

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1974

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Al Ring with the help of the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association, Inc. The Association's members are Rick Albers, A. E. "Bill" Andriot, III, E. Gar Davis, Clarke Fenimore, Jack Monohan, Mike Noon, Russ Rakestraw and Al Ring.

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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1974: The building at 109 Breckenridge Lane, which served as the firehouse from 1925 to 1942, was torn down.

1974: New training program was introduced.

1974: Captain Al Ring became President of Firefighters, Inc.

1974: The softball team got uniforms.

1974: Jack Monohan, III became Assistant Chief.

January 3, 1974, *The Voice*:

Wind damage light

By Roger Auge
Staff Writer

Winds that reached up to 61 miles per hour at Bowman Field ripped down trees, power lines and signs but caused no serious injuries Dec. 26.

Jefferson County Police said they responded to "lots of things" such as trees blown across roadways, power lines and poles knocked down and "general runs that took time but no injuries."

In St. Matthews, City Clerk Gretchen Kaiser said trees were blown down in the 3600 block of Warner, the 3600 block of St. Germaine, Chenoweth Lane near Brookfield and at Browns Lane and Shelbyville Road.

She said those four were in the right-of-way and after inspection by Mayor Gerald Bowling were cut up and removed by city works department crews.

St. Matthews policy is to help with removal of trees and branches that fall from within the roadway right-of-way. The city will not clean up private property but will, if requested, pickup material that has been cut and dragged to the edge of the street.

St. Matthews Fire Department answered only one call during the storm, according

to Lt. Al Ring, and that was to be on hand in case a sign that had been blown loose fell on some electric power lines at Hulbards Lane and Shelbyville Road.

"It was very unusual," Ring said. "Usually, we get more calls but we were very fortunate not to have more damage."

A sudden gust tore about one-quarter of the surface of the roof of *The Voice-Jeffersonian's* building at 3928 Chenevert Square, spilling a quantity of pooled water from previous rains into the newspaper's composing room.

Little damage was done inside the building, and workers from the Howard Dohrmann Construction firm labored into the blustery night constructing a temporary roof over the damaged area.

Other wind damage reported includes a skylight shattered at Cimarron shopping center, signs blown down at both entrances to Hurstbourne on Shelbyville Road and a television antenna destroyed on Massie Avenue in St. Matthews.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company answered about 1,600 calls between about 3 pm and 5 pm and about 5,000 by early Thursday morning.

South Central Bell Telephone Co. reported no specific wind damage problems in eastern Jefferson County.

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January 10, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Jan. 10, 1974.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller	John Monohan
Stan Jones	Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer	J. P. Jerry
Fred Boss	

Minutes of meeting held on Dec. 13 1973 were read by Chairman Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monchan recommended that we accept the one and only bid received on painting of two trucks and proceed to have them painted. The cost being \$895.00 for truck #1 and \$1095.00 for truck #4. This price includes painting, striping, chrome refinishing and any necessary metal repairs.

Mr. Boss put it in a form of a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, that we accept said bid ~~and~~ proceed to have painting done.

Mr. Andriot, representing the firemen, wanted to know if the board would agree to having a Dinner-dance for the firemen. The board agreed and instructed him to go ahead with making plans.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we invest \$5000.00 in Certificate of deposit with Citizens Fidelity at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % for 2 years.

There being no further business Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



January 17, 1974, *The Voice*:

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Firefighters plan school

By Roger Auge
Staff Writer

Fire fighting schools planned by Fire-fighters Inc. should make sleeping a little easier for residents of Jefferson County, according to association president, Lt. Al Ring, of St. Matthews.

Ring, installed Jan. 11, announced the plan for 21 to 24 hours of concentrated study, within minutes of taking office. He succeeds 1973 president Don Thom, chief of the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

Lt. Doug Monohan, of St. Matthews, will act as school director.

Monohan said the four schools planned include classes in fighting liquid and gas fires, high-rise building fires; and aircraft fires and rescues. Each will be taught by a professional firefighter who is tops in his specialized field, Monohan said.

Announcement of the schools and installation of officers for 1974 topped the wide-ranging agenda before the association at the South Dixie Volunteer Fire Department station. Ring said 106 firefighters from 17 of the county's 23 departments attended.

Monohan said Middletown Chief Bob Martin will teach the liquids and gas course. Martin teaches at the state fire fighting school in Lexington and is a recognized expert in fighting liquid and gas fires, Monohan said.

Lt. Col. John Ridge, an instructor at Jefferson Community College, will teach methods of fighting fires in high-rise buildings. He will combine the course with instruction on the use of sprinkler and standpipe systems inside high buildings, said Monohan.

Standiford Field fire chief Cecil Hammons will teach aircraft fire fighting,

Monohan said. Hammons is working up a program for teaching rescue, hazards and confinement of aircraft fires, Monohan said.

Ring said the schooling will make the volunteer departments "more professional."

Besides Ring, new officers include; Lt. Ed Meiman, Lake Dreamland, first vice president; Boz Tabler, Harrods Creek, second vice president; Bernie

Wathin, Fairdale, treasurer; Glenn Vogedes, Fern Creek, secretary, and Phil Schneider, St. Matthews, sergeant-at-arms. Offices are held one year.

In other action, the association tabled a motion to deliver money to the annual Crusade for Children at specific times rather than having to wait "for three or four hours to get on stage for three minutes" as in the past, Ring said.

January 17, 1974, *The Voice*:

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Ring crusades for children

By Karen Grimes

Jim Walton and Al Ring talked about their favorite subject -- children -- at the St. Matthews Rotary Club meeting last Wednesday. They want to raise money for the Crusade for Children.

Walton, who emceed the last Crusade, now spends the year distributing the money collected and is planning an even bigger Crusade for next year.

"Perfectly honest Jim Walton," as he called himself, kept his comments short. He spoke of how the Crusade began 21 years ago, of the seven-million dollars that have been given to the Crusade and of recollections of his many years with the Crusade.

Walton read a few letters from parents of handicapped children who want to thank him, WHAS and the Crusade for helping their child.

It was a low key speech, but then maybe he knew that Al Ring's speech would be just the opposite.

Rivalry

Ring, a lieutenant in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, described the rivalry between the St. Matthews Fire Department and Pleasure Ridge Fire Department. He explained the two units have been number one in collections for five years each, but that Pleasure Ridge Park has collected more money overall. And that is precisely what annoys Ring.

He said, "We're St. Matthews. We should be number one."

So this year, the firemen are giving a no holds barred effort to trouncing Pleasure Ridge Park. They hope to collect \$50,000.

With that figure in mind, Ring said the firemen allowed women in the firehouse for the first time to aid in plan-

ning fund raising activities.

The firemen's wives have held a garage sale, a card party and bazaar, a door-to-door candy sale and plans are being made for a chili supper in February. So far, the wives have made \$2,000 for the Crusade.

Recycle

Ring also said a site had been established behind the firehouse for bottles, cans and paper for recycling. The firemen are paid \$20 a ton for newspaper.

He mentioned that WSTM is conducting a contest, "Cash for Trash" with a prize for guessing how much money will be raised from the January paper collection. He also said WSTM was helping with advertising.

Ring praised the mayor and the St. Matthews City Council for supporting the fire department 100 percent.

Ring read an editorial written by Voice publisher Bruce Van Dusen about the St. Matthews Fire Department and its effort for the Crusade.

Ring then read the letter of reply that the Voice received from the Pleasure Ridge Park firemen, in which they offer their help in boosting our total collections.

Ring said, "Don't let us accept or need their help."

Number one

The firemen are asking the businesses and clubs to give to the Crusade through the fire department. Each contribution goes straight to the Crusade and is recognized when the department delivers its funds to Memorial Auditorium.

Ring said, "We view this activity as a vote of confidence, a pat on the back

for a job well done."

He stated that the fire department is completely volunteer, no salaries. The men even furnish their clothing and some equipment.

"Give us what money you do give to the Crusade. It's the only payment we ask for serving you 365 days a year. Let's be number one in everything," Ring concluded.

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January 17, 1974, *The Voice*:

Two dogs die in home fire

By Roger Auge
Staff Writer

Fire gutted one room and heavily damaged much of a one-story home at 4623 Brownsboro Road Friday morning, Jan. 11. 1974

Two pet dogs died from smoke inhalation but a tiny toy poodle survived by hiding under a bed in a bedroom in the furthest corner of the house from the fire, according to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Lt. Al Ring.

The homeowner, Mrs. Verna Hamilton was away at work when the fire was reported by a neighbor about 9:15 am. Firefighters said the fire had been smoldering sometime before it blew out a den window causing flames and smoke to billow over Brownsboro Road.

Ring said the cause of the fire is "undetermined." The Louisville Arson Squad is investigating, but Ring said arson is not seriously being considered as a cause.

Fire department Major Robert C. Walling, first to arrive, said he originally thought the house was fully involved in flames. But 500 gallons of water from one pump truck brought the fire under control, he said.

Ring said, "This is one stop I can brag on. It took some real quick, concentrated work because we thought there was a heck of a lot more fire than there was.

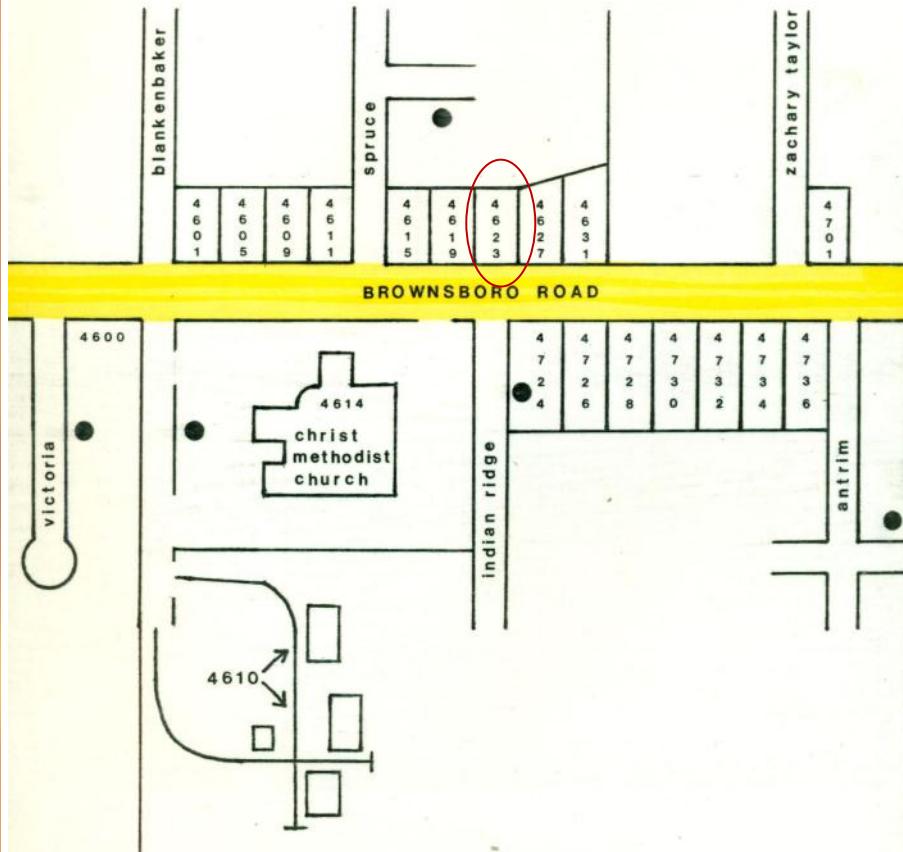
"But our firefighters confined the fire to the one room, the front den and made a beautiful stop," Ring said.

Because of a lack of fire hydrants along that section of Brownsboro Road, Ring said the department laid two 1,300 foot hoses.

"It's just an unfortunate area where the houses are a good distance from the closest hydrant," he said.

Ring emphasized that a hydrant located in the front yard of the Hamilton home would have made no difference in fighting the fire because it was controlled quickly with water from the pumper.

BROWNSBORO ROAD
BOX 071
4600 - 4736



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February 2, 1974, *The Voice*:

What's cooking

What's cooking with the wives of the St. Matthews Volunteer Firemen? It's a chili supper at Trinity High School cafeteria from 4-8 pm Saturday, Feb. 2.

The supper is phase three of the wives' plan to help their husbands raise \$50,000 for the Crusade for Children. In the last few months, the wives have held a garage sale and a joint card party and bazaar.

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people.

All of the ingredients to make that much chili and the other food for the supper was donated by area **businesses**. Another 50 **businesses** have displayed posters advertising the supper.

The menu includes chili at 40 cents a bowl, sandwiches and hot dogs, cake, pie, coffee and soft drinks. The chili is available for carry-out orders, but you must bring your own container.

After supper, you can attend the Trinity vs. Manual basketball game in the gym.

The firemen's wives and Father Jensen hope the evening will have a two-fold effect - People attending the chili supper will stay for the basketball game and those coming for the game will come early and eat chili.

Feb. 2, 1974

February 7, 1974, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*:



Staff photo

DANA MONOHAN, 6, won a stuffed dog at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department chili supper to raise money for the Crusade for Children. Dana is the grandchild of Fire Chief John Monahan. The supper netted about \$700. The fire department is competing with other departments to raise the most money for the annual crusade.

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Note, I believe this is Mary Kay Klapheke.

1974

February 14, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Feb. 14, 1974.

Directors present:

Geo Miller	Fred Boss
Stan Jones	Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer	W. Leland Wilson
	John Monohan

Minutes of meeting held on Jan. 10, 1974 were read by Chairman Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we invest a certain sum of money in Treasury Bills as an investment toward new equipment. The amount to be invested will be \$9727.35 for 6 months at 7.10%. At maturity date, which will be July 25, 1974, the return shall be \$10.000.

Mr. Monohan reported that one piece of equipment is now being painted and is near completion. The second piece will get painted in about 2 weeks.

Mr. Monohan also asked the board their thinking on the idea of installing an underground tank for gas, to be used in the trucks in emergencies, such as at nights and on week-ends when gas stations may be closed.

The board agreed with the idea and authorized Mr. Monohan to install said tank.

Mr. Boss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that a Dinner-dance be given for the firemen

The dinner to be on March 13 at Keith's Landing and the dance will be at the V.F.W. hall on March 16.

Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we buy a calculator from Louisville ~~le~~ Typewriter CO. at a cost of \$310.00 less discount.

Setting in on this Feb. 14, 1974 meeting were two guest. Namely, Mr. Dennis Clare, who is Co-ordinator for Volunteer Fire Depts. in Jefferson Count. Also Mr. Bruce VanDusen, ~~editor~~ & publisher of the Voice Newspaper.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



1974

February 14, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Mar. 14, 1974.

Directors present:

John Monohan	Fred Boss
Bill Andriot	Geo. Miller
J. P. Terry	Marty Kamer
Phil Grauman	W. Leland Wilson

Minutes of meeting held on Feb. 14, 1974 were read by Chairman Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that we authorize the instalation of sport equipment in and on the parking lot.

The board members gave their O.K. for the firemen to purchase a truck to be used to collect and haul paper for benefit of the Crusade. The cost of the truck will be 300.00 dollars and will be paid for by the firemen out of the Crusade fund. The Fire Dept. will carry the insurance on said truck.

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

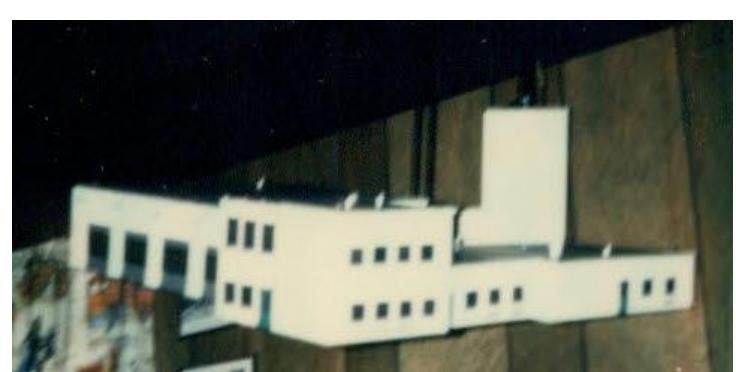
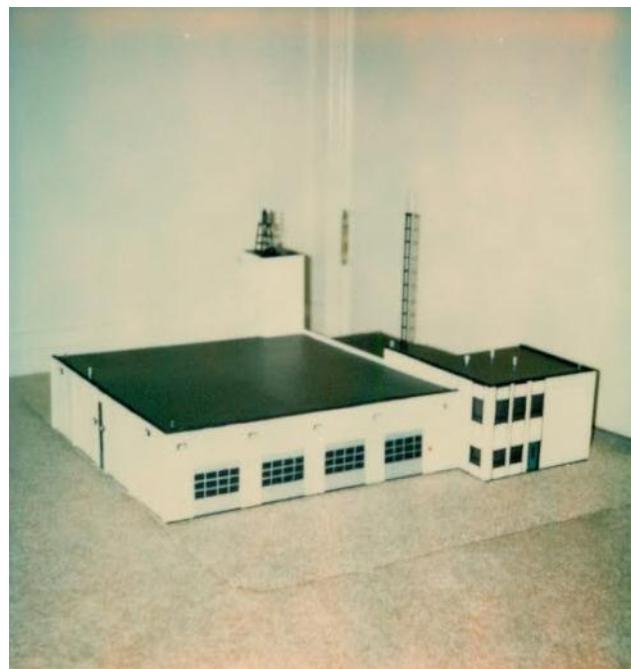
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March 1974: S4, 1955 Seagrave 750 GPM Quad, was repainted.

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1974 Photos from Al Ring —his collection of STMFD fire houses he made.



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NOTE:

The April 3, 1974 Tornado information will be covered in a separate section.

4/18/1974 6:40 p.m. Apartment, 3838 Washington Square, bedroom (by Jack O'Toole—(January 2011)

I was riding the tailboard of the 3rd unit in, and there was little for us to do but overhaul. The fire started in a downstairs room and as luck would have it, there was a water bed in the room directly above the fire area. No one in the condo building would ‘buzz’ us into the building, and by the time we were allowed in, the water bed had melted and put out the fire.

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April 11, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Ass. was held on April 11, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss	J. P. Terry
John Monohan	W. Leland Wilson
Bill Andriot	Geo. Miller

Minutes of meeting held on March 14, 1974 were read by Pres. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Terry, that they be accepted as read.

Geo. Miller was instructed to contact Phil Grauman to find out whether or not Mrs Sharp is covered on new wage scale.

Fred Boss reported that Treasury Bill for \$10,000 has not been received. Mr. Boss talked to Stan Jones and Helen Hamilton and they said it was supposed to have been delivered Mar. 20, 1974.

There being no further business motion made by Geo. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



April 18, 1974, *The Voice*:

Firefighters take care of their own

Jefferson County volunteer firefighters "took care of one of their own" last week in a swift and zealous gesture which raised \$142.37 for a very sick boy.

The recipient is nine-year-old Mike Thom, son of Worthington Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Donald C. Thom and Mrs. Thom, of 7502 Crown Top Rd.

Last month, after back pains defied

repeated attempted medical diagnoses, Mike was found to have a malignant tumor on the spine. An operation has left him paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair for an indefinite period.

At a meeting of the Firefighters Association April 12, Association president Al Ring asked for contributions so that toys could be bought for Mike, a fourth-grader at Norton School.

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During April & May of 1974 there was unrest with the firefighters and officers with the leadership of Assistant Chief Bob Walling. After several meetings Bob Walling resigned from the position.

May 9, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on May 9, 1974.

Directors present:

Geo, Miller	John Monohan
W. Leland Wilson	Phil Grauman
Bill Andriot	Marty Kamer

Minutes of meeting held on April 11, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Grauman, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the pay rate for Mrs Sharp be increased to \$1.90 per hour effective May 1, 1974 in order to meet new wage rate requirements.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that a letter be sent to Mr. Stan Jones asking for his resignation as a director, since he is no longer connected in business in the St. Matthews area.

Mr. Monohan brought before the board a petition, dated April 30, 1974, signed by 31 firemen, asking Bob Walling for his resignation as Asst. Chief. Having submitted his resignation, Mr Grauman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that resignation be accepted. Motion so carried.

Mr. Monohan requested firemen to submit a list of names to be considered for the Asst. Chief vacancy. This list is to be made available on or before the next board meeting.

Mr. Monohan appointed a committee of three to review this list of names. The committee consist of Mr. Andriot, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Kamer.

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that we purchase Jump Suits for the firemen.

There being no further business Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



May 16, 1974, *The Voice*:

Crusade wins predicted

By Roger Auge
Staff Writer

R. K. Back, chief of the Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department, is confident his firefighters will donate more money to the annual Crusade for Children than their arch-rival, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

He flatly states his department will donate "a lot more" than last year's total of \$28,351.

But St. Matthews officials are equally confident they will once again reign as Jefferson County's most giving group of volunteer firefighters.

Last Year, for the fourth straight year, Pleasure Ridge Park won. In the past 11 years, the record is St. Matthews six wins, Pleasure Ridge five. Overall, St. Matthews has donated \$202,411, Pleasure Ridge Park \$208,097.

St. Mathews Officials, tired of being number two, vowed last year to collect \$50,000 and, with a boatload of help from their wives, planned a flotilla of chili suppers, card parties and newspaper and can collections to make the promise stick.

St. Mathews Crusade Chairman, Lt. Al Ring cautiously declined to say how much has been collected, "because it'll make them work harder if I do."

But, Ring reached for an adding machine and began pushing buttons and ringing totals.

"Let's see just how much it will take for them to beat us," he said.

"They're a fine fire department," Ring said, "But they're going to have to come up with around thirty, nope about thirty-five percent more this year than they did last year to beat us.

"And I just don't think they stand a chance. In fact, you can say St.

Matthews WILL be number one again. Pleasure Ridge WILL be number two," said Ring.

Back said an editorial in *The Voice* last year "called us a bunch of penny-pinching money grubbers or something like that. So we'll just see how many pennies we can pinch and how much money we can grub."

St. Mathews firefighters will set up roadblocks this weekend and finish canvassing neighborhoods in their fire protection district, Ring said.

So far, about \$750 has come in from East End businesses but Ring said "a whole lot more is in the mail, a whole lot more."

"We are banking on the businesses coming through for us this year," he said. In the past, East End businesses have donated no more than \$2,000

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through the fire department to the Crusade, he said.

St. Mathews is scheduled for an appearance on WHAS-TV at 1:30 pm Sunday, May 19 to deliver its haul. Pleasure Ridge Park is to go on at 4 pm.

Back said the three hour additional period of collection time might help Pleasure Ridge Park. Ring said it would make no difference because St. Mathews traditionally "stops all operations at 1:30 anyway" and besides, he repeated, Pleasure Ridge Park doesn't have a chance of winning.

Back, laughing, said, "We'll see."

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May 17, 1974, Unknown:

The absent sirens

Where are the sirens? Who heard them?

Three weeks after the devastating tornado struck this community, I am appalled that so little has been heard of plans for installation of Civil Defense sirens in all areas. Without these alerts, we have no civil defense.

I wonder how many people ever heard a warning unless they happened to have a radio or television turned on. You can't stay "tuned in" 24 hours a day, and I know of several instances where victims knew nothing about it until their homes were destroyed. How fortunate that they escaped being killed. Suppose it had come during the night hours, when most people had retired. The death toll would have been ghastly.

When we lived in the Anchorage area the siren was mounted on top of Eastern High School and since it rotated it could be heard all over the countryside.

Since I've lived in St. Matthews (five years) I have yet to hear one. When I called Mr. Durand, acting director of Louisville and Jefferson County Office of Civil Defense, and asked him why, his answer left me stunned. "No, you haven't heard one and won't until the fire chief (volunteer fire department) consents to having one placed on that building. This he has persistently refused to do."

Do you mean to tell me that one man's objection to such an important means of protection is allowed to risk the lives of thousands of citizens?

Mrs. EUGENE H. ADAMS
4219 N. Church Way, Louisville

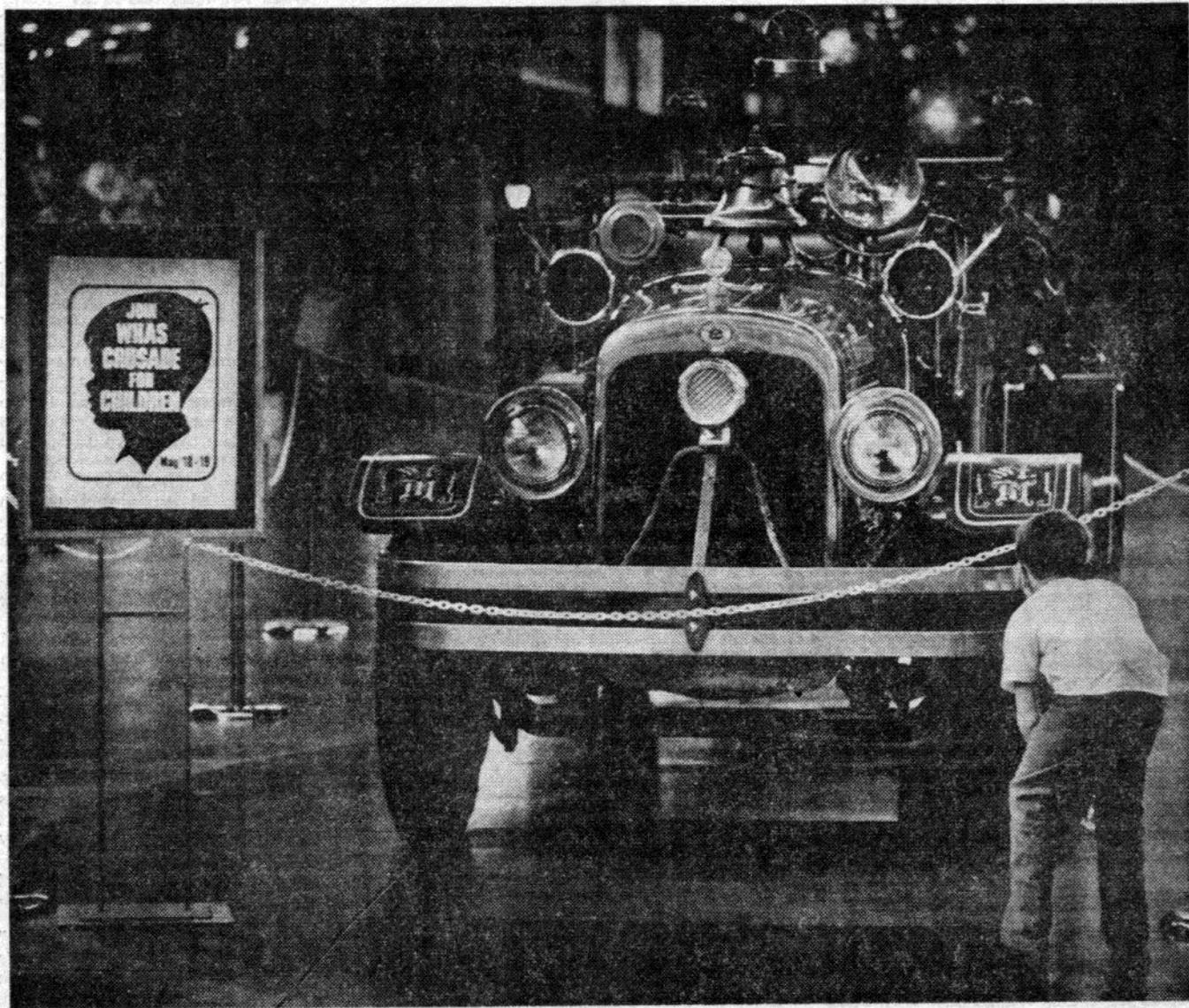
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Staff Photo by George Wedding

LOOKING OVER "Betsy," a 1931 Seagrave pump truck displayed at The Mall on Shelbyville Road is Eric Kline, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kline, of 2406 Tavener Drive in Louisville. The

truck is being shown in conjunction with a bazaar sponsored by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and The Mall for the Crusade for Children. Betsy is still in service after 43 years.

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May 18, 1974, *The Louisville Times*:

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THE LOUISVILLE TIMES, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1974



Staff Photo by George Wedding

Snackers three

The Gregory brothers, from left, Todd, 7; Jason, 3, and Scott, 7, enjoyed popcorn in front of a St. Matthews Fire Department truck on display at The Mall on Shelbyville Road during a bazaar yesterday to

collect money for the WHAS Crusade for Children. The effort was sponsored jointly by the fire department and the shopping center. The crusade broadcast begins tonight on WHAS television.

May 18, 1974, Unknown:



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Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Chief Kay Back said it all.

"We don't really care if St. Matthews beats us this year," he noted in a serious vein this week, "because all that means is that the Crusade for Children will benefit."

The chief was talking about the cross-town rivalry that has developed between his Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Department and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

In recent years, St. Matthews has always been the bridesmaid and never the bride when it came to which volunteer department could collect the most money for the annual Crusade for Children.

The Crusade for Children gets underway on WHAS radio and television at 10 tonight. And sometime tomorrow afternoon, as volunteer fire departments from Kentuckiana bring their collections to the stage of Memorial Auditorium, we'll know who won the 1974 competition between St. Matthews and Pleasure Ridge Park.

"We'll definitely do better than we did last year," said Capt. Al Ring of the St. Matthews volunteers. "And you can tell Pleasure Ridge Park that we absolutely have the utmost respect for them as fire fighters and human beings . . . but they will be No. 2 this year," Ring predicted.

"They always talk like that," Chief Back retorted.

Officials at WHAS have been mildly concerned this year over the effect the April 3 tornadoes may have on crusade collections. The station sent letters to the volunteer fire departments in areas hit by twisters saying that it would understand if the departments could not participate this year.

But if the Irvington (Ky.) Volunteer Fire Department is any indication, there should be little cause for concern.

Irvington, south of Brandenburg, was hit on its outer edges by the storm. Even so, Wayde McCamish, a member of the Irvington volunteers, said they would participate this year.

"We don't expect to do as well as last year," he said, "but we're going to try."

Members of the Southwick Improvement Club will be at 34th Street and Southern Avenue today selling barbecued ribs, cupcakes and other assorted goodies, the proceeds from which go to the crusade.

Sarah Thompson, president of the club, said they'll also have pony rides and collect at three roadblocks.

Crusade rivals fired up again for No. 1—the kids

Mrs. Thompson's husband, John, will be serving as chief cook. He has handled this chore for the past 12 years and his work has earned him a membership in the organization, which consists mostly of women.

"Once in a while," said Mrs. Thompson, "he even cooks at home."

Amy Waddell was one of about 350 Sullivan Business College students collecting for the crusade last week.

She turned in a sparkling performance thanks to a woman who drove up to her in a car in a shopping-center parking lot.

The woman dropped \$130 in cash into Amy's collection bucket. Amy was too startled to get the woman's name, but it will most likely get her a free steak dinner, which the school annually awards to the top collector.

Then there's Joseph Robinson, a chef in the dietary department at the Christian Church Home, 942 S. Fourth St.

An accomplished gospel singer, Robinson will open the religious part of the crusade tomorrow morning for the fourth straight year.

This year, however, he'll bring a gift of \$500 to the crusade, made possible by Robinson's fellow employees in the dietary department.

Coming off a regional barbershop-singing championship that they won last weekend, the Cardinal IV quartet of the Kentuckiana Chapter of Sweet Adelines will appear tomorrow morning on the crusade.

The quartet—Mary O'Hara, bass; Bernice Orr, tenor; Viola Pendleton, lead; and Patricia Humphrey, baritone—will be facing another challenge besides singing.

"That getting up at 4 a.m. to be ready to sing at 6:15," said Mrs. O'Hara. "I hope we can make it."

A crusade first this year: More than 100 churches in the five-county New Albany district of the United Methodist Church will pool their members' donations to make one giant gift tomorrow morning.

Handling what most likely will be his biggest collection ever, the Rev. Gordon Byrum, pastor of the Unity Chapel United Methodist Church at Ramsey, Ind., organized the effort.

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children:

Courtesy Marty Kamer:

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St. Matthews - 46,201	La Grange - 5338
Pleasant Ridge - 32708	OKalona - 13,379
Lyndon - 11,412	Zoneton - 4357
McMahan - 15,266	BUECHER - 12,152
Harrick Creek - 4776	Lynnview - 562
Jeffersontown 1855"	Fairdale - 7940
Middletown - 9000"	Shively & Dixie Suburb 11,888
FEAR CREEK - 6521	<hr/>
Black Mudd - 7718	Hourde - 1221
New Castle - 1880"	St Raphael - 1618
Highview -	St. Mary - 579
Emmencence - 2340"	Holy Spirit - 1695
South Dixie - 7788	Holy Trinity - 1254
Shelbyville -	Immaculate -
McCoulabb - 7718	Barnabas - 854
North Oldham - 1872	St. Jo. 383
Worthington 4035	St Edward 666"
Lake Decatur - 6100	St Aloysius 576
Eastwood - 1357	<hr/> <hr/> 4930
Edgewood - 4456	G.E. 50,000

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- Jeffersonville Community Club - 15,376
Camp Taylor - 10,723
Redmen - 27,005

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children:

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE ASSOCIATION		70,000.00 GOAL		CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN 1974			
BEFORE	BEFORE	EARLY	FRI NITE	SAT MORN	SAT 6PM	SAT NIGHT	SUNDAY
NEWSLETTER	4050.48	\$1	-	62170	407.48	65276	X 480.00
CANS	400.05						26186
GARAGE SALE	838.87	\$2					church 210.00
WALFEE	1000.00						PANCAKE H. 600.00
BLUE BOAR	143.88	\$3	1109.62	MALL 135.60	43721		74529
CHILE SUPPER	853.84			736.44	314.78	464.04	29720
CHARITY MARKET	329.01						
CARD PARTY						BOLING 100.00	
RAFFEL	560.31	\$4	553.26	MALL 172.85	716.25	490.01	123.64
BAZAR				89.46	369.54	370.31	552.70
ROUTE A	61.60					M6HT. 204.14	
OTHER	152.75	\$5	1305.30	-908.41			
TOTAL	8329.49				1794.56	28725	1152.26
DRIVE	1045.02						
ROAD BLOCK	169.52					WOMAN ABOUT 2252.00	
NEWSPAPER	120.92						
	218.09	\$6	348.13	309.94	25278	531.85	
S 1	356.54						871.86 10.00
	257.59						
S 2	251.80	EARLY	227.60				
Misc.	906.45		MALL 283.46	MALL 355.66	16 343.97	10 374.51	
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1974 Crusade for Children

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Newspaper	\$4175.48	Newspaper	\$ 4035.48
Cans	400.05	Cans	400.05
Garage Sale	838.87	Concert Mall	1045.02
Mrs. Wrege	1000.00	Woman about	3000.00
Blue Boar	143.88	Special Donation	1000.00
Chile Supper	853.84	Business 900 contacted Pancake House 600.00	
Early Money	329.01	Blue Boar 143.88	3000.00
Card Party	560.31	West St. Matthews About	6700.00
Raffle		Road Blocks	5000.00
Bazar		Church	210.00
Thursday Night Road Block	61.60	Boling	100.00
Friday Night Road Block	369.52	Canvase territory	14630.55
Other	152.75	Will	10000.00
Concert Mall	1045.02		
S 1 Monday night	218.09	Total	46228.80
Wend. Night	356.54		
Thursday night	257.59		
S 2 Thursday night	251.80		
S 6 Monday night	406.45		
Wend Night	280.48		
Thursday night	481.31		
Total	12,182.59		

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children: Notes, that were read on TV while giving the money.

We want to thank our wives and friends who helped us this year. They did an excellent job. Also a special thanks to Mrs. Joe McGrath who was chairwoman of the wives.

We want to thank the Mall Merchants Association, for their wonderful help this year. We had a bazar Friday and Saturday, and did real well, and also we received \$1,045.00 from an #Oldie but Goodie concert, sponsored by the Mall Merchants Association, Shackletons, Music Co. and the Monarchs, Epics, and the Trindells singing groups.

We want to mention that Chip Snyder held a Carnival with some helpers Maria Poschinger, Jimmy Frentz, Maria Gentile, and Andrew Gentile, and collected 22.92

We received 100.00 from Mrs. Westerman in the honor of Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Westerman.

Excel Service 5.00

Galbraiths Beauty Salon 25.00

K-Sue Liquors 25.00

Smith Hauling & Rigging Co. 101.00

We want to thank Mr. Joseph Boone owner of 4 Pancake House, and 2 Windmill Restaurants, for 100.00 from each for a total of \$600.00.

CLIFTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND BIBLE SCHOOL 210.00

TOMIE SAGADOC 25.00

DR. DON WRIGHT 100.00

10.00 FROM TEENY WINTERBERG IN MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER MIKE

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GIVE NOTE TO J.M

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children: Notes, that were read on TV while giving the money.

Their has been a lot of talk about competition between

PRP and us for the Crusade. We want to be sure everyone understands that as Fireman and Friends we have the utmost respect for PRP Firefighters, They are our Friends. But at Crusade time we square off into good friendly competition, As a Firefighter from St. Matthews I hope and expect them to be no two, For the Crusade , if they beat us it means more money for the kids, and that's ok. If they beat us, they will have worked hard and earned it.

We want to be sure and thank all the people in West St. Matthews again this year they came through.

We also want to thank all the people in the tornado area, which came right through west St. M. and are district, we thought it would hurt us, but it didn't , We are proud to represent people like this, and hope to continue to do so.

We would like to thank the estate and memory of mrs. Cleo Milligan, she died May 23, 1973 and directed that \$10,000.00 be given to the Crusade through our Fire Department.

Last Year \$23,626.06

% of increase. 95 $\frac{1}{2}$

Total

~~46228.80~~ 46228.80

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May 18 & 19, 1974, Crusade for Children: Our Crusade Recording Keeping Chart includes Al's Ace

			FRI. AM	SAT. AM	SAT. PM	SAT. MDT	SUNDAY	
S-1	NEWSPAPER	4050.48						480.00
CANT	400.05	51	621.70	407.43	652.36			161.86
GARAGE IN	873.87	-						church 21000
WEEG	1000.00							PAK. CANS 6000
S-2	BLU. BOM	141.88						
CHE. SUITE	857.84	53	1109.62	776.44	314.78	468.04	7452.9	29726
OTHER	329.61							
								100.00
S-3	CANDY	1						
MAPPIN	560.31	54		553.26	891.46	369.54	370.71	490.01 12348
BONAN								551.70
A.O.	666							
OTHER	152.75							
DANCE	1045.02	55	1105.30	903.41	1394.50	282.25		1152.26
NEWS/MAN	128.00							
A-1	369.52							
								2252.00
S-5	51	356.54	56	248.17	309.94	2577.8	586.85	861.86
		252.59						
S-2	52	251.80	57					
Hisc.		906.45	EARLY PM	227.60	4625.66	KA 240.97 20 227.60 334.51		
		230.58	MAIL	283.96	KA 151.16	MAIL 347.76		1.27.77
		831.31						
		12182.59		4449.07	4063.50	4436.39	2240.99	5562.61
Total		12182.59		16631.66	20700.16	15181.55	27415.54	72982.35
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May 20, 1974: Mailgram from Chief Paul O'Leary, McMahan Fire Department

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ALAN D RING
25 WESTPORT TERRACE
LOUISVILLE KY 40207

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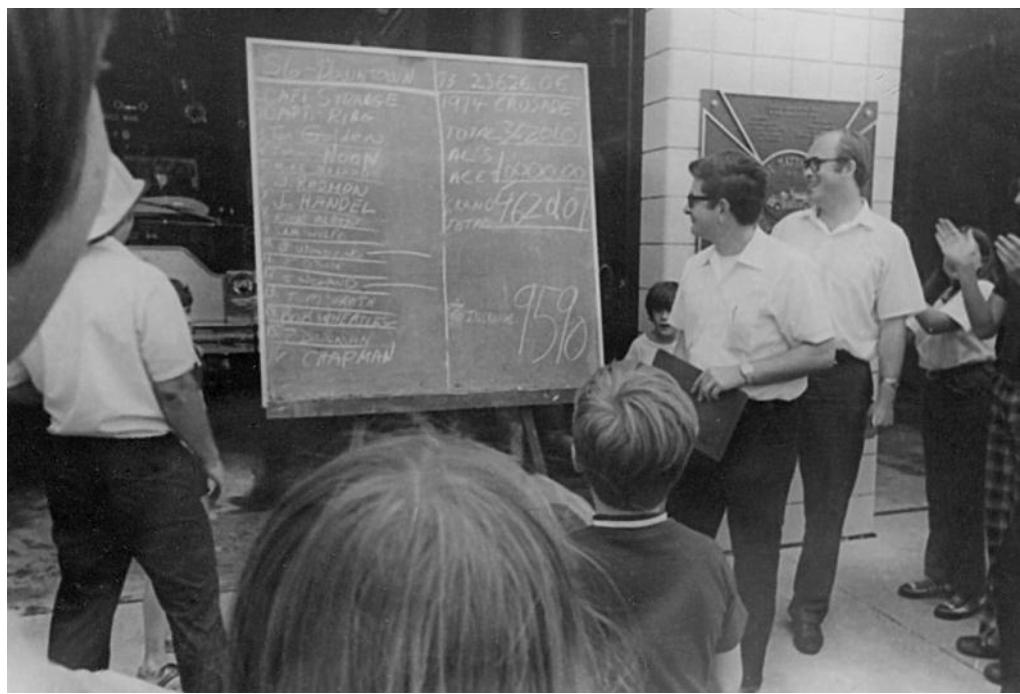
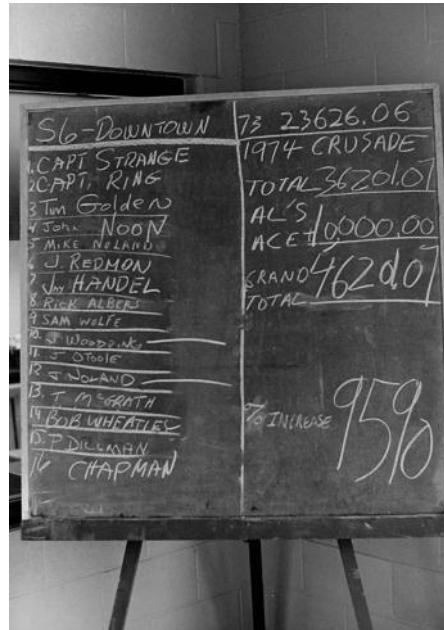
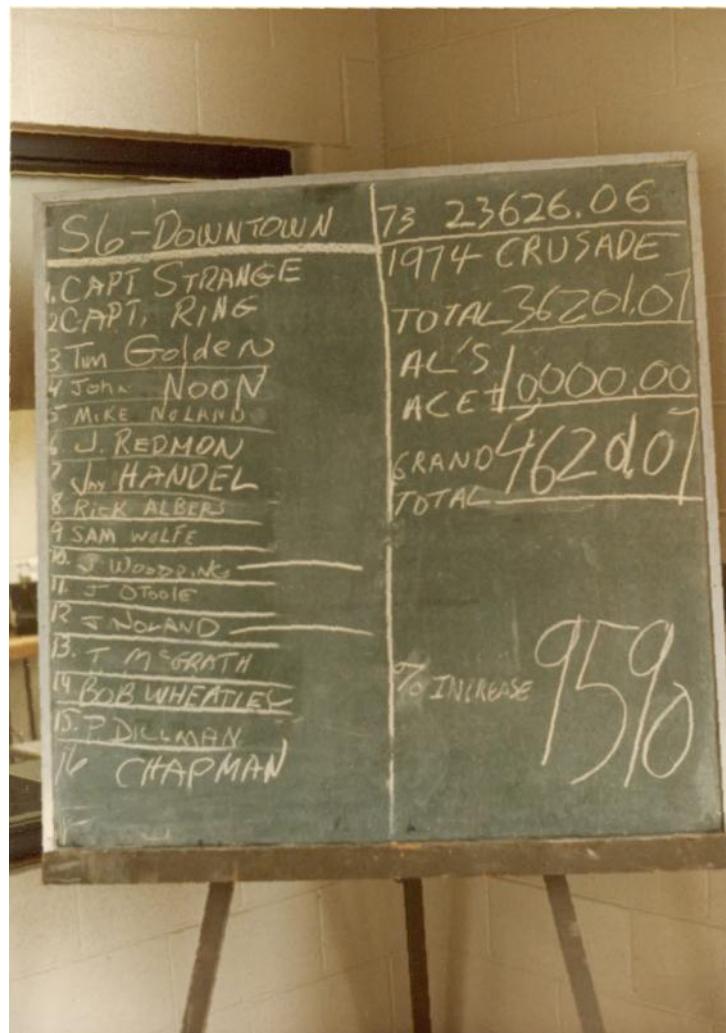
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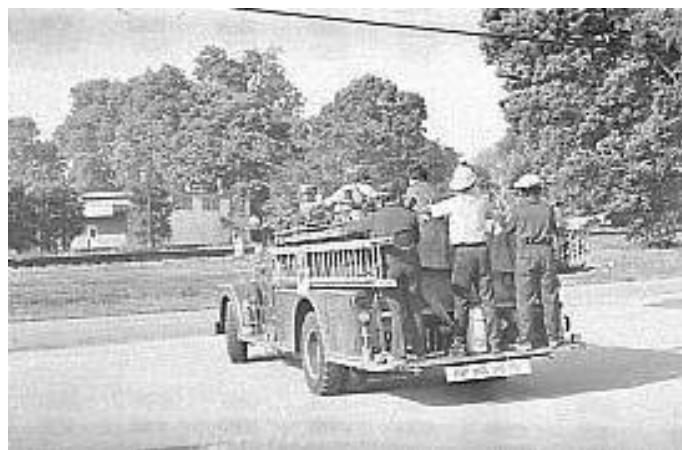
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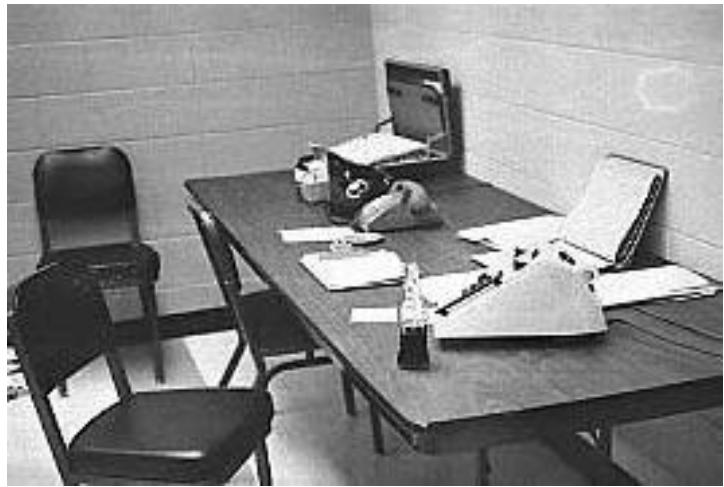
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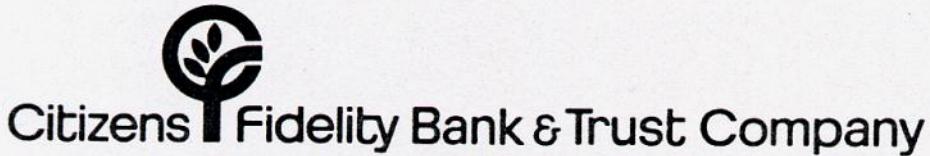
Staff Photo by Frank Kimmel

THE RECORD TOTAL of \$768,343 flashed on the tote board as the 21st annual Crusade for Children drew to a close yesterday at Memorial Auditorium in Louisville. Victor Sholis, WHAS vice president, third from left, was joined by Phyllis Knight, executive director of

the Crusade Jim Walton and Tommy Leonetti in singing "God Bless America" at the end of the show. Sholis, who has participated in all 21 crusades, was presented a silver tray yesterday for his work in the fund-raising effort. He will retire July 1.

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May 20, 1974, Letter of resignation from Stan Jones:



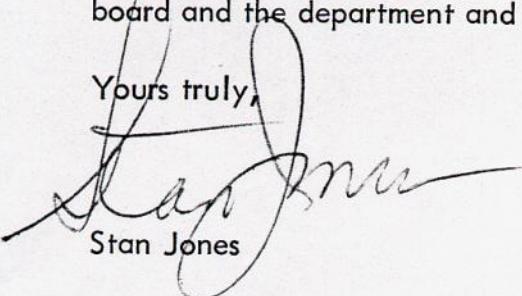
May 20, 1974

Mr. Marty Kamer
St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association
4114 Lyndon Way
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

Dear Mr. Kamer:

Due to the fact that I am no longer working in the St. Matthews area,
I am submitting my resignation from the board of the St. Matthews
Voluntary Fire Association. I have enjoyed my association with the
board and the department and tender this resignation with regret.

Yours truly,


Stan Jones

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May 23, 1974, *The Voice*:

Number one again

Firefighters boost Crusade by \$46,201

By Karen Grimes & Roger Ague
Staff Writers

Cheers went up at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department Sunday afternoon as Lt. Al Ring wrote in big white letters \$46,201.07.

Firefighters, their wives, children and friends of the department jumped and whooped and hugged each other and a few even cried a little.

The money was St. Matthews' donation to the annual WHAS Crusade for Children.

"We beat Pleasure Ridge Park even without the \$10,000," Ring said, with a slightly villainous laugh.

St. Matthews soundly ended Pleasure Ridge Park's reign as the "number one" crusading fire department. PRP this year came up with \$32,708, about \$5,000 over its 1973 total. St. Matthews had come in second the past four years.

The \$10,000 came from the will of Mrs. Cleo Milligan, a grandmother who died May 23, 1973, Ring said. She left the money to the Crusade for Children but stipulated it must be channeled through the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, he said. Beyond that, Ring said, Mrs. Milligan

asked that nothing be said about the donation.

The \$10,000 was labeled "Al's Ace" until about 1:30 pm Sunday, May 19. No one knew the amount except Ring. As he listed the \$36,201.07 subtotal, several firefighters burst into cheers.

Then, on a special tote board line for "Al's Ace," he wrote the \$10,000, zero by tantalizing zero. People were slapping him on the shoulder with congratulations.

Then he chalked up the grand total, the big daddy of them all -- \$46,201.07.

"We said we were going to be number one and by golly we are. I'm darned proud of it. And I'm proud of the firefighters and their wives. And I'm proud of this community," Ring said.

"Even with the tornado (April 3) people still, despite their own personal tragedies, came out and helped."

"We got one check for \$50 with an address on Edmond Lane crossed out and a temporary apartment address written in," Ring said. "Why, there is not a house on Edmond Lane anymore.

"That kind of thing happened numerous times. So these people obviously care. I mean, you have to feel proud of that kind of thing."

The \$46,201.07 was by far the largest donation from any fire department.

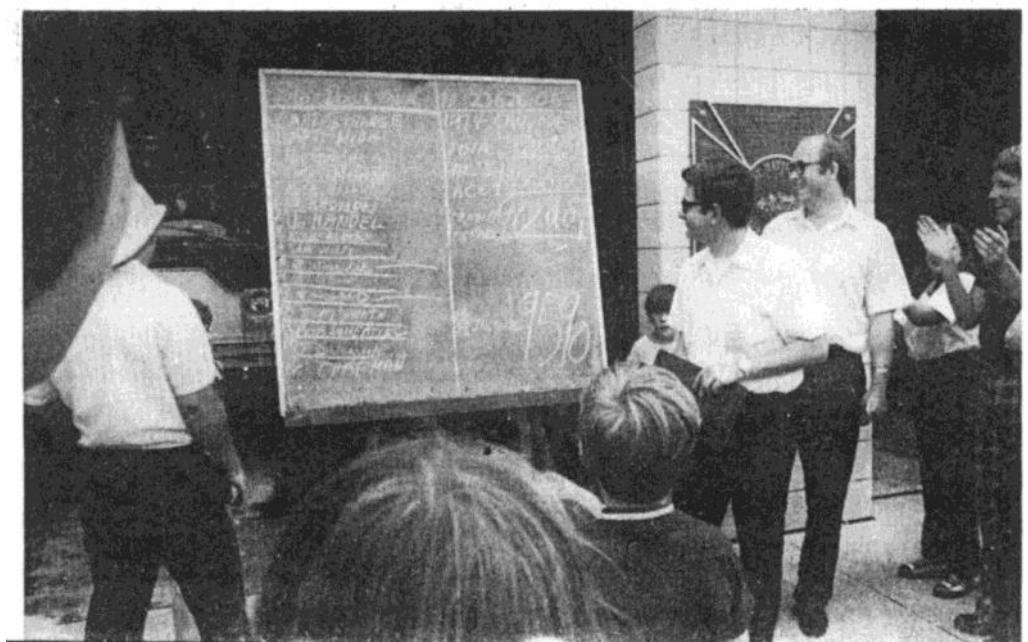
In fact, it was the third largest donation from any organization in Kentucky or Indiana. Only the Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville and the General Electric Company donated more -- and not much more at that.

The total beat last year's \$23,626.06 donation by \$22,575.01 for an increase of 95 percent, by far the largest percentage increase of any organization making a donation.

But the St. Matthews donation was only a part of the \$768,343 that was poured into the Crusade from throughout the East End, the state and from southern Indiana. Fire departments gave thousands. Children gave pennies. One man gave the \$17 he had been saving to buy camping equipment.

For St. Matthews, however, the attempt to raise what Ring predicted last year would be an estimated \$50,000 and beat Pleasure Ridge Park's fund-raising efforts, started one day after the 1973 campaign. Lt. Ring and Lt. Doug Monahan, son of Chief John Monahan, decided they'd go to work.

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Staff photo

CHEERING ERUPTS as Lt. Al Ring chalks up final donation from St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. The donation was far greater than any other department, but only a part of the crusade.

May 23, 1974, *The Voice*:

From PAGE 12, THE VOICE-JEFFERSONIAN, THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1974

St. Matthews boosts Crusade; wives helped

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First, a group of fire fighters' wives jumped on the wagon.

Until this year the wives of the firemen have remained in the background at Crusade time. More to the point, they sat at home watching the children, keeping dinner warm, waiting for a glimpse of a tired husband.

But this year things were different. The wives were busy all year planning activities to help raise money for the Crusade. In August they gathered trash and treasures for a garage sale at the firehouse, an event that netted \$838.87.

A card party and bazaar followed in October with a profit of \$560 said chairwoman Linda Wilke. Another \$850 was added after a chili supper in February.

The wives thought that was the end of their involvement, but The Mall Merchants Association offered The Mall plaza for a Crusade weekend bazaar. With only one month before the Crusade the wives worked furiously to get the project on its feet.

They called area clubs hoping to get one or two to sponsor a booth, but everyone said there wasn't enough time, said Mrs. Kenneth Strange.

A committee headed by Mrs. Jo McGrath called businesses and managed to get some of them to furnish

baked goods or raffle items and sponsor booths.

Another problem was staffing the booths. How could the women watch the children and work the bazaar without hiring babysitters? It seemed impossible up to the Thursday before the Crusade. And then a youth group from Bethel United Church of Christ came to the rescue. They volunteered to man the booth all day Saturday.

The bazaar which was held all day Friday and Saturday turned out to be a success. Over \$1,600 was made at The Mall, including income from a dance held with the bazaar.

Overall, the wives were responsible for boosting the total by over \$3,000.

At 1 pm Sunday, May 19, Ring asked all the wives and the children to the firehouse. It was the first time the women had been invited to share in the excitement.

When Ring wrote the grand total on the blackboard, the women felt a special exhilaration, said Mrs. Strange.

"We had been a part of it."

Ring and Monahan also contacted 900 eastern Jefferson County businesses by phone but came up with only about \$3,000. Of that, \$600 came from the Original Pancake House and \$143.88 came from Blue Boar Cafeteria, Ring said.

"We're in a learning process to try

to learn how to approach them to get help," Ring said. "We just didn't do it good enough last year."

"Next year," Ring said, "we're going to learn how to approach them from a promotional standpoint. We're going to say, 'Look, you hold an event and give the money to us to give to the Crusade and you'll get good publicity and help a cause at the same time.'"

So, with the Crusade just 11 months and three weeks away, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department

has already started crusading.

Other East End volunteer departments that donated to the Crusade include:

Worthington: \$4,030.

Harronds Creek: \$4,776..

Eastwood: \$1,358.

Lyndon: \$11,412.

Anchorage: \$1,461.

Pewee Valley: \$3,001.

Middletown: \$9,000.

McMahan: \$15,266.

Jeffersontown: \$17,855.

June 13, 1974, *The Voice*:

Fire contract tops public session; decisions made in private

By Roger Auge
Staff Writer

While St. Matthews City Council spent about two hours behind closed doors talking about open meetings and other things, the members did conduct a 20-minute public meeting to make official some already-decided matters.

The council voted to renew a fire protection contract with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for \$46,339.16 based on a tax rate of 3.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The tax rate is the same as last year.

The council also approved \$71,237 in federal revenue sharing funds to pay part of the costs of the city's Winchester Creek storm sewer project.

The council decided last year to use all federal revenue sharing funds for the next five years to pay for storm sewers on the city's southeast side.

The action Tuesday places the money in the most recent check into

the storm sewer project.

In other action, the council:

- Discussed but took no action on questions from the Casa Grande Condominium Association of the proposed widening of Thiesman Lane.

Mayor Bernard F. Bowling said he would "get with" the condominium owners to work out what they should pay for the widening. Bowling said the project plans are not near completion because of problems "with the total widening." He did not explain.

- Took under consideration applications for street lights to be installed at 145 Trinity Hills Lane and on Willis Avenue near Wallace Avenue.

- Announced that Richard Avenue will be resurfaced in the first resurfacing contract awarded by the city, according to Bowling.

- Announced that council member Harry Hargadon Jr. is drafting a letter to Civil Defense authorities requesting installation of a warning siren "in this

general area even if it means putting it here at St. Matthews City Hall, if that is the logical place," Bowling said.

- Approved deletion from the tax rolls of the bill for property at 179 St. Matthews Avenue, which the city bought last year in order to expand a drainage retention basin in the area.

- Discussed but took no action on an informal request for a liquor license approval in the office section of what is now a fruit and vegetable stand at 111 Chenoweth Lane.

J.C. Scheibel, alcoholic beverage administrator, said no formal application had been made but a man "from somewhere in the west end" came to city hall to inquire about the license "and I turned it all over to Mayor Bowling."

Bowling said he was concerned about traffic on Chenoweth Lane and would advise council on further developments.

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June 13, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on June 13, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss	Marty Kamer
Geo. Miller	John Monohan
Bill Andrøt	W. Leland Wilson

Ordered 2 new apparatus.

Stan Jones Resigns.

Minutes of meeting held on May 9, 1974 were read by Geo. Miller. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan read a letter from Mr. Stan Jones, submitting his resignation from the board.

The board authorized Mr. Monohan to go ahead with placing orders for 2 new trucks.

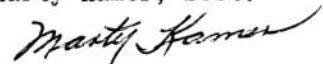
There being no further business Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

JUNE 22, 1973 THRU JUNE 22, 1974

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



BALANCE JUNE 22, 1973	\$ 2,611.84
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RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$110,305.78
Contributions - Jefferson County	4,300.00
Savings Accounts Transferred - Net	30,000.00
Rental Income	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Interest Income	<u>3,782.64</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>149,888.42</u>
	\$152,500.26

DISBURSEMENTS

CAPITAL

Equipment	\$ 27,356.85
Investment - U. S. Treasury Bills	10,000.00
- Savings Accounts	20,000.00
- Certificates of Deposit	<u>38,000.00</u>
	\$ 95,356.85

EXPENSES

Alarm System	\$ 510.00
Dues & Subscriptions	84.50
Firemen Training School	883.80
General Expenses	12,281.38
Insurance & Taxes	3,914.38
Legal & Accounting	600.00
Maintenance & Repair	-0-
Office Supplies & Expense	308.82
Radio System Expense	1,624.17
Salaries	2,842.16
Supplies	1,851.81
Truck Expenses	9,856.55
Utilities	<u>3,668.23</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>38,425.80</u>
	<u>133,782.65</u>

CASH BALANCE JUNE 22, 1974	<u>\$ 18,717.61</u>
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June 20, 1974, *The Voice*:



John Monahan, Chief, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department

THE CHIEF WANTS YOU

The Volunteer fire departments in your community need additional men to round out their departments. This could well be the opportunity of your lifetime... to be of real service to your community without investing a lot of your time. Help keep your community a safe, pleasant place to live. Drop by one of the following stations: Worthington, Middletown, Eastwood, Crestwood, Harrods Creek, Lyndon, McMahan, Jeffersontown or St. Matthews. Ask for one of the officers. He'll be glad to explain how you can help.

Be a Firefighter

VOLUNTEER TODAY

6-20-74

Contributed as a public service by firms below-

Gil Mueller
4175 Lyndon Way

Clore & Duncan Real Estate
Crestwood, Ky.

Merkley-Kendrick Jewelers
138 Chenoweth Lane

Suburban United Furniture
4609 Shelbyville Rd.

K. Brown Jeweler
3708 Lexington Road

Pearson's Funeral Homes
149 Breckinridge Lane
1310 South 3rd

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1974 By Laws:

We believe this were recorded June 26, 1974.

ARTICLE I Preamble

Members of the fire department should understand that these By Laws are not intended to cover each and every case which may arise in the discharge of their duties. A great deal must necessarily be left to the intelligence and discretion of individual officers and fire-fighters. It will be their claim to promotion and reward according to the degree to which they show that they are possessed of the necessary qualifications and to their zeal, activity and judgment on all occasions.

It should be remembered by each member of the department in carrying out the By Laws and obeying the orders of the officers that these By Laws were adopted and the officers were appointed by the Chief and Assistant Chiefs for the sole purpose of having a better organization. Each firefighter is a member of this department because he voluntarily chose to become a member and because he had an interest in his community. Observance of these By Laws can result only in a more efficient department and a better understanding by the men as to their various responsibilities.

ARTICLE II Members - New

SECTION I Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older desiring membership, that lives or works in the St. Matthews fire or contract area may make application. Any applicant living outside of the fire or contract area must submit a letter from his employer stating that he may respond to all emergencies. Upon receipt of the application he is to be investigated by the Membership Committee and upon its approval the application shall be posted on the bulletin board. During this period, the applicant shall remain in good standing. When the application is posted, the applicant in order to remain in good standing must make six (6) consecutive scheduled weekly sessions unless excused by the Membership Committee. The applicant shall complete his six (6) meetings in ninety (90) days. If the applicant fails to complete his six (6) meetings and/or he misses three (3) consecutive meetings, his application shall be removed from the board and admission to the department shall be denied. The applicant may reapply after ninety (90) days.

SECTION II The applicant: Shall not be issued fire fighting gear during his application period. Shall not ride, under emergency conditions any fire apparatus. Shall not, under emergency conditions respond to the firehouse, fire scene or emergency. Shall not have emergency lights, siren or radio on his vehicle unless he is an active member of another emergency organization for which it is required. Shall not be considered for full membership until he has completed fifty-two (52) scheduled weekly sessions. Shall not have a voice or vote on matters concerning the department during this period.

SECTION III The applicants six (6) weekly sessions shall consist of the following: An information booklet of Do's and Don'ts. A tour of the fire station and facilities. Introduction to the fire apparatus, equipment and tools used. A visit to the scene and observation of department training. A final orientation by the Membership Committee followed by a welcome from the Chief Officers. After this, assignment to an apparatus, issue fire fighting equipment and/or measurement taken for permanent equipment. The light/siren permit will be issued along with a locker and/or key number and radio monitor.

SECTION IV If a member feels the applicant cannot fulfill the requirements it is his obligation to report these reasons to the Membership and/or Firemen's Committee in writing or in person. If the Committees have not received a valid complaint they will approve the applicant for apprentice training which consists of fifty-two (52~ scheduled weekly sessions.

SECTION V The applicant will be governed by the By Laws set forth by this department and will enjoy all benefits.

SECTION VI Membership (firefighters and apprentice~ may be limited or closed to new applicants by the Chief Officers with the approval of the appointed officers. The total number in membership, the inability to handle more firefighters in training or an unbalanced ratio of firefighters and apprentice may require this Section to be initiated. However, this Section may not be used to deny anyone membership but will be used to better the department.

ARTICLE III Members - Active

SECTION I The apprentice period starts at the completion of the applications period and consists of fifty-two (52) actively participated scheduled weekly sessions.

SECTION II The member shall attend seventy-five (75) percent of the scheduled weekly sessions during a quarter period unless excused by his Company Officer. Failure to attend this percentage shall be cause for the member to be dropped from the department. (governed by Article III, Section 13) A quarter period shall be defined as follows: First Quarter - January, February and March, Second Quarter - April, May and June, Third Quarter - July, August and September and Fourth Quarter - October, November and December.

SECTION III If a member is dropped from the department he shall not be considered for reinstatement for a period of six (6) months.

SECTION IV During the apprentice period, he shall have no voice or vote in matters of the department. He shall also not be allowed to hold office or be a member of any committee.

SECTION V The regular meetings and drills shall be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday evening of each week unless otherwise posted. An alternate meeting and drill will be held each week for those who cannot attend the Tuesday evening sessions. This alternate date and time will be posted.

SECTION VI A company detail shall be held on Thursday evenings of each week and on the third Sunday of each month at their posted times. The company detail will last for two (2) hours. Each member shall be assigned to one of these details. All members shall participate in sixty-six (66) percent of their assigned company details during a quarter period unless excused by their Company

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Officer. Failure to participate and/or absence from two (2) consecutive details shall be cause for dismissal from the department. (governed by Article III, Section 13)

SECTION VII It shall be the duty of all members while on duty to give strict obedience to the, lawful orders of the officers. Under no circumstances shall any attention be given to orders, suggestions or criticism of unauthorized persons.

SECTION VIII No one who is not an active member, unless authorized by an officer shall be allowed to ride on the apparatus or to handle equipment. Each member is charged with the enforcement of this rule.

SECTION IX No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, or shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the department.

SECTION X The fire station, all apparatus and the premises in general shall be kept clean, orderly and in sanitary condition. Every member will be held individually responsible for any act of negligence on his part which may contribute toward the violation of this rule.

SECTION XI While responding to an emergency in your private auto, you are subject to all traffic regulations and must be extremely careful at all times. The use of a red light and/or siren does not give you the right of way, they only warn the public of an emergency and that you will take the right of way if it is given to you. Excessive speed and recklessness will not be tolerated. The department under no circumstances is responsible for anyone's personal liability.

All members responding to an emergency, except the Chief Officers shall report directly to the firehouse unless in route he passes the scene of the emergency. In this case he may stop and render whatever aid possible. Special exceptions may be approved by the Chief. All apparatus and members will respond from the firehouse per the run schedule.

SECTION XII All members will be personally responsible, except for normal wear of all department property issued them. They are required to return all department property issued to them on termination of their membership or on demand of the Membership Committee working on orders from the Firemen's Committee.

Any member who has been issued a monitor and is not using it correctly will be told to turn it in. This includes loaning of the monitor, making alterations or any other misuse. In some cases two (27~ monitors may be issued to a member who lives and works in the area and can make runs at all times. This will be done on an individual basis and with agreement of the Membership Committee and the Chief Officers. Any member who is due a monitor will receive his before a second monitor is given any member. If a monitor is in need of repairs, a loaner unit will be made available.

ARTICLE III Members - Active

SECTION XIII Any member may be reviewed for disciplinary action for the abuse of his authority, for misconduct and for not complying with the By Laws and/or Rules and Regulations. Any member desiring to bring up a complaint against another member must submit the charges to the Firemen's Committee and the membership present on any Tuesday night. The hearing will be open testimony for and against the accused. After the formal hearing the members will vote, by a show of hands whether to take further action. If further action is to be taken the Firemen's committee will handle all apprentice and firefighters and the Chief Officers will handle the officers.

SECTION XIV Any member who has his drivers license revoked will be temporarily suspended from driving until his license is reinstated.

SECTION XV Any member who has been dropped from the department can be reinstated only by complying with Article II of the By Laws.

SECTION XVI At no time will dues be collected from the active or inactive membership.

SECTION XVII No member shall be permitted to leave an emergency for any reason unless excused by his responding officer. Wandering around the fire grounds and engaging in unnecessary conversation with others will not be tolerated.

SECTION XVIII Any member injured shall report it to his officer as soon as possible. It is the members responsibility to see that all insurance papers are filled out and taken care of. If a member is told by any doctor not to make emergencies he is to report this to his officer and he will become inactive until he brings a letter from that doctor stating that he may participate.

SECTION XIX Apparatus drivers shall be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have a valid State of Kentucky drivers license.

SECTION XX Due to the Kentucky State Law, no one may drink alcoholic beverages on fire department grounds or at any department function is he is under the age of twenty-one (21).

ARTICLE IV Member - Inactive

SECTION I Any active member for reasons he deems best may transfer to the inactive membership for a period of one (1) year. Inactive members with less than ten (10) years active service will be dropped from the membership after a period of one (1) year.

SECTION II Any active member with under ten (10) years of service who for reasons he deems best, goes inactive, must remain inactive for a period of three (3) months. Any active member who has been so, for more than three (3) months but less than six (6) months, must take a minimum of three (3) training sessions as a refresher course. Any active member who goes inactive for more than six (6)

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months, but less than one (1) year must up-date their application and will be required to take the same three (3) training sessions as a refresher course. Any active member who has less than ten (10) years of service and is inactive for more than one (1) year must reapply as in Article II of the By-Laws.

SECTION III If a member goes inactive or resigns, he must notify the department in writing of his intentions and return all department property. Both must be completed within ten (10) days. Failure to comply with this section will result in the member being dropped from the department for a period of one (1) year from the date all department property and the letter of intentions is received.

SECTION IV Any active member with more than ten (10) years of service and goes inactive for more than one (1) year, must up-date their application and will be required to take a minimum of three (3) training sessions as a refresher course.

ARTICLE V Elections

SECTION I The elected committees are to be elected at the first meeting of each year by secret ballot by the members present at the meeting. Elections shall not be held unless a quorum of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the eligible membership is present. Any vacancies are to be filled within one (1) month by a special election.

SECTION II Nominees for a committee must be present to accept the nomination or must have submitted in writing their intent to the Firemen's Committee.

SECTION III Any committee member shall have the right to succeed himself.

SECTION IV A waiver may be granted by popular vote of the general membership for anyone to become a committee member or an officer.

ARTICLE VI Officers

SECTION I The Chief and Assistant Chiefs are appointed by the Board of Directors and are responsible to them.

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SECTION III The chain of command is Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Captains and Firefighters. In the absence of an officer, the firefighter riding the officer's seat of the first responding apparatus is in charge of the emergency until relieved by an officer.

SECTION IV The assigned Sergeant who is appointed by the company Captain, subject to the approval of the Chief officers is responsible to his Captain for assigned duties.

ARTICLE VII Committees

SECTION I Four (4) firefighters shall be elected to a Firemen's Committee and serve for a period of one (1) year. They shall have the responsibility of presenting the name of the firefighters who will serve as the members representative to the Board of Directors. This committee shall also dispose of all disciplinary action pertaining to the members but only after being presented to the general membership for their recommendations. This committee shall also be responsible for the updating of the By-Laws. Any elections which are held will be supervised by this committee.

The nominations for the firemen's committee shall be from the floor. A list of a minimum of six (6) and an open maximum are to be submitted. The three (3) candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be appointed. The chairman of the preceding year will remain as a member for the upcoming year making a committee of four (4). These four (4) men shall elect the chairman of this committee from within the committee.

SECTION II The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Chief.

SECTION III The members fund shall be administered by a committee of two (2) members elected by the membership for a period of one (1) year. Nominations must be a minimum of two (2) officers and two (2) firefighters with an open maximum.

A fund shall be created for the benefit of the members and the money shall be derived from any donations made directly to the members or as the committee so designates.

ARTICLE VIII Member on Board of Directors

SECTION I With the approval of the Board of Directors of the Saint Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Incorporated, at the September 1969 meeting, the eligible members shall elect one (1) member to the Board of Directors to serve as a voting member on equal status to the Board.

SECTION II The member shall serve on the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year, to run concurrent with the Boards election year. The name of the elected member will be presented to the Board of Directors in writing by a member of the Firemen's Committee by the first Board meeting in June for confirmation to the Board.

SECTION III The election of the member to the Board of Directors will be held at the third Tuesday meeting in May each year.

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SECTION IV Any member, with the exception of a Board appointed officer unless he resigns his appointment shall be eligible for the Board office. He also must have been an active member for a period of three (3) or more years.

ARTICLE IX Activities

SECTION I The membership may actively participate in fund-raising drives for charity. The drives are to be selected by the membership and a chairman will be elected to head this activity. Within one (1) month following the completion of a charitable drive a vote will be taken to determine the future of that charitable drive.

ARTICLE X Amendments

SECTION I No amendment shall be effective until presented to the Firemen's Committee in writing. The Committee will present the amendment and it shall not be effective until adopted by one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the eligible members present at any regular Tuesday night meeting.

I, BREMER EHRLER, Clerk of the Jefferson County Court, Kentucky, do hereby certify
that the foregoing contains a full, true and correct copy as taken from and compared with the
original records in my office, of which I am Legal Custodian, and that said Amendment

recorded in Corporation Book 79, at Page 157
WITNESS my hand this 26th day of June 1974.

BREMER EHRLER, Clerk

By Thomas Simpson, D. C.

The State of Ky.
F. M. T.

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1974, Kentucky State Fire School: Photo and comments courtesy Sam Wolfe:

Sam Wolf's own words: Brief history. STMFD usually went up and took the Strategy and Tactics course at Kentucky State Fire School in Lexington, Kentucky, because it had a live burn for an exercise. Each year the big burn of the day came right after lunch and STMFD was usually given the first crack to put the fire out. It became a friendly rivalry between STMFD and the boys of the Lexington FD who supervised the burn.

They purposely left the fire burn bigger and hotter and would then let the "hotshots" from STMFD try to put it out. The picture on the first picture was taken as our group sized up the fire which was a small 4 or 5 room single story house with covered porch. Fire was blowing out both windows to the left and right of the front door. The roof was still intact. We had a 1 ½ inch line and are getting ready to do an interior attack. (Note lack of breathing apparatus.)

The entire first floor was off and burning as we entered. As we progressed into the structure knocking down the fire. One of the Lexington firefighters decided to make things more interesting and he stuck his 1 ½ line into a front room window and blew all the fire, smoke, heat and steam back onto us. (another stupid move by today's standards). At any rate, the STMFD guys took the ass whipping, put out the firggin fire (to the chagrin and amazement of the Lexington guys) and promptly exited the building and lost our lunches on the side lawn.



left to right, Rick Tonini, John Redman (back to Picture), Helmet 54 is Wally Lage, and Sam Wolfe.

John Redman and Sam Wolf at State Fire School in 1974 in Lexington Kentucky.



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July 3, 1974, *The Voice*: NOTE see next page—

Firefighters begin work on fiery history book

By Roger Auge
Staff Writer

Captain Al Ring of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department needs help. He's writing a book.

The book is a history of the fire department from its beginning in 1919 as the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association to 1939, when it became the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, to today when it is generally considered the best volunteer fire fighting outfit in Kentucky, Ring said.

"What I really want to get across to the public is that we really need help. Information is very, very scarce from

about 1945 back to 1919," he said.

Anyone who has pictures of old buildings that might have burned, pictures of old fire fighters, stories about fires, stories about funny incidents at the firehouse or in the lives of the firefighters will be welcomed with open arms by Ring.

"I'd like to find people I can just go and interview about what they know about the fire association," Ring said.

He is being assisted in the project by Captain Jack Monohan, one of Fire Chief John Monohan's firefighting sons.

"Our hope is to make it a professional hardback book about the fire association," Ring said.

The book will be published, Ring said, . . . "as soon as we exhaust every lead and come up with all the information it is possible to get."

Right now, Ring and Monohan plan sections on all the board members that have ever served with the association, all the fire chiefs (there have been 5), the various pieces of firefighting equipment that have been used and a detailed explanation of how the department has been able to work to reduce fire insurance rates in its protection district over the years.

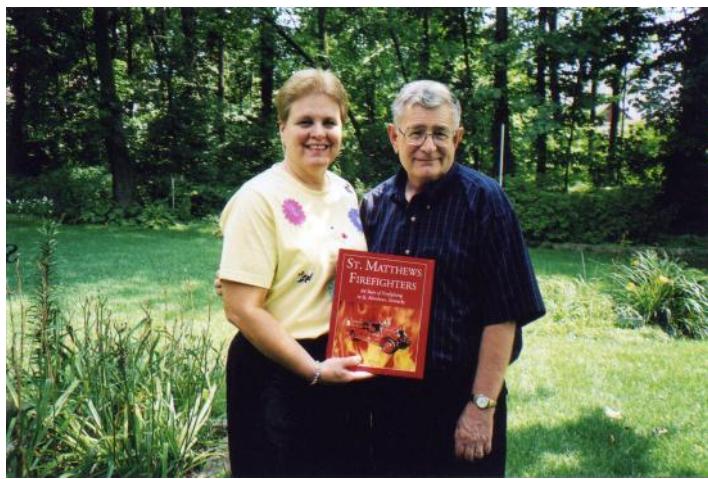
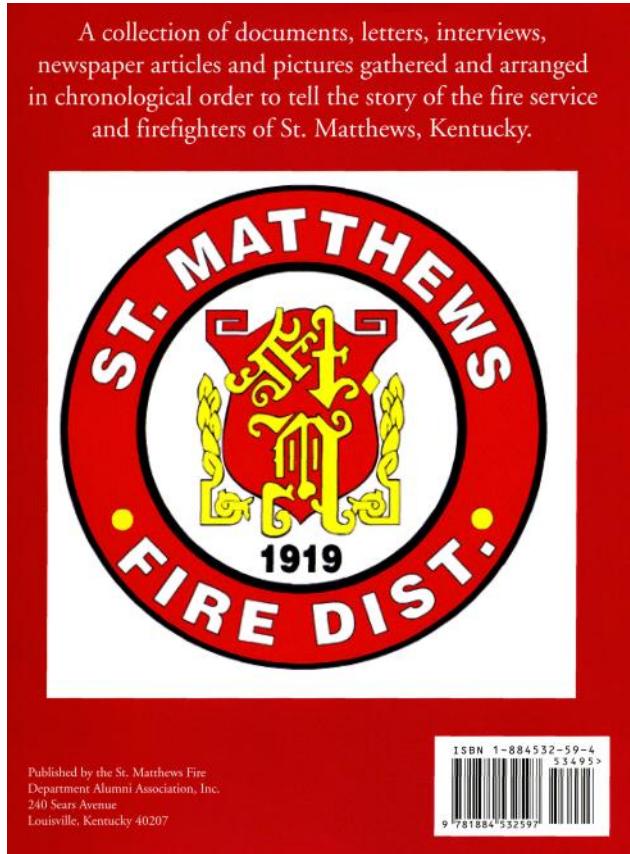
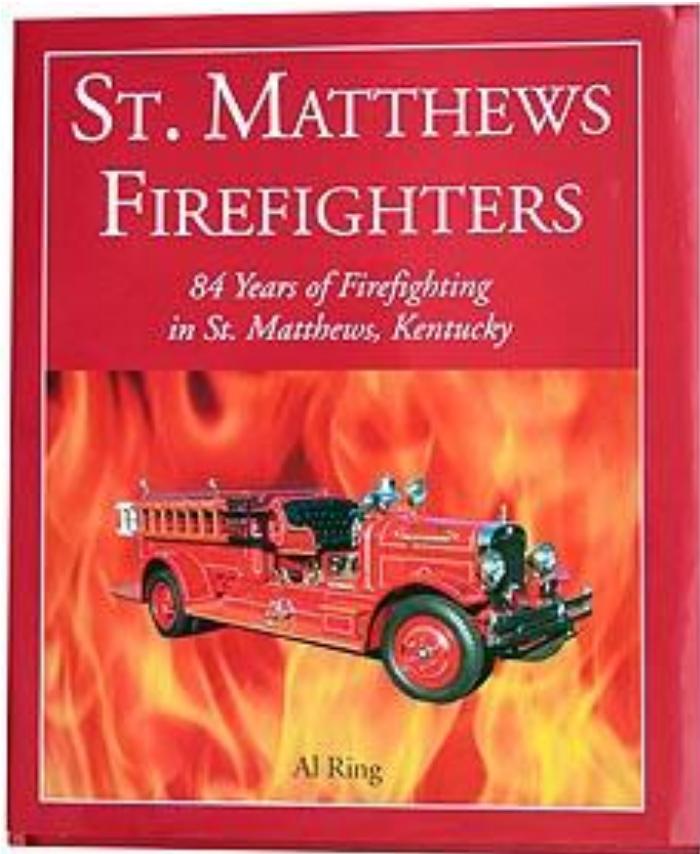
"But we've got to let people know that we don't have anything like all we want to have and they can help by calling me at my home (896-4271) or writing to me (25 Westport Terrace, St. Matthews, 40207) and giving me anything they know about this department," Ring said.

Any pictures or documents loaned to the researchers will be carefully guarded and returned, Ring said.



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The dream of Al Ring came true in 2004 after many years of ups and downs—



Al & Karen Ring, Jul 2004

*St. Matthews Fire Dept.
Alumni Association Inc.*



Is proud to announce... the book signing of
St. Matthews Firefighters
84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky
Al Ring

Friday July 30th
6 - 8 PM

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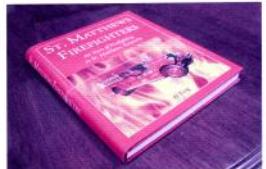
138 Breckinridge Lane @ Willis Ave.

Meet "AL RING"



This book will make a great gift for those "hard to buy for" friends and relatives.

It is a "must have" for all alumni of the St. Matthews Fire Department.



July 10, 1974, The Voice: Boosters needed: Al Ring and Jack Monohan, the two St. Matthews firefighters who are writing a book about the department, are looking for issues of the St. Matthews Booster, a weekly newspaper issued in the late 1920's and early 1930's.

The Booster was published by a civic club that dissolved around 1940.

Ring and Monohan, both captains on the fire department, also would like "anything anybody has on the fire department, the board of directors, any firefighters or anything else," Ring said.

Al Ring on left, Jack Monohan on right working on the "History of the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association."

NOTE: Jack and Al collected a huge amount of information on the department at that time. However as with many things in life time got in the way and their best intentions just didn't get accomplished. The good thing, the information is still available and just before the reunion in 2001 Al, now retired with Jack's help in gathering new information, is entering all the information in his computer, every newspaper article, pictures, letters, etc. etc. and even if a book is never written, the reference information will be available in chronological order for 1919 to at least 2002.

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Unknown: The event took place July 9, 1974, Capt. Ring in charge.

3 men held in bank holdup; amount of loss undetermined

Three gunmen took an undetermined amount of cash from a branch of the Louisville Trust Bank at the Holiday Manor Shopping Center on Brownsboro Road at 9:18 a.m. today, according to county police.

Three suspects were apprehended by the FBI 15 minutes later after a chase that ended near 200 N. Clay St. The suspects' car was spotted by a city motorcycle policeman, who thought it resembled the description of a car seen leaving the bank lot.

Arrested and charged with armed robbery were Dwight H. Davis, 18, Michael R. Pumphrey, 20, and a 15-year-old juvenile, all of Louisville.

They are being held by the FBI, and were expected to be arraigned in U.S. Magistrate Court today.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was called to the bank to help disperse gas given off by a tear-gas bomb. County Police detective Sam Davis said the bomb was inside the money container and set to go off when the container was opened. He did not know exactly what kind of container the money was in.

No one was hurt at the bank, Davis said. The robbery took place shortly after it opened for business.

Roger K. Atchley, a bank spokesman, said an audit was being conducted to determine the amount of money taken.

An FBI spokesman said some money has been recovered, but there was no report of the amount.

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July 10, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular annual meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn was held on July 10, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss	Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot	John Monohan
W. Leland Wilson	Phil Grauman
Marty Kamer	

Minutes of meeting held on June 13, 1974 were read by Geo Miller. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion that we nominate John Monohan and Fred Boss to serve as directors for a period of 4 years. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion was voted on, electing Mr. Monohan and Mr. Boss to serve for a period of 4 years.

Directors and their terms are as follows:

Phil Grauman--term expires 1975
Marty Kamer --term expires 1975

Geo Miller----term expires 1976
W. Leland Wilson- term expires 1976

J. P. Terry----term expires 1977
* Vacancy -Resignation of Stan Jones

John Monohan--term espries 1978
Fred Boss-----term espries 1978

Mr. Grauman made a motion that existing Officers be elected to serve for a period of 1 year. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken and all members voted in favor of electing :

John Monohan, President
W. Leland, Vice President
Fred Boss, Treasurer
Marty Kamer, Secretary

Mr. Boss moved that Jack Monohan be nominated as the new Asst. Chief, seconded by Mr. Miller. Nomination was voted on with all in favor, electing Jack Monohan as Asst. Chief. Mr. John Monohan- sustained from voting.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that the following Officers be elected to serve for a period of 1 year.

John Monohan, Chief
Al Haeberlin, Asst. Chief
Jack Monohan, Asst Chief

Motion voted on with all in favor

Mr. Boss moved that Mr. Terry be nominated as Process Agent. A vote was taken with all in favor, electing Mr. Terry.

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Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that Geo Miller be nominated as Chairman of Board. Motion carried to a vote with all in favor.

Mr. Miller made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that Mr. Bill Andriot be elected to serve as a director for 1 year representing the firemen. A vote was taken with all in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

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July, 1974: Notes and info on selection of Assistant Chief—

Selection of Assistant Chief

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Al Ring

JACK Monohan

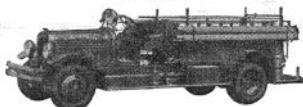
Kenny STRANGE

Chief.

I would like to suggest Jack Monohan as being considered for Asst. Chief vacancy.

Thank You
Bill Fiskman

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Names to be considered for the appointment
of Asst. Chief.

John A. Monahan III
A.E. Andriot
Doug Monahan

S-6 Nomination Asst. Chief
Capt Jack Monohan
" Doug Monohan
" Al Ring

To Board of Directors

July 1974

Respectfully S. Smith
Quint 5 Crew

Capt D.L. Monahan

Gentlemen:

Speaking for the Screening Committee, namely Mr. Terry, Mr. Andriot and Mr. Kamer, I wish to report that we have decided on who we recommend to fill the vacancy as Asst. Chief.

Based on experience and qualifications, along with other factors, we hereby recommend that Jack Monohan be considered for this position.

The selection of this man is in no way any reflection upon anyone else. We realize others are doing a good job and we do appreciate their time and service.

Marty Kamer

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July 18, 1974, *The Voice*: Former STMFD member.

Have turtles, will cook soup

By Karen Grimes
Staff Writer

The Men's Fellowship of Bethel United Church of Christ, 115 Meridian Avenue in St. Matthews, will serve their turtle soup supper on Saturday, July 20. The famous supper has been an annual event in St. Matthews since 1929.

Will Lausman, chief turtle soup chef has been making the turtle soup for 35 years, but credits the original idea and recipe to George Drescher.

Lausman said Drescher made a gallon or two of turtle soup for a Men's Fellowship meeting. "Everyone raved about it and someone suggested we do it again the following year and invite the wives," Lausman said. When that proved so successful, the Men's Fellowship made the turtle soup supper an annual community festival, he said.

Lausman, of 201 Fairfax Avenue, organized Bethel Evangelical Church in 1923. At present, although he is 80 years old and retired, he serves part-time as St. Matthews director of sanitation.

For the 45th annual supper, Lausman will supervise the making of 750 gallons of turtle soup. Lausman said the soup is expensive to make but it is a meal in itself, because it is so rich with protein and vitamins. Lausman said he has seen the price of turtle meat go from 25 cents a pound in 1930 to \$1.29 a pound in 1974.

The recipe for 750 gallons requires 500 pounds of dressed turtle meat, 250 pounds of chicken, 200 pounds of beef and a truckload of fresh and canned vegetables. The vegetables in the soup are cabbage, carrots, celery, corn (in cases), beans, peas, onions, potatoes and tomatoes. Lausman also adds some secret ingredients - but he isn't telling what they are.

The making of the soup is a labor of love, because preparation takes a lot of work and a long time. The preparation starts at 6 am Friday, with the men inspecting the meat. Around 8 am, 30 to 50 women of the church arrive with paring knives in hand to peel

the vegetables. Then the meat and vegetables are put through a food chopper. By noon, the 24-hour cooking vigil is under way. The men work in six hour shifts stirring the soup constantly.

The soup is cooked outdoors over gas burners now, but Lausman remembers the days when the soup was cooked over a hickory wood fire. "I always said you couldn't make good turtle soup unless you cooked it over a hickory wood fire, but I learned better," Lausman.

By 11 am Saturday the soup is done and people are lined up waiting for the carry out stand to open. Lausman said the people line up early Saturday with pots, pans and even buckets to get the turtle soup.

Lausman recalled that last year even though it rained, the people stood in line. "And we sold all of the amount for carry out by 1:30."

Some of the soup is retained for the cafeteria style supper later in the day.

The people who come are not just St. Matthews residents and church members. Lausman remembers one man who drove from Cincinnati to buy 10 gallons.

"We had sold all of our carry out soup by the time he got here, but it touched me that someone would come that far for our turtle soup. So I sold him two gallons and he was happy that he hadn't made the trip for nothing," said Lausman.

People come from Indiana and other parts of Kentucky every year. They tell me they wouldn't miss our supper for anything," said Lausman.

The turtle soup supper will begin at 4:30 pm on the church grounds, unless it rains. Then the supper will move indoors to the gym. In addition to the soup, there will be fish, bratwurst, german potato salad and desserts.

All proceeds from the turtle soup supper will be used by the Men's Fellowship for church work. Lausman said in the past the funds have been used for maintenance projects such as building a garage and blacktopping the parking lot.

45th famous turtle soup festival

saturday 20th

carry out — ready at 11 am
(bring your container for carry out)

rain or shine

45th annual genuine turtle soup will be served by Bethel Men's Fellowship
total amount 750 gallons

cafeteria supper
soup - bratwurst - fish - etc. - rides for kiddies - door prizes

shelbyville road and meridian

Show will help 1975 'Crusade'

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is beginning its annual Crusade for Children fund raising early this year by sponsoring a country music show starring several personalities from Nashville's Grand Ole Opry.

The show is slated for Sept. 17 at 8 pm at Memorial Auditorium in Louisville. According to Howard Thompson and Al Ring, who are heading the department's ticket sales effort, the department hopes to net more than

\$5,000 for the 1975 Crusade.

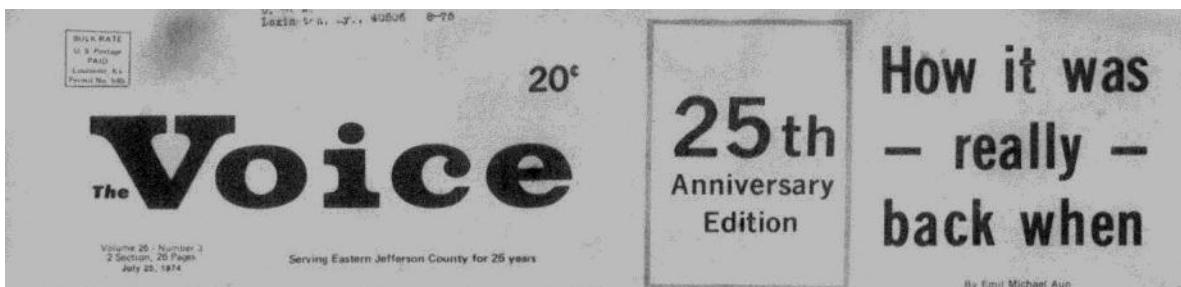
Tickets will sell for \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Thompson said the telephone will not be used for solicitation, but tickets will be available from any volunteer fireman and from local record shops.

Ring said the fire department will receive 30 percent of the concert's net proceeds. Sonic Sound Studios, a new company on Preston Highway is promoting the concert.

July 1974: \$1, 1947 Seagrave 750 GPM pumper was repainted.

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July 25, 1974, *The Voice*: 25th Anniversary Edition of The Voice—



After growth, a new system

The Voice Newspapers, Inc., marks its 25th year of publication.

Founded July 14, 1949, by James K. Van Arsdale, the paper has been known for most of its years at The Voice of St. Matthews. It has been sold twice since then, but is still one of the largest weekly publications in Kentucky.

A facsimile of the front page of the first edition is reproduced, full size on the left.

Back in 1949, The Voice was a one-man operation—more of an advertising shop than a traditional newspaper. The first issue of The Voice, an editor was on the payroll and it had become the comment medium in and around what was then the new Matthews City of St. Matthews.

Van Arsdale, whose family lived in the Highlands section of Louisville,

also established a second edition of The Voice, called The Voice of the Highlands. It was not, however, a financial success.

In April, 1950, Van Arsdale's financial problems got the best of him and he sold the paper to Albin J. "Al" Schansberg, a Albany newspaperman.

Almost immediately, in October, 1950, Schansberg discontinued The Highlands edition, but for several years continued to publish a second, secondary position on The Voice of St. Matthews.

During the next 10 years, 1950 and 1960, Schansberg built the paper from a thin, largely free distribution paper to a full-fledged, paid-circulation weekly of 10,000 copies.

Then, in August, 1960, Schansberg began a new paper called The Middle-

West Mirror, situated three in the Middleway area. Three years later the Lymondress was born, a tabloid containing some local news and feature stories, plus a column by the author of the Middle Mirror.

Later these were merged to form The Suburban Mirror, which circulated through the eastern part of Jefferson County.

In March, 1965, Tom Jones, publisher of Jeffersonson's 53-year-old newspaper, the Suburban Mirror, decided to sell out to Schansberg. He said he found it impossible to get adequate help and that an associate which made him write an invalid motivation him to sell.

At that point the Voice of St. Matthews was the only newspaper in the area, so the result was renamed The Voice-Jefferson.

It was published in two editions.

25th Anniversary Edition

How it was — really — back when

By Emil Michael Aun

It is a quiet, rainy Sunday here in Arlington, Virginia, and for the past several hours I have been having a good time. I have been reading the July 15 and July 22, 1954, editions of *The Voice*, containing the history of St. Matthews I wrote 20 years ago for the paper's 15th anniversary.

I will never forget the night I wrote that story. St. Matthews was having one of the hottest sunsets in memory—I believe there were 90 days in 1954 when the temperature went over 90 degrees.

The Voice office was on the second floor of a two-story building in Colony Way that, across the parking lot from the A & P supermarket, on Sheberville Road. The temperature was over 100 degrees as I sat down to write and it stayed that way for 36 straight hours.

By 5:30 everyone else on *The Voice* staff had gone home, so I was on writing late into the night. Everything I touched was warmer than my body and the copy paper stuck to my hand.

We had no air conditioning, just a small window fan blowing 100-degree air across my face. By 9 pm my shirt was off, by 10 my shoes, and by midnight I was down to my shorts, still hacking away. I finished at 2 am after about 16 straight

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POTATO FESTIVAL OPENS WEDNESDAY

W. H. Baker, publicity chairman for the Third Annual St. Matthews Potato Festival, announced that this year's festival would be the biggest and best yet. It begins Wednesday at 4 p.m., July 20th and continues through Saturday, July 22nd at the Festival Grounds on Sheberville Road. Baker said, "We're asking family after family after a great cause and there will be fun for everyone."

Councils will be present, rides for the children, free entertainment and food for the grown-ups. Devil-don Dan Woods will swing in a balloon to 1000 feet and jump out in a parachute. This will be his daily between 3 and 5 p.m. There will be truck loads of Colorado Potato Chips dropped by parachutes and a 50-foot slide. There will also be free fresh driving auto-up to be presented by the general agent, "The Lettucebox." Your whole family will want to see these dynamic daredevils act high in the air. That's all we can tell you and a thrill to see," Baker said.

Free entertainment Wednesday, July 20th and Thursday, July 21st, nights by the Georgia Widows, with Captain McMurdo on the bandstand. Friday, July 22nd, the Kentucky Cowboys, featuring an Agent Power King who will be the headliner for your entertainment. Another great attraction is the trained dog act that is a top notch attraction.

There will be rides, games and booths for the young and good places now to attend. The programs for recreation and a community center.

A spectacular dinner show will be held Thursday, July 21st, at 7 p.m. at Matthews Avenue, Belmont 2264.

"The Fellow Next Door"

What your neighbor thinks about the sewer situation.

BY JAMES MEACHAM

"My opinion of the whole sewer situation in St. Matthews is that Mrs. C. E. Payne of 764 Dayton Ave., 'is that' who signed the contract," doesn't fit it," Mrs. Payne, like many other residents of St. Matthews, never had her yard covered with dirt, her drainage ditch filled so that her garden wastes away whenever it rains. She has never had any complaints. The Paynes have received bids ranging from \$200 to \$400 per house for the contractors to do the job, and the cost of digging up the ground and putting it back again is far more expensive than the cost of the sewer.

"Mrs. Payne, like many other residents of St. Matthews, never had her yard covered with dirt, her drainage ditch filled so that her garden wastes away whenever it rains. She has never had any complaints.

When asked if she thought the contractors had done a reasonably good job, Mrs. Payne declined to reply saying, "I think that's a little out of a housewife's line, but I do not think

that the contractors have been treating the people right."

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July 25, 1974, *The Voice:*

Firemen post water ball challenge

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has challenged all fire departments in the greater Louisville area to compete for water ball supremacy, announced St. Matthews Fire Lt. Al Ring.

Firemen from throughout the metro area will meet on the field of battle at St. Matthews firehouse, 4114 Lyndon Way, on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m. Water ball, explained Lt. Ring, pits two five-man teams, with two fire hoses each, against each other in an attempt to keep a 1½ foot aluminum ball on the other team's side, while they try to wash it back your way during a three-minute period.

The public is invited and welcome to attend the free event, Ring said. Proceeds from the sale of food and soft drinks will go toward St. Matthews VFD's 1975 Crusade for Children donation.

Around Town

STMFD participated in parade.

Potato Festival could lure 20,000

A crowd of 20,000, who will spend \$100,000, is predicted for the revival of the Annual St. Matthews Potato Festival scheduled for Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

Festival chairman Roy Link made the estimate in a report to the St. Matthews Community Center Board of Directors at the center last Thursday, July 25. Link said the estimate was made by persons who are familiar with such community events.

Although he made no estimate of the net profit which might result, he did say as much as \$8,500 could be raised through one successful musical concert planned for Saturday, Sept. 14.

Link made his report with several other members of the St. Matthews Jaycees who are heading up festival subcommittees. All profits from the affair will go toward support of the community center's operating expenses and a capital fund drive to buy the center property.

Among many plans reported last week were these highlights:

- * A carnival with four rides will be operating all three days. Local merchants will be asked to promote the sale of ride tickets before the festival.

- * A "midway" of 15 amusement booths will be manned by volunteers. A dozen other booths will exhibit various community programs or sell goods.

- * A big parade featuring 20 antique cars, several bands, clowns and floats will proceed from The Village shopping center on Dutchmans Lane north on Breckinridge Lane to Shelbyville Road and east to the center, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

- * A children's pet show will be held Saturday morning.

- * The opening of the Little League football season will be coordinated with the parade.

- * A donkey baseball game, featuring local disc jockeys and public figures will be held the evening of Sept. 12.

- * A contest for local bands will be held, the winner to receive \$350.

prizes. Bands interested in participating in the Battle of the Bands, call Bill Bartlett at 425-3091.

- * A nationally-known entertainer (still unselected) will appear Saturday night.

- * Cliff Wise will present a fireworks display.

As Link outlined the plans, he repeatedly emphasized the need for volunteer help to oversee various aspects of the festival.

Ray Howard and John Riley of the St. Matthews Little League agreed to take the responsibility for recruiting scores of workers to man game booths for the three-day affair. Anyone willing to help is asked to call them at 459-4828 or 806-5225.

Bill Bartlett, entertainment chairman for the festival, outlined plans for a "name" entertainer, explaining that while expenses might run about \$7,500, profits could net \$8,500 if 4,000 people paid \$4 per ticket.

The main problem was that about \$5,000 must be raised in advance of the concert for the entertainer. Link and Evans asked St. Matthews City Councilman Millard French, a member of the center board, whether the \$15,000 recently placed in escrow by the city for the land purchase fund might not be used for that purpose.

French said that while the purposes were related, Link's proposal would require separate council action. When it became clear the council would not meet for another three weeks, the group tried to explore other sources of revenue.

It was finally agreed to try to borrow the money from a bank in the name of the Jaycees or continue to seek an individual contributor.

Among entertainers being mentioned as possibly available were Eric Weisburg, Tom T. Hall, the Righteous Brothers, the Coasters, the Association and Floyd Kramer.

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August 8, 1974, *The Voice*:



THE ST. MATTHEWS volunteer fire department softball league wrapped up the season in third place, behind Fern Creek and Jeffersontown. Pictured from left to right are Major Al Hasberlin, Wally Lage, Jim Woodring, Sam Wolf,

Rob Helm, and Jim Graven. Second row: Jason Handle, Jim Andriot, Tim Golden, Jack Handle, Bill Andriot III, Harry Babcock, Russ Rakesraw, Rick Tonini, and coach Bill Andriot Jr.

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August 8, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn was held on Aug. 8, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss
Marty Kamer
Geo. Miller
John Monohan
Bill Andriot

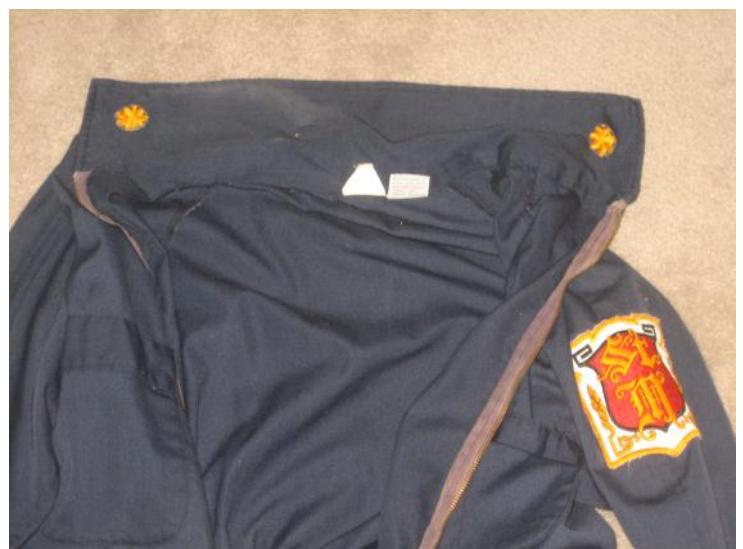
Minutes of meeting held on July 10, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Miller, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Andriot brought before the board, for viewing, one of the new jump suits that were bought for all firemen.

There being no business at hand a motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer



Major Ring's uniform, 2010.

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August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



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August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



Fireman Bill Andriot, Joe Noland, Sam Wolfe, Jack Monohan, Tim Golden, Bill Andriot, Jr.



Boz Table, Harrods Creek

1974

August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



August 11, 1974, Unknown:

Hose power

Firemen get dousing in water-ball contest

By KEN LOOMIS

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

It was a duck's paradise at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department station on Lyndon Way yesterday.

For nearly four hours, teams from 10 volunteer fire departments in three counties took turns dousing each other and a few hundred spectators as they played a kind of reverse tug-of-war with a metal ball and high-pressure hoses.

The hollow ball—about 15 inches in diameter and painted yellow—was attached to a free-rolling pulley that hung at exactly the middle of a 110-foot cable strung 10 feet from the ground.

At the starting whistle, two teams of firemen facing each other under the ball directed a stream of water, under 90 pounds per square inch of pressure, at the ball. The object was to slide it along the cable into the other team's territory. At the end of three minutes, the team that had kept the ball over its opponents' heads the longest time was declared the winner of the heat.

But with 18 teams involved and two heats required between each set of contestants in the elimination contest, it was a long and wet afternoon before the final match.

That pitted two teams from the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department against each other, and the "A" team edged the "B" team by a scant 8.9 seconds when the last drop had fallen.

According to William (Fireman Bill) Andriot, the St. Matthews Department had staged a water-ball contest once before, about eight years ago, but then dropped the idea of continuing it.

But this time, according to Capt. Al Ring, the department hopes to make it an annual event. Proceeds from refreshment sales go to the Crusade for Children.

There was one mishap during the day. A member of the Worthington Volunteers, Donald Ruark, 21, suffered an eye injury during a morning practice session when he was hit in the face by a blast from one of the high-pressure hoses. He was admitted to Suburban Hospital.

During the competition, there were no such mishaps—the rules provided for disqualification of any team that was guilty of "intentional directing of hose stream at opponents"—but things were wilder, and wetter, nearby where children engaged in the junior event.

That employed less pressure from garden-variety hoses, but somehow it seemed that there was more water. Most of the contestants sprayed not only their opponents, but also their teammates, the judges and even the yellow ball.

Ring said the turnout of several hundred was good.

He suggested, however, that more people might have come out to watch all that water if it hadn't been for the rain.

1974

August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



Staff Photo

Push instead of pull

With hoses trained on a hollow steel ball riding on a pulley along a cable, 18 teams of volunteer firemen from 10 departments tested each other's skills in a series of three-minute tug-of-war-type contests yesterday at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department station on Lyndon Way. The "A" team from the Lyndon department beat the Lyndon "B" team in the final match.



Battle of the hoses

Dousing each other and spectators as well were members of 10 volunteer fire departments in a water ball contest yesterday at the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department station on Lyndon Way.



Kiernan Monohan, son of Doug & Margo Monohan

1974

August 11, 1974, Water Ball held at STMFD:



September 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Engineers

Effective Date: 9-1-74
Supersedes No.: None

1. Engineers shall be twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have a valid State of Kentucky drivers license. They shall also have completed fifty-two (52) training weeks to be eligible, and satisfactorily completed the engineers examination.
2. Engineers shall be qualified by the officer and approved by a Chief Officer. They shall be qualified for their driving and mechanical ability and shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of all apparatus .
3. Before leaving the scene of an emergency and after returning to the station the engineer using each piece of apparatus shall make a service check and advise the officer of any discrepancies.
4. No member shall drive the apparatus except the qualified engineers unless directed to do so by an officer.
5. Each engineer shall be thoroughly familiar with the territory to be served, including the conditions of routes during the different seasons and the location of all water supplies.
6. Engineers shall observe speed limits which are consistent with safety, considering traffic, weather and road conditions. Special care shall be taken when approaching all intersections, the apparatus being kept under control at all times.
7. Engineers shall maintain familiarity with all apparatus.

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August 18, 1974, *The Voice*:



Staff photo by Robin Garr III

ST. MATTHEWS volunteer firemen Chris Kinberger (left) and Jim Hytken man the hose during a water ball tournament at the local firehouse on Sunday. Two teams from Lyndon VFD dominated the competition, which matches teams of firemen in a test of fire hose skill.



Staff photo by Robin Garr III

MIDDLETOWN: Volunteer firemen (from left), Robert Totten, Jim Menefee, Ernest Tillman and Harry Winingham, hose the ball toward their opponent's side in the firemen's water ball tournament held Sunday at the St. Matthews fire house. Lyndon firemen dominated play by capturing both first and second place.

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September 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-5-74
Supercedes No : 9-1-74

1. Do follow the apparatus run schedule.
2. No apparatus is to be started or moved without the permission of an officer except in an emergency.
3. Do not dress while the apparatus is in motion.
4. Never ride the tailboard while the apparatus is laying hose.
5. Upon arrival at the scene of an emergency, do not leave the apparatus until ordered to do so.
6. If you have been given a job to do at the scene of an emergency and you have completed it, report to the officer who assigned you or to the command post for further assignment.
7. If at the scene of an emergency you should accidentally break anything be sure to report it to an officer.
8. Report all injuries to an officer immediately.
9. Do advise the engineer of any and all equipment removed from the apparatus.
10. All clothing must be worn on an emergency until an officer deems otherwise. If three quarter boots are worn they must be pulled up. No bare chest will be allowed.
11. Immediately upon returning from an emergency, sign the roster sheet, designate apparatus number and also designate engineer with an "E" and officer with an "O".
12. Personnel remaining at the station will be expected to help ready the returning apparatus.
13. No firefighter shall be permitted to leave any emergency, department function or training for any reason unless excused by his officer.
14. No parking in front of the fire station ramp.
15. No alcoholic beverages other than beer will be allowed on the premises at any time. No one under twenty-one (21) will be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. No beer may be consumed until after training is completed.

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September 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-5-74
Supercedes No.: 9-1-74

16. Do not sit or stand on the soft drink machine, pool table, desks, air conditioners and apparatus fenders, or any other object not intended for that purpose.
17. You are responsible for any guest you may bring into the fire station.
18. Always address an officer by his rank or title.
19. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, or shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the department.
20. If you are out of the St. Matthews fire area and learn of an emergency, you are not to use red lights and/or siren until you enter our area.
21. If an alarm comes in during a fire department gathering or meeting, report to the apparatus to which you are assigned and await instructions.
22. We only discuss emergencies in the fire station. Do not engages in conversation with any private citizens concerning any emergency while at the scene or at a later date. Always direct this person to an officer.
23. Passing other apparatus on the way to an emergency will not be allowed.
24. All apparatus shall follow the proper response route.
25. Any firefighter going direct to an emergency will check in with the command post and be relieved from there.
26. APPARATUS PERSONNEL LOAD LIMIT:

S-1 and S-2 5 men (2 in the front seat and 3 on the tailboard)
S-3 and S-4 6 men (2 in the front seat and 4 on the tailboard)
S-5 7 men (2 in the front seat, 3 in the jumpseat and 2 on the tailboard)
S-6 8 men (2 in the front seat, 2 in the jumpseat and 4 on the tailboard)
27. RADIO PROCEDURES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
 - 10-6 Responding - All units.
 - 10-7 Arriving at the scene, out of service - all units with the first reporting.
 - 10-8 In service - officer in charge of the emergency.

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September 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-5-74
Supercedes No.: 9-1-74

28. DEFINE WORKING FIRE AS THE LAYING OF HOSE TO A WATER SUPPLY.

29. CODE 1 RESPONSE - NORMAL DRIVING PROCEDURES:

Nonemergency. This is used when responding to another departments area for standby service.

CODE 2 RESPONSE - WARNING LIGHTS ONLY

Nonemergency. This is used only at the officers discretion in inclement weather.

CODE 3 RESPONSE - WARNING LIGHTS AND SIREN

Emergency. This is used when responding to the scene of an emergency inside and outside of our fire or contract area.

30. RESPONSE:

All first alarm units will respond to the emergency unless cancelled. If a working fire is reported all second alarm units will respond to the emergency. If another emergency call is received during an existing emergency the officer in charge of the first emergency will determine the other response.

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1974: From Jack O'Toole private collection.



8821 – 1947 Seagrave 750 GPM pumper



Ready to roll



8836 – 1973 Mack 1500 GPM pumper



8844 – 1955 Seagrave 750 GPM quad



8855 – 1957 Seagrave 750 GPM quint with 75' aerial ladder

1974

September 5, 1974, *The Voice*:



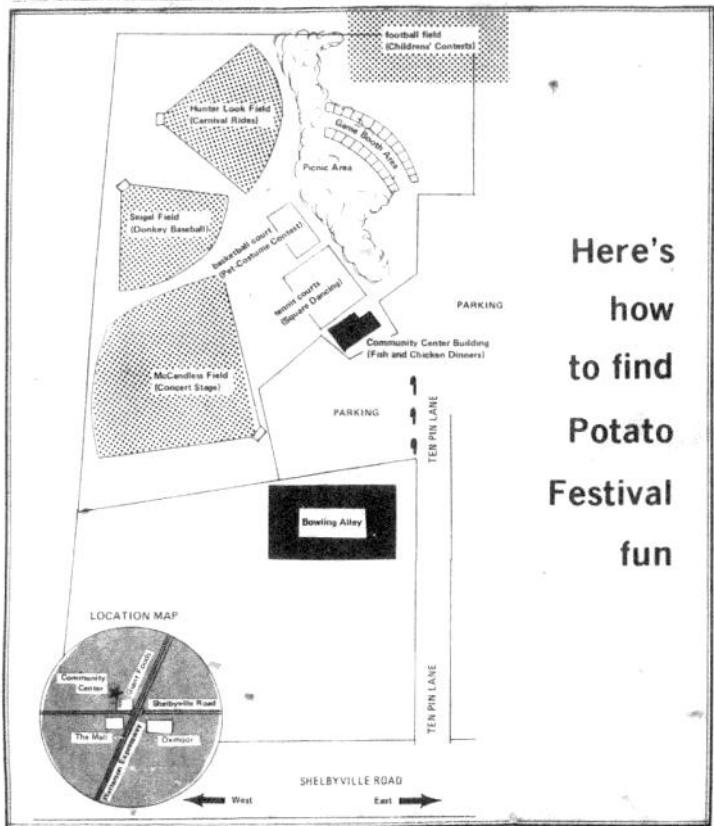
Staff photo by Robin Garr III

ST. MATTHEWS volunteer firemen Jason Handel and William Clifford mount their ladder to help hang a Potato Festival banner across Shelbyville Road on Saturday. The mammoth festival is set for Sept. 12-14 at the St. Matthews Community Center.

1974

September 12, 1974, *The Voice*:

PAGE 8, THE VOICE JEFFERSONIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1974



Here's
how
to find
Potato
Festival
fun

In Concert

BRENDA LEE



AND



FLOYD CRAMER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th
AT 8:00 p.m.

On the Community Center Grounds

TICKETS

Adults \$4.50 advance \$5.00 gate

Children (under 12) \$3.50

Tickets available at all greater Louisville Shadertown Stores (The Mall, Dixie Manor & River City Mall) and at Bobby Lanz House of Music, Poplar Level Road.

To Benefit The St. Matthews Community Center
Just One Part of

The
**Potato
Festival**
Don't Miss The Fun!

Thursday

September 12th, 1974

- * 6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Festival Hours
- * 6:00 P.M. - Donkey Softball Game featuring County Judge and Holloway and the "Todd Squad" from Radio and TV personalities from WAKY, WAVE, WHAS, WINK, WKLO, WQHJ, WSTM, and WVWV Radio Stations.
- * 7:30 P.M. - "Battle of the Bands" featuring top rock music bands co-sponsored by WKLO radio.

Friday

September 13th, 1974

- * 4:30 - 11:00 P.M. - Festival Hours
- * 4:30 - 11:00 P.M. - Fish Dinners available for purchase
- * 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. - Square Dancing Exhibition (Stardusters and Highlanders, Caller: Al Stewart)
- * 7:30 P.M. - "Battle of the Bands" finals.
- * 7:30 P.M. - Potato Festival Queen Crowning.

Saturday

September 14th, 1974

- * 10:30 - 11:00 P.M. - Festival Hours
- * 9:00 A.M. - Parade featuring over 1,000 persons, floats, antique cars, marching bands and bands. Parade route originates from Franklin Avenue and Lexington Road, next on Shelbyville Road to the Mall.
- * 11:30 A.M. - Pet and Costume Contest for children and their pets. Age bracket 5-8 and 9-12. Any type pet, costumes not required. Additional information: 895-4080.
- * 12:30 P.M. - Children's Contests with valuable prizes: Ages 5-12. Potato sack Races, Potato Pitch Contest, Pie Eating, Relay Races with potatoes, etc.
- * All Carnival Rides, Displays, Exhibits, and Concessions will be open during all festival hours.
- * All events at the St. Matthews Area Community Center, across from the Mall on Shelbyville Road.
- * Events Free unless otherwise noted.
- * 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Square Dancing Exhibition (Kentuckiana Kloggers, Caller: Tommy Dillender)
- * 4:00 - 11:00 P.M. - Chicken Dinners available for purchase.
- * 8:00 P.M. - Concert: Brenda Lee and Floyd Cramer with orchestra. Highlight of the festival. Tickets: Adults: \$4.50 advance, \$5.00 at gate, children under 12: \$3.50.
- * 11:00 P.M. - Fireworks Finale - 20 minutes fireworks display by the famous Colonel Cliff Wiss.

Bring the whole family
for 3 nights of fun!

This space co-sponsored by:

The St. Matthews Jaycees

Organizers and sponsors
of the 1974 Potato Festival

The Voice Newspapers

'Once a week does it'

1974

September 12, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Sept. 12, 1974.

Directors present:

Fred Boss
Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer
John Monohan
Phil Grauman

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Geo. Miller with the reading of minutes of meeting held on Aug. 8, 1974. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

The next order of business was the financial report, given by Mr. Boss.

Mr. Monohan reported that he had met with representatives of Mack Truck and that progress is being made toward the purchase of new truck.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

Arson suspected in house fire

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

County Police arson detectives are investigating the blaze that gutted a home at 4185 Westport Road early in the morning on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Major Jack Monohan, Assistant Chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, said firemen called in arson detectives shortly after the first fire units arrived at the scene of the 2:12 am alarm.

Monohan declined to discuss specific details, but said "it was obvious" arson detectives should be called.

The fire in a vacant home owned by Ray Laughner, Monohan said, gutted the entire interior, with the heaviest damage in the living room area where the fire apparently began.

Flames also burst through windows to involve the exterior of part of the house, Monohan said.

The assistant chief said 25 firefighters and four units were on the scene, fighting the fire for over two hours.

Rick Tonini, 21, of 117 St. Matthews

Avenue, a volunteer fireman, sustained slight injuries while fighting the blaze and was taken to Suburban Hospital by St. Matthews Police, where he was treated and released.

According to Officer Bob Yates, information officer of the Jefferson County Police Department, "arson" was listed as probable cause of the fire.

September 19, 1974, *The Voice*:

1974

October 10, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Oct. 10, 1974.

Directors present:
Fred Boss
Geo. Miller
John Monohan
Marty Kamer
Bill Andriot

Minutes of meeting held on Sept. 12, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Boss. seconded by Mr. Miller, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Boss gave a financial report and Mr. Monohan reported that all bills have been paid.

Mr. Monohan reported that he talked a representative of Mack Truck and said we should soon receive prints to review for approval.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Secty.

Marty Kamer

October 22, 1974, The Courier-Journal:

Courier Journal
Businessmen honor Al Ring

Oct. 22, 1974

Alan D. Ring is a busy man, and last night some of his industriousness was rewarded when he received the community service award presented by the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association Inc.

Ring, 31, is a captain in the St. Matthews volunteer fire department, was a leader in that organization's record-setting Crusade for Children fund drive and is president of Firefighters Inc.

He also operates a service station at 4217 Shelbyville Road, and was outspoken as a leader in battling government controls and regulations during the gasoline shortage earlier this year.

The group, holding its 20th annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Northeast, cited Ring for his "outstanding leadership and dedication" to the community.

Several hundred members of the association heard Kentucky Lt. Gov. Julian

Carroll call on the nation to "live together as brothers" if it is to survive the current troubled times.

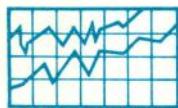
Warren Park of the J.C. Penney Co. was elected president for the 1974-75 year, succeeding Kenny Zax. Ed Gaupin was elected vice president, while Sara D. Gidden was renamed secretary and Marvin J. Fisher was re-elected treasurer.



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October 21, 1974, St. Matthews & East Jefferson County Business Association, Inc.

ST. MATTHEWS AND EAST JEFFERSON COUNTY
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, INC.



119 ST. MATTHEWS AVE.

Sara D. Gidden
Secretary

LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

Paul Clark
Executive Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD....Alan D. Ring....October 21st, 1974

Over the years, the men who have received the Community Service Award have been just a little older than the man we honor tonight. Not three score and ten perhaps but certainly more than one score and eleven which figures up to 31 busy years. Alan D. Ring was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut where his father worked for General Electric. In 1951 the family moved here and young Alan became a member of the second graduating class of Waggener High School.

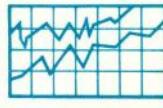
In 1965 he became the youngest oil dealer in the State of Kentucky, operating his own business at the age of 22; over the years his service station has won a number of beautification awards.

Ten years ago Al became a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and is now a captain. He is also President of Fire Fighters Inc., a countywide organization of 22 fire departments.

For the past 10 years, Al Ring and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department have worked with the WHAS Crusade for Children, collecting \$232,000.00 in the time. This year was the biggest with a total of \$46,228.00, twice as much as last year and far ahead of any other fire department.

They have been working on next years Crusade for the past 4 months but they need your help to make 1975 bigger than ever before. There's a garage sale on Saturday, November 2nd at the fire house. Keep that date in mind and give them your help.

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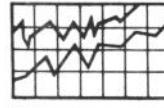
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

Paul Clark
Executive Secretary

Al Ring's Standard Service Station at 4217 Shelbyville Road is a busy place and Al is a busy man but he still finds time to indulge in his favorite hobbies: reading and collecting fire engine models. He and his lovely wife Carol have just moved to their ^{NEW} _N home at 6605 Tottenham Road.

The St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association is proud to present this plaque to Captain Al Ring of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for outstanding leadership and dedication to the Greater St. Matthews area.

ST. MATTHEWS AND EAST JEFFERSON COUNTY
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, INC.



119 ST. MATTHEWS AVE.

Sara D. Gidden
Secretary

LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207

Paul Clark
Executive Secretary

October 29, 1974

Dear Member:

The 20th Annual General Membership Dinner and Meeting of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association was a huge success. Some 200 members and guests enjoyed a good meal at the Holiday Inn N.E. and a fun evening topped off by remarks by Lieutenant Governor Julian Carroll.

Al Ring was honored with the Community Service Award in recognition of his work with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and the WHAS Crusade for Children. In the past 10 years under the leadership of Al Ring, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has collected over \$232,000 for the Crusade. They have been work hard all summer on next year's Crusade and there will be a garage sale Saturday November 2nd at the Fire House. Please give them your help.

Warren Park, manager of the J.C.Penney store is our new president. The next board meeting will be Tuesday November 19th at 9:00 AM at Pryor's, 4170 Shelbyville Road.

We have four "brand new" members since our last letter.

Helen's Fashion Center, 111 St. Matthews Ave., owned by Glenn and Helen George.

Continental Collection Bureau, Executive Park; managed by Joseph French.

International House of Pancakes, 7310 LaGrange Road; owned by Larry and Bob Morris.

Metts Company Inc., 999 Breckinridge Lane, run by Frank Metts.

The Chenoweth Lane crossing of the L. & N. Railroad will be closed for renovation beginning November 4th. at 8 am until 5 pm on November 5th. Traffic will be detoured one block east through Westport Road, St. Matthews Ave. and Staebler Ave. Please keep this in mind and tell your friends and customers. Let's keep the traffic moving.

Paul Clark
Executive Secretary

October 24, 1974, *The Voice*:

Business group honors Al Ring, firefighter

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Capt. Alan D. (Al) Ring, 31, is Community Service Award winner of the year of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Assn.

Commanding Ring at the association's annual dinner meeting Monday, A. J. (Bud) Eline, himself one of last year's award winners, observed "in the past, our honorees have been older men — older than Al's one score and eleven."

A native of Bridgeport, Conn., Ring came to St. Matthews as a child in 1951, and was a member of Waggener High School's second graduating class.

In 1965, at age 22, he became the youngest oil dealer in the state of Kentucky. Proprietor of Ring's Standard Station on Shelbyville Road near Hubbards Lane, he has received numerous awards for beautification, most recently a beautification award from the St. Matthews Business and Professional Women's Club.

For 10 years a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, Ring has risen to the rank of captain, and also is president of Fire Fighters Inc., the association of volunteer fire departments in Jefferson County.

Accepting the plaque in his honor, Ring said "I'm accepting this in the name of all in the community. All deserve it. Only some of us are more

boisterous about it than others."

Also on the business group's annual dinner meeting program:

- Warren C. Park, manager of J. C. Penney's Mall Store, was unanimously named president of the organization for 1973-74.

The rest of the officer slate, proposed by nominating committee chairman Bud Eline and adopted unanimously, included: Edward W. Gaupin, vice president; Sara D. Gidden, secretary; (for the 19th consecutive year); Marvin J. Fisher, treasurer; and as directors, Don Black, Larry Miller, John O'Leary, Ed Ritchie, Don Roberts, Phil Sansam, Paul Schlich, John Thomas and Mike Skelton.

- Lt. Gov. Julian Carroll, guest speaker, entertained the group of about 250 with a light-hearted talk peppered with jokes.

On a brief serious note, Carroll told the organization "Let's hope, when it's all over, we've left our footprints somewhere on the sands of time for those who follow to see.

"We can live together as brothers, if we appreciate that everything we do affects somebody else.

"If you include the people in government, they'll let you do it the right way," the lieutenant governor said. "Some will agree and some will disagree, but all will stand together.

"United we will stand; we know that

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Businessmen honor Ring

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divided, we will fall."

- Retiring President Kenny Zax was presented a plaque of appreciation by incoming President Park.

- Miss Gidden presented a brief membership report, and Treasurer Fisher detailed the organization's finances for the past year, which were topped by a \$4,284 expenditure for last fall's "Go East" advertising campaign.

- St. Matthews Mayor Bernard F. Bowling presented a "municipal report," outlined in a separate article in this week's *Voice*.

Fall 1974: Pump testing of S3, using "Test Pit" built the previous year behind the fire station on Lyndon Way.



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Pump tests, S-21, S-33, S-36, S-44



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October 31, 1974, *The Voice*:



St. Matthews Clipboard

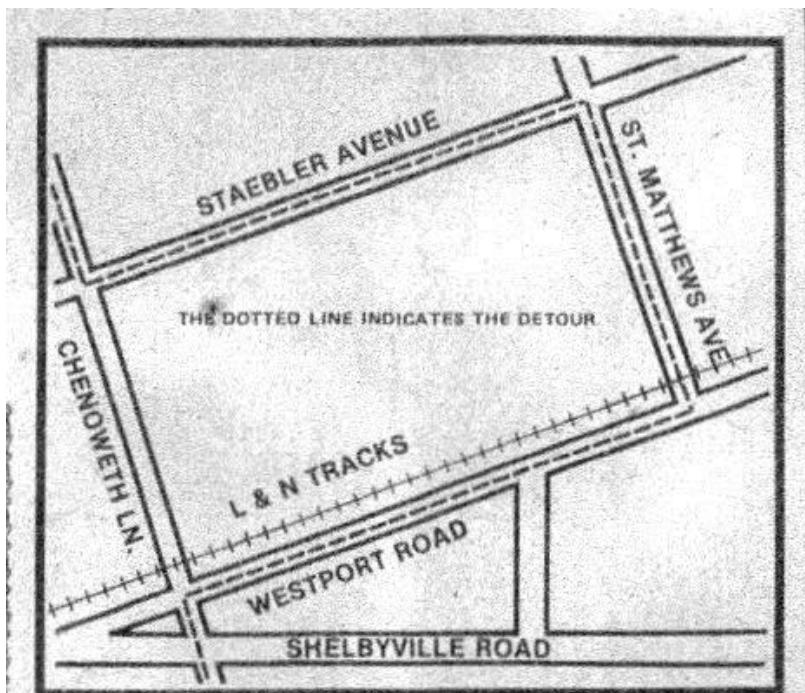
Garage sale

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department will hold a garage sale at the firehouse, Lyndon Way at Sears Avenue, Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Small appliances, books, glassware and other items are needed to sell. All

items, except large appliances, will be accepted. Anyone wishing to donate items to the garage sale may take them to the firehouse on Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or on Nov. 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The garage sale is part of a year-long effort by the fire fighters to raise funds for the Crusade for Children.



Chenoweth detour to start Monday

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

The L & N grade crossing at Chenoweth Lane will be closed for at least five days, beginning Monday, Nov. 4, at 8 a.m., St. Matthews city officials confirmed this week.

While railroad work crews are tearing up the existing grade crossing, rebuilding it with a smoother surface and adding a new, additional northbound lane across the tracks, traffic in the area will be detoured.

St. Matthews City Clerk Gretchen Kaiser said city policemen will be detailed to direct traffic through the

detour route, at least at peak traffic periods.

Northbound traffic on Chenoweth will detour one block east on Westport Road, turn left onto St. Matthews Avenue across the tracks, one block north to Staebler Avenue and left on Staebler one block back to Chenoweth.

Southbound traffic will follow the same path in reverse, detouring left on Staebler to St. Matthews, Westport Road and back to Chenoweth again.

Alternative routes for motorists who prefer to avoid the entire area include Thierman Lane from Shelbyville Road to Westport Road; Hubbards Lane from Shelbyville Road to Brownsboro Road; the Watterson Expressway between the same exists; or Hillcrest Avenue in Crescent Hill from Frankfort Avenue to Brownsboro Road.

However, Mrs. Kaiser noted, a state highway department repaving project on Shelbyville Road near Hubbards also occasionally tangles rush hour traffic in that area.

Unless weather imposes a delay, Mrs. Kaiser said, the project is to be completed, and the intersection reopened to traffic, by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

The city of St. Matthews is paying \$4,000 toward the cost of the project, to assist in construction of the new northbound lane, which is being done at the city's request.

An estimated \$1,600 additional widening cost, and the entire cost of the crossing renovation, is being borne by the L & N.

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November 1, 1974, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date: 11-1-74
Supercedes No.: None

SUBJECT: LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

To qualify for the Life Time Membership you must reach the magic number seventy (70). This is determined by your age at the time you joined the department. The chart following will tell you how many years of service you will need to qualify for the program. The first column is your age at the time you joined. The second column is the years of active service needed. These two columns added together total seventy (70). But as we obtain one year of service we also become one year older, thus, the third column denotes the actual number of years needed to qualify. The fourth column gives you your age at the time you qualify.

Any temporary medical disability or any compulsory relocation out of the district with a minimum of ten (10) years of active service maintains continuity of time towards Life Time Membership, but only if you return to the department.

Permanent disability while you are an active member regardless of the time of active service qualifies you automatically as a Life Time Member.

When you have become a Life Time Member you will be relieved of all mandatory participation. However, all other by-laws and rules and regulations must be observed. All Life Time Members will also receive a plaque and a personalized lapel pin.

LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

CALCULATION CHART

Age when you joined	Years of Service Needed	Years Needed To Qualify	Age at time You Qualify
17	53	26.5	43.5
18	52	26	44
19	51	25.5	44.5
20	50	25	45
21	49	24.5	45.5
22	48	24	46
23	47	23.5	46.5
24	46	23	47
25	45	22.5	47.5
26	44	22	48
27	43	21.5	48.5
28	42	21	49
29	41	20.5	49.5
30	40	20	50
31	39	19.5	50.5
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43	27	13.5	56.5
44	26	13	57
45	25	12.5	57.5
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47	23	11.5	58.5
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54	16	8	62
55	15	7.5	62.5
56	14	7	63
57	13	6.5	63.5
58	12	6	64
59	11	5.5	64.5
60	10	5	65
61	9	4.5	65.5
62	8	4	66
63	7	3.5	66.5
64	6	3	67

1974

November 7, 1974, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has made six runs in the past week, Fire Capt. Al Ring reported Tuesday.

Monday Oct. 28, at 912 Dupont Road, Flahertys III, rags on fire.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, on West Wind Road, leaves.

Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 Dupont Road, gasoline washoff.

Friday, Nov. 1, at 503 Wallace Avenue, leaves.

Friday, Nov. 1, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, hot water heater.

Sunday, Nov. 3, at 4805 Brownsboro Road, gasoline washoff.

Garage sale

No. 9

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department will hold a garage sale at the firehouse, Lyndon Way at Sears Avenue, Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 am - 4 pm.

November 14, 1974, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to four fire alarms last week, Chief John Monohan reported Tuesday.

* Thursday, Nov. 7, at 109 Don Allen, defective wiring.

* Monday, Nov. 11, at 96 Beechwood Road, food on stove.

* Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 214 Travois Road, truck.

* Tuesday, Nov. 12, backup Lyndon firemen at their firehouse. Lyndon forces were at a serious house fire, 1811 Millgate Road.

November 14, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews vol Fire Assn was held on Nov. 14, 1974.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller

Fred Boss

Bill Andriot

John Monohan

Marty Kamer

Minutes of meeting held on Oct. 10, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan reported that he had a meeting with Mack representatives and that work is still being done on the prints.

Mr. Andriot presented to the board a request from Officers and Chief Officers of the Dept. The request was, that the board give their approval for the adoption of a Life Time Membership Program. (request & program attached) After studying and discussing said program the board voted with all in favor of adopting said program.

A motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we buy Turkeys to be given to the Firemen at Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1974

November 14, 1974, Board meeting:

PWD
for

REQUEST FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers of this department with the Chief Officers have designed a Life Time Membership Program, for this department. We have enclosed a copy of this program for you to see, and are requesting that the Board furnish the benefits that this program outlines. "A gift of a personalized lapel pin and plaque will be given to all persons qualifying for the Life Time Membership Program."

We thank you for your consideration.

Officers and Chief Officers

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.

LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Qualifications

1. To qualify you must reach the magic number 70. This is determined by your age, and years of service. (See Chart)
- 1A. Relocation out of district, or medical disability with a minimum of ten years active service maintains continuity of service toward Life Time Program, if and when you come back.
2. Permanent disability during active membership qualifies automatically for the Life Time Membership Program.

Benefits of Program

1. No mandatory Participation.
2. A gift of a personalized lapel pin and plaque will be given to all persons qualifying for this program.

Start of Program

This program will take effect in November of 1974, and will be retrospective to all past members of this department who qualify.

1974

December 12, 1974, *The Voice*:

J. C. Nuckols joins board replacing Stan Jones.

December 12, 1974, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol Fire Assn. was held on Dec. 12, 1974.

Directors present:

John Monohan	Fred Boss
Geo. Miller	Marty Kamer
Bill Andriot	J. P. Terry

Minutes of meeting held on Nov. 14, 1974 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that checks in appreciation of service be made payable to three firemen who have left the dept.

A check for \$25.00 to Doug Monohan for 10 years of service.

A check for \$50.00 to Robert Walling for 15 years of service.

A check for \$50.00 to Harry Babcock for 17 years of service.

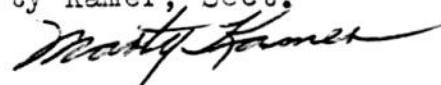
Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Boss, that we appoint Mr. J.C. Nuckols to be a member of the board. Mr. Nuckols will serve as a director, filling the unexpired term of Mr. Stan Jones. Said term expires July 1977.

Mr. Andriot made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that we purchase Hams to be given to the firemen at Xmas.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that we purchase \$5000.00 in Certificates of Deposit at Greater Louisville.

There being no further business motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has responded to these recent alarms, according to the department's official record book:

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4:55 pm, Grandview Avenue between Macon and Jola, false.

Friday, Nov. 22, at 8:57 pm, 3718 Warner, sump pump motor.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 9:38 pm, 512 Cornell, furnace motor.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at 10:54 am, 4112 Elmwood, false.

Friday, Nov. 29, at 7:12 pm, 4310 Shelbyville Road, false.

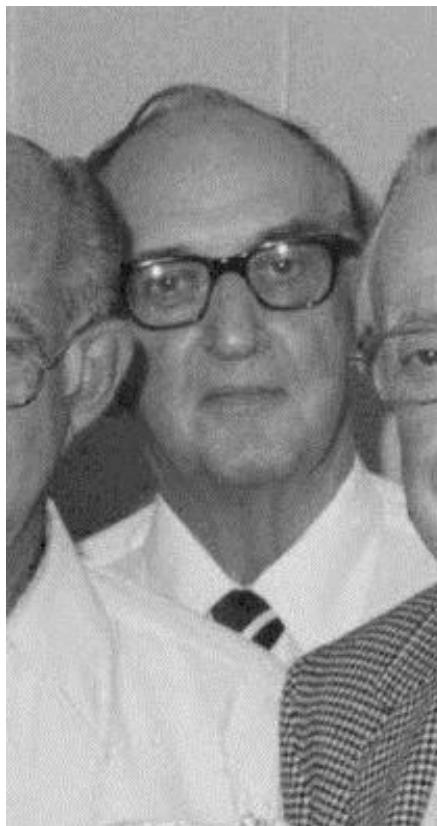
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December 12, 1974, Board meeting:

New board member: J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.

Director 1974 to 1982

July 8, 1908 to August 30, 1992



J. CECIL NUCKOLS
250 CHENOWETH LANE
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

March 16th 1982

To the Board of Directors and Mr. John M. Monahan, Pres.
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n,

Gentlemen:

Effective the date of this letter, I do hereby tender my resignation as a Member of the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n

It has been my pleasure to serve the Citizens of our Community.

Sincerely Yours

J. C. Nuckols

Mr. Nuckols, was born July 8, 1908. The 1920 census shows him living with his family on Allison in Jefferson County, Kentucky. He is the son of J. Cecil Nuckols and Claudine Nuckols, with a brother Franklin W. Nuckols and a sister Cecile V. The 1930 census shows about the same. We know he went to du Pont Manual High School, in the late 1920s. In 1937 he was a manager with the Dean Tire Company. He became a self employed contractor building homes in the St. Matthews area and converted apartments on Chenoweth Lane to condos. He lived with Claudine at 250 Chenoweth Lane, and died August 30, 1992.

The CRIMSON

HARRY KIRKUP SMITH MEMORIAL DECLAMATORY CONTEST

du Pont Gymnasium
March 4, 1927

Moderator
Mr. E. P. Chapin, Principal of the du Pont Manual Training High School

Judges
Mr. W. L. Davenport, Professor of Education, University of Louisville
Mr. Bennett M. Brigman, Dean of the Speed Scientific School
Mr. Guy M. Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

1st Prize Gold Medal and Prize: Silver Medal

Second Inaugural Address
By Karl E. Rothrock

America, Beacon Light of Peace By C. J. Kummer

The Secret of Lincoln's Power By Calvin Cramer

Shall America Betray Herself By Edwin Bradley

Napoleon, the Exile By Robert T. Owen

The Traitor's Death Bed By James Bowles

The Chariot Race By J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.

First: J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr. Second: Robert T. Owen

The CRIMSON

CONSTITUTIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

(Sponsored by the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times)

du Pont Gymnasium
April 15, 1927

Moderator
Mr. E. R. Martin, Head of the History Department, du Pont Manual Training High School

Judges
Mr. James S. Richmond, Principal of the Richmond School
Mr. H. J. Stipe, History Department, du Pont Manual Training High School
Mr. W. C. Hatfield, History Department, Louisville Male High School

Prize: Fifty Dollars

The Constitution Karl E. Rothrock

The Constitution James Puryear

The Meaning of the Constitution Today J. Cecil Nuckols Jr.

Franklin's Contribution to the Constitution Robert T. Owen

Marshall's Contribution to the Constitution Emmett B. Smith

Lincoln's Contribution to the Constitution Calvin Cramer

Winner: Karl E. Rothrock

The CRIMSON

ANNUAL MITRE DECLAMATORY CONTEST

du Pont Gymnasium
May 6, 1927

Moderator
Mr. George Patterson, English Department, du Pont Manual Training High School

Judges
Mr. W. F. Bradbury, Head of the English Department, Louisville Male High School
Dr. W. Paul Jones, Speed Scientific School
Mr. H. J. Stipe, History Department, du Pont Manual Training High School

1st Prize Gold Medal, presented by the Mitre Club
and Prize: Silver Medal, presented by Mr. Bennett M. Brigman, founder and President-Emeritus of the Mitre Club

The Advocate's First Plea McCratchess
Emmett B. Smith
Patrick Henry, the Agitator Christianson
William E. Bailey

The Victor of Marengo Anonymous
William Haushild

The Chariot Race from Ben Hur Wallace
J. C. Nuckols, Jr.

Regulus to the Carthaginians Kellogg
Calvin Kummer

Second Inaugural Lincolns
Karl E. Rothrock

The Teacher, the Hope of the Future Eells
Robert T. Owen

First: Calvin Kummer Second: Karl E. Rothrock

Ninety-nine

One Hundred

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December 19, 1974, *The Voice*:

W. Leland Wilson Dies, was active Board member.

W. Leland Wilson dies

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W. Leland Wilson, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 14, at 12:40 pm, in Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Long a director of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn., he was the department's vice president.

The 84-year-old Mankato, Minn., native lived at 502 Bauer Avenue in St. Matthews. He had retired from General Foods Corp., in 1955, and remained a member of the Christian Church.

Active in Masonic affairs, he was a 50-year member of Valley Lodge 511, a member of the Louisville Council for Royal and Select Masons, and of the King Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by his wife, the former Billie Brumley.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery on Monday afternoon, with members of the fire association as pallbearers.

Builders Supply Co. damaged by fire

A fire of undetermined origin damaged the Louisville Builders Supply Co., 245 N. Hubbards Lane, last night.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was at the scene from 8:25 p.m. yesterday to 1 a.m. today. Company officials could not be reached for comment on the losses, but a fire department spokesman said the two-story building had heavy smoke, water and heat damage. No injuries were reported.

Fire damages local building supply firm

12-19-74

12-16-74

By Judith Berzof
Staff Writer

It just took the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department about 60 seconds to reach the scene of a blazing fire Tuesday night at the Louisville Builders Supply Co., 245 N. Hubbards Lane.

"The fire was through the roof when we got there and five units and 40 men were at the scene. We had it under control in about 30 minutes, but were there until 1 am," said Al Ring, fire captain.

The alarm reached the station at 8:25 pm and was answered quickly because, "it was training night at the firehouse," according to Ring.

"The fire was right behind the offices of the Louisville Builders Supply Co. and destroyed the roof. There is a

tremendous amount of water, smoke and heat damage in the office area but it didn't reach any warehouse area in the concrete block firm," he added.

There were no people in the building at the time of the blaze and firemen had to break the front fence to reach the fire.

Ring said he couldn't make any estimate of the damage in dollars, and declined to comment on the cause of the fire.

"It is being investigated by the county arson bureau which is trying to determine the cause. Not that we suspect anything," Ring concluded.

On Wednesday the company owner said the insurance company will estimate the damage today. He declined to admit a photographer to the scene of the fire.

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December 24, 1974, Unknown: STMFD was called for a rescue.

Girl dies of injuries suffered in crash on Christmas Eve

Catherine L. (Cathy) Hellmann, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert E. Hellmann Jr., of 3932 Kennison Ave., died at 5:56 p.m. yesterday at General Hospital.

Death was due to head injuries she received in an automobile accident at Frankfort and Bauer avenues, according to Deputy Coroner Robert Carter. The accident occurred Dec. 24.

She was a ninth-grade student at Mayme S. Waggener Junior High School.

Survivors also include a brother, Dale E. Hellmann; four sisters, Judy, Libby, Jo Ann, and Christy Hellmann, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert E. Hellmann Sr.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 501 Cherrywood Road, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. The body is at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
Bureau of Vocational Education	
PUBLIC SERVICE OCCUPATION UNIT	
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY	
This Certifies That <u>Capt. Alan Ring</u>	
of <u>Matthews Fire Dept.</u>	
Has Completed <u>20</u> Hours of Fireman Training	
And In Recognition Has Been Awarded This Certificate	
<u>W.K. Butcher</u> Instructor Subject <u>Unit 1</u>	<u>M.S. McClain</u> Director Date <u>7/2/74</u>

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December 1974: "General Pictures"

Captain A. E. Andriot, III & Tim Golden "teaching class" about fire safety.



Mrs. Billie Sharp, secretary, Department's only employee at the time



"The White Hats" as they were called, Chief Officers Assist. Chief's Haeberlin, Monahan, Chief John Monohan



Alarm Desk, note huge map to right of desk, 8' x 16 of the area.

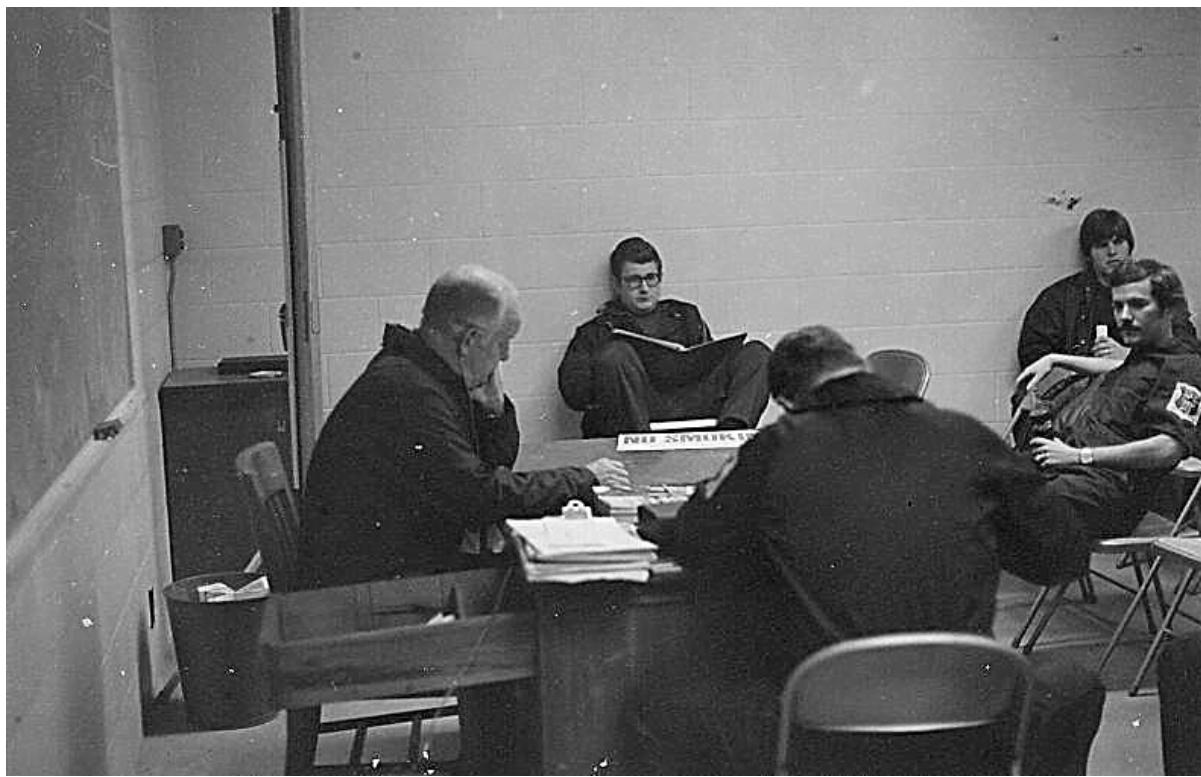


Jim Andriot and the Scott Pack

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December 1974: "General Pictures"

Captain A. E. Andriot, III & Tim Golden "teaching class" about fire safety.



General meeting, Chief Monohan, Capt. Al Ring, Denis Bryant, Sam Wolfe, back of Assistant Chief Al Haeberlin.

Training Class on Tuesday Evening Training

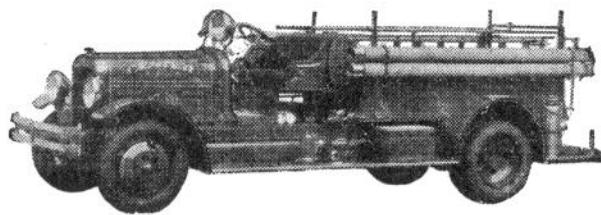


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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



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

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

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BRIEF HISTORY OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is a non-profit organization chartered in the State of Kentucky and governed by a board of directors. "St. Matthews Citizens Form Fire Brigade". That was the caption over an article in the Courier Journal on June 13, 1919. It went on to say, "For the purpose of providing better protection of houses in and around St. Matthews, residents of that town have formed a fire brigade". It was to be called the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association. It started with no money, a hand full of dedicated men, and an old hand pulled hose cart, that no one knows where it came from. These pioneers, being the first of its kind in the State of Kentucky, had no where to get advice and had to do it all on their own.

The first chief, F.X. Schuler, made arrangements with A.J. Eline to house the "fire truck" in his automobile dealership on Frankfort Avenue. There was one fire hydrant where Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue met, and that was it. With very little money and no real experience, its amazing the department survived.

In 1921, Andrew Neichter became Chief. The department bought a Model T Ford truck for \$900.00. They mounted three chemical tanks and a wooden ladder on it, and had their first real fire truck. In 1923, they were given a piece of land behind the drug store on Breckenridge Lane, and the department built its first fire house. Along with providing fire protection, the fire insurance rates were reduced.

By 1930, the department was in real trouble with the State Actuary Bureau. The town was told to either get a new fire truck or lose its insurance classification. Because of this, the Board of Directors reorganized in 1930 and started on an active plan to buy a new fire truck. In 1931, a 500 GPM Segrave Pumper was delivered and given the name "Betsy". The department's financial troubles still were not over. For years, they had to hide the fire truck from the Segrave Co. to keep it from being reposessed.

"Betsy" became the pride of the community, making all of the town's parades, hundreds of fire runs each year, and even going as far as Frankfort, Kentucky, to help with the penitentiary fire. It pumped many basements out during the 1937 flood until its pump blew. Although "Betsy" was removed from first line fire response in December of 1973, after 42 years of active service, it is still used as an auxiliary and training truck. It is still in as good a shape today as when it was delivered.

By 1939, the departments emergency runs were increasing. A good percentage of them were outside of their fire protection area. The department bought a 1924 White Salvage Wagon to primarily make runs out of their protection area.

From 1939 until 1941, the department had two Chiefs. They were Bud Young and Henry A. Monahan. In September of 1941, John M. Monahan Jr. became Chief and also a member of the Board of Directors. It was around this time the department started to really grow. The new Chief learned quickly that to stay in the fire service, the department had to expand and move ahead. The department expanded the training program, bought new fire suppression equipment, and replaced the White Salvage Wagon with a new 1942 Segrave Ford 500 GPM Pumper. In 1942, they also built a new and bigger fire house at 115 Breckenridge Lane.

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The department was on the move and has been one of the leaders in the fire service. They were one of the first to use telephone communications and then in 1954, were the first to go the two-way radio. They were the first department in the state to get self contained breathing apparatus called "Scott Air Packs". They were the first to get a Quint which is a combination aerial ladder and pumper. Keeping abreast of the changes in the fire service and always expanding has been the trademark of this department which is still under the leadership of Chief Monohan.

In 1950, the department added a 1947 Segrave 750 GPM Pumper, and in 1952 moved to 117 St. Matthews avenue to a much bigger fire house. In 1954, they added a 750 GPM Quad. In 1957, they added a 750 GPM Segrave Quint with a 75' aerial ladder. By then the department was operating four pieces of fire apparatus and working out of a modern fire house with a well established training program.

Since the department's fire protection area population, houses, and business district continued to grow, the department made plans in the early 1960's for the 1970's. In 1963, they added a 1250 GPM Segrave Pumper. In 1969, they moved to 4114 Lyndon Way to one of the largest and most modern fire stations in the state. In 1973, a 1500 GPM Mack Pumper was added and in 1974, two additional 1500 GPM Mack Pumpers were programmed for delivery.

Today the department and its fire fighters stand proud of the history and tradition of their department. Having grown from a one truck-ten man department with no money to a seven truck-fifty men department, and making well over 200 emergency runs a year. The Association is financed through city contracts and other contributions based on a $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per one hundred dollar property evaluation. The current Kentucky State Law allows a 10¢ maximum charge. Our fire protection area has an insurance classification of Class Six, which is the lowest residential rate available. The Association has eight on the Board of Directors. The department functions under the directions of a chief and two assistant chiefs responsible to the Board of Directors. The Chief Officers appoint seven Captains to complete the management structure.

Protecting many thousands of lives and millions of dollars of property value, the department is not idle. We are constantly keeping abreast of the latest fire suppression techniques and equipment, and looking for new firefighters to add their talents to the team. With their ever expanding training program, the department and its fire fighters are ready to face the future with the same professionalism and excellence that they have been building for over 50 years.

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WHY NOT BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER?

We are a proud department, in a proud community, dedicated to the belief of helping your fellow man. Why? Well its hard to say or put in words. We feel the reason was best summed up when one of our fire fighters wrote a few years ago.

I guess, first, there is the excitement, the little boy in me that never has quite gotten over the roar of the siren and the clang of the bell.

Then there's the feeling of being needed. The feeling of satisfaction I get when a homeowner looks me in the eye and says "Thanks". I know he is speaking from the bottom of his heart.

There is always the feeling of daring, being a member of the nations most dangerous profession.

The challenge is there too. If you don't get the fire, it may well get you.

Last, but not least, throw in a sense of belonging to a rather exclusive club, whose dues are sweet, lost hours, cuts, bruises, scratches and a few tears.

Being a fire fighter is all of these things and more, and there isn't a one of us who, having crawled through a room with the only breath available is air three inches off the floor and the temperature 250 degrees, or having been at the end of a nozzle for hours in zero degree weather, hasn't asked himself: "What am I doing here"?

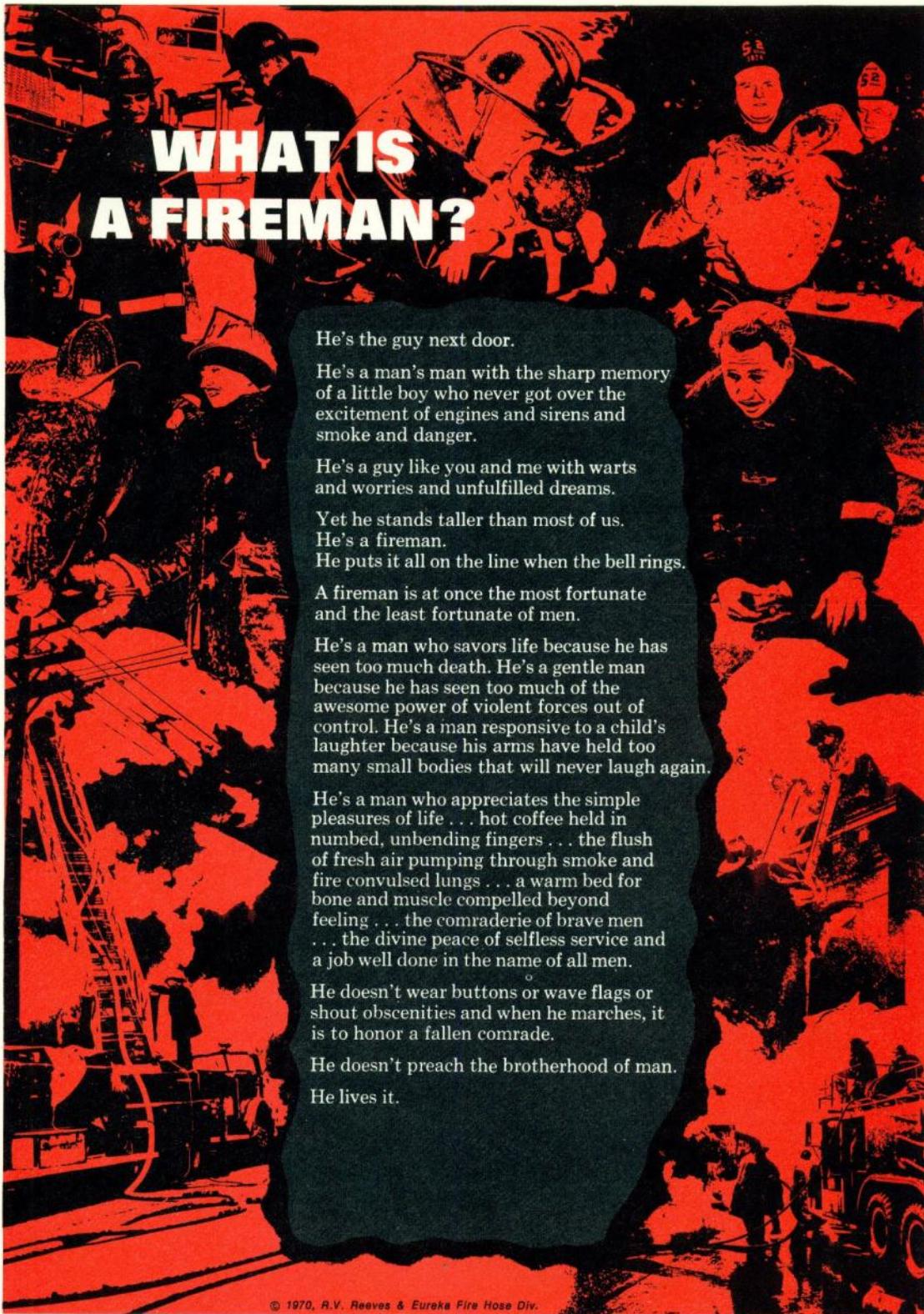
There is no answer, no rhyme nor reason except to say to yourself: "Buddy, you are a FIRE FIGHTER".

If interested, please see any of the fire fighters or come by the Station on any Tuesday night around 8:00 PM. We would welcome the opportunity to explain our program to you.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
John M. Monahan Jr., Chief

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Notes Al Ring put together for the history of STMFD:

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History and Progress of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.

1. Start of St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.
 - A. June 1919
 - B. 15 prominent men of the Community wrote, signed, and recorded the first Articles of Incorporation of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.
 - a. Some of the men.
 1. Author, and Henry Bauer--Owned much land in area, ran restaurants, and Grocery store.
 2. G. T. Dick---Well known bank cashier in area, he became treasurer of the Department.
 3. A. J. Eline---Realestate man, owned Ford Dealership. Well Known
 4. William, and P. G. Rueff, Well known business men of the area.
 5. F. X. Schuler---Well known business man, and later ran Schuler Motors.
 - C. June 13, 1919 Headline in Courier Journal.
 - a. Headline---St. Matthews Citizens Form Fire Brigade.
 - b. Article---For the purpose of providing better protection of houses in and around St. Matthews, residents of that town have formed a fire brigade. The orginazation filed articles of incorpoaration yesterday under the name St. Matthews Volunteer fire Association. It has no capital stock and is authorized to incur libialities not to exceed \$2,000.00 and to accept voluntary subscriptions for purchas of apparatus and maintance of same.
 2. St. Matthews now had a fire department, with no expierience, and because they were one of the first ones in the state, they had no one to learn from. They also had no money or anything else.
 - A. F. X. Schuler became the first Chief.
 - B. A. W. Neichter became the first Captain
 - C. An old hose cart found in the town became the first piece of fire Apparatus.
 - D. A. J. Eline let the department keep the fire truck in hais garage making it the departments first fire house.
 - E. The first alarm system was the telephone exchange located on the secound floor of Bauers General Store. With no siren or anything else the operator had to call all the firefighters by phone.
 3. By 1921 the department started to improve and grow up.
 - A. Ther was no training of any real nature then, and really almost until 1945 the early 40s.
 - B. A. W. Neichter became the secound Chief, and there were no other officers.
 - C. A. J. Eline sold the department a 1921 Model T. Ford Truck, which became the departments first motorized fire truck for \$900.00. The men mounted 3 35 gallon tanks on it and a ladder and it became a chemical wagon.
 - B. The department got 9th class rates.

Notes Al Ring put together for the history of STMFD:

4. 1923 the St. Matthews Booster, the areas first newspaper started, and later became one of the departments biggest helps, by always writting articles on the department, and asking for help, and so on.
5. 1924 was a big year for the department.
 - A. Jesse Odgen owner of Ogen and Bushemier Pharmacy gave the department a piece of land behied his drug store at 109 Breckenridge lane to build a fire house on. He also had the alarm system moved to his store, and he became the departments alarm system, after they bought a siren.
 - B. That gave the department their first real fire house, and alarm system and siren to notify the men of a fire.
 - C. The St. Matthews Community Club started that year and one of its main reasons was to help the town get better fire protection. They held the first of many St. Matthews Festivals, where Taylor Drugs and the Vouge Theather are now located, for the purpose of raising money for civic needs. Of which they considered the Fire Department first. The festival always started with a parade, led by the fire truck.
 - D. The American Legion Post 180 started that year, and for many years they helped raise money for the department.
6. By 1927 the department was slowly getting into trouble.
 - A. Because of little money, and man power the fire truck was in teralbile condition. Before the St. Matthews Festival that year the truck roade through town carring signs saying, I DO NOT CHOSE TO RUN IN 1928. With no money, training, and other items the department was headed down hill.
7. By 1929 it had reached a low, the the State Actuiary Buearo told the town to get a new fire truck or they would loose there rates.
8. Reorganization of the St. Matthews Fire Departmentin 1930.
 - A. With the department and Community Club Failing, the town was sure to loose everything.
 - B. Through the efforts of the St. Matthews Booster using headlines every week, and new leadership in the Community Club, the town decided to do something.
 - C. In January the Community Club reorganized and the fire department board agreed to let the Community Club meet with them.
 - D. Jesse Odgen became President of the Club, and they held a big membership drive, and got many of the areas leading citizens to speak out for the department. During this time there were many articles in the Booster, one of them stating what the Club had done for the department so far.
 - a. Paid off \$900.00 debt on fire truck.
 - b. Paid \$800.00 to have fire house built.
 - c. Paid \$200.00 for siren.

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- d. Paid for helmet and coats for the firefighters
- e. Paid for the heat of the engine house.
- E. There were also headlines like, Eight Mile House burns to ground, J. J. Diggens House destroyed by fire, Fire Damages I. S. Homan Home, and so on, which finally began to bring the seriousness of the situation to the citizens.
- F. In March 1930 the Board of Directors resigned, and a special election was held for new members to run the department until July when the Articles of Incorporation stated they had to hold elections. This was the beginning of a new and better department.
- G. The new Board quickly agreed to start raising funds for a fire truck, and theh ordered one.
- H. In July another election was held and the department had a strong action minded board. With such men as
 - a. Irvin Bauer
 - b. Joseph Beierle
 - c. J. J. Buttler
 - d. J. J. Elder
 - e. A. W. Neicheter
 - f. J. H. Rudy
 - g. L. H. Schweitzer
- I. By the end of 1930 the department had close to \$2,000.00 in money and pledges, but there troubles weren't over.
- 9. In 1931 A. W. Neichter ~~because~~ was still Chief and Irvin Bauer became Assistant Chief, and the department also had a Captain and a Lieutenant.
- 10. Betsy which became the towns pride and joy, a 500G.P.M. Segrave Pumper was delivered, and the Model T. was sold to Lake Dreamland Fire Department.
- 11. Firefighting improved, more men joined the department, and the town began to care, except when it came to giving money.
- 12. From 1931 to about 1934 the department tried everything to raise money from, dances, to carnavales, to going door to door, to handbills, just about everything they could think of, but the money was slow in comming.
- 13. They even had to go as far as hiding the fire truck from Segrave so it wouldn't be reposesed. The department received many teleghams and letters such as the one here from Segrave, but finally the department was able to pay segrave off.
- 14. In 1934 many of the Board members had to resign because they worked for the L&N Railroad and they put out a bulitian stating no member of their organization could be an office holder in any outside organization, or he would be fired. So the Board went to many nearby Churches and ask them to provide a man for the board of directors.

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15. In 1937 the St. Matthews Civic Club formend to help with civic activities and to help the fire department, in raising money. Betsy blew her pump, pumping out basement during the 37 flood, and that was the year thet Holy Trinity burned, being one of the biggest fires St. Matthews had had up until that time.
16. In 1938 R. A. (Bud) Young bacame Assistant Chief, and in 1939 A. W. Neicheter Resigned and Bud Young became Chief.
17. In April of 1939 the Department bought a ¹⁹²⁴ White Salvage wagon from the Louisville Salvage Core for \$1.00. This was to be used mostly for fire out of the St. Matthews Area, because many of the fires that were fought were far out in the county and the people were afraid that they would need the truck when they were gone. At that time the only other department in the area were Jeffersontoen Pee Wee Vally, and Anchorage which would not go oint of there area.
18. In 1940 Bud Young resigned from the ppsition of Chief, and H. A. Monohan served as chief for a couple of months while the board decided on a perminate Chief. Then in Sepatmber of 1940 John M. Monohan Jr. b came Chief and still is the departments Chief.
19. By 1941 with John Monohan as Chief and R. C. Herdt as Assistant Chief, and Monohan also President of the Board of Directors, the Department started to really move.
 - A. They started a training program.
 - B. They moved to a new fire house they built next door to the old one to give them more room.
 - C. They bought a new Ford Segrave Pumper.
 - D. They changed the Articles of Incorporation so they colud collect money.

and borrow more when they needed to.
20. During the War Years it was hard for the department to move ahead, because all the attention was on the war, but they did it anyway. They slowley became financially sound, and training improved, and equiptment was kept up and new equiptment was always being added.
21. In 1943 Another big fire strcuk, this time the St. Matthews Motor Company, which was where White Castle is now located, burned destroying 17 cars and doing \$75,000.00 damage to the building.
22. In 1945 the A& P food store, locared where Bycks is now, burned to the ground giving the area its third big fire since 1937.
23. Also in 1945 Jesse Odgen died, so the alarm system was moved to the Belmont Cab office, owned by a Mr. Hopkins.
24. In 1946 the County Government decided they would furnish fire protection in the county, so they bought 3 fire trucks, and put one in Middle Town, one in t the center of the County and one out in Pleasure Ridge Park area and called this the County fire department. Needless to say this just didn't work and by 1950 it folded.

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25. Some time during the late 40s the department received 8th class rates.
26. In 1949 the department installed telephones in the fire trucks, becoming the first department in the state to do so. This had a termendus help in fighting fires.
27. In 1950 Harrods Creek Fire Department started, and we loaned Bessy to the Lyndon Fire Department who had just recently started, and we bought one of the fire trucks from the County when they desbanded which is called S1, and is still in service today.
28. By now the department had grown to a size that it needed a Chief, Assistant, Chief 2 Captains, and 2 Lieutenants. Its training program had expanded, and they were looking for land to build a new fire house.
*1951
1 year down*
29. In October of 1952 the Department moved to a brand new fire house at 117 St. Matthews Avenue, and were running 3 good pumbers for fire apparatus.
30. Along this time we became the first department in the state to go to Scott Air Packs, to enable firefighters to go into smoke filled rooms and fight the fires.
31. In 1954 many things happened----were the secound department inthe state to to go to two way radioes, bought S4, a Segrave Quad, and the Consalidated Sales building and Variety Millwork Ckmpany burned. Both fires were in Dece,ber and we lost our siren beca se it was on top of the Consalidatied building. In less then 24 hours we had another siren installed and our alarm system was functional again.
32. In 1956 we started the year with a hat one, at 20 agter 12 Jan. 1, the Walser Company Building burned to the ground in a spatactular fire,
33. Marty Kamer bacame Assistant Chief.
34. In 1957 sold the 1941 Ford fire truck to McMahn, and bought a Segrave Quint, the first in the state, and it is still in service.
35. In 1957 there were two major fires and explosions, Pryors resturant, and St. Johns Lutheran Church.
36. In 1958 Central fomed and took ofer our alarm system.
37. In 1960 Terries Texace burned.
38. In 1963 bought a new 1250 G.P.M. Segrave Pumper.
39. We best remember 1965 for two big fires, Minnish &Potts Florists, and Balarnia, where 17 firefighters were injured.
then became Ass. CHIEF
40. In 1966 we bought the land for a new fire house, for \$65,000.00. And big fires seemed to be the thing.---We started the year with a big apartment fire on Leland rd. then, Jamestown came where 4 apartment houses containing 36 apartemnts was destroyed, and then 3 seperated fires at Palmer Ball Company keep the department busy.
41. In 1969 we went back to Jamestown for another big fire, then helped Harrods

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- Creek with a fire that totally destroyed the Louisville Boat Club. Then while fighting a fire at the Louisville Country Club Marshalls Lumber Yard burned.
42. In 1970 Al Haeberlin became Assistant Chief, and we moved to our present location at Lyndon Lane.
43. In 1971 Melch Zehnder became a second Assistant Chief along with Maj. Haeberlin. and the big fire came to Greathouse School, with only a loss to 4 rooms.
44. In 1972 Country Day School suffered a large fire, and the department got 6th class rates.
45. In 1973 Bob Walling took Zehnders place at Assistant Chief, and the department got a new 1500GPM Mac~~q~~ Pumper one of the biggest in the State.
46. In ¹⁹⁷⁴ Jack Monohan took Bob Wallings place as Assistant Chief, and the department waas involved in one of its worst tradjies, the April 3rd tornado.
47. Since the early 50s the department has collected money for starting with Bids for Kids, and then the Crudade for Children. Since 1962 we have collected more than \$250,000.00 for the Crudade for Children, 1974 being the biggest year ever with \$46,228.80.
48. The Chain of Command now consists of One Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, and 7 Captains.
49. The department has 1 750 GPM Pumper, 1 1250 G. P. M. pumper, and one 1500GPM Pumper, a Quad and a Quint, and two new 1500 G.P.M. PUmpers on order. Each piece of equiptment is equipted with the latest in equiptment and all of it in exceleant shape.
50. We have a active fire prevention and inspaection buero, and a very active Community Relations program.
51. Training is advanced, taking advantage of our own training, Lexington Fire School, training offered by the County Association, Training offered by the State, and training offered a Jefferson County Junior College.
52. The residents of the area are receiving 6th class rates, which is the lowest rates that they can get. And we feel we are saving them money by being volunteer instead of paid, and still giving good fire protection..
- 53.....example of savings.

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Notes Al Ring put together for the history of STMF D:

12-26-74

Cost of paid department to replace St. Matthews, from Tony Gray

Most departments pay their men for a 56 hour work week.

Rule of thumb is to use 3.2 men per man on duty. This will include sick and vacation time.

A fair wage to use right now for firefighters is \$12,000.00 per year including benefits.

Should figure 4 men per company, and a total of 5 companies.

Should figure one chief at \$20,000.00.

Should figure chief officers salary at \$16,000.00.

Should figure at least 2 fire prevention men at \$14,000.00.

Example. 5 companies x 4 men = 20 x 3.2 = 64 full time men.

64 full time men-----\$768,000.00 per year

1 Chief-----20,000.00 per year

3 Chief officers-----48,000.00 per year

Man power costs \$864,000.00 per year

Rule of thumb for expences is 15% of man power costs.

15% of \$864,000.00 = \$129,600.00 expences per year.

\$864,000.00
129,600.00
\$993,000.00 operating cost per year.

We presently are working on between \$110,000.00 and 120,000.00 per year. We charge $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per 100.00 property evaluation, example, a 30,000.00 home cost you about \$16.50 per year for protection, and you are getting 6 class rates which are the best rates you can have.

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1974: From Tim Golden private collection, various events we think from 1974. Many may be late 1977 or a little later.



Jim Woodring at foosball table in "Rec" room.



Rick Albers, Ron Unthank & Jack Monohan, in Frank Florence's big white Caddy.



S7, Chief John M. Monohan, Jr.



Plaque on Station No. 1 & Wiley Brewer, Cruising.



1974

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Training pit fires on lot east of firehouse.



Saturday night dance at Trinity High School
Charles & Buzz McCune (probably after late 1977)

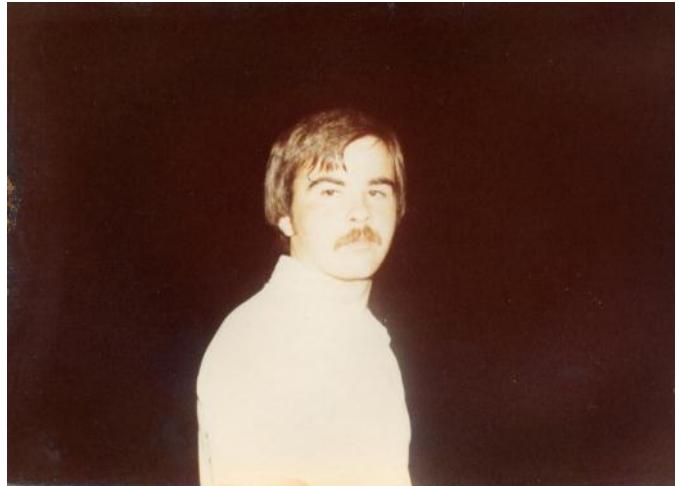
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Same "Epics" Dance at T. H. S.



John & Susan Walling, (probably after late 1977)



Tom Kaelin



Suzanne Abbott Andriot, Lisa Jenkins, Dave Kamer, Dance



Dennis Bryant Wedding, circle dance



D. B. wedding, Martha Woodring & Tim Golden



Mona Briggs, Jim Graven, Martha Woodring at wedding

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Chief Monohan and others at wedding



Wally Lage



Wally Lage, Martha Woodring, Jim Graven, Susie Lage



Field Party: Joe Wheatley (his date), Martha Woodring



Field Party

Kent Monahan, Stewart Monahan and Susan Swope
(Field party was at least 1977 or later.)



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Charles McCune, Vicky (Buzz) now husband & wife. 1978



Rick Albers with Joules (Julie Smith) & 8855-1976



Dave Kamer & Julie Smith & 8844-1976



Lexington Fire School, Russ Rakestraw in red hat. 1974



Jim Woodring & Wally Lage, Lexington Fire School, 1974



Middletown Training Fire, Gary Doyle & Mike Noon, 1977

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Middletown Training Fire, 1977



Charles McCune & Keith McBride, 1978

1974

Fire Statistics For 1974

Total number of fire runs:	274
Total working fires:	6
Total hours of fire fighting:	73
Total 1 1/2" hose used:	1,800 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used:	4,800 feet
Back up City of Louisville:	1 time
Number of A. M. runs:	76
Number of P. M. runs:	197

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

S1:	127
S2:	2
S3:	93
S4:	85
S5:	82
S6:	126

Types of fire runs:

House	81
Commercial	45
Automobile	44
Field & trash	35
Miscellaneous	54
Malicious false	14

Working fires:

1/11/1974	9:15 a.m.	House, 4623 Brownsboro Road, Lyndon assisted
2/13/1974	8:36 p.m.	Garage, 4116 Ledyard Road
3/1/1974	6:41 a.m.	House, 4017 Gloucester Road, bedroom
4/18/1974	6:40 p.m.	Apartment, 3838 Washington Square, bedroom
9/12/1974	2:12 a.m.	House, 4185 Westport Road, arson
12/17/1974	8:30 p.m.	Louisville Builders Supply, Hubbards Lane
4/3/1974	4:15 p.m.	Tornado swept through our district, 2 fatalities, one man in a car, one lady in a garage
12/24/1974		Frankfort & Bauer Avenue, car wreck, one young girl died

1974

Fire Statistics from 1964 to 1974

Total number of fire runs:	2,477
Total working fires:	83
Total hours of fire fighting:	697
Total 1 1/2" hose used:	42,850 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used:	120,000 feet
Back up City of Louisville:	24 times
Number of A. M. runs:	733
Number of P. M. runs:	1,744

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

S1:	1,580
S2:	360
S3:	652
S4:	1,310
S5:	579
S6:	138

Types of fire runs:

House	730
Commercial	387
Automobile	501
Field & trash	382
Miscellaneous	341
Malicious false	136

Working Fires

49	Working house fires
34	Working commercial fires

Fire Statistics from 1954 to 1974

Total number of fire runs:	4,177
Total working fires:	176
Total hours of fire fighting:	1,233
Total 1 1/2" hose used:	70,650 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used:	186,600 feet
Back up City of Louisville:	31 times
Number of A. M. runs:	1,254
Number of P. M. runs:	2,923

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

Engine 3:	129
S1:	2,826
S2:	956
S3:	688
S4:	2,250
S5:	799
S6:	138

Types of fire runs:

House	1,357
Commercial	614
Automobile	765
Field & trash	794
Miscellaneous	429
Malicious false	220

Working Fires

108	Working house fires
59	Working commercial fires
5	Field and trash fires

1974

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Philip Grauman
Stanley Jones, end May
Marty A. Kamer
George E. Miller
John M. Monohan Jr.
J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr., start December
James "JP" Terry
William Leland Wilson, died December 14, 1974

Officers

1974 Chief John M. Monohan Jr.
 Assist. Chief Al Haeberlin
 Assist. Chief Robert C. "Bob" Walling, end in May
 Assist. Chief John M. "Jack" Monohan, III, Start July
 Captain A. E. Andriot, III
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 Captain William E. "Bill" Dieckman
 Captain John S. "Jack" Handel
 Captain Douglas L. "Doug" Monohan, end December
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 Captain Al Ring
 Captain Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange

Firefighters

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Mike E. Noland
Patrick H. "Pat" Noland
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John S. Redman
Ken C. Reising, Jr.
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Richard Harvey Schultze
Allan R. Scott
Richard E. Tackett
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Ron D. Unthank
John Walling
Joseph "Joe" Wheatley
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