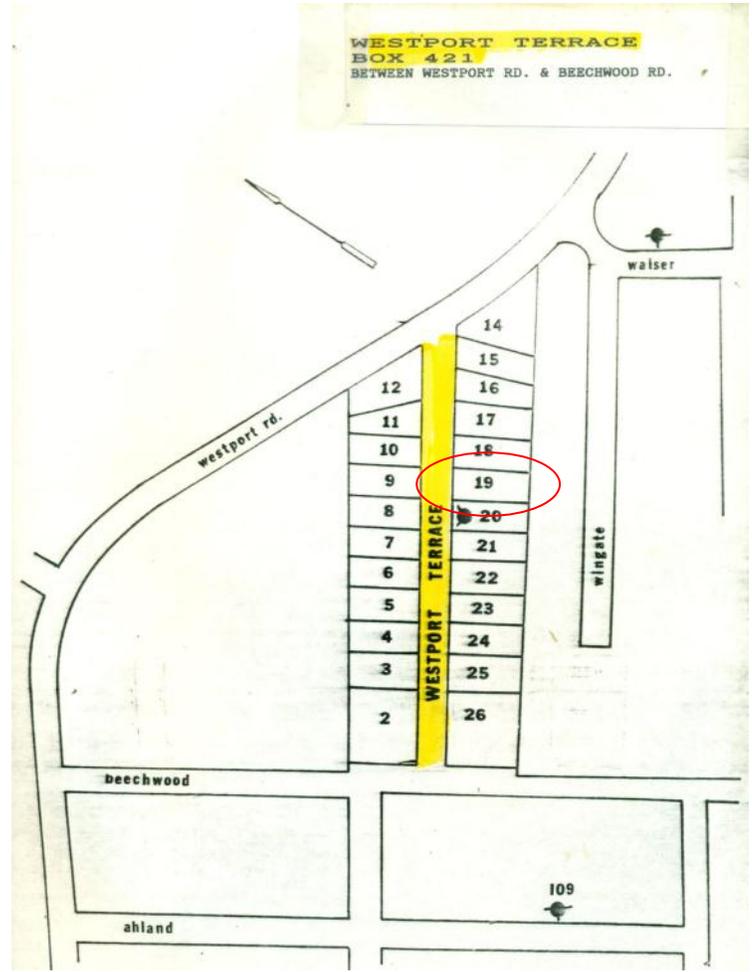
OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS FIRE IN THE CEILING ABOVE THE BEILING

OFFICER IN CHARGE Al Ring REPORT WRITTEN BY Al Ring

- 2 SCOTTS
 - 1 - 1 1/2" DUNNIE
 - 2 - LIGHTS
 - 1 - PORTAL LIGHT CONDUIT
 - 2 - LIGHT GENERATOR
 - 1 - BROOM
 - 8 - TAPPS
 - 1 - SMALL HAMMOC
 - 4 - AXES
 - 1 - DIKE POLE
 - 1 - HALLOWAY
 - 1 - HUX BAP
 - 1 - PITCH FOMM
 - 3 - SHOVELS
 - 1 - ROOMS LADDER
 - 1 - LIGA LADDER
- 20' STAIRCASE LADDER
16' MOOP
14' ROOF
1 MOOP BUCKET
2 MOOPS



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 seventh-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 Cottrath Sr. 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 one 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 as his office telephone. "This situation troubles the state," said Gray. "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 appeared 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, 8:25 pm, Chenoweth Lane, electric transformer.

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

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

-- Feb. 22, 5:45 pm, Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Rudy Lane, grass fire.

-- Feb. 23, 2:03 am, backed up McMahan Center at HS firehouse.

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

-- Feb. 26, 10:30 am, 3945 Nanz Avenue, floor fire in house being demolished.

-- Feb. 26, 11:07 am, home of Cleve Calhoun, 3912 Alton 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. 28, 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 insulate 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.

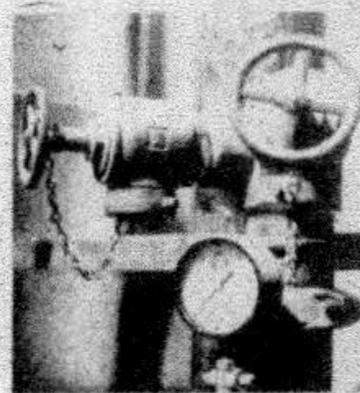
"There are shutoff valves in each corridor, and each floor has a shutoff from the main pipe," Clifford said. "We feel it is safer than wheeling oxygen bottles through the hospital corridors.

"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 60" 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.

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Peril at the post office?

Traffic jams, confusion at drive-up mailboxes

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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 of the St. Matthews branch now have about three times as much room as they had on Chenoweth 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 balky 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 to and from the branch post office last Saturday indicated that there is considerable confusion among its 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 west 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 driver's meeting head on 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. Shipley

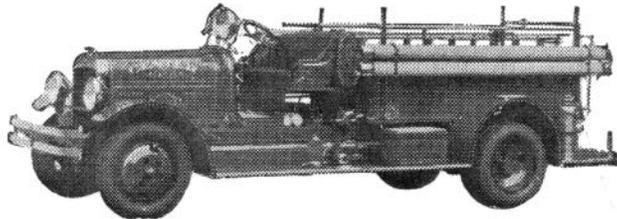
A CAR, left-center, parked in a fire lane, blocks use of the drive-up mailbox at the St. Matthews branch post office. Drivers and pedestrians walk up to the box to post mail.

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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

INCORPORATED



3-8-72

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 Lt. Al Ring 896-9120

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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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lt. Al Ring".

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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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. Monohan	Marty Kamer
Geo E. Miller	Fred C. Boss
W. Leland Wilson	R. C. Walling

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

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 Monohan be instructed to committ the St. Matthews
Vol Fire Ass'n to purchase a peice of new equipment ~~price~~ when
approved by him and fireman from the specifications which they
are to submit.

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

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

There being no further business motion made by
Fred Boss econded by Jno Monohan that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Geo E. Miller Sec'y

GEM /Res.

1972

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.

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's in the United States.

Engine Company #82 is in the South Bronx of New York City and responds to 5,000 alarms a year.

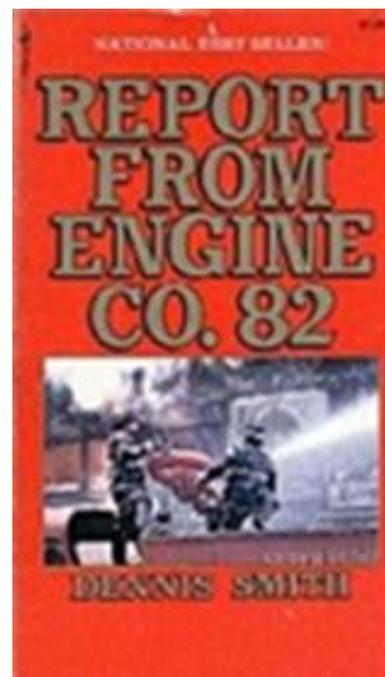
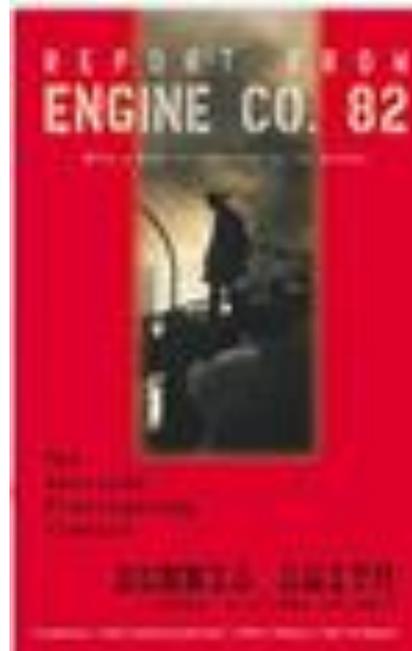
The day to day comradeship between the author and his fellow crew-members is genuine, but is overshadowed by the keen awareness of the present possibility of death when the alarm sounds.

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. No 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 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 Church MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT Harvey Browne Church

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 56 53 57 57 56 58

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REMARKS Box of Scout Supplies

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief Monahan REPORT WRITTEN BY A. Monahan

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 Holling Lane.

--March 13, 2:10 am, no damage reported from a garage fire at the home of Rudolph Keller, 301 Iola Road.

--March 13, 3:07 am, 405 Holling Lane, smoke damage to the first floor from a basement fire at the home of M. S. Campbell.

--March 13, 9:45 am, checked trash fire at Rudy Lane at Kaelin Drive, called by neighbors, owner had burning permit.

-- March 13, 10:20 pm, 3913 Elmwood Ave., malicious false alarm.

--March 23, 1:13 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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Across from the Mall

GIL MUELLER
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104 Fairfax Avenue

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

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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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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.

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Thank you.

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for your Crusade
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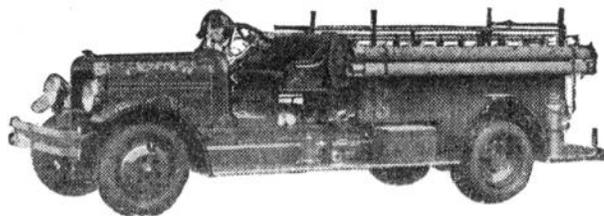
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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



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

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

RADIO 970

POST OFFICE BOX 1000

WAVE

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40201

TV CHANNEL 3

(502) 585-2201

Dear Al:

Here's your tape of the program. Again thank you for your time and I hope you get many many good recruits from your effort.


Bob Kay

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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 ^{by} 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.

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



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

St. Matthews fire runs

St. Matthews Fire Department trainees in Phase I continued their study of hand tools, taught by Lt. Jack Dishart. 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.

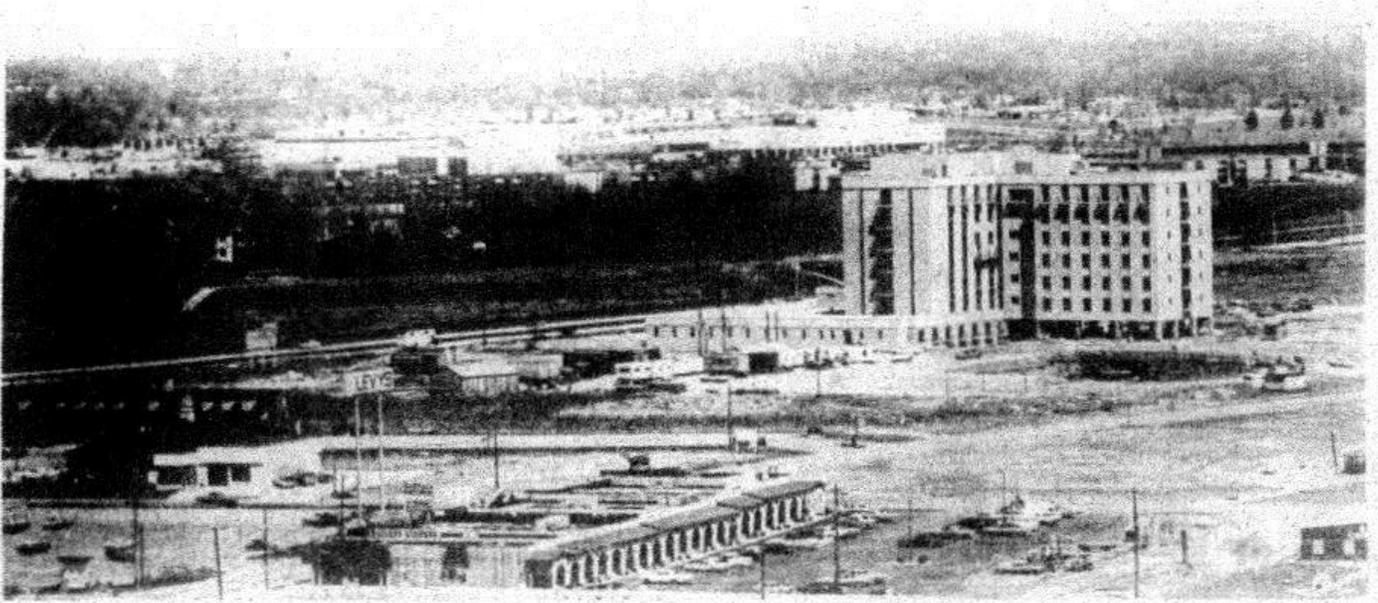
--April 6, 5:10 pm, furnace control, at the home of Mrs. J. D. Kennamer, 3909 Olympic.

--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 Extencicare, 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 Inns of America, at 4040 Dutchmans Lane (across from the Suburban Hospital), Carland 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 next 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 Filistreau 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, Filistreau 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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urance Co. The addition is being built as the third and fourth floors to 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

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

--Thomas Car Wash, next to 116 Chenoweth Lane, with the building valued at about \$95,000. Completion, originally scheduled for last winter, should be around June 1.

Leu 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 customer 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 13,600 square foot storage shed addition to the Marshall Timber and Wood Products, Inc., 4053 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.

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 police 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 Price 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 no 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

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., 3854 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 driver's 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 130 feet into a second automobile traveling westbound on Shelbyville Road.

The second car, driven by Mrs. Nona Gossett, 58, 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.

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 "snorkel" 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

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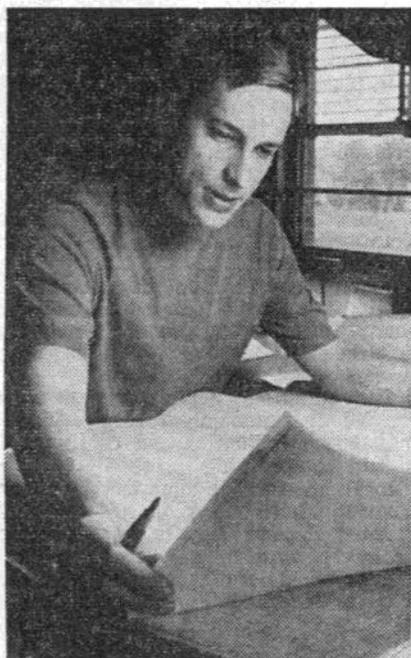
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When the call sounds for a fire in suburban Jefferson County, the answer comes from among a group of about 900 persons who can expect to get tired and dirty, lose some sleep, and perhaps get hurt.

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

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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.

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 \$50,000.

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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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, Buechel, 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 outdistancing their revenues. Clare said a law passed by the last General Assembly, House Bill 557, 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.

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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.

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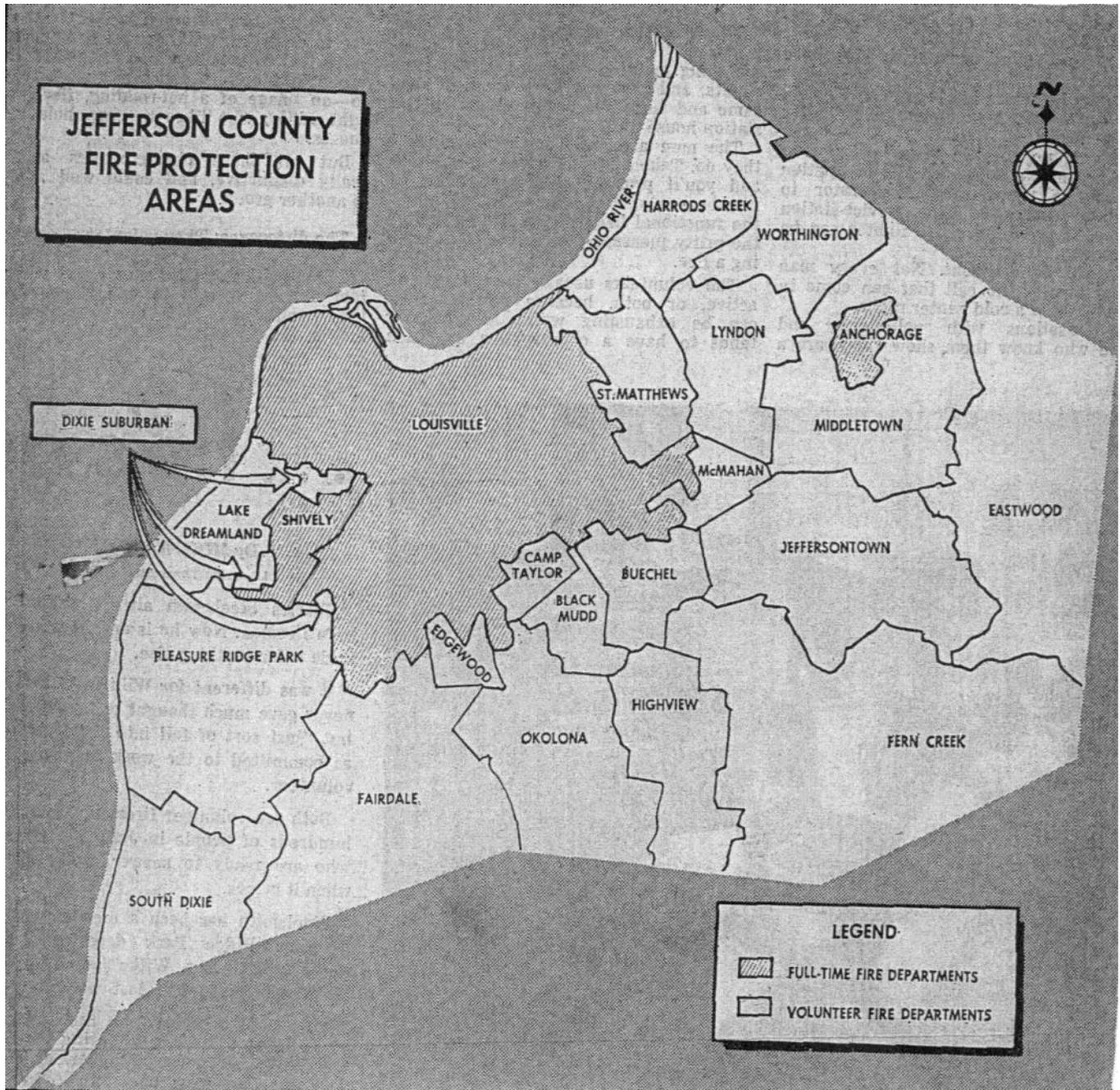
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To emphasize the contribution of the volunteers, Trautwein made a study a few years ago to determine what it would cost if the volunteers disappeared and the county had to move to a paid, full-time system.

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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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 Everyman.

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Two special weekend training sessions were held this past week. On Saturday, Lt. Al Bing 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 Crestie.

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.

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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
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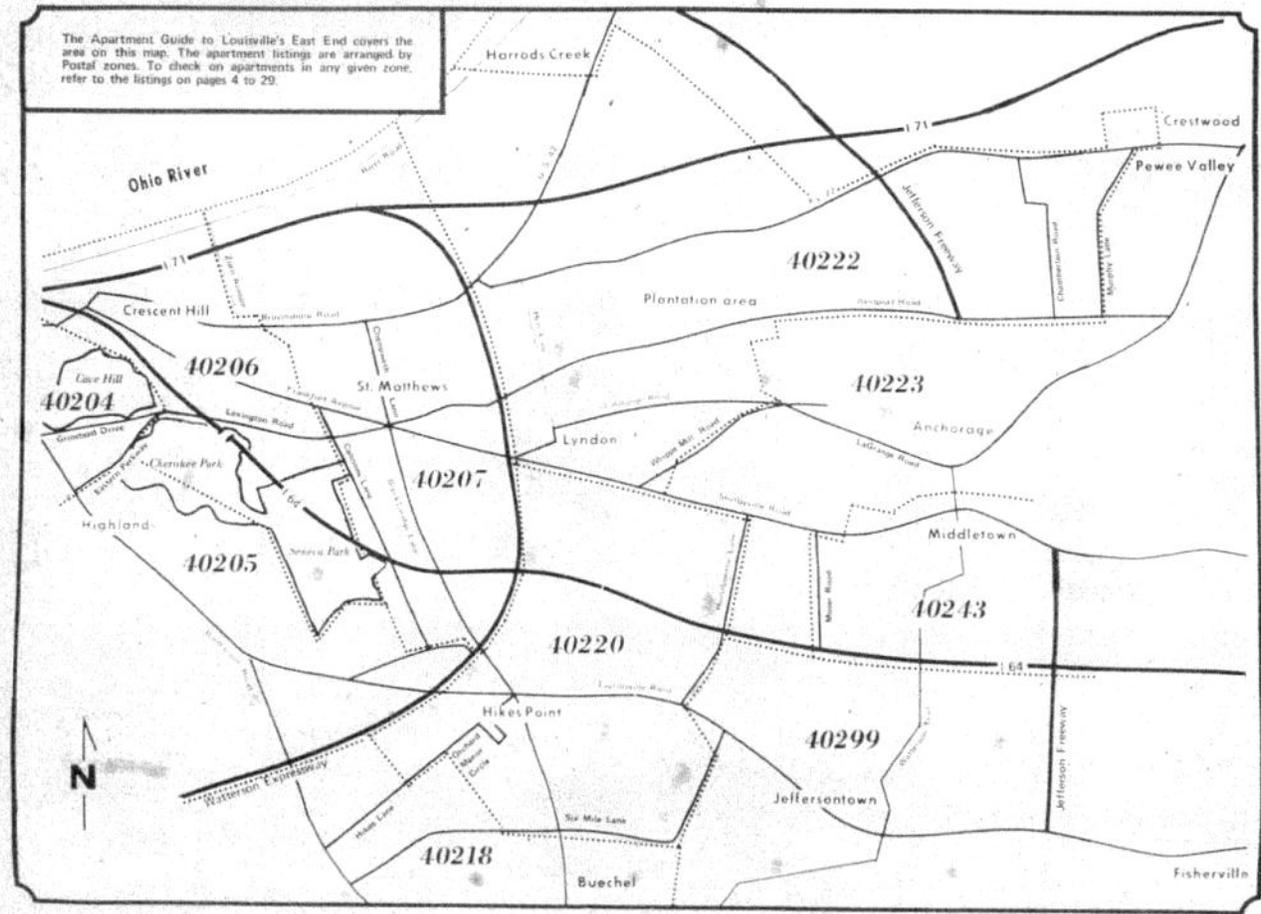
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There being no further business motion made by Marty
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Respectfully Submitted

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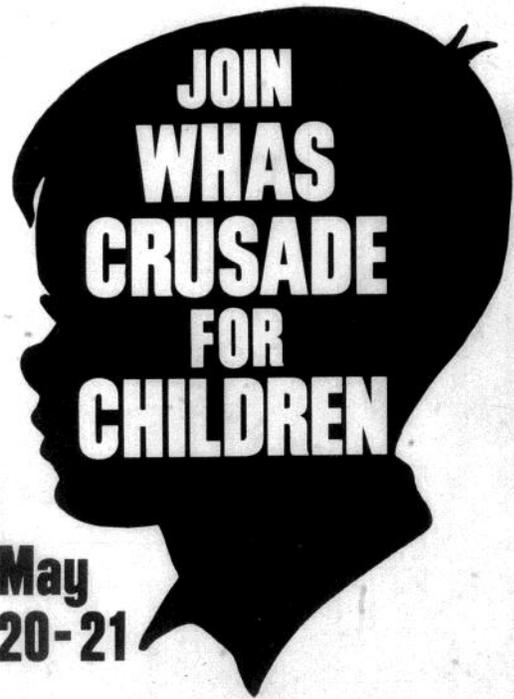


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Colonial Manor (12) 101 Sage Rd		gdn 1-2-3					no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	1 yr
Charlotte Apts (50) 153 Thierman Lane		gdn one BR two BR	125-135 155-165		w	100	r-r dsp-dw	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1 yr
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4040 Apts (12) 4040 Massie Ave		tnhs two BR	250	2	all	100	r-r dsp-dw	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
Jamestown (356) 904 Milford Lane		gdn,tnhs one BR two BR three BR	135-148 155-187 192-265		no e	100 150	r-r dsp-dw	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes (d)	yes	yes	1 yr
Malgate (540) Sherburn Lane		gdn,tnhs efficiency 1-2-3-4	125	1 2	no de	-	r-r dsp-dw	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	1 yr
Plymouth Village (24) 700 Breckinridge		gdn two BR	180-185	1 1/2	no de	100	r-r dsp-dw	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no	1 yr
Shenandoah (80) Dupont Square under construction		gdn 1-2 BR		2	no de	-	r-r dsp-dw	over 14	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	1 yr

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Valley View (56) 420 Sunnyview Rd		gdn two BR	115	1	w	50	r-r \$5/mo	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	-	yes	1 yr
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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 1	w	50	r-r dsp	teens	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 dsp	teens	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 dsp-dw	teens	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	1 yr
Washington Square (24) Washington Square		gdn 2 BR	350-375	2	w	no no g	range dsp-dw	no	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	3 yr



**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 3808 Frankfort Ave.

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

May 10, truck fire at 4600 Stonehenge 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, 5:15 pm, automobile fire, Bacon's parking lot.

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

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

May 13, 3:40 pm, steam-jenny fire at 6924 Ambridge Circle.

The department is still seeking volunteer firemen. Please contact Lt. Al Ring at 896-9120 for further information. Department members will be participating in the Crusade for Children May 20 and 21.

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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

P.O. BOX 1084 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40201 PHONE (502) 582-7375

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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 - 1301	St. Matthews - 21,472
Buechel - 9720	Pleasure Ridge - 27,180
Crestwood -	Jeffersonville - 11,853
Paradale - 8125	Claytonville - 7628
Highview - 5264	Reeve Valley - 2144
T-Town - 7040	GE - 49,000
Hydon - 9494 + 543 (10,000)	
Middleton - 5839	Louder - 954
Mc Mahan - 11,625	Holy Spirit - 1230
Fear Creek - 6,600	Holy Trinity - 994
Worthington -	St. Joseph - 373
Hanada Creek - 4836	Immerdale - 125
Eastwood - 952	Total - 40,009
Shirley -	
Treasureville - 1141	South Dixie - 5954
Simpsonville - 1765	Edgewood - 4560
Black Mudd - 6927	Shelby Co - 3394
Lare Dreamland - 5826	Okaloosa - 12372
Camp Taylor - 10,896	Shelbyville - 2778
Zaretar - 2924	La Grange - 3312

Red Men - 25,000

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

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 195 Colony Way, pending approval of the rezoning application.

Dohrman Engineering is a family-owned corporation headed by Dohrman and his wife, Elizabeth R. 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 Mairie 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.

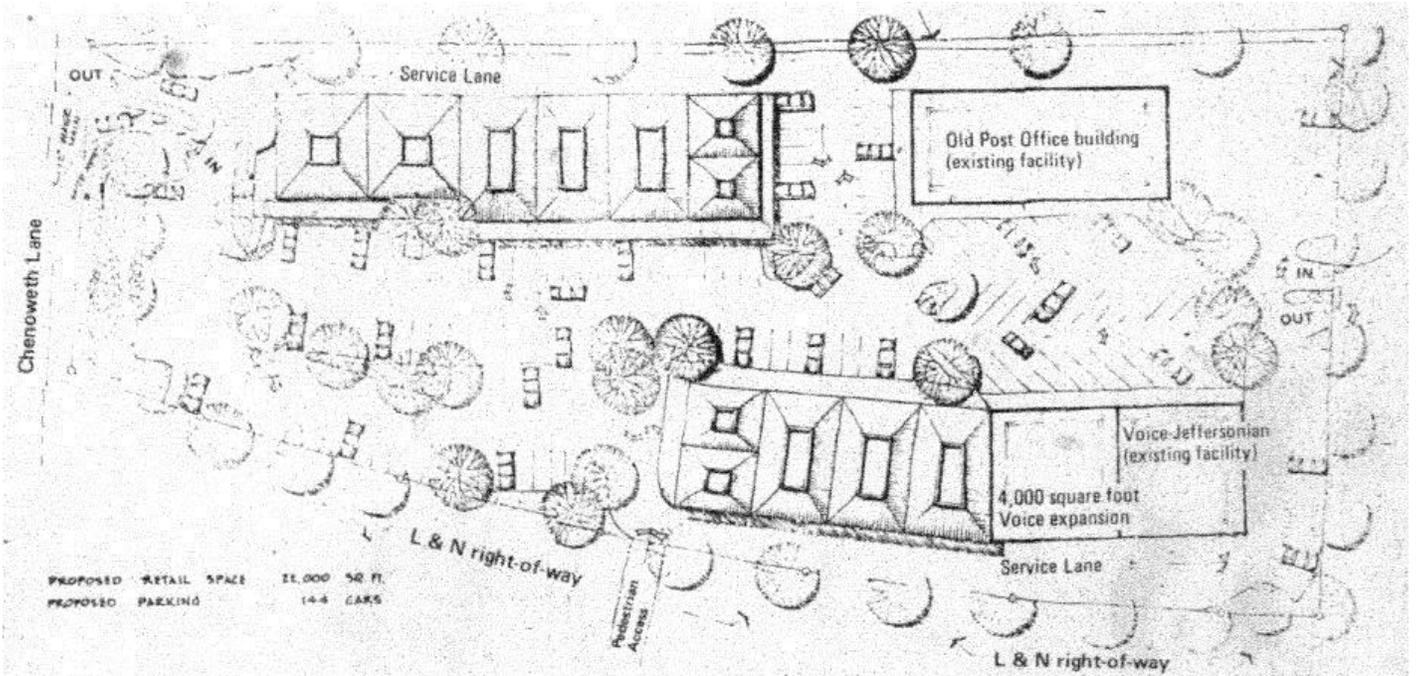
One unusual aspect of the plan calls for a pedestrian walkway to be constructed from Chenoweth Square over the L & N tracks and Westport Road into the vicinity of the Bacon's shopping area.

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.

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



PRELIMINARY PLANS for Chenoweth Square have been filed with the Jefferson County Planning Commission. The plans provide for 22,000 feet of retail space and parking for 144 cars. A new road will be

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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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.



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 1926. He is now in charge of the downtown office's home improvement loan section of the installment and loan department. He has been in the latter department five years.

His experience at the bank has been wide. He started as a runner, and has worked in the 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



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: Mrs. Carolyn von Almen, 113 Crescent Ct. receives a check for \$2,000 for a college scholarship from John Emrich, St. Matthews branch manager of First National Lincoln 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 Frankfort and Chenoweth, says the scholarship will be used by her daughter, Debbie—a freshman at Murray State University.

June 8, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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 1950s. 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 KARRELL NILSON, 79, of 329 Winton 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.

10/20/1966

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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 closed 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 sympathy 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 Loan Ass'n for one year at 5 and 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 minutes
except with the following correction the additional requirement
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.

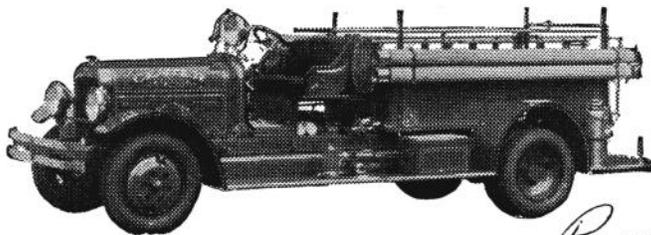
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June 8, 1972, Board meeting:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED



117 St. Matthews Ave.
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

*Presented to
Board of Directors*

*June 8, 1972 -
John M. Monahan*

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 submitt the following request:

PROPOSEL 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 requirments and list of business where gift certificate shall be honored follows.

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

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Levs

Bycks
Oakwood
Allied Sporting
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. Zehnder
St. ae King*

"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 carrying 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 Foeburn Lane and Westprt Road.
- May 13, 3:40 pm, steam jeany 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 Almart.
- 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.

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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	875.00	<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	8,951.57	<u>\$ 76,284.76</u>	
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	3,138.24	<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*:June 29, 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.

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 E. 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
Mel J. P. Terry Ass't Cheif
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 acting for Marty Kamer Sec'.

July 10, 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.

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



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.

Lack of fire hydrants in the area meant that firefighters had to dam the water in Beargrass Creek and pump it over 1250 feet through a pumper and the "Quad" apparatus to fight the fire. Lt. Al Ring of the fire department explained the creek-damming operation took only 10 minutes. "We placed a ladder across the stream and lay tarps across it to build up the water."

But the difficulty in getting through the crowds and initially pumping the water, caused the house to be destroyed by the time the fire was completely out at 10:30 pm. It began at approximately 8 pm.

St. Matthews Patrolman William Bosemer described the crowd problem as being "ridiculous" at first. "They wouldn't respond to requests to move by police or firemen. Traffic was so bad that we couldn't get through without using a siren and blue light."

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Voice photo by Robin Garr III

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Gawkers hamper firemen

by Anne Calvert, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*

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.

Lack of fire hydrants in the area meant that firefighters had to dam the water in Beargrass Creek and pump it over 1250 feet through a pumper and the "Quad" apparatus to fight the fire. Lt. Al Ring of the fire department explained the creek-damming operation took only 10 minutes. "We placed a ladder across the stream and lay tarps across it to build up the water."

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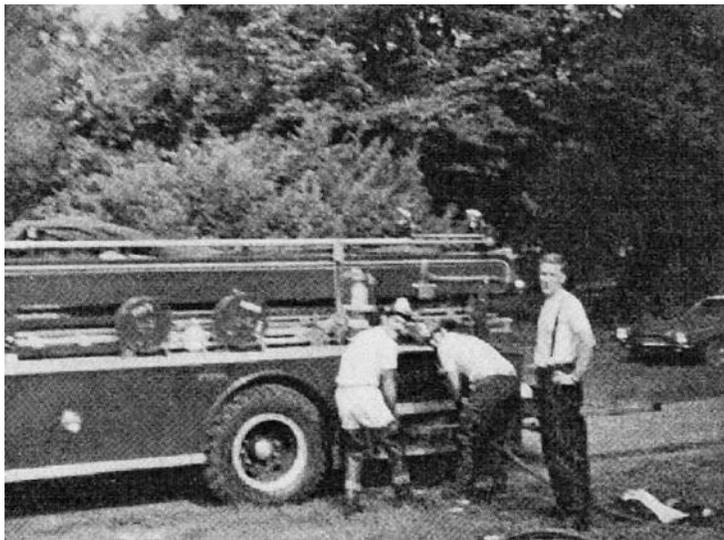
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John Noon, One of the Training Fires at the Brown Farm

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Two join volunteer firefighters

Two additional recruits have been accepted by the membership committee of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Neither has been a firefighter before.

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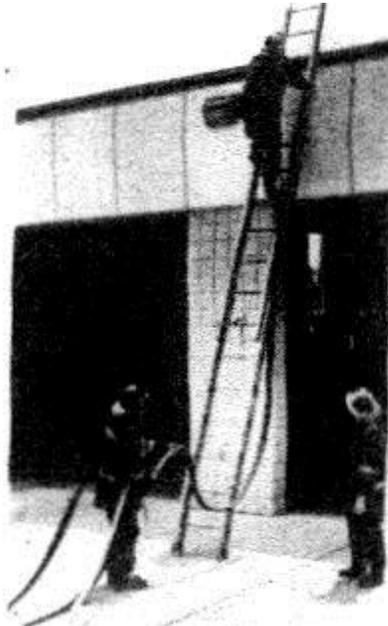
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A house fire July 9 and three emergencies during a prolonged thunderstorm on July 10 kept the St. Matthews firefighters busy. Runs reported by Lt. Al Ring are:



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 p.m-- 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.

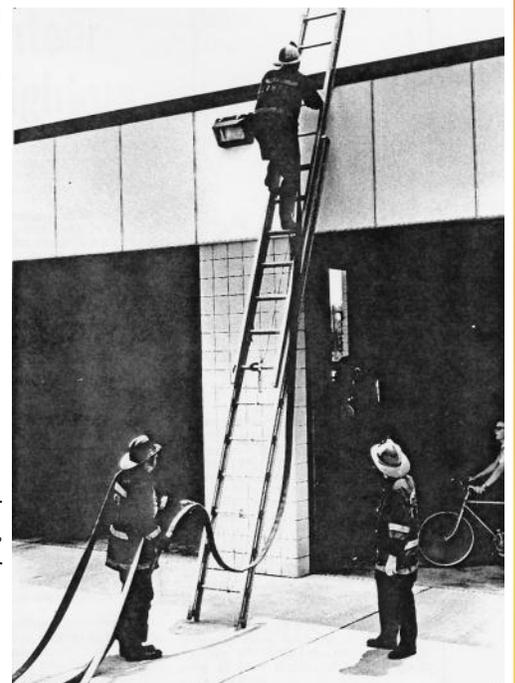
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Tuesday night training, "Chemical Pit Fires," what fun & how stupid!!!!

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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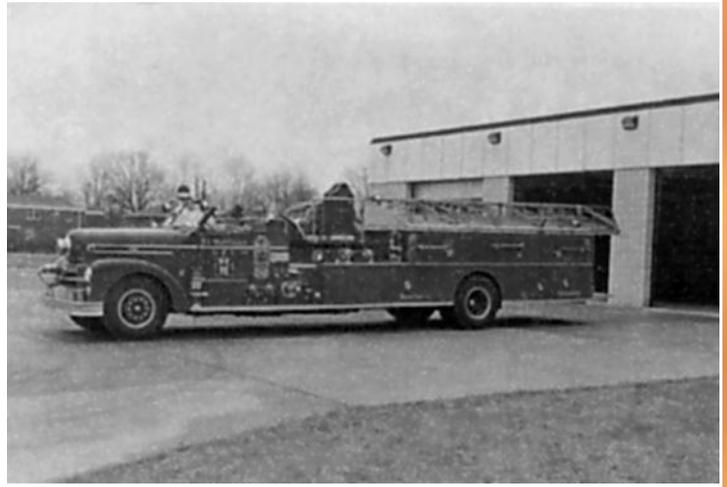
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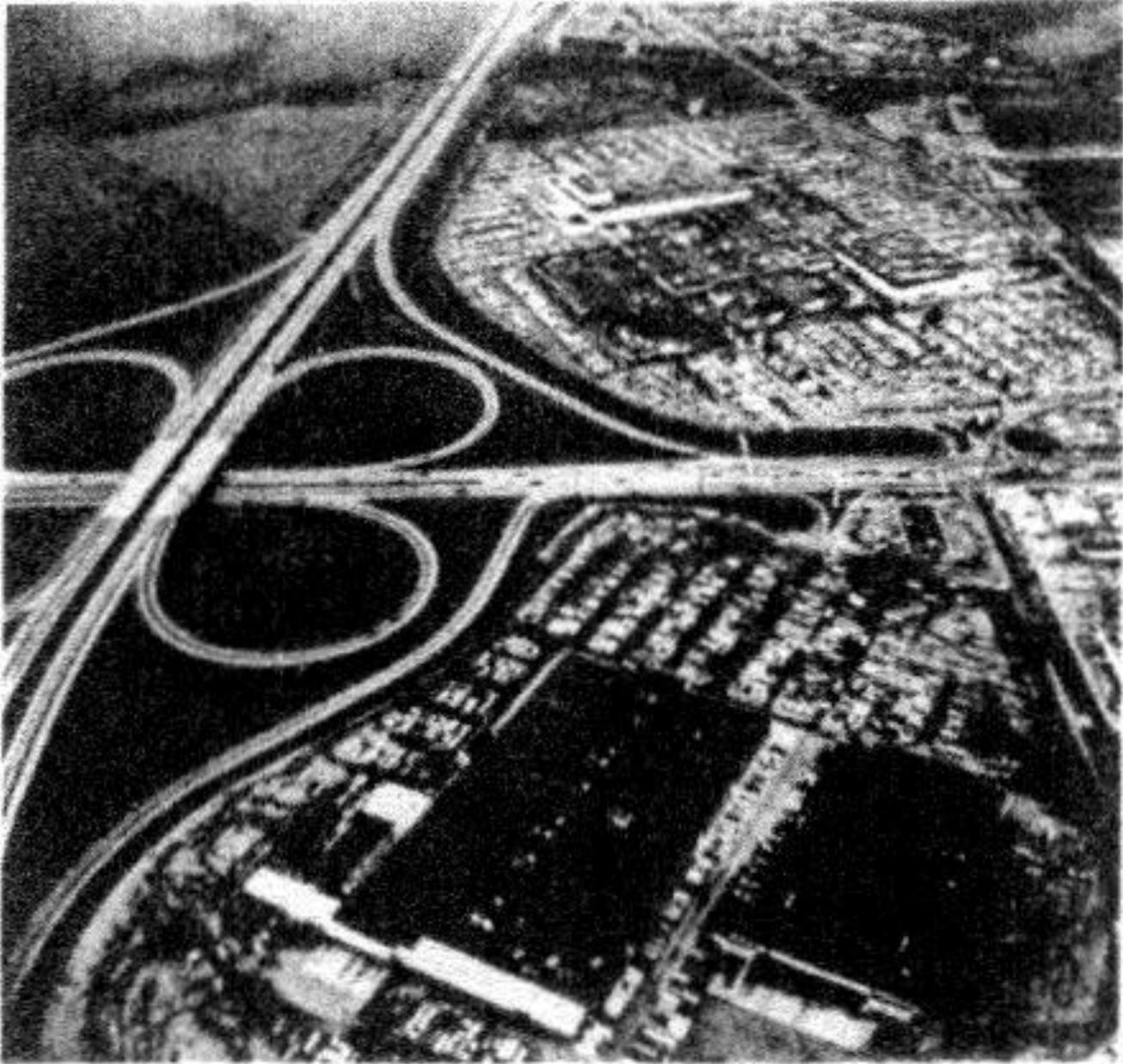


Photo courtesy Kentucky Flying Service

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*:

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.

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

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--9:34 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.

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

Latest equipment improves personal care

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check that all treatments and medications are being given as ordered.

-Dietician: who enters the patient's meals are planned according to any dietary restrictions. There are over 10 basic meal plans.

-Laboratory: which is alerted to tests that must be taken and may enter the results of those tests onto the record, as well as make a notation of the cost for the business office. This eliminates the time-consuming task of sending slides back and forth with tests requests and results.

-X-ray: similar to laboratory. Prescribed X-rays and results are reported onto the hospital record.

-Central Sterile Service: headed by a materials management director, this area prepares disposable surgical packs for each case. Other supplies are also distributed through a distributor system to the service wing of each hospital floor.

-Pharmacy: all medications are listed by patient name and number (eliminate the prescription-form-writing step. The pharmacy fills the "Unidose" cart for each floor daily.

On the cart, each patient is assigned a drawer, into which the accurately-measured dosage is placed in envelopes or containers, and it becomes a relatively simple matter to check if a patient has been given his medication. All narcotics are kept in a special locked drawer.

Intercom

Seventh floor nursing coordinator, Mrs. Judith Mayhue said the method would eliminate possible errors made by staff members when 50-60 patients are cared for by a small staff.

In addition to the two efficient methods

just described, Mrs. Mayhue is excited about a new intercom device. It uses a switchboard which resembles a small push-button switchboard found in many large offices, but being an intercom, it permits the floor telephone to be saved for necessary calls.

Explaining the unit, Mrs. Mayhue demonstrated how the patient's bedside control would light a button on the switchboard and a larger light outside his room. The light stays on until the call is answered.

The patient can communicate via the microphone on the head device. Moreover, he can press two buttons on the device, one which will turn on pipe-in music, the other, a television.

In the room,

Within the room, each patient's bed is electrically raised and lowered... but only the head. It has been found, Mrs. Mayhue explained, that there are few occasions for raising the foot. When necessary, it can be done manually.

Each semi-private and private room is equipped with a counter-desk arrangement, and a full bathroom. There are bars near the commode and bathtub to assist the patient. He also has an intercom available in case he has difficulty while in the bathroom. A spray hose arrangement is attached to the waterpipe to enable aides to rinse out bedpans without the need of carrying them through the hall to a utility room.

The nurse's station is located at the core of the four hospital wings -- three for patient rooms, one for supplies and utility rooms.

A chart room, located immediately behind the nurse's desk, contains a VDU-matrix dictating device tied into the medical records room. An attending physician may pick up the dictating receiver in the

chart room, doctor's lounge, or dial into a special telephone line (even long distance) to have his instructions transcribed onto the patient's chart.

A cardiac emergency "crash cart" is also available on each floor. While such devices are useful, eliminating as much as eight hours of paperwork from a busy nurse's day, Mrs. Mayhue is impressed with the team care concept of the hospital.

As nurse coordinator on the seventh floor, she and her fellow coordinators on other patient floors head a team comprised of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses (LPN) and patient care attendants (PCA). Each afternoon, before a shift change, these key persons meet to discuss the recovery of the 50-60 patients under their care, and develop aspects of the discharge plan.

With medical clerks to look after the record-keeping, and the new labor-saving devices, the nurses are now doing what many have desired to do for years, Mrs. Mayhue said -- taking care of patients.

Drab meals no more

"This attitude is prevalent in many other areas of the hospital as well. Gone is the usual mealtime which was usually too early for most patients, and with it, has gone drab meals.

Mrs. C. Perry, who designed the kitchen as well as the menus, is concerned for the patient's total well-being. Each day, a patient is given a choice of three appetizers, three entrées, four vegetables, three salads, three desserts and beverage and bread for his dinner -- even patients with dietary restrictions.

To tempt ravenous appetites, gourmet items such as New York strip steak with onion rings or lobster tail with drawn butter sauce will also be available to seventh-floor patients.

She makes certain that the tray girls who bring to the prepared meals of a set, room and 6 pm, also look neat and attractive by having a full-length mirror right by the elevator for a last minute

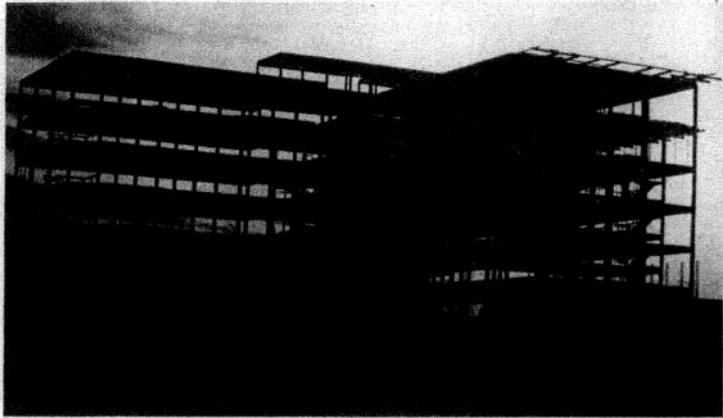
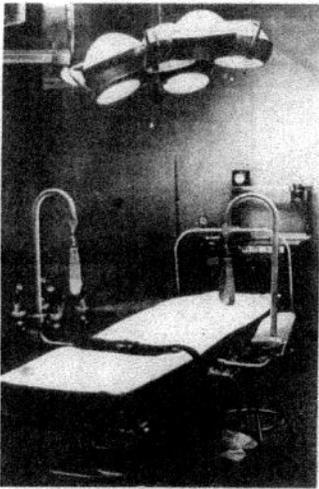


Photo by Mark Thompson

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

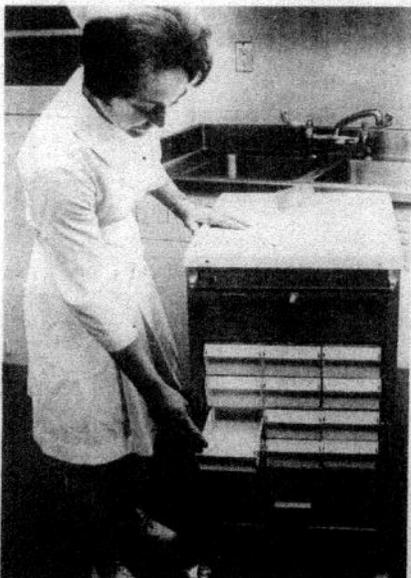


THE COMPLETED hospital may look like a new hotel, but the latest in patient care is available to patients.



IMPROVED LIGHTING and other electronic devices make the operating rooms as up-to-date as possible.

Voice photos by Anne Calvert



MRS. JUDITH MAYHUE, nursing coordinator, checks the Unidose medicine cart, which insures that each patient receives the proper medication.

grooming check.

Patient care is probably at its keener in the cardiac ward. Each of the eight special rooms as \$5,000 worth of electronic monitoring equipment, as well as the piped-in air, oxygen and suction available in every hospital room.

The staff will have two or more years of cardiac nursing experience, and there is a 40-hour pre-recorded multi-media course on cardiac nursing available on cassette. New staff will take the course, said Mrs. C. Jack, who is in charge of this section.

In the X-ray area, there are seven regular and one special procedure room, costing a total of \$750,000 to handle the most complicated types of diagnosis. The special procedure room can take a series of six photographs per minute in two planes, such as would be needed in case of a severe automobile accident.

All of the operating rooms are located in a circular pattern with a wash-up service area in the center which will allow surgeons and assistants to move quickly from one room to another, without having to go into the outside corridor where patients will be waiting prepared for surgery.

There will be a public open house on Aug. 20 and the applications for elective surgery are now being accepted, said a hospital spokesman.

Suburban Hospital to open

By Anne Calvert
Staff Writer

The Suburban Hospital which opens officially Aug. 28 looks like Louisville's newest hotel.

However, a tour of the St. Matthews acute-care facility makes it clear that the up-to-date electronic and mechanical devices will greatly improve patients' comfort and rate of recovery.

The 380-bed hospital, operated by Extendicare, Inc., has put its emphasis on efficiency of service, particularly in emergency situations. They have streamlined patient care to eliminate the patient's feeling of isolation and electro-computerized tasks which used to take many man-hours.

A seven-story doctors' office building under construction adjacent to the hospital and connected by an underground passageway, will provide space for 60-65 physicians. Two hundred sixty-four area doctors have also applied for credentials to practice at the Suburban Hospital said Paul A. Gross, executive director.

"This concept allows a better concentration of doctors to meet the needs of their patients rather than spreading themselves out among many hospitals," Gross said.

There will be no tuberculosis, maternity or psychiatric patients admitted to the facility, Gross explained, as it would be a duplication of other facilities.

When a patient enters the hospital, the staff initiates a treatment plan that continues until his discharge and beyond, if necessary. The patient is issued a number which becomes part of a computerized record.

His attending physician prescribes a routine for his care, which is also entered into the computer, and becomes available at the touch of a switch to key areas of the hospital.

--Nurse coordinator: who can see at the flick of a switch any special treatment that must routinely be given, and also

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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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tic. The roof of the house was heavily damaged. Groundfloor rooms were not damaged by the fire itself, although there was considerable smoke and water damage. At one point the smoke was so thick that it obscured the house, witnesses said.

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. No 1002

FIRE REPORT

DATE 8/6/72 TIME OF ALARM 9:30 P.M. TIME RETURNED 10:00 P.M.

LOCATION 4006 ELFIN 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 June

OWNER ADDRESS 4006 ELFIN

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS _____

OFFICER IN CHARGE S-A check OK - KCR REPORT WRITTEN BY _____

Tools used S-A

- 2 Shovels
- 2 Pitch Forks
- 4 SCOTTS
- 6 EXTRA SCOTT BOTTLES
- 4 AXES
- 3 PIKE POLES
- 3 TARPS
- 1 FLASH LIGHT

-S-3
Scott Forks
Axes
Shovels
Forks

HOSE & FITTINGS S-A

- 1- DOUBLE MALE 2 1/2" FITTING
- 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 meters 2 1/2" HOSE
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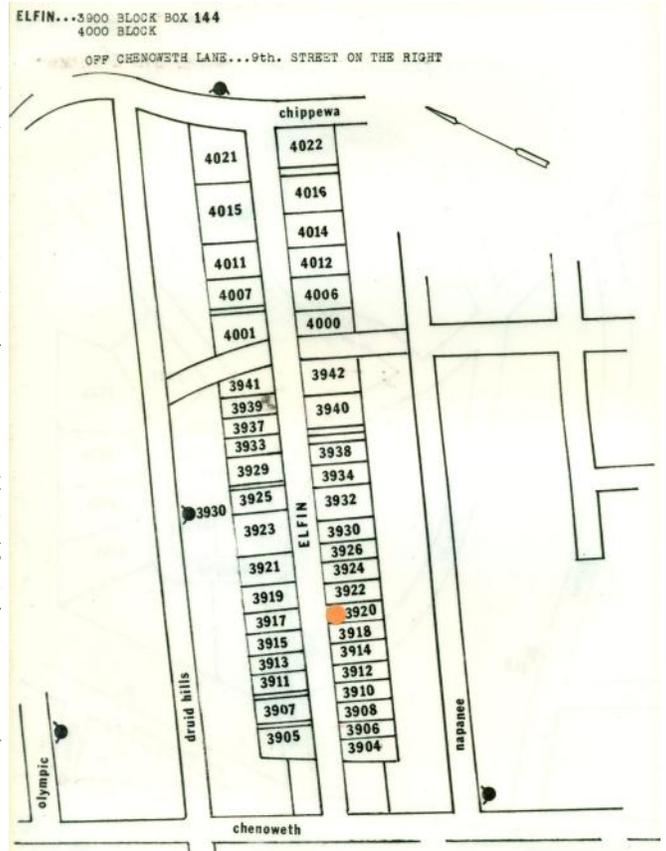
August 6, 1972, 2:23 PM — 4006 Elfin Ave., house fire.

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.



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

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.

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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 furter 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 Hubbards Lane for about 20 minutes on Aug. 9, when a monkey jumped onto a parked telephone truck.

The driver, Tony Cissell, 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, Dr. 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.

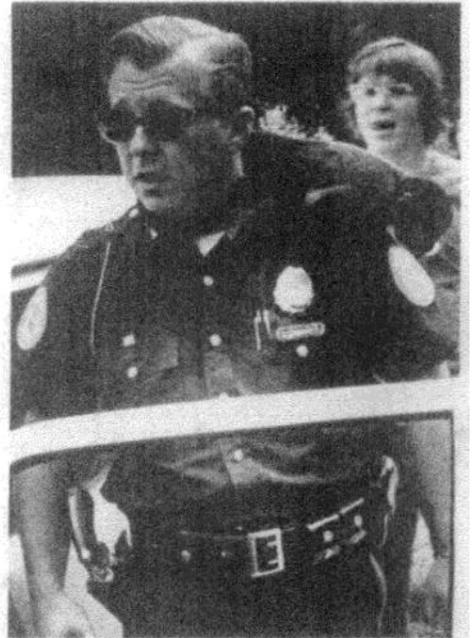
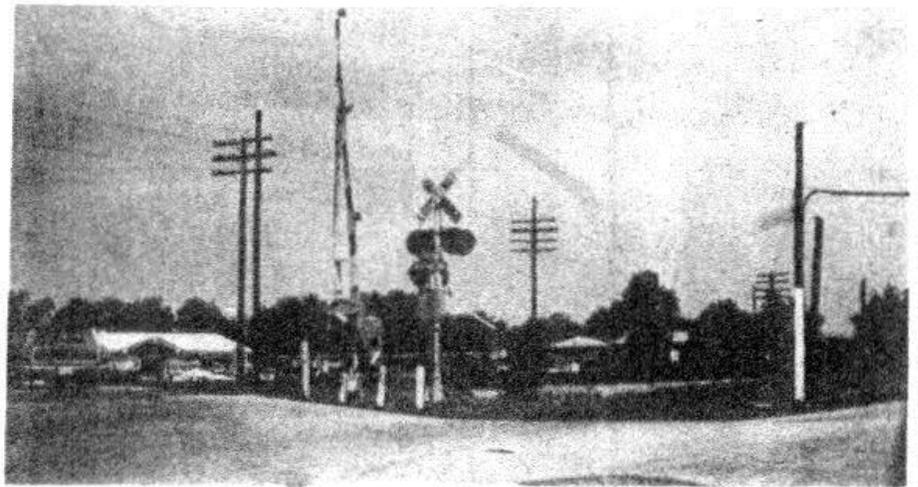


Photo by Mike Thoben

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

**cordially invites you to Dedication Ceremonies
1 p. m. Sunday, August 20,
followed by Open House until 5 p. m.**

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 3700 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.

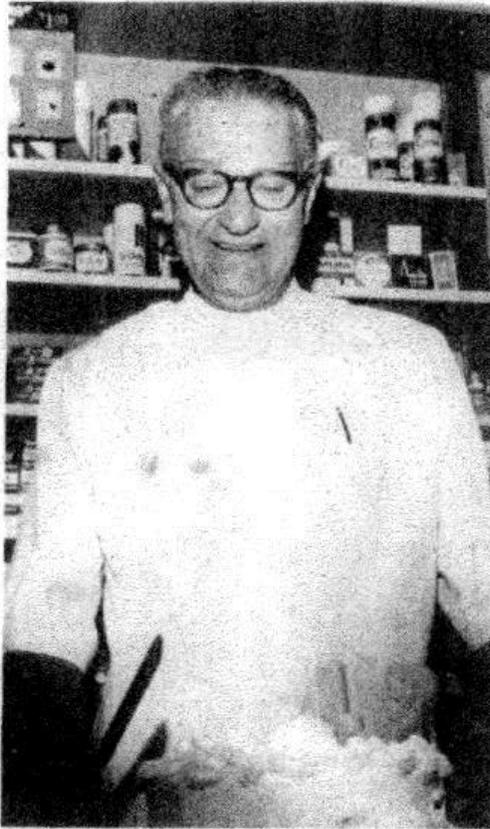
"I used to know all my regular customers personally," he continued.

Every morning, he would be at the store at 7:30. 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 interurban (a Louisville to Shelbyville trolley) stop right in front of the store. Of course that sometimes caused problems when the stones 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 long-time 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 Hurstbourne 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 purebred Charolais beef cattle are raised. Will he miss the store after all these years?

"Oh brother, you'd better believe it!" Klapheke said.

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 \$59,000 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 Nanz Avenue a continuous third lane for storage will be added to keep through traffic moving while turns are being made into St. Germaine Court, Hycliffe, 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.

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August 24, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:August 31, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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 Lt. 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 Bleunheim Road; out on arrival.

Frankel-Klapheke Drug Co. is merging with Colonial Drugs August 31, 1972

Dear Customer,

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 3700 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 till 9:00 on weekdays and 10:00 till 6:00 on Sundays.

Mr. Robert Sanderlin (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 believe that we can fill all your needs.

Same Telephone number -- 897-2545

Sincerely,
Eugene C. Klapheke, Sr.

For Sale

Display Cases	Deep Freeze
New & Antique Cash Register	6' Steel Shelves
Pepsi Dispensing Machine	Safe
12' Marble Counter	Other Items

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.

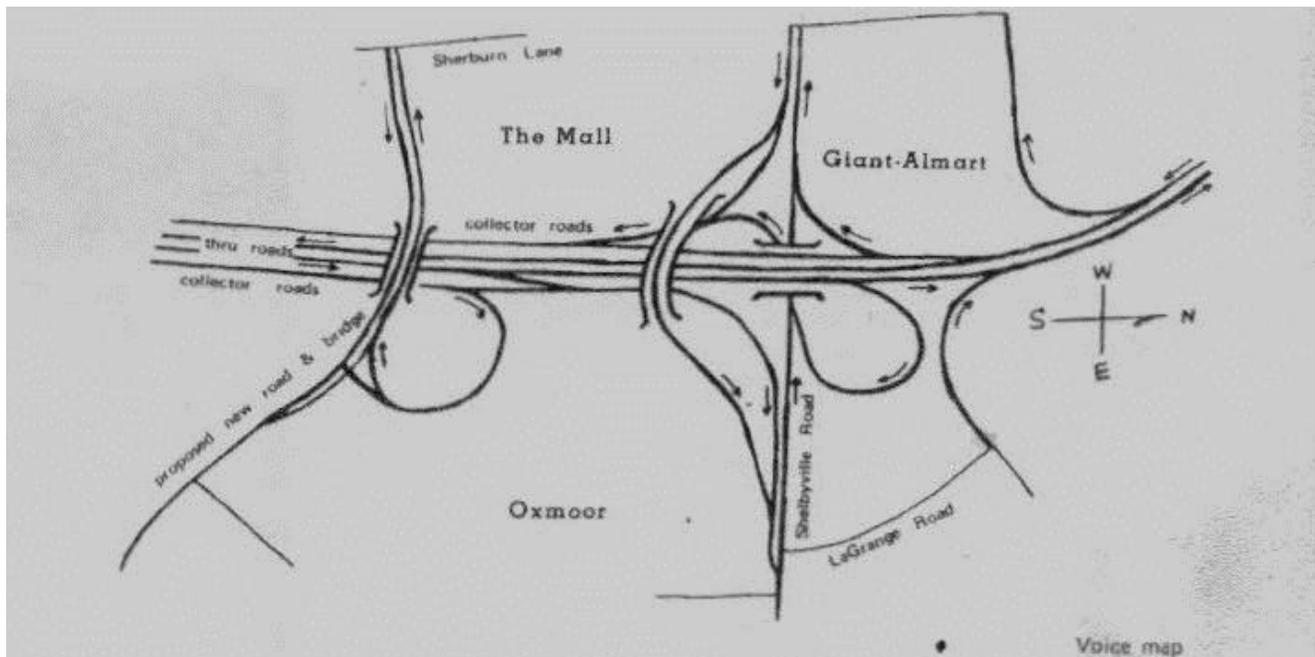
Four emergencies answered by the department were:

- Aug. 17 -- 4:15 pm -- Garage door fire, 211 Iola 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.

September 7, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



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 late 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 Taylorville 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 \$155 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 6 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-Ball, 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.

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 Dept.

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Voice photo by Mike Roberts

WORKMEN DIGGING on Sherburn Lane near the Mallgate 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 Monohan 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 Monohan 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 no 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-N 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. 26 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 Kermit 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 Louisville 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, 1972. 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 to 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 men of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, last week included rescue-roping work taught by Lts. Doug Monohan and Al Ring. Later, each officer went over his truck with his crew to familiarize each man with the equipment available for emergencies.

Six emergencies reported by Lt. Ring included:
-- Aug. 31--10:30 am-- Sump-pump motor, 6703 Green Meadow Circle.
-- Aug. 31--6:30 pm-- Kitchen fire, 703 Braddock.
-- Aug. 31 -- 7:20 -- pm -- T. fire,



Voice photo

PATROLMAN COX
Honored by Army

Jamestown Apartments,
--Sept. 1 -- 10:45 am -- Electric wires, 3312 Ormond Road.
--Sept. 4 -- 5:30 am -- Malicious false, Country Club Lane.
--Sept. 5 -- 5:01 pm -- Backup McMahan 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.

Bengt Lingren, project engineer on the job, said all the pipe under the contract as 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 seeding and sodding. His is expected to be completed by mid-October, Lingren said.

September 14, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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 SevenOaks.

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 SevenOaks 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 SevenOaks, 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 asked 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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September 14, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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
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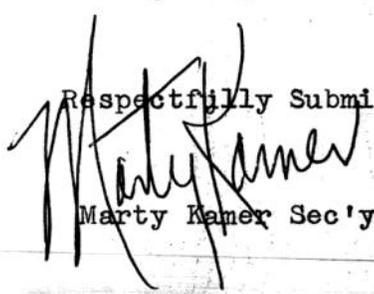
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for \$5,000.00 at the Colonial Fed. for one year at 5 3/4 per cent.

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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 42men
a cheif 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 tchange would be met and Mr. Monohan is
expcting to order the fire peice this comiig week.

There being no further business mption made by Frec C.
Boss seconded by J. P. Terry that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted


Marty Kamer Sec'y

MK/IR

September 28, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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 accommodate 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.

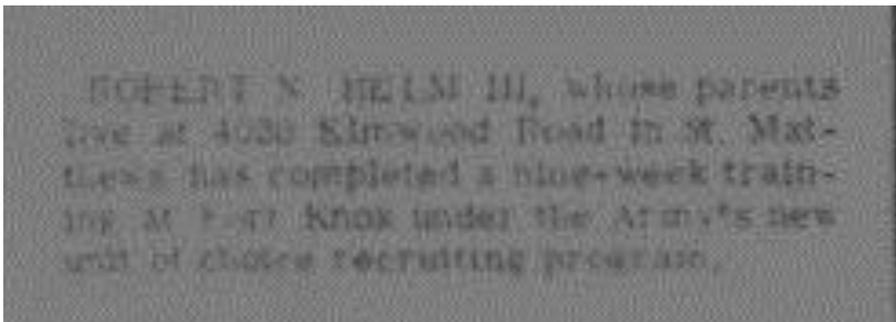
I really think our "concerned" neighbors should be a little grate-

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

This is the radio station that helped us with our recruiting drive.

Future STMFDF firefighter.



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October 5, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Men train for average fires

FIREFIGHTING tactics, beginning with the "average" type of fire, are the subject of the current training for Phase I members of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Advanced firefighters continue to practice ladder techniques.

The tactics course, begun recently by Lt. Al Ring, involved the first courses of action when a firefighter approaches an automobile, electrical, field or trash fire. More complicated types of building fires will be discussed in future classes, Ring explained.

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Depending on the season of the year, a firefighter may be approaching several types of electrical fires when he first enters a home or building, Ring continued.

"We first head for the basement," Ring said. "If it is winter, we check the furnace, in the summer, the air-conditioning system.

"Then if these are alright, we check any appliances the person might have been using, including the sump pump if there's been a lot of rain."

By far, the "dirtiest, sweatiest" fires to handle are the field and trash fires, Ring said. "We first look for 'exposures' when we arrive at a field fire. It is not the field that's so important, but what also may burn, such as a garage, a home or the like, and those have to be protected.

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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.

Around St. Matthews-----Men train for average fires

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October 5, 1972, Special Board meeting:

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 Bro wn 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
Assc

Marty Kamer

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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 A.M. TIME RETURNED A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 4309 Churchill Rd. APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER *None*

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT.

VEHICLE MAKE MODEL TAG NO.

OWNER Janet C. Dickey ADDRESS

OCCUPANT

OWNER

OWNER ADDRESS

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS FIRE IN KITCHEN ABOVE RANGE, USED HOOPER, AXE, SCISSOR, LADDER, TOOL, FAN LIGHT GEN.

OFFICER IN CHARGE J.P. de Hy REPORT WRITTEN BY J.P. de Hy

ST. MATTHEWS POLICE FAUGHT FIRE BEFORE WE GOT THERE. ONE OFFICER WAS OVER COME WITH DRY POWDER. THERE ALSO WAS A COMPARE OUR OUR RESPONSE TIME. J.P. de Hy.

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.

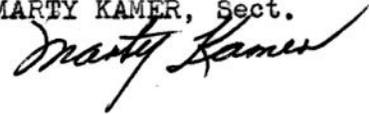
Mr. Monohan presented to the Board a plan that he said he would like to present to the firemen. It would give them the opportunity to take an associate course in Fire Science, at Jefferson Community College. He suggested that we offer it to them with the understanding that if they successfully complete 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 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 ajourned.

Respectfully Submitted
MARTY KAMER, Sect.



October 12, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



The way to go

Traffic along Willis Avenue in St. Matthews was expected to be blocked for about five days beginning Wednesday, Oct. 11, a spokesman for Skilton Construction Co. said earlier this week.

The blockage is required for installation of a new storm-sewer system between Shelbyville Road and the existing sewer at Wilmington Avenue.

Willis traffic will be interrupted one block at a time, from now until mid-November as construction proceeds from Skilton's, two blocks east, across Breckinridge Lane to Meridian Avenue.

The St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association distributed 2,500 handbills Monday to businesses in the area, describing the street-closing schedule. On the basis of work completed thus far, it appears the contractor is slightly ahead of this schedule, so that the temporary closing of Breckinridge Lane to through traffic now seems likely to occur about Oct. 27. It would last a week.

No detours have been established in the area. Signs will indicate street closings and motorists will be expected to find alternate routes over nearby streets.

St. Matthews fire insurance rates to be cut

By Roger Auge
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 inter-sections 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."

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 Monohan:

Oct. 3, 9:50 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, 1627 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. Whayne at 124 McArthur.

Meet Twelve of the Sixty Newest Business People In St. Matthews



Timothy Son



Chris Wadell



Paul Mangum



David Perry



Tom Wood



Mark Riley



John Volkerding



Dennis Garr



Timothy Jones



Cindy McClurg



Arthur Iler



Gregg Moore

October 26, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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 Rakestraw 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.S. Ayres department store, Mall Shopping Center, sprinkler malfunction, no damage.

Oct. 15-- 5:40 am--204 Brightwood, auto fire, out on arrival.

Oct. 15--4:40 pm--Brocknridge Lane and Hillsboro Road, auto fire, car completely burned out.

Oct. 16--10:25 am--101 South Hubbards Lane, office of Dr. Charles E. Pearce, furnace motor, no damage.

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A great deal of their success depends on you!

The Voice

October 31, 1972, Unknown:

Building at Country Day heavily damaged by fire

Fire heavily damaged a gymnasium-auditorium building this morning at Louisville Country Day School, on Browns Lane between Interstate 64 and the Watterson Expressway.

No students were injured. The fire started before classes were under way.

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.

One volunteer fireman was taken to Suburban Hospital with an arm laceration.

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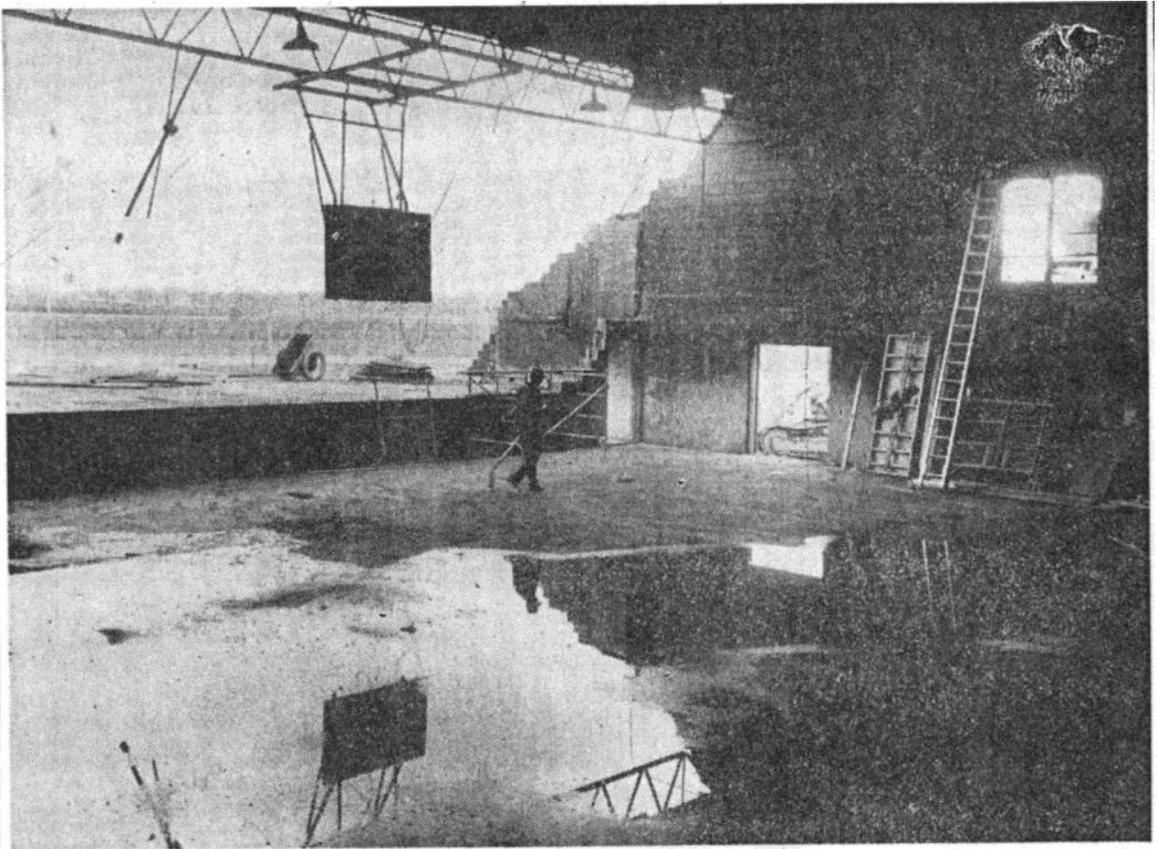
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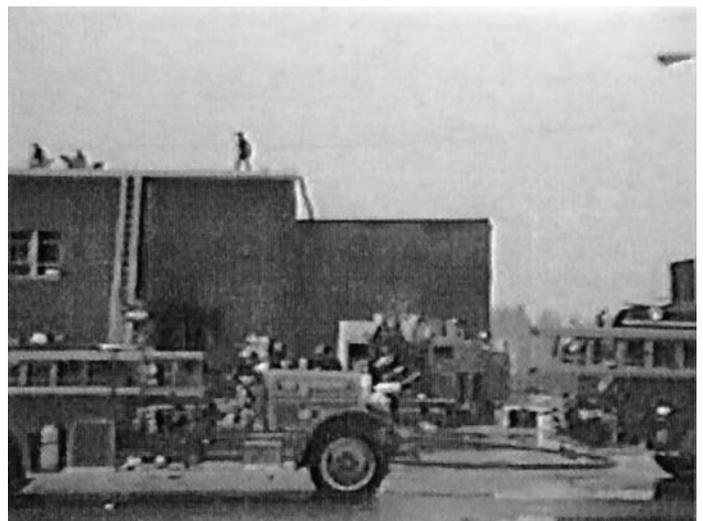
A workman passes by a large puddle of water left by rains as he walks through the gymnasium of Louisville Country Day School, on Browns Lane between Interstate 64 and the Watterson Expressway. Work

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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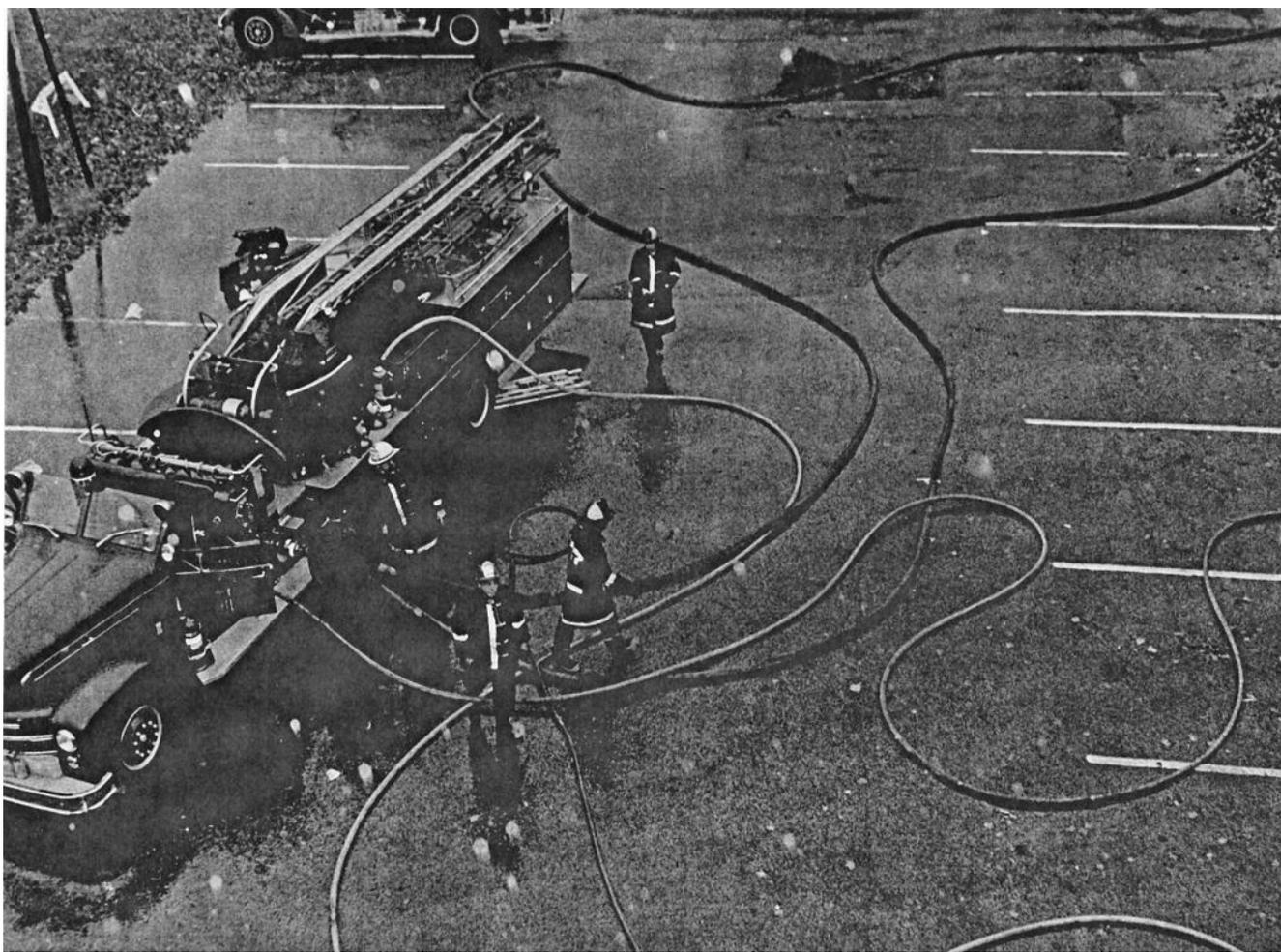
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Front, Bob Walling, side of quint Melch Zehnder, walking away, Gene Curbow, walking from rear Jack Handel, over with Scott Air Packs-Ken Reising.—Photo by J. R. Rebitann.

October 31, 1972, Working fire at Country Day school.
1971, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Below article about Country day, May 27, 1971, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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-

Spokesman 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.

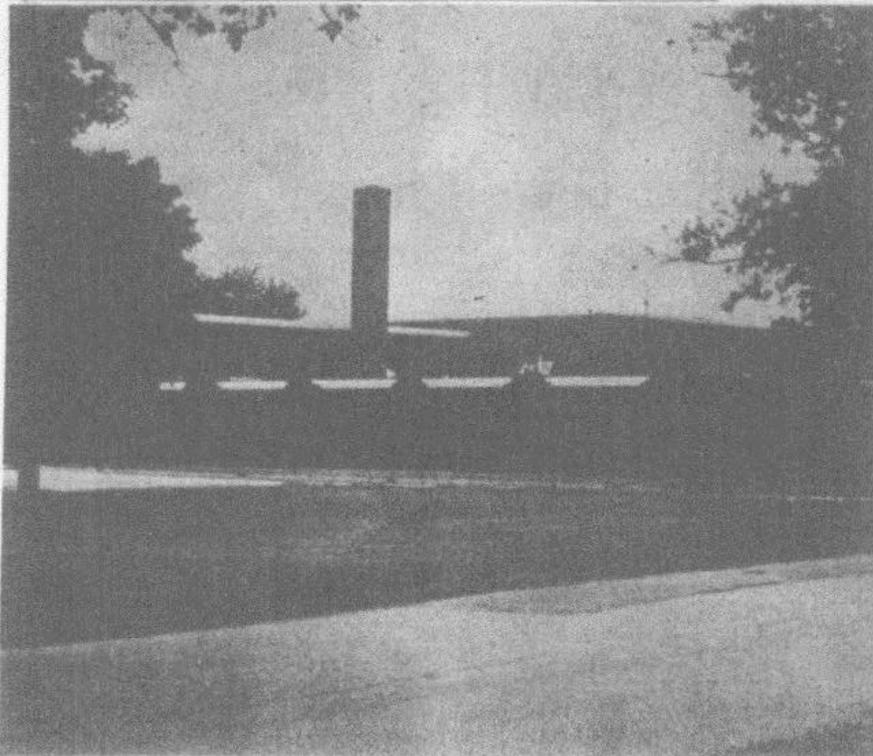
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and middle-school moved out to these quarters on Brown's Lane. Boys there are bussed to and from the upper school in order to make it easier for parents to pick up sons who attend on both campuses. The former Aquinas School has a fine football field 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. Yuhr

THIS IS ONE of the buildings on the Browns 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 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 DRYER WASHER

WHEELS TUBS OTHER

RESCUE/ATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 106 107

REMARKS Equipment used: EVERYTHING except the
~~metal~~ 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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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.

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 Day 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 am, were able to confine fire damage to the gymnasium building. But kindergartenthrough-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 am.

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.

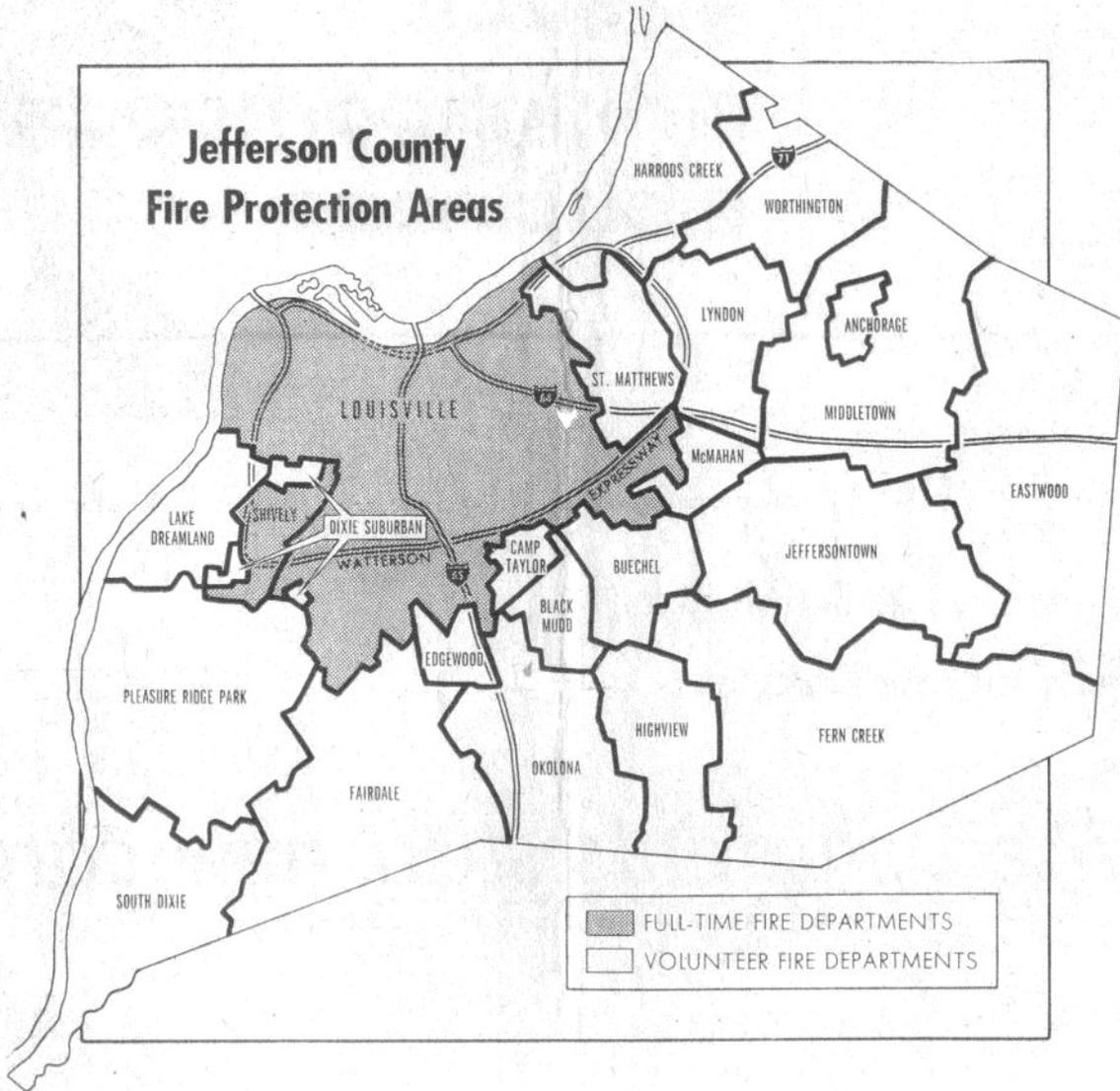
The school's football and athletic field nearby was not affected by the fire, but locker rooms in the gymnasium building were destroyed.

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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

Incorporated

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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

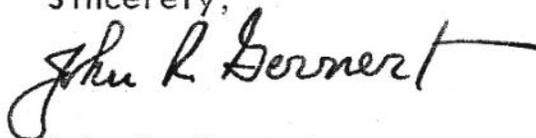
Dear Sir:

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

Lt. 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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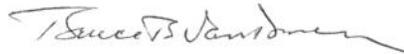
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Co.
Lyndon Way
St. Matthews, Ky. 40207

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

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November 16, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Reporter tries out as a 'smoke eater'

By Roger Auge
Staff Writer

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"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.

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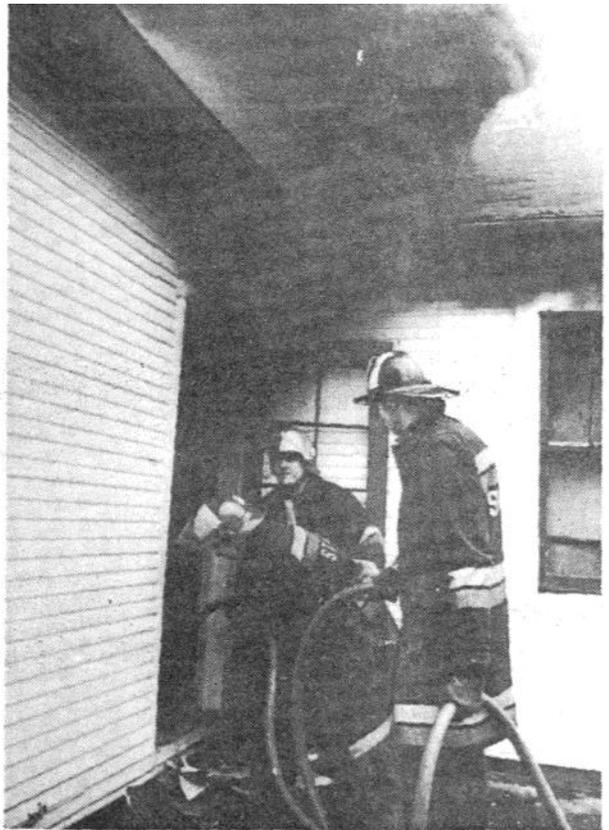


Photo by Melinda Auge

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'

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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 we're lucky, we'll get two.

It seems that the Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews and the Woman's Club of St. Matthews have both been working, but not together, to get a "jaws of life" into the East End.

Monday, the woman's club mailed letters to about 50 civic organizations inviting them to attend a demonstration of the tool and financially aid its purchase. And Monday night, the younger women unanimously voted to appropriate \$2,225 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 Blair, president of the woman's club, has been compiling a list of civic organizations, writing letters and arranging a demonstration.

The woman's club has arranged a demonstration of the "jaws of life" for 7:30 pm Monday, Nov. 27, in the parking lot of the club at 4124 Shelbyville Road.

Mrs. Blair 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. 31 -- 7:37 am -- Country Day School, Browns Lane, working fire in gym, under control in 20 minutes. Units from McMahan assisted, units from Lyndon manned St. Matthews station.

Oct. 31 -- 8 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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Russ Rakestraw, Roger Herdt, John Noon



Ken Reising



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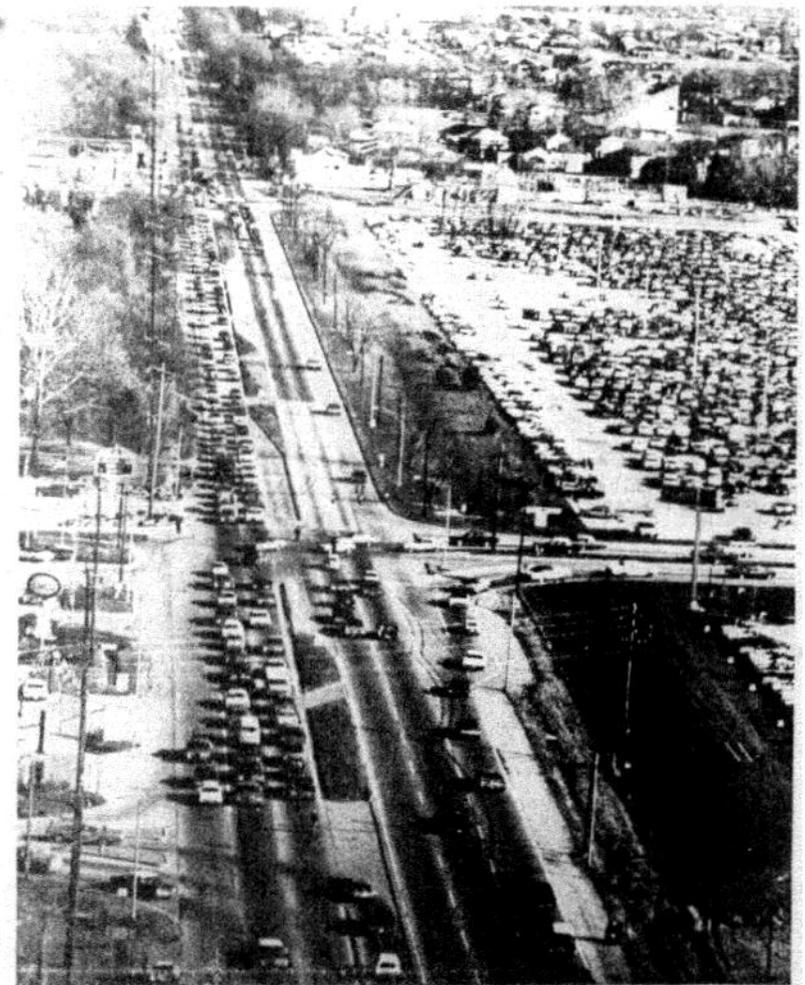
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Ayr-way lights up the holly tree for the holidays Friday, Nov. 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Unadvertised specials all evening long. Early savings on all your Christmas shopping. Huge toy department fills entire garden shop. Free Santa-Candy. NOW OPEN TILL MIDNIGHT, EVERY FRIDAY TILL CHRISTMAS.



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



Voice photo by Robin Garr III

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.

Unknown date:

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*:

'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 \$3,925 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 Kermil Cook assisted in obtaining the wrecked car for the demonstration.

A committee selected from the groups

sitting 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 Club.

Committee members are Mrs. Robert Coshaw of the Younger Woman's Club of St. Matthews, Mrs. J. T. Burkhardt of the Graymoor Woman's Club, Paul W. Blandford of the Jeffersontown 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 Sertoma.

Also, Bob Martin, chief of the Middletown Fire Department, Lt. Al Ring of the St. Matthews Fire Department, George E. Fertig 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.

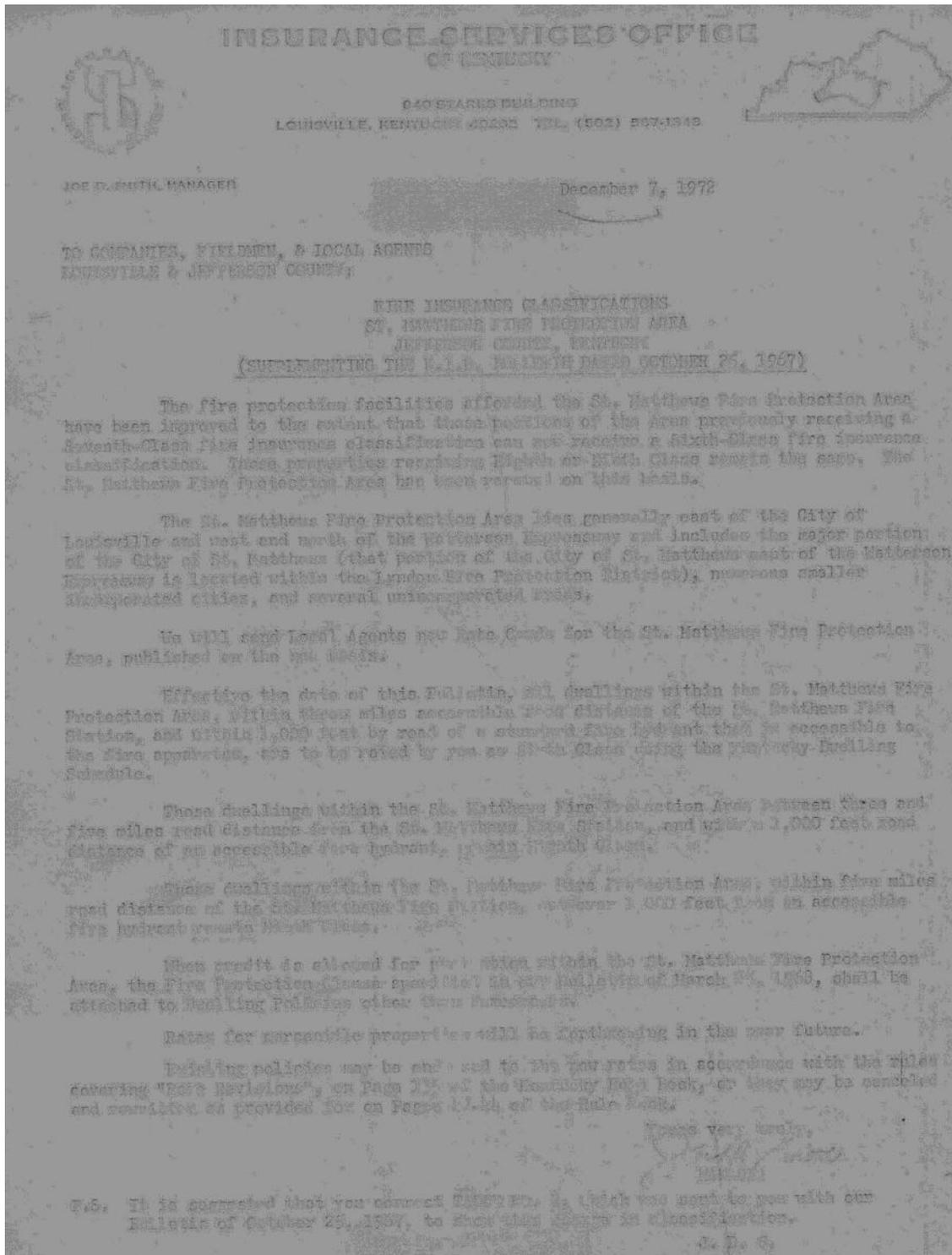
Nov. 17 -- 10:30 am -- Suburban Hospital, 4001 Dutchman's Lane, short in wiring in X-Ray machine, light damage.

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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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December 7, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

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December 14, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

Firemen seek houses to burn

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December 21, 1972, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:

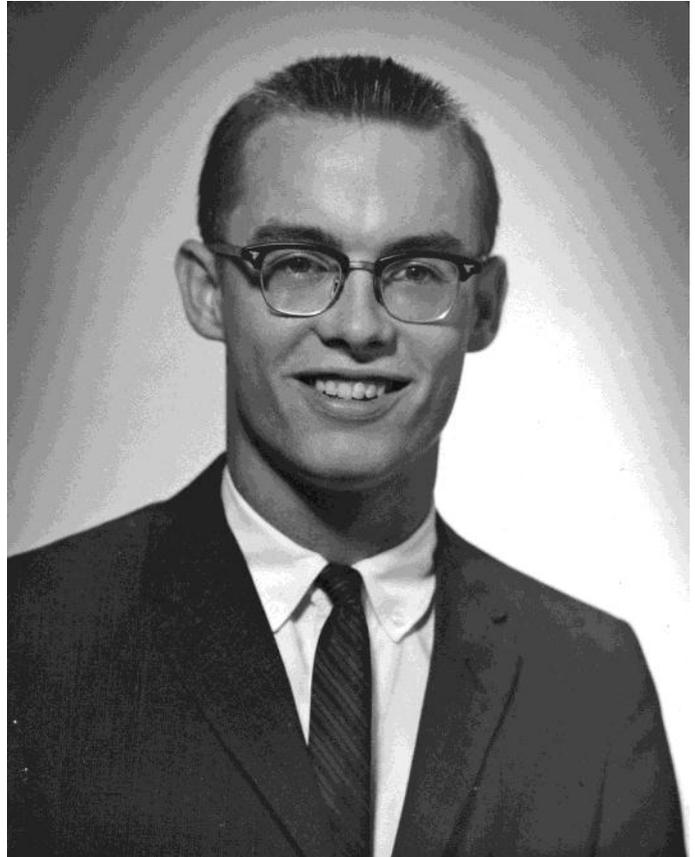
Fire chief's son suffers fatal accident

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 circle 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.

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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 ajourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



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 LaGrange Road in Lyndon, about 1 pm Thursday, Dec. 21.

Maurice Kohnhorst, superintendent of the Home, said, "Fortunately, the damage was not too extensive since they caught it in the early stages."

Kohnhorst said Mrs. Orlie Ball, the cottage parent on duty, smelled wood burning and discovered flames coming

Lyndon

Marcia Sweeney
425-5680

out of the floor around 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.

Kohnhorst said the girls were in the hall at the time, preparing to leave for classes after lunch. He said Mrs. Ball "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 cancel their run, when it was determined the fire was not that extensive.

Kohnhorst, 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.

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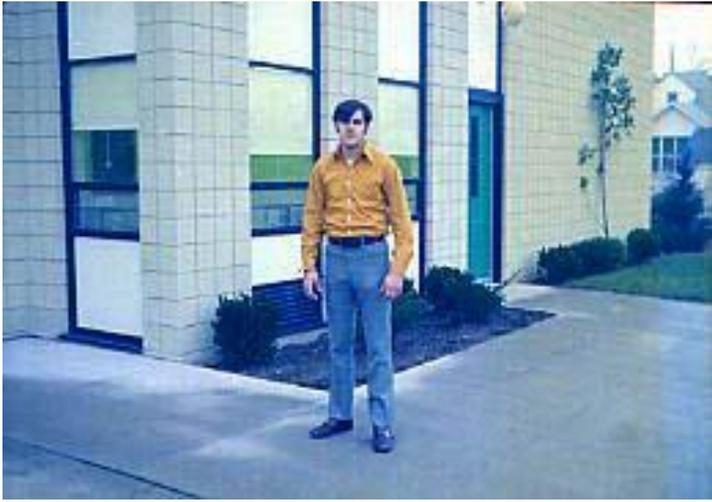


Al Ring above, Chief John Monohan's care on fire run.

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These photos are believed to be 1972:

Firefighter Bob Zaepfel.



Sample Fire Run Reports 1972:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N^o 553

FIRE REPORT

DATE 2/18/72 TIME OF ALARM 4:00 A.M. TIME RETURNED 4:20 P.M.

LOCATION 19 WESTPORT TERN APT. NO. - 1

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER OTHER

WEEDS TRASH

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER Billy C. Hooy

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS FIRE IN THE UNIT ABOVE THE CEILING

OFFICER IN CHARGE Charles King REPORT WRITTEN BY 20:00 King

2 SCOTTS
1-1/2" DUNGEON
2- LIGHTS
1- PORTABLE LIGHT COMP
2- LIGHT GENERATOR
1- BRUSH
8- TAPPS
1- SMALL HANDSAW
4- AXES
1- DIKE POLE
1- HALLWAY TOOL
1- HUX BAR
1- PITCH FORD
3- SHOVELS
1- 2" HOODS LADEN
1- LIGH LADDER

20' STAIRS
16' ROOF
14' ROOF
1 MOP DUCKET
2 MOPS

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N^o 574

FIRE REPORT

DATE 3/19/72 TIME OF ALARM 3:07 A.M. TIME RETURNED _____ P.M.

LOCATION 405 POLARIS LN Box 418 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 Mrs. M.S. Campbell

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS Fire appeared to have started at the left of the bottom of the stairs leading from the 1st floor to the basement. Service disconnected.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Al Harberlin

S-1 2 SHOVELS, 1 AX - 3 SCOTT PACKS
BOOSTERS 1 section 2 1/2"
D. Dugan

S-4 - 2 BOOSTER LINES
Hand tools

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. N^o 1042

FIRE REPORT

DATE 9/8/72 TIME OF ALARM 12:05 A.M. TIME RETURNED _____ P.M.

LOCATION Mountain Valley - County Ct. APT. RFD

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 _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS Burn fire. Used 10 sections 2 1/2" 2 sections 1 1/2"

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY H.B.

Sample Fire Run Reports 1972:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 588

FIRE REPORT

DATE 8-7-72 TIME OF ALARM 12:00 P.M. TIME RETURNED 1:05 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 719 Indian Ridge 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 Mrs. John A. Stout

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS FIRE IN FORWARD VENT PIPE WEG
ROOFER, CO2, SCOTTS MAMMA, HALLAM 200g from WEG
16' ROOF LAMEN, POKY, RUCKETS, ALCOA,

OFFICER IN CHARGE J. O. King REPORT WRITTEN BY J. O. King

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 1008

FIRE REPORT

DATE 8-22 TIME OF ALARM 2:10 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED _____ A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 720 Indian Ridge 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 John D. Jones

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS FIRE IN REARWARD BURNER OF CHEST FREE
VICT 1 BOWST, AXES, WEG, FAN SCOTTS AN SW

54 GALE AXE 20

OFFICER IN CHARGE J. O. King REPORT WRITTEN BY J. O. King

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 1002

FIRE REPORT

DATE 8/10/72 TIME OF ALARM 9:30 P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:15 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 4006 ELFIN 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 _____

OWNER ADDRESS 4006 ELFIN

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS _____

OFFICER IN CHARGE S-A Check OK - KCA REPORT WRITTEN BY _____

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 646

FIRE REPORT

DATE 7-9 TIME OF ALARM 7:30 A.M. TIME RETURNED 11:30 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION Brown Estate 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 Vacant

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS Working fire in chimney down used
2-2 1/2 3/4" ducted from wood 1200 ft 2 1/2"
1 tarp 1 lead antea 3 ladders.

OFFICER IN CHARGE _____ REPORT WRITTEN BY H.B.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 1029

FIRE REPORT

DATE 8-17-72 TIME OF ALARM 4:15 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED _____ A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 24 LOHA ROAD 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 _____

OWNER Mrs. George Sanders

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS GARAGE FIRE, VICT MATCH, DOOR BURNED,
SOME DAMAGE TO CAR. CALLED ARJON SQUAD
THEY HAVE A SUSPECT. DETECTIVE HUNTER

OFFICER IN CHARGE J. O. King REPORT WRITTEN BY J. O. King

Tools used S-A
2 Shovels
2 Pitch Forks
4 SCOTTS
6 EXTRA SCOTT BOTTLES
4 AXES
3 PIKE POLES
3 TARPS
1 FLASH LIGHT

- 5-3
3 Scott Poles
Axes
Shovels
Forks

HOSE & FITTINGS S-A
1- DOUBLE MALE 2 1/2" FITTING
2- 200' 1 1/2" BUNDLES
1- 50' 1 1/2" BUNDLE
1- Y-GATE 2 1/2" - 2 1/2" LINES
2- BOOSTERS
3- 1 1/2" NOZZLES
20 sections 2 1/2" HOSE
1000'
LAIO 800'

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Fire Statistics For 1972

Total number of fire runs:	232
Total working fires:	6
Total hours of fire fighting:	72
Total 1 1/2" hose used:	3,400 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used:	7,800 feet
Back up City of Louisville:	3 times
Number of A. M. runs:	79
Number of P. M. runs:	153

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

S1:	188
S2:	23
S3:	63
S4:	93
S5:	59

Types of fire runs:

House	71
Commercial	38
Automobile	50
Field & trash	37
Miscellaneous	31
Malicious false	5

Working Fires:

2/18/1972	4:04 p.m.	House, 19 Westport Terrace, 2 nd floor
7/9/1972	6:09 p.m.	House, J. Graham Brown Estate, Browns Lane
8/2/1972	2:18 p.m.	House, 720 Indian Ridge Road
8/6/1972	2:24 p.m.	House 4006 Elfin Road
9/8/1972	5:32 a.m.	Barn, Country Club Lane, arson
10/31/1972	7:39 a.m.	Country Day School, 1403 Browns Lane, Assisted by McMahan & Lyndon FD's
6/13/1972		Auto Accident, one dead

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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.
Assistant Chief Al Haeberlin
Assistant Chief Melchior R. "Melch" Zehnder
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Captain Robert C. "Bob" Walling
Lieutenant Herb L. Chrest
Lieutenant Jack DeHart
Lieutenant William E. "Bill" Dieckman
Lieutenant Douglas L. "Doug" Monohan
Lieutenant Russell "Russ" M. Rakestraw
Lieutenant Al Ring

Firefighters

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Roger S. Herdt	Jim D. Youngson
John Jeff Hull, new	Robert L. "Bob" Zaepfel
Jim L. Jackson	