





## PREFACE

The Malta-McConnelsville Fire Department's Fiftieth Anniversary is in the process of developing. To commemorate this event, Chief Terry L. Bragg appointed many committees, to organize, coordinate, and finalize a momentous festivity to recall, remember, and honor "Those who have served" their community by saving lives and property.

Those of us who have served on The Golden Anniversary book committee have strived to be as factual and accurate as possible. Records and photographs have been kept; however, through the ages some have become illegible, been lost or destroyed. To fill this void, we have worked diligently, contacting many individuals who graciously supplied the necessary information and photographs.

We hope our efforts have brought forth a publication of historic events which will not only depict the inherent dangers of lifesaving and fire fighting, but will communicate our pride, dedication, and willingness to serve our community and its citizens.

# CHIEF TERRY BRAGG



## WE HAVE GROWN FOR YOU

1930-1980

It is hard to believe that 50 years ago a small group of men could start a Fire Department such as ours which has run smoothly through the Great Depression and WW II, when many of the men were called upon to serve their country, making it necessary to form an Auxiliary to take their place. During that time this Department has operated free from any political subdivision and political ties.

As a boy I spent many hours in and around the Fire Department with my Father. I can remember many of these men and, since I have been in the Department for 20 years, I have had the privilege of serving and working with men such as Edsel Miller, Carl Warne, Howard Conkle, Gus Abel Sr., Gus Abel Jr., Ed Ervin, and many more.

Looking back on the last 20 years, 12 of which I have had the opportunity of serving as Chief with pride and enthusiasm, I have seen many changes occur in the regulations governing fire service. At the present time many requirements must be met to keep our insurance classification. Currently we are designated as a Class 5 Fire Department, the only Volunteer Department in the State of Ohio being awarded this classification.

The decade of the 70's brought some of our greatest accomplishments. Some of our purchases included four new trucks, two portable generators, two portable pumps, 1000 feet 2½" hose and 500 feet 1½" hose. An air compressor system to fill Scott air packs has been donated by Finley Fire Equipment.

In 1971, we made the biggest decision in our history in electing to take over the county-wide Emergency Medical Service. There was much controversy among the members on this issue and some said it would never work. A few felt that this issue could ruin our Fire Department and some resignations were realized. At times I wondered if the right decision had been made. Once the decision was made we had 48 hours to be ready for business. We had no equipment, no housing for our squads, and had not completed our EMT training. Within 42 hours, we were ready to roll with three used squads purchased in Lima, Ohio. It has always seemed that the more pressure we are under, the more we accomplish.

In 1973, realizing the need for more advanced medical service due to a shortage of doctors in Morgan County, I contacted Dr. James Caton with the idea of starting a paramedic class. Dr. Caton relayed the request to Dr. Charles Donley, a Zanesville physician, who started the first paramedic program in South-eastern Ohio. This training required much time and dedication from those men involved. In addition to training EMT's and paramedics, much expensive equipment, such as EKG-defibrillator, inabation equipment, drugs, etc., were needed. An EKG-defibrillator machine currently is priced at \$6000.

After the first Medic was put in service, we saw a need for additional Medics as it seemed we always had one out when we needed it. So in 1979, we finished completing our fourth Medic. In addition, our EMTA's are now trained to start I.V.'s which gives us a medical service force of 40 people. We also have an agreement with Chesterhill and Stockport Fire Departments who have two squads each and do a super job.

In 1974 we purchased radio monitors for all our squad crews and firemen which makes it possible for

us to alert individuals and certain crews without blowing the siren and continue efficiently in the event of electrical outage.

A Ladies Auxiliary was formed in the early 70's which has been a great asset to the Fire Department. They have had bake sales, soup suppers, bazaars, dances, steak fries, and served dinners. Just anything to make money for us. They have raised around \$20,000 for us in the last seven years. Keep up the good work girls!

We were also the first to have a set of Jaws-of-Life in Southeastern Ohio. This is a tool used to free victims from different kinds of accidents. We have a specially trained team to operate this tool and have been called out of the county on several occasions to use it.

The M&M Fire Department is — and always has been — a close knit organization as all the fellow firemen are like brothers. We all have our arguments and ups and downs, but when it comes to any emergency we are always helping each other, working together, and worrying about each other's welfare. I have seen many of my fellow firemen injured — some seriously — and have seen a few of them answer their last alarm while still active firemen. These are the people that make the Fire Department.

You are welcome to come in anytime and tour our Fire Department because you have made it possible by your donations and support. You can say you are a part of it, and **Proud** of it.

Being in business myself, I know how many times the small businesses are hit for donations, but the Morgan County businesses always seem to come through for the Fire Department. A big thanks to you. We are fortunate to have such great industrial plants as Taylor Woodcraft, Gould, and Malta Manufacturing Co. who donate to our financial needs. We also want to thank the United Telephone Company of Ohio for their fine service.

In addition to our regular members, we have three men who are honorary members. Art Balding and Bob Wilson, who serve as our Fund Drive Chairmen, and Don Keller of the Morgan County Herald who takes pictures and writes our articles. They are invaluable in their efforts. Keep up the good work.

At this time the Fire Department and I would like to thank the Malta and McConnelsville Village Councils, the County Commissioners, all the Township Trustees and Clerks and Police and Sheriff Departments. A special thank to the Morgan County Fire Fighters Association.

There are three kinds of people. People who make things happen, people who watch things happen, and people who wonder what happened. We can say most of the Firemen in the last 50 years are people who make things happen. Above our door in the meeting room is a sign. It reads as follows: "Lead, follow, or get out of the way." We made a motto in 1978 that says "We Care". I think this speaks for itself.

In closing, I would like to thank God for giving me the health and ability to be Fire Chief of the best Fire Department in the country. Thanks also to my wife and family for their cooperation and understanding and the six members who were in the Department when I became a member and are still leaders in the Department. They are John Finley, Putt Bragg, Robert Brock, Kenny McInturf, Clayton Woodward, and Don Palmer. Also, I want to thank every officer and member in the Department for the great support and dedication they have given me, the Fire Department, and their County.

*Terry Bragg*





Wallace Briggs



Roy Walker



Clarence Adrian



Ernest Scott



Marshall Wade



Boyd Ford



Carl Scott  
assistant



Edsel Miller



Duke Seard



Louis Adrian



John Karamel



Owen Marshall



Carl Mann



Edna Miller



Gerald Littel



Wallace Scott



Mrs. James



James Savigars



Frank Hanson  
chief



Lawrence Johnson



Capt. Henry Smith  
Oct. 1933



Carl Miller



Fred Ashton  
by ship

## THE MALTA-McCONNELLSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Volunteer Fire Department was started in the early 1900's with a hand-drawn hose cart and a hand-drawn ladder wagon. There was little organization, and protective equipment for the men was little or none. In 1929 the Village of McConnellsville purchased a Model A motorized fire truck equipped with two 35 gallon pressure water tanks with a hose reel for each tank, a few hand tools, ladders, and 600 feet of 2½ inch hydrant hose. Organization was still minimal and whoever arrived first, climbed aboard the truck and took off to the fire.

On March 31, 1930 a meeting was called by Mayor E.D. Shafer in his office, and a group of 11 men formed the beginning of the Malta-McConnellsville Fire Department. In the next month or so four more men were added to the roster. Members of the Department at this time were: Edsel Miller, Carl Warne, Carl Scott, William Garner, Dana Walker, Lewis Adrean, Dallas Scott, Russel Ashton (Fire Chief), Gerald Price, Frank Howard, M.M. Sears, James Flanagan Jr., Roy Walker, John Parsons, and Lawrence Partesius.

In 1930 an old coal company house from near San Toy was bought, torn down, moved, and rebuilt as a meeting place for the firemen. It was located behind the Court House in front of the County Building which housed the fire truck. Later in the year, a 5 horsepower siren was installed in the tower of the Opera House. The siren took the place of tolling of the bell of the Court House clock.

Throughout the years, the Department strived to upgrade its services to the community. Funds for expansion and upgrading came from dances, saving tax stamps, festivals, bake sales, cistern cleaning, steak fries, donations, and contracts.

The modern day volunteer department has a Class 5 fire rating and is housed in a 5 bay structure on S. 4th St. This facility contains meeting and training rooms, offices, living and sleeping quarters for the emergency medical personnel, a separate garage for storage and maintenance and ample parking space. Equipment housed in the facility consists of six pieces of fire apparatus for fire suppression and four State of Ohio certified medic vehicles for emergency medical pre-hospital care.

Our Motto is: **"WE CARE."**



The First Christmas Baskets issued by the department.

First Fire Truck 1929 Model A Ford.  
Edsel Miller, Driver —Lew Adrean,  
Standing.

Second Fire Truck Left to Right, Bill  
Garner, Beryl Ford, Chief Frank  
Howard



First Truck is the First Emergency Truck, Driver — Wally Bragg, Chief Frank Howard standing along side. In back-  
ground is first Fire House.

First Rescue Boat Bill Garner, Rowing  
Beryl Ford with dragline





First Emergency Truck  
1937 GMC



Early morning house fire 1979



Rolling hose after a fire



"Carl Warne Bell"



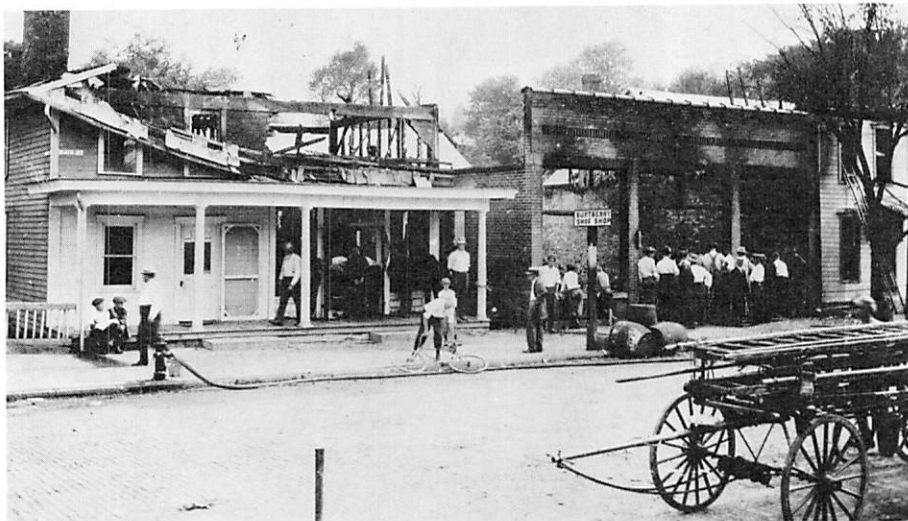
Winter house fire



Barn Fire



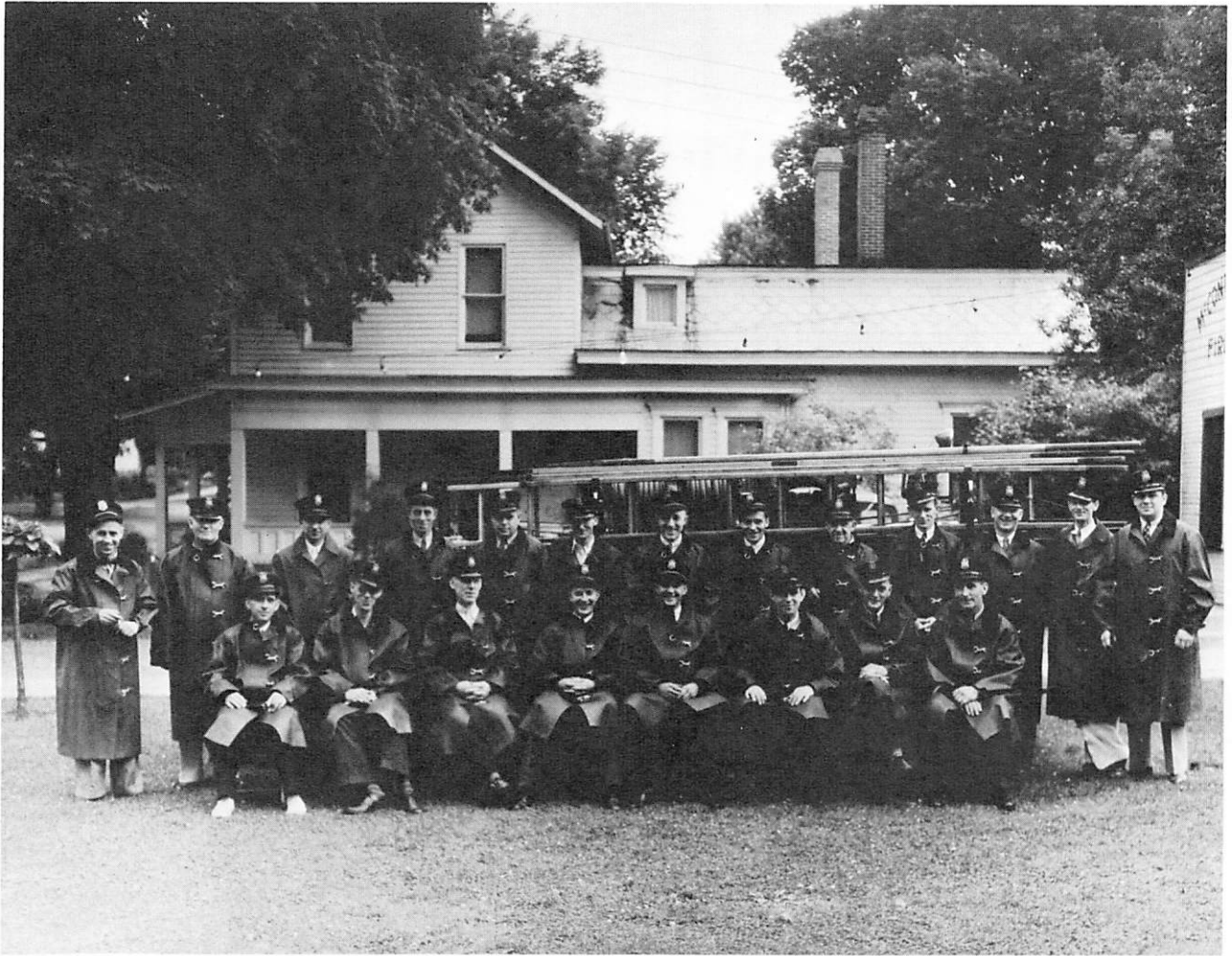
Walker Garage Fire 1914  
Ladder Wagon foreground



1978  
Old Ladder at the Fire Academy,  
Columbus, Ohio



Old Hosecart — Carl Warne, Edsel Miller

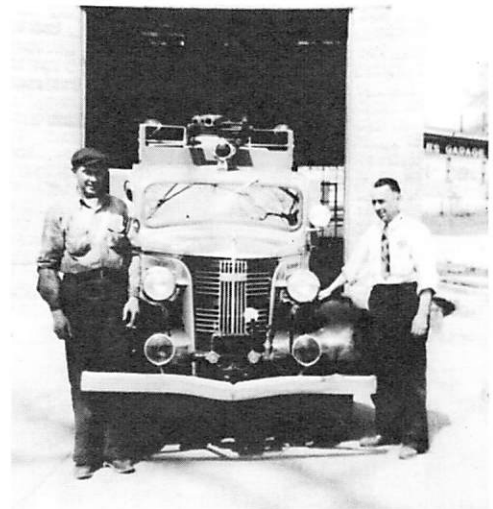


TOP: W. Bragg, W. Marquis, D. Scott, Sec. C. Warne, C. Scott, H. Davis, Asst. Chief, E. Miller, T. Kenney, W. Garner, D. Walker, R. Fox, R. Dutcher, D. Miller. Bottom: E. Scott, M. Sears, B. Ford, E. Shuler, Chief, F. Howard, R. Walker, L. Adrean, G. Abel.

July 1938



First Emergency Truck. A 1937 GMC kept a Bragg's Service Station Frank Howard, left Wally Bragg, right.



# Mc Connellsville Fire Department



Dale Vanoster



A.W. Abel



Carl Scott  
CHIEF



C.S. Hupp  
ASSISTANT CHIEF



Harry Robb



Joe Aber



Richard McClure



Chester Johnson



Cecil Mumey



Geo. D. Wagoner



Frank Howard



George Huck



E. D. Shafer



Earl Roberts



Doyle Rowland



W.H. Garner



Kenneth Kimble



Edsel Miller



Thomas Kenney



Wally Bragg



Melvin Young



Leo McCoy



Ray Dask

## THE 1940's

With the Depression Years behind them and the first Firemen's Festival of 1939 over, things looked up for the Fire Department. In 1941 the Department bought a new truck chassis and cab, and the Village of McConnellsville had it equipped with a new pump, trading in the Model A pumper. This new pumper was utilized for fires in both villages of Malta and McConnellsville.

December 7, 1941, saw a dark day for humanity — Pearl Harbor Day. This catastrophe not only reflected throughout the world, it brought many hardships to every small community in the United States. Malta and McConnellsville would be just two of them. The regular firemen that were not drafted or volunteered for the war went to work in various defense plants, leaving but a few to man the Fire Department. With the vast majority of the Fire Department's members being depleted for the war effort, an auxiliary Fire Department was organized in September of 1942. This auxiliary group was trained in fire fighting, first aid, rescue work and civilian defense work. The auxiliary group was the lifesaver for a badly undermanned Fire Department. Many of this auxiliary group later became regular members of the Fire Department.

1944 saw building expansion. The old club room was torn down and a new brick addition was built for storage of additional equipment with a club room being built upstairs. This addition was done through the financial efforts of both the Fire Department and Morgan County Commissioners.

In 1946 a new 500 gallon front mount pumper with a 500 gallon booster tank was purchased and delivery was made in early 1947. This truck along with the pickup was utilized throughout Morgan County.

1946 saw other major developments. The Rocky Glenn Sanitarium fire was in March, 1946. The Village of McConnellsville turned over all of its equipment to the Fire Department and the McConnellsville Fire Department (as it was known then) ceased and became the M & M (Malta & McConnellsville) Volunteer

Fire Department. With an agreement being drawn up whereby the Village contributed financially to the Fire Department for fire protection and the Fire Department would furnish all equipment, maintenance, up-keep, insurance, etc. With the foresight on the Village Officials of McConnelsville and with the determination of the members of the Fire Department to make it work, this has proved to be very satisfactory. Throughout the years a continued growth of the fire department has been a direct result of this endeavor.

1947 saw the Fire Department build a small addition to the rear of the fire house dividing it into a kitchen, storage room, shower room, and toilet facilities.

1948 the County blacktopped the parking lot.

In 1949 the Fire Department purchased a new pumper to replace the under-powered 1947 front mount. The 1949 pumper had a two-stage pump, midship of the truck, 500 gallons of water, a two-speed rear axle and many other of the latest innovations in the fire service. The '49 pumper was utilized throughout the two villages and the county.

With the Fire Department being released from any obligations in 1946 from the political sub-division the incentive to excel in the fire service field was taken to heart by every M&M fireman.

With the realization of the Village of McConnelsville, through the Mayor and Council, the Village had placed thier faith and trust in them. And each member worked hard to justify this faith, little realizing the accomplishments that would take place within the next thirty (30) years. The Fire Department personnel, as in the past, would continue in the future to serve all walks of life. Consequently, it seems regardless of the job at hand, there was always a fireman who could step forward and lead the way in that particular endeavor.



Ed Shafer 1947



Front Row. Edsel Miller, Chief, Frank Howard, Wilfred Scott, Frank McDonald, Sheriff Ray Doak, Carl Warne, H. C. Shilling, Byrl Ford, Forrest Totman. Back Row. Edison Blackburn, Harry Robb, Gus Abel, M.P. Daniel, Roy Balding.



left to right. Leonard Clifton, Howard Conkle, Carl Warne and Edsel Miller with the Ladder Wagon.



1941 International Pumper



1949 GMC Pumper



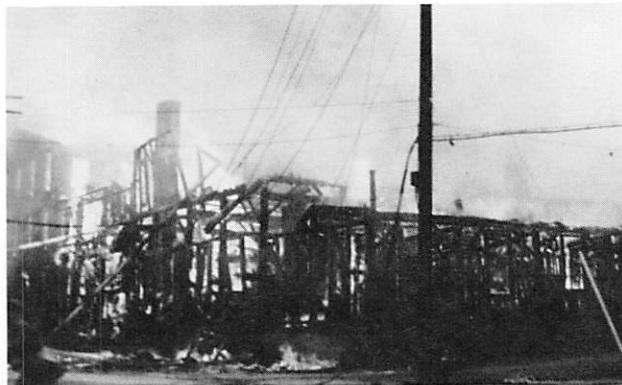
Brown-Manly Fire 1950. Main Office was in this part of building.

Brown-Manly Fire 1950. The blacksmith Shop was the origin of the fire.



Brown-Manly Fire 1950. The bridge fell between the buildings.

Brown-Manly Fire 1950. The Blacksmith Shop after the Fire.





Bystanders and High School Students helping out on the Brown-Manly Fire.

Brown-Manly Fire at Its Peak.



Building Shown was also lost.



Firemen "mopping" up the fire

Back building of the Brown-Manly Fire rages out of control and eventually engulfed many surrounding homes.







Private Home.



Brown-Manly Steel Shed.



Brown-Manly Blacksmith Shop.



Malta Town Hall.



Malta Town Hall



The aftermath of the Brown-Manly Fire.



The rubble of Brown-Manly.



The rubble of Brown-Manly.

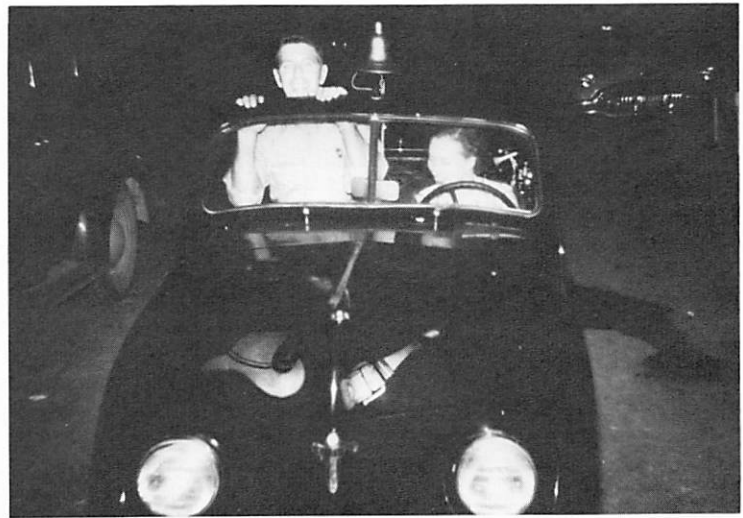


Fire School — Pit Fire



Jim and Bob's Implement Fire

Rex Tolbert on ladder



1946 Crosley — Leonard Clifton, Lucille Conkle



Meeting room, Old Fire House. L-R Edsel Miller, Don Palmer, Howard Conkle.



Front Row L to R. Wally Bragg, Leonard Clifton, Charles Boggs, 2nd Row. Ed Ervin, Chester Johnson, Earl Roberts, Ike Knox, Edsel Miller, Joe Aber. 3rd Row. Gus Abel Jr., Don Martin, Howard Conkle, Carl Warne, Ebby Balding, Frank Bragg, Richard McClure. 4th Row. Darl Wagoner, Dolph McInturf, Fred Price, Harry Robb, Frank Howard, Clifford Hupp, Gus Abel Sr.

## THE 1950's

After the organization of the M&M Fire Department in 1930, struggling through the great depression and facing many financial challenges, the 40's brought the great war. But, with the start of the 50's, ideas and challenges of the times brought many advancements.

With the new pumper that was delivered in 1949, the Fire Department saw a need for replacement for the old pick-up that was utilized for grass fires, rescue work, etc. They designed and ordered an emergency rescue apparatus in 1952 and took delivery of it in 1953. This apparatus had a front mount pump and was mounted on a heavy duty van type chassis. With its enclosed body, firemen were able to ride in out of the weather when responding to fires and other emergency calls. This emergency rescue pumper carried the resuscitator and other first aid equipment.

The year 1953 brought yet another major advancement — radios were installed in the emergency truck and the 1949 pumper. Base station was installed in the firehouse. Radios allowed firemen remaining at the station to be in touch with the men at the fire scene, and additional manpower or equipment could be dispatched as needed.

In 1954 the State of Ohio, through the State Board of Education, offered trade and industrial training for the fire service. At that time, there were very few T & I instructors in the State of Ohio, and there were none in Southeastern Ohio. Consequently, the Fire Department designated two members of the department to take T & I Instructor Training. With proper instruction, they received their certificates, and training programs through the guidelines of the T & I service were started.

The year 1955 saw another revolution — the Fire Department was out of debt! Being out of debt proved very disadvantageous. Rather than working hard for other programs, complacency set in, meeting attendance was down, etc. Evaluating the needs and requirements of the future, it was acknowledged that the lower classification of insurance rating for the two villages was desired. A committee was designated to follow through on the basic requirements to lower the rating. Upon checking with the Ohio Insurance Service, it was found the only way to get a lower rating was to purchase an aerial ladder. The order for the aerial ladder was placed in 1956, and an aerial quint (pumper-ladder combination) was delivered and placed in service in February 1957. The Village of McConnelsville at that time received a Class VI insurance rating which allowed for a large savings of fire insurance for all within the Village corporation limits. The Village of Malta made some repairs to its water system and received a Class VI rating somewhat later.

Cost of the aerial ladder was \$30,000 — an astronomical amount in those times. Needless to say, this put the Fire Department back in debt, and they have not been out of debt since. Thereafter, when debts were about paid off, officers of the organization would appoint committees to determine needs of the Department, because they and the members believed that if they were in debt, they would always have something to work for.

Seeing a need for greater water at many fires, the Fire Department had an 1800 gallon tanker constructed in 1958 at a cost of \$1500. The year 1957 saw an end to an era for the fire department — the termination of the Firemen's Festival, an annual affair. The festival was a yearly event, growing larger each year, and was the major means of raising funds for operation of the Fire Department. The festival was a three-day event, with many manhours required. Immediately after the close of one festival, plans were initiated for the next year's festival.

As the festival grew, criticism of the festival also grew. The greatest criticism was aimed at the games of chance. The majority of the ministers of the two villages and some business people had requested the termination of the festival and stated they would oversee a fund drive for the Fire Department each year. Consequently, with reluctance and reservations, the Fire Department agreed to try this method of fund-raising. With the support of the citizens of Morgan County and surrounding areas, it has proven to be successful.

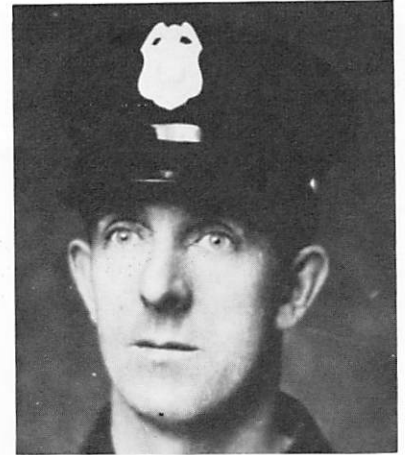
The year 1959 saw a committee appointed for replacement of the 1941 pumper and the tanker that was greatly overloaded. Thus, the 50's ended, and the first 30 years of the M&M Fire Department came to a close. Little did the few men that were responsible for the organization of the Fire Department in 1930 realize the growth that would take place during the first 30 years and that their dedication and desire to serve their neighbors would be followed so closely.





Edsel Miller 1930

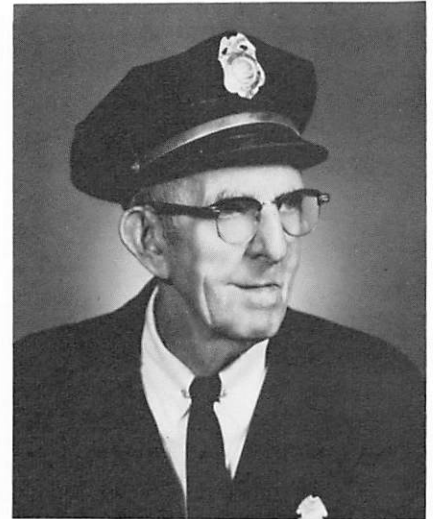
Edsel Miller and Carl Warne were both Charter Members of the M&M Fire Dept. Both men were great leaders and builders of the Dept. Carl serving 40 years and Edsel serving 42. Both men answered many fire calls before their last alarm. God bless two dedicated men.



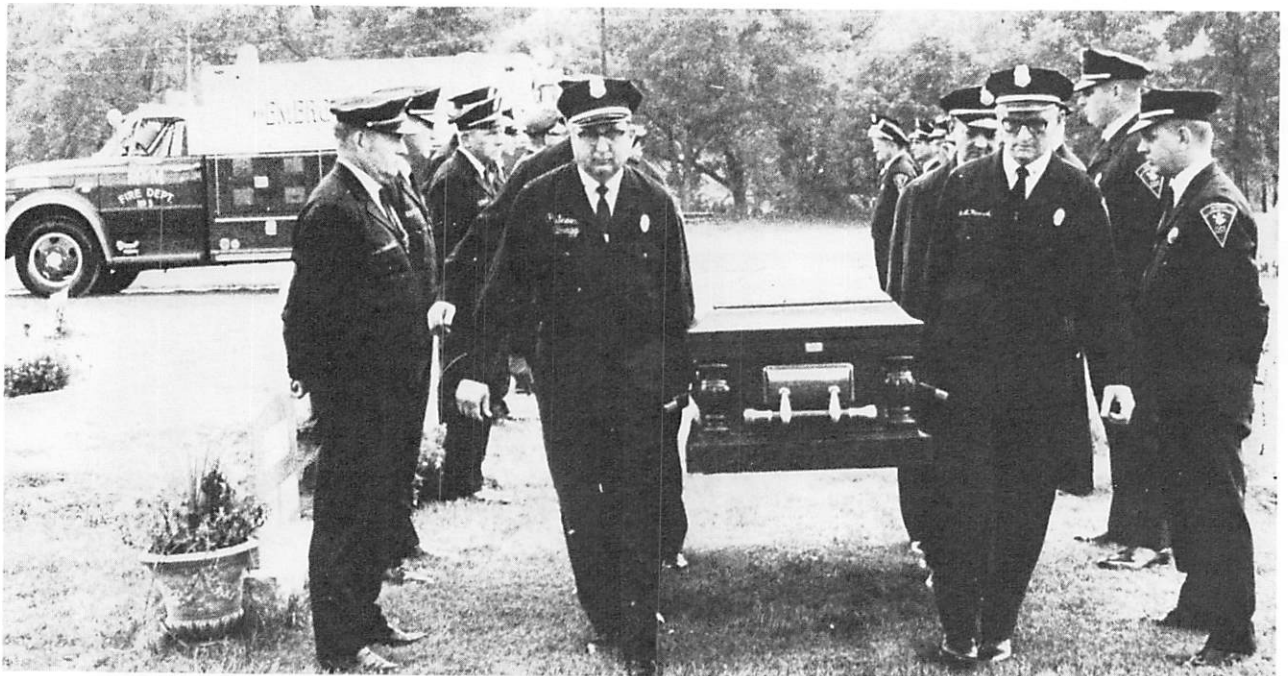
Carl Warne 1930



Edsel Miller 1970



Carl Warne 1970

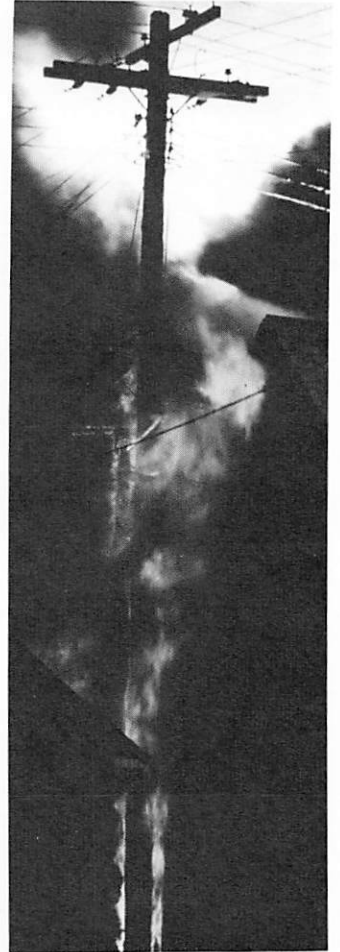




Fireman Banquet in 1950, Mayor Hanson, Ass't Chief Frank Bragg, J. Drury.



Wilson Bakery — Mopping up — 1959

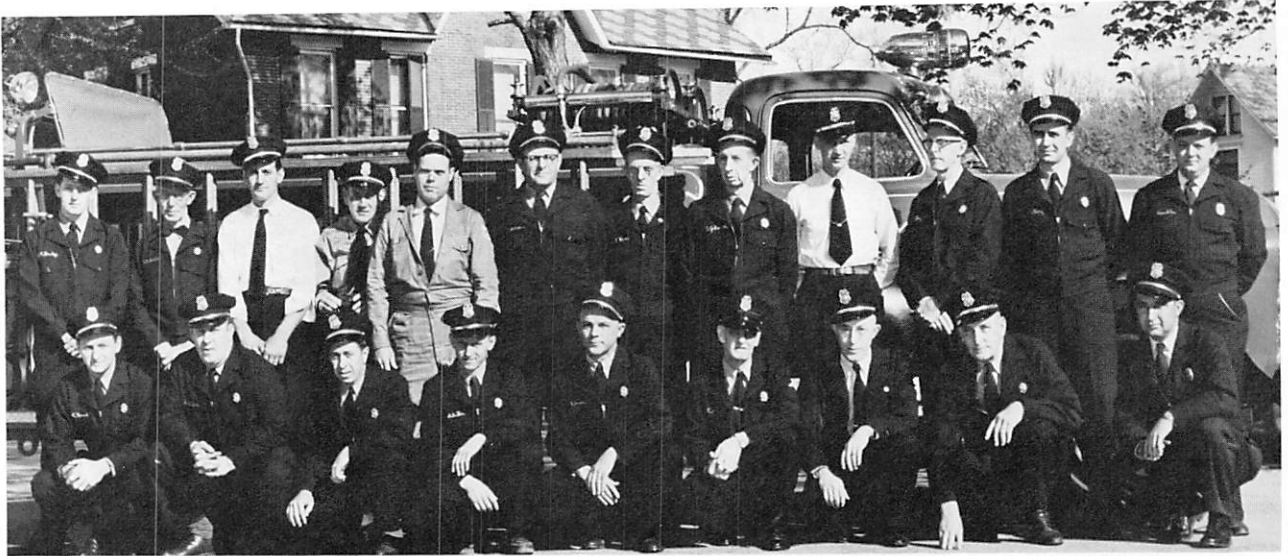


Wilson Bakery Garage — fully involved — 1959



Beckwith Produce in 1952

In the 50's the Fire Department advanced their equipment by purchasing a new emergency truck and 65 ft. aerial ladder. Also two men, John Finley and Carl Warne became fire instructors to teach within the Department.



Front row L to R: Dorsel Kincaid, Gus Abel, Jr., Leonard Clifton, Dean Fox, Ed Edwin, Joe Aber, Edsel Miller, Gus Abel, Sr., Frank Bragg. Back row L to R: John Finley, Harry Robb, Dale Headley, Don Martin, Barney Scott, Fred Price, Carl Warne, Chester Johnson, Charles Hottinger, Darl Wagoner, Dolph McInturf, Howard Conkle.



Mutual Aid from Stockport  
Wilson's Bakery — 1959



Chief Conkle — Wilson's Bakery  
1959



Fred Price and Frank Bragg "Tired and Dirty"



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1. Fire Station truck 3 and 4 early 50's.
2. Delmar Walker, Wilson's Bakery Garage 1959.
3. Old truck in 1957 festival.
4. People moving out of apartments during Wilson's Bakery fire in 1959.
5. Putting aerial Ladder into operation at the Wilson's Bakery fire in 1959.
6. Wilson's Bakery garage fire at it's peak.



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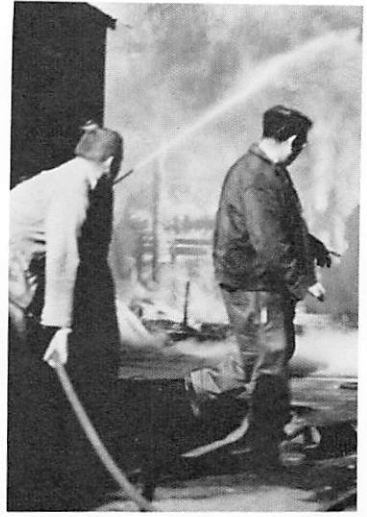


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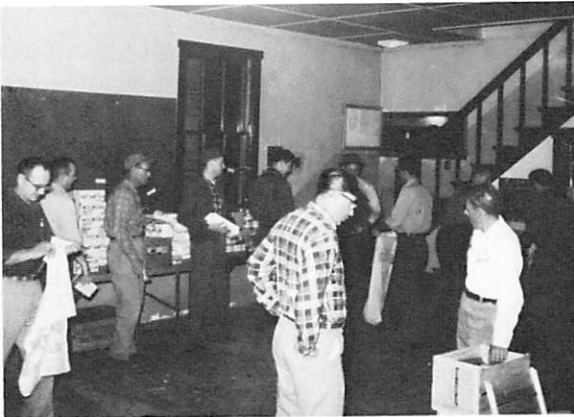


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- 1. Early 1960 fire.
- 2. Wilson's Bakery fire in 1959.
- 3. Eby Balding and Dick McClure doing dishes.
- 4. Christmas Baskets 1959.
- 5. Fireman's Festival 1956.



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## THE 1960's

As in the preceding 30 years, the 60's continued to show remarkable improvements and continued dedication of the firemen. In 1960 the Fire Department took delivery of a 750 GBM front mount pumper with an 800 gallon booster tank, complete with front turret, foam system, combined with acquisition of the latest in nozzles, air paks, etc. The Fire Department's fire attack potential was greatly increased. The cost of this 1960 pumper was approximately \$27,000.

During the growth of the first 30 years, the Fire Department's housing was outgrown and outmoded. Equipment was parked bumper to bumper in its present quarters. It became somewhat of an obstacle course just to try to put on protective gear when the siren blew. Consequently, a committee was appointed and plans for new quarters were started.

In 1962 the Fire Department moved into its new quarters located on the corner of Union and 4th Street, McConnellsville — its present location. Firemen thought at that time that the new quarters were the ultimate and would provide adequate housing for many years to come, little realizing what it would look like in 1980 with the additions that have been made.

The 1960's saw radios installed in all apparatus. The fire alarm system was upgraded by the deployment of three additional sirens strategically located throughout the two villages. Here again, with the advent of installation of storm doors and windows, TV, etc., little did we realize the inadequacy of this new alarm system.

Membership of the Fire Department was increased from 25 to 30 as equipment sophistication grew and the advent of the plastic age brought about greater dangers and hazardous potentials at every fire. Of course, this required advance training and, with proper utilization of equipment available, additional men would have to be available if the Fire Department's equipment was to be utilized to its fullest potential.

The year 1967 saw the 10 year inspection and evaluation of the Fire Department and a two village water system by the Ohio Insurance Service. Although the water system of both communities had been improved somewhat, and the Fire Department's equipment was greatly expanded, ground was lost in dropping from Class VI to Class V in the Insurance rating. Normally, this point loss would have been a deterrent towards a desire to obtain a lower rating. But a master plan was initiated by the leadership of the department and, although it took an additional 13 years, it was accomplished. Both villages cooperated in this master plan and started upgrading their water systems to obtain and exceed the required water flows of the Insurance Service of Ohio.

One of the main requirements of the Fire Department was greater pumping capacities from our apparatus. With this in mind, a new emergency rescue truck with 500 GPM Class A pumping capacity was purchased replacing a 1953 emergency pumper.

In 1969 a committee was appointed to draw up specifications and recommendations for the purchase of a 1000 GPM pumper for the replacement of the 1949 pumper. The order was placed and delivery was made in 1970 for this new pumper.

The M & M Fire Department has never turned down a call for help. They responded to the Silver Bridge disaster at Gallipolis/Pt. Pleasant and to a Logan, Ohio fire. The year 1969 thus ended the first 40 years of service by the Fire Department dedicated to the saving of lives and property.

The Fire Department's philosophy is: "If it can be done better, we will do it."



First Aid instructors — L-R Dorsel Kincaid, Don Palmer, Fund Drive chairman — Art Balding, Bob Thompson.

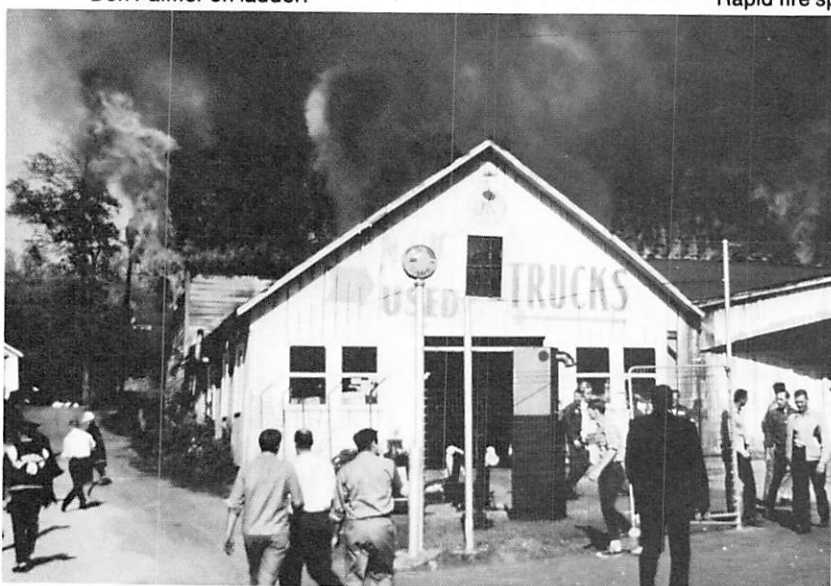
# BILL JANES FIRE 1966



Don Palmer on ladder.



Rapid fire spread is evident.



Moving equipment from building.



Firemen on top of Dinner Bell



Fire spread through building



Four firemen were injured in this fire.



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1. Scuba diving in 1966. L to R: Dave Calendine in the boat, Don Drake, Dave Bailey, Terry Bragg.
2. McWilliams machine fire, Christmas 1969.
3. Ed Stallsmith garage in 1962. On ladder: Harry Reed and Terry Bragg.
4. Fuller's saw mill fire in 1969.
5. Silver Bridge collapsed in 1966. 8 men from M&M were there.



Ed Stallsmith's fire in 1962.



Jim & Bob's Implement fire — 1962.



Edsel Miller and Carl Warne receiving 35 year pins from Chief Putnam Bragg.



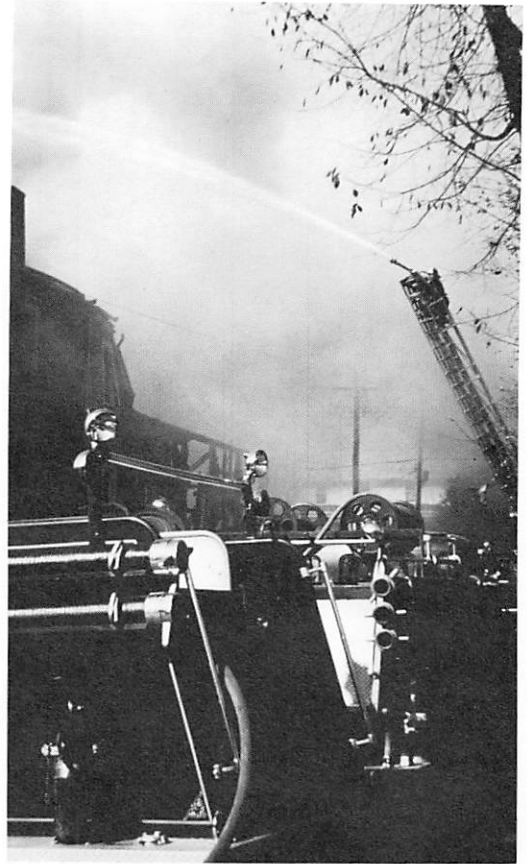
Service station fire at Gaysport in 1967.



Remains of Jim and Bob's Implement. None of the buildings around were damaged.



Jim & Bob's Implement fire.



Bill Janes fire in 1966, rear of Stockport pumper in foreground.



Jim & Bob's Implement fire. Aerial ladder played a major role in extinguishment.



Jerry Johnson



Robert Brock



Jim Murray



-Terry Bragg- Chief



Robert Nesselroad



David Bailey



Bill Drake



Dorset Kincaid



Junior Weaver



Richard Smith



Asst Chief Clayton Woodward



Leonard Clifton



Ben Almendinger



Howard Conkle



Ted Bragg



Jack Cornell



Carl Warne  
40 Years



Edsel Miller  
40 Years



John Finley



Ronald Newberry



Gene Masterson



Dean Fox



Dana Nesselroad



Don Palmer



Lloyd Drake



Buck Calendine



Putnam Bragg



Kenneth McInturf



Harry Reed



Bob Thompson

BALL STUDIO  
McCONNELLSVILLE, OHIO

## THE 1970'S

1970 saw the delivery of a 1000 gallon per minute pumper. The first pumper of this size to be delivered to a Volunteer Fire Department in southeastern Ohio. This new pumper had a 775 gallon booster tank, high pressure pump, canopy cab with Scott Air Paks mounted so when the truck arrived at the fire scene men could already have their air paks on and be ready to enter the building. This new fire apparatus also had one of the latest innovations — a 2½" pre-connected line commonly called a "blitz line." And with the proper training and use of it through the constant insistence of Fire Chief, Terry Bragg, the normal attack procedures at a fire well involved was abandoned and the new attack with larger lines was adopted. This new attack procedure proved successful beyond any doubts. With the emphasis being placed on the "blitz line" a need was seen for more availability of water at rural fires and a 1500 gallon tanker was purchased and delivered to the fire department in 1972. Another reason for the purchase of this tanker was that a class A rural fire department was required to respond to any fire with 1500 gallons of water on one or more pieces of equipment. By utilization of the tanker the 1970 pumper, and the 1968 rescue unit, better than 2400 gallons of water responded to any fire call. The 1960 pumper with 800 gallon booster tank and 750 gallon front mount pump was placed in reserve or for second call use.

1972 saw another major undertaking by the M&M Fire Department. 1970 saw the phasing out of the funeral directors in McConnelsville of the ambulance service. And, a contract by the Morgan County Commissioners was given to a private ambulance service. This private ambulance service failed to live up to the expectations of the Fire Department, and after much discussion and soul searching the Fire Department bid against the private ambulance service, and secured the ambulance contract for Morgan County. An addition was built onto the building on the east side to store the ambulances and house the ambulance personnel. This addition also housed sleeping quarters, kitchen, alarm and dispatch office. All ambulance and Fire Department dispatching and notification was moved to this new addition. Although the ambulance service was part of the fire department it was operated then and now as an independent correlated unit of the Fire Department under the direct supervision of the office of the F.D. There was no requirement of the Fire Department members to associate or volunteer for Emergency Medical Service duty. But for the exception of two or three members all volunteered



to do their part and an extensive program of EMT training was undertaken. The Emergency Medical service has continued to grow throughout the 70's. At this time each run is accompanied by a Paramedic and the Fire Department at this date has four (4) fully equipped medical units. The ambulance brought about another innovation. Some of the wives, and sons of present members took the MET training and became active in responding in volunteer crews for the ambulance service. The paid personnel with the backup of the volunteers has proved to be a service to the public unequaled anywhere. The Fire Department side is dedicated to saving lives and property. The Emergency Medical Service side is dedicated to saving lives and preserving the same.

To have a victim in complete cardiac arrest come back and resume a normal life from a direct result of your many hours of training is a satisfaction that money cannot buy.

1977 saw delivery of a 1500 gallon per minute custom pumper with automatic transmission, diesel engine. Here again, the first in southeastern Ohio of that size. This 1500 gallon pumper replaced the 1960, 750 front mount and the 1970 pumper was placed in reserve for in town fires and back-up service.

December of 1978 saw delivery of a heavy-duty rescue and 750 gallon pumping apparatus. Together with the Hurst tool and other equipment, victims could be evacuated from accidents that would have been nearly impossible prior to this. Here again, the M&M Fire Department was the first in southeastern Ohio to have a Hurst tool. Even being called to Zanesville to evacuate a victim from a truck accident prior to the purchase of a Hurst tool by Muskingum County.

In 1979 construction was commenced on the new addition with the new meeting rooms, offices, storage room, etc. and property immediately north of the fire department on fourth street was purchased, the building raised for necessitated parking space.

The late 70's saw another hard-worked for dream come true. The master plan to achieve lower than Class 6 rating was realized. The two villages acquired a class 5 rating. This was an accomplishment to be very proud of. Quite a few paid departments throughout the state of Ohio do not have a Class 5 rating and very few if any volunteer fire departments. A ladies auxiliary was formed in the 70's and has performed many valuable services for the fire department. Various projects of theirs have raised money for many needed projects that would have been unable to attain otherwise.

If the M&M Fire Department members had not had their wives understanding and assistance throughout the years, it could not begin to be the organization it is today. The growth of the M&M Fire Department in the last fifty (50) years has been phenomenal and could not have been achieved if it had not been for the tireless effort of all involved with a sincere desire to achieve perfection and accepting the responsibility of neighbors helping neighbors because they care.

All members of the fire department realize that what has been accomplished the last fifty (50) years couldn't have happened if it had not been for the people of Morgan County believing in the fire department's tireless efforts and giving their loyal support that is second to none.

The 1980's are looked forward to with great anticipation and if something can be accomplished, new and innovating in the fire service the M&M Fire Department will strive to be first.





Morgan County Fire School Electrical Class — Ohio Power Plant 1979.



4 Wheel Drive Leading Way to Fire.



Dave Moore Fire 1977.



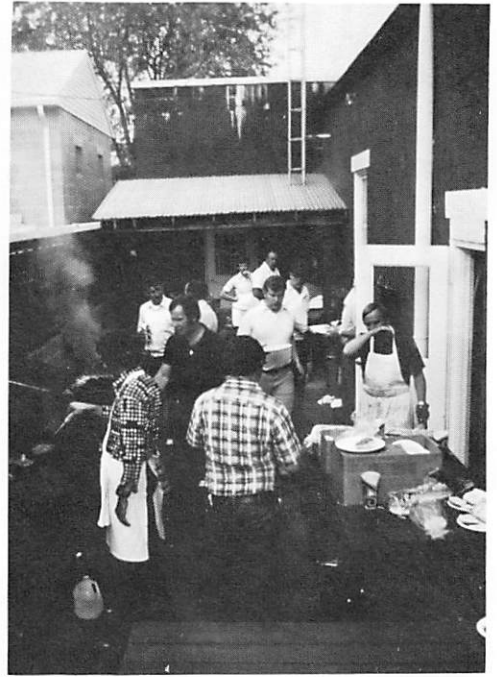
A Pup in the boot.



Remains of Dave Moore's Fire 1977.



Plane crash 1974-6 victims dead.



Steak Fry — Served 700 — 1979.



Note bodies in disaster bags. 1974 plane crash.



Flame in jump seat Truck 4.



Men removing bodies from plane crash 1974 — Left Side: Roy Patterson, Dana Nesselroad, Rich Travis. Right Side: Clayton Woodward, Don Palmer.

# TRAINING

Training evolution is common terminology among firefighters. Firefighting is the most hazardous occupation in the United States. These training exercises are necessary to train young firefighters and sharpen the skills of the experienced or veteran firefighters as new technology and risks are ever present.



Moody Home.



Morgan County Fire School.



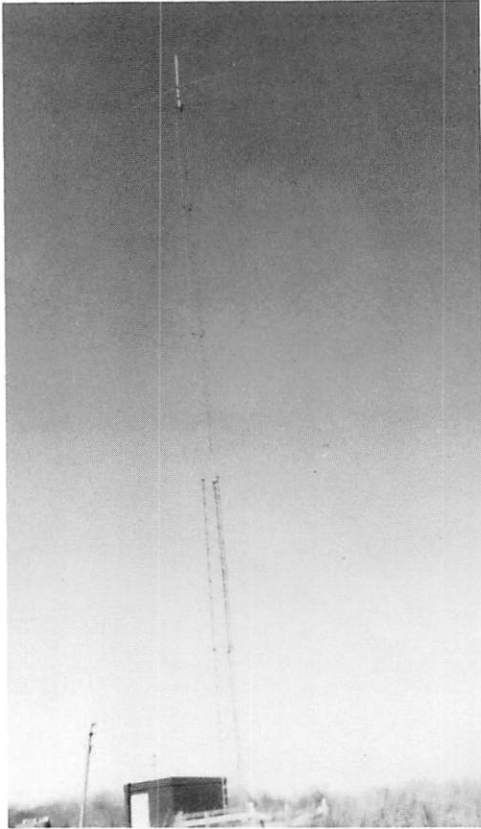
Old house in Malta.



Strahler Home.



Training Aerial ladder.



Radio base station and antenna, located at Gene Haines.



Christmas Baskets — 1978.



Christmas Baskets — 1978.



Larry Gessel using Stokes basket on rescue.



Santa Claus coming to town left to right: Flame, Putt Bragg and Santa.



Recovering a car. Left to right: Rod Brock, Dave Bailey, John Foreman.



Ladder climb — Jim Smith on ladder.



Water barrel fight.



Teaching first aid to Boy Scouts. Don Palmer and Ted Bragg — Instructors.

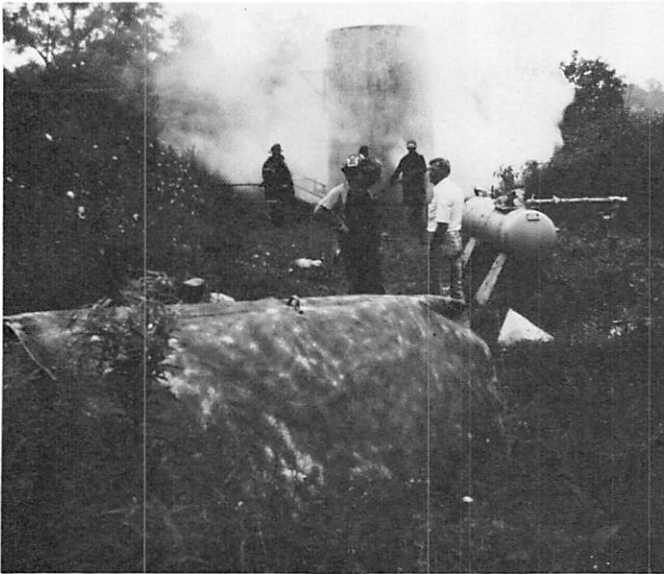


Chopper hauling water.

1. Charging to fire — Lefty Drake — and Don Palmer
2. Top blown off oil tank.
3. Trailer fire 1978
4. Bill "Groucho" Olatin, it sure is fun.
5. Removing body from pit at oil rig — left to right — Dana Nesselroad, Terry Bragg, Dave Bailey



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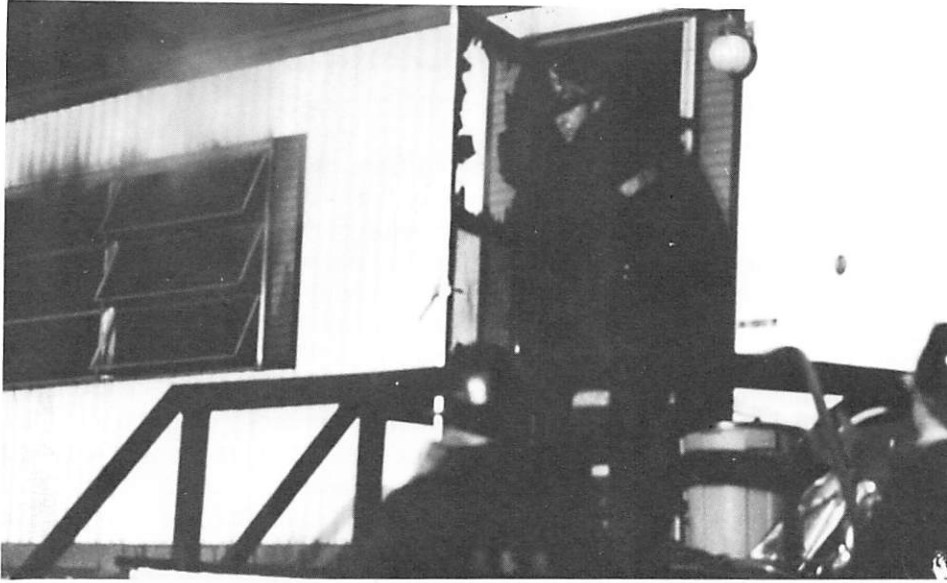
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Captain Dana Nesselroad entering hot trailer



Large gas line in Meigs Twp.



Same gas line in Meigs Twp.



Top story of house — fully involved



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

The M & M Fire Department established its Emergency Care Service in the 1930's with minimal equipment and training. Buying a 1937 truck and one of the first resuscitators in the area, the members took a course in first aid and launched their mission of mercy and assistance.

During the 1940's with World War II draining the fire department, and with most of those who were qualified to give help entering the Armed Forces, it was necessary for many new members to learn first aid and carry on the tradition. This they did, and in the early 1950's to be better able to serve the community, the department purchased a new panel truck and a new resuscitator to replace the original equipment.

The 1960's brought more stringent regulations governing emergency care. To meet them, the department instituted more vigorous training, bought additional equipment, and a 1968 rescue truck to be able to continue serving the Malta-McConnelsville area.

In the 1970's, as state and federal regulations forced funeral homes to discontinue ambulance runs, the county commissioners contracted a private ambulance firm from outside the county to provide that service. As the firm proved unsatisfactory to the people of Morgan County, the Fire Department bid to take over the job. This induced the greatest expansion in the Emergency Service's history as it bought new vehicles, EKG machines, drugs, the Jaws-of-Life, and spent many hours of training to qualify as paramedics and EMT's and be able to operate the new equipment.

The Emergency Service has been a big part of the Fire Department for the past fifty years and hopes to be able to continue to serve the Malta-McConnelsville area in the future.

First Fire Department Resuscitator 1938  
Wally Bragg, adjusting resuscitator. Bill Garner, Lew Adrean, Ed Shafer, Frank Howard, Beryl Ford, and Edsel Miller over victim.



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL STAFF

Terry Bragg  
Tim Bragg  
Susy Bragg  
Barb Bucey  
Rex Bucey  
Lynn Myers  
Elaine Myers  
Ila Jean Palmer  
Don Palmer  
Lue Ann Smith  
Jim Smith  
Kay Seyerle

Dave Seyerle  
Cathy Taylor  
Tom Taylor  
Mark Strahler  
John W. Finley  
John Foreman  
Gary Spencer  
Clyde Williams  
Gene Hanning  
Sam Elliott  
Mark Moellendick  
Rick Palmer

Don Drake  
Ronnie Bankes  
Harold Heckman  
Maurice Hammond  
Larry Gessel  
Don Trainer  
Ron Cordray  
Gary Woodward  
Lefty Drake  
Roy Patterson  
David Bailey  
Bob Nesselroad

## FIRST PARAMEDIC CLASS — 1975



Front Row, Left to Right — Capt. Dave Bailey, Mike Berber V.P. Bethesda Hospital, Sharon Arnold R.N. Instructor Bethesda Hospital, Barb Cherrington R.N. Instructor Good Samaritan Hospital, Chief Terry Bragg.  
Back Row, Left to Right — Capt. Don Palmer, Gary Woodward, Gary Spencer, Rick Palmer, John Foreman, Ron Newberry, Paul Lane.

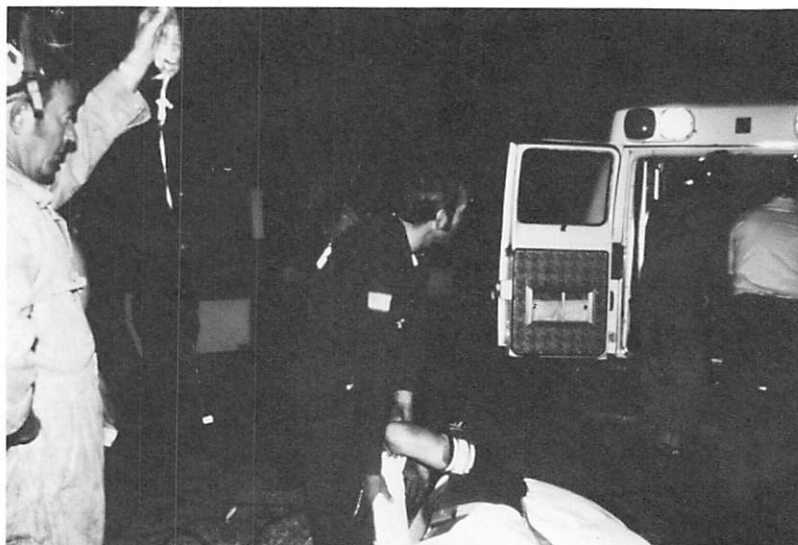
Treating victim in vehicle John Foreman in car with victim. Robert Brock standing inside.



Medic 4 and Equipment. Left to Right Tim Bragg and Gene Hanning.



Auto Accident, 1 — D.O.A., 3 injured. Holding I.V., Capt. Dana Nesselroad, over victim, Asst. Chief Bob Nesselroad.





Emergency call during 1977 blizzard — left to right: Don Palmer, Tim Bragg, Don Drake, Rick Palmer



Code 4 — 1978



Removing victim from car by Chaplin — Capt. Don Palmer



Loading victim — John Finley and Gary Spencer



Ron Cordray inspecting car

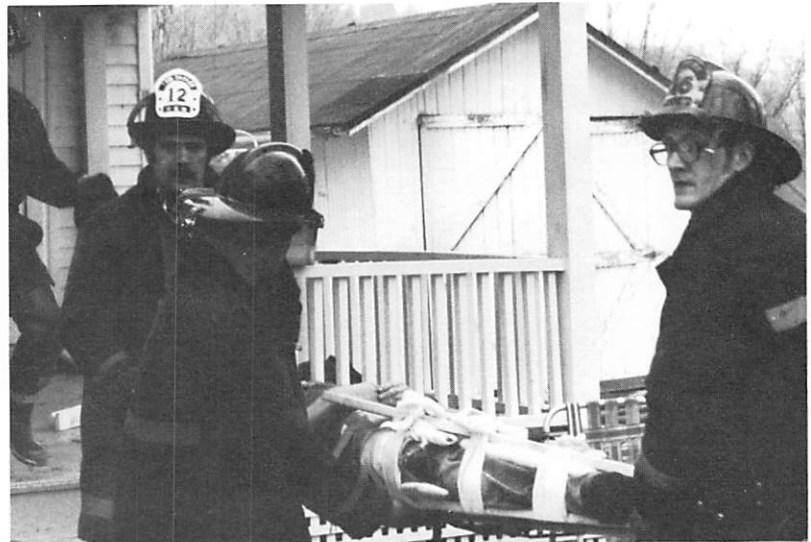
EMT Volunteers of the Emergency Squad.  
L. to R.: John Finley, Lynn Myers, Kay Sey-  
erle, Susy Bragg, Ila Jean Palmer, Barb  
Bucey, and Mark Strahler.

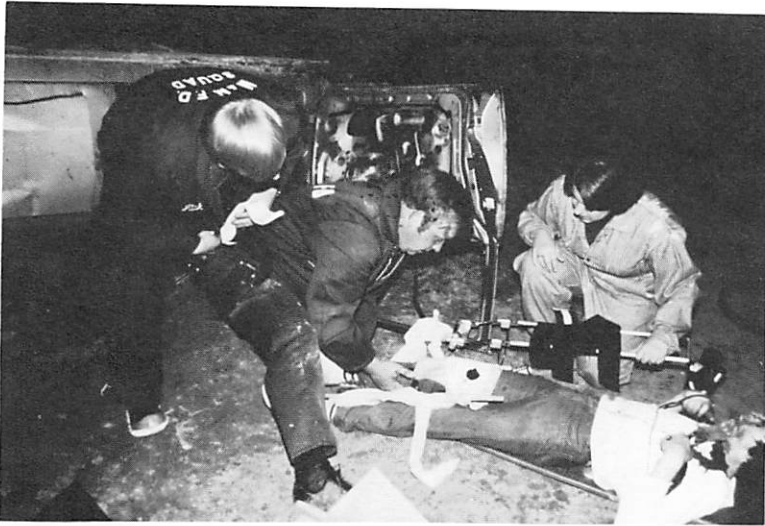


Medic 1 and equipment. L. to R.:  
John Foreman and Gary  
Spencer.

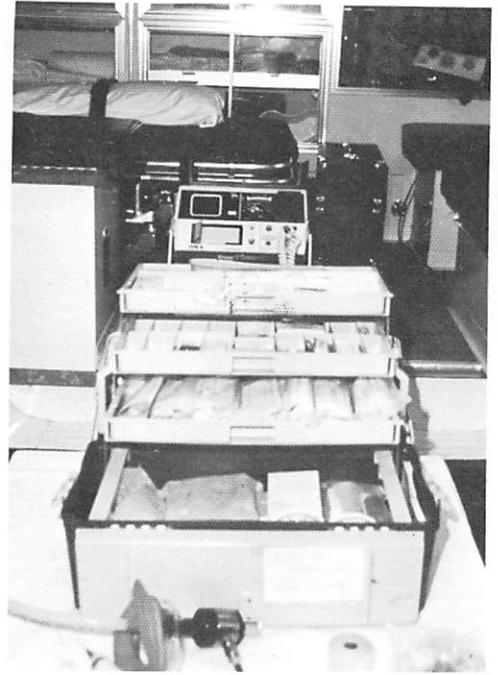


Mock Disaster. On porch is Susy Bragg.  
Head of board is Tom Taylor. At middle  
of the board is Tim Bragg, and at the bottom  
of the board is Jim Smith.





Treating victim — left to right — Rick Palmer, Dave White, Lynn Myers.



Equipment used in medics.



View of Medicopter.



Mock Disaster — Mark Strahler, Elaine Myers, Ron Banks.



Paramedic training in the hospital with Maurice Hammond starting an I.V.

1. Don Drake putting make-up on Boy Scout for mock disaster.
2. Elaine Myers at communication center.
3. Lee North in communication room.





Dr. Howard Marsh, Fire Department Medical Advisor, receiving Honorary Membership from Chief Terry Bragg.







**Chief  
Terry Bragg**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



**Assistant Chief  
Robert Nesselroad**  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician



**Captain  
Don Palmer**  
Firefighter Paramedic  
Chaplain



**Secretary  
Gary Woodward**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



**Treasurer  
John Finley**  
Firefighter



**Trustee  
Robert Brock  
Firefighter**



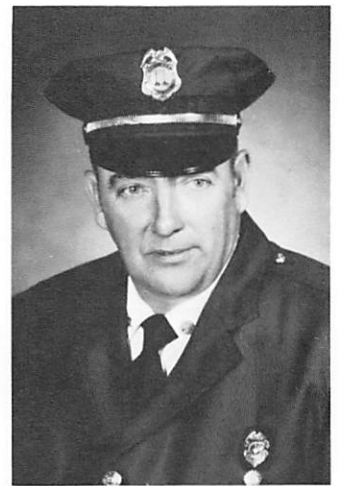
**Trustee  
Kenneth McInturf  
Firefighter**



**Trustee  
Dana Nesselroad  
Firefighter  
Rescue**



**Captain  
David Bailey  
Firefighter  
Paramedic**



**Captain  
Jerry Johnson  
Firefighter  
Rescue**



**Lieutenant  
Clayton Woodward  
Firefighter**



**Lieutenant  
Lloyd Drake  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician**



**Lieutenant  
Roy Patterson  
Firefighter  
Paramedic**



**Past Chief  
Putnam Bragg**  
Firefighter  
Rescue



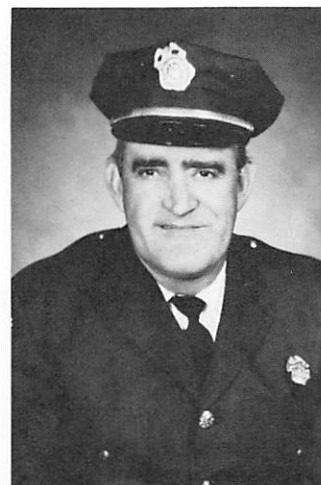
**Harold Heckman**  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician



**Ronald Newberry**  
Firefighter



**Maurice Hammond**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



**Ronald Cordray**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



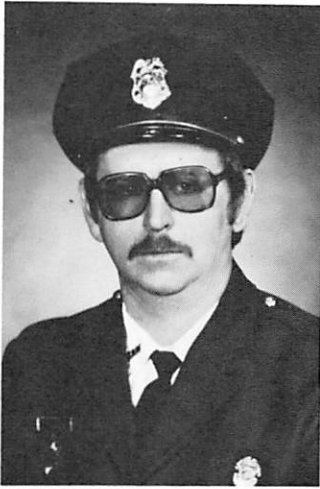
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Paramedic



**Don Drake**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



**James Smith**  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician



**Larry Gessel**  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician



**Don Trainer**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



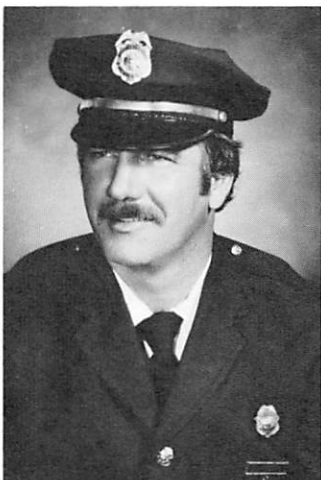
**Elaine Myers**  
Advanced EMT  
Dispatcher



**Gary Spencer**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



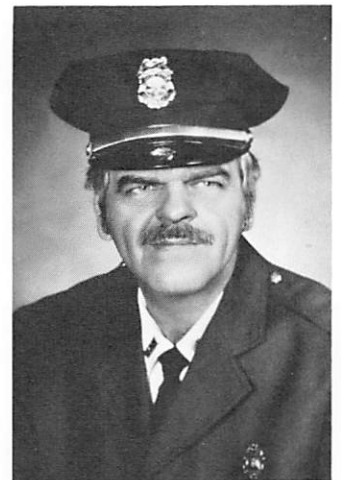
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Firefighter  
Paramedic



**Dave Seyerle**  
Firefighter  
Advanced EMT



**Gene Hanning**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



**Rex Bucey**  
Firefighter  
Advanced EMT



**Ronnie Banks**  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician



**Tom Taylor II**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic



**Mark Moellendick**  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician



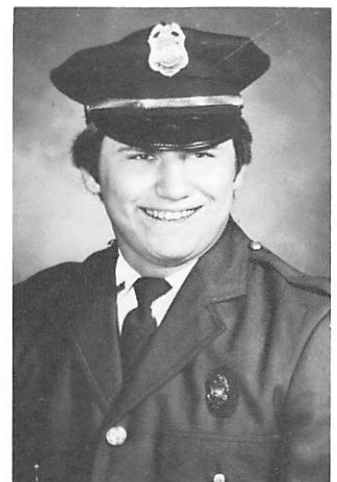
**Sam Elliott**  
Firefighter  
Advanced EMT



**Lee North**  
Dispatcher



**Clyde Williams**  
Firefighter  
Emergency Medical Technician



**Tim Bragg**  
Firefighter  
Paramedic

# 1930 — THE CHIEFS — 1980



**Russel Ashton**



**Frank Howard**



**Carl Scott**



**Carl Warne**



**Frank Bragg**



**Howard Conkle**



**Putnam Bragg**



**Dorsel Kincaid**



**Terry Bragg**

# THEY CARE



Front row left to right — Marjorie Heckman, Kaye Seyerle, Yvonne Finley, Mollie Moellendick, Mary Gessel, Lu Ann Smith, Susan Woodward, Janice Patterson, Anita Williams, Rita Bankes, Debra Foreman, and Marjorie Abel. Second row — Margaret Trainer, Betty Bragg, Carolyn Nesselroad, Priscilla Drake, Margaret Johnson, Roselie Brock, Dorothy McInturf, Lila Nesselroad, Mary Woodward, Pat Bailey, Susy Bragg, Barbara Elliott, Peggy Drake, Peggy Olatin, Barbara Bucey, Ila Jean Palmer, Connie Spencer, Carol Hammond, Elaine Myers, and Cathy Hanning. Absent — Doris Cordray, Donna Newberry, and Lynn Myers.

## The M&M Fire Department Ladies

Over the years the wives have been involved in many projects such as, soup suppers, bake sales, raffles and bazaars to raise money to buy much needed equipment for the fire department and emergency services. For their efforts they have bought uniforms for the firemen, the "jaws of life" tables and chairs for the fire house, 2 Laerdal Suction Units and 1 Laerdal Laryngoscope for the squads and the first EKG machine.



## OUR FIREMEN

We firemen's wives get together sometimes  
To chat and have some fun.  
Of course, our husbands aren't with us  
They're always "on the run".

"Let's give a party for them",  
Suggested one of our hopeful wives.  
"At least if we can do that,  
We'll have a few hours of their lives."

We know, beforehand however,  
Their answers to our plans;  
We've heard all the excuses many times  
Given with accompanying waves of hands —

"We have our regular jobs," they'll protest,  
"And we must leave our evenings free  
You gals don't seem to understand  
There might be an emergency.

Sunday, of course, is our day of rest,  
Monday night we shine the trucks.  
On Tuesday, check the tires and hose  
And fill the gas tanks up.

Wednesday's regular meeting and at 7:30 sharp  
We test the siren to make sure it's right,  
For it must be ready to call for help  
When we have a fire to fight.

Thursday we service the ambulances,  
They must be ready to run.  
And Friday we do the "left-over" jobs,  
That leaves only Saturday for fun."

Oh, yes, we knew all the answers,  
Plain as if we'd heard them said.  
There went our hopes for a party  
Our plans had been born dead.

Suddenly! "That's it", one of our hopefuls cried,  
"April 6 is on Saturday, So —  
We'll plan our party for that night,  
No excuses — they'll have to go."

### EPILOG

Now here we are at our party  
Happiness is just being together.  
And all this teasing was just in fun  
For our love and pride are yours forever.



# RESCUE OPERATIONS



Rescue operations have been a big part of the Fire Department, from rescuing cats to the Silver Bridge disaster. It seems if there is something nobody else will do they call the Fire Department. The Fire Department is well known for body recovery at drownings, as we are called to other counties to advise and assist.

We were the first to have a set of Jaws of Life in southeastern Ohio, which was purchased in 1976 and has been used numerous times to save lives and has been called to Muskingum County on occasion to rescue victims from vehicles. All the equipment is carried on our Rescue 3, which is manned by Crew 10.



Practicing Rappelling.



Using stokes basket to remove victim from building.



Silver Bridge 1967.



Code 4 1979.



Medi-Copter



Code 4 1979.



Removing victim from 4 wheel drive during high water on 669.



Aerial Ladder Rescue Operations.



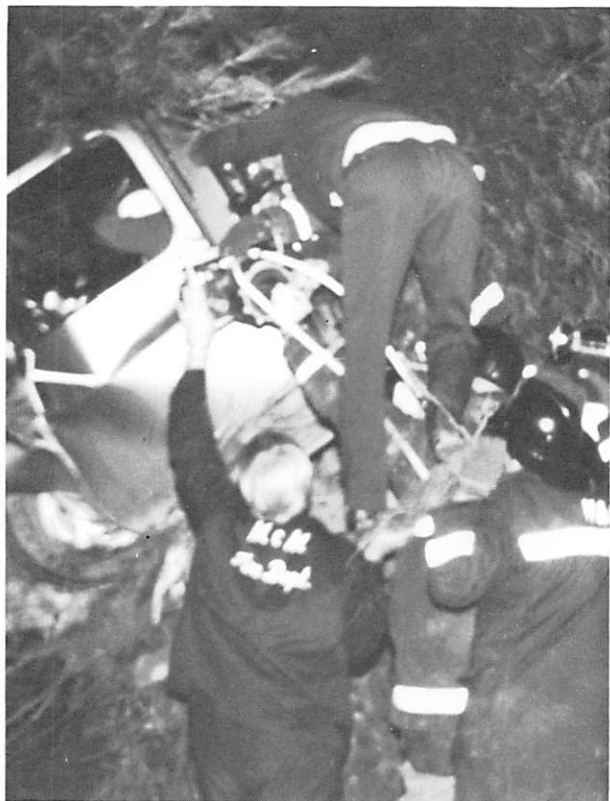
Ladder Climb.



Removing victim on back board — Capt. Dave Bailey — Mark Moellendick.



Code 4 1977 — 1 D.O.A.



Rescuing victim from truck in tree.



Code 4 1979



Practicing auto extraction 1978

Emergency Truck and boats after rescue 1965.



New scuba gear — 1966. Terry Bragg and Dave Bailey.

Boat and men on river search.



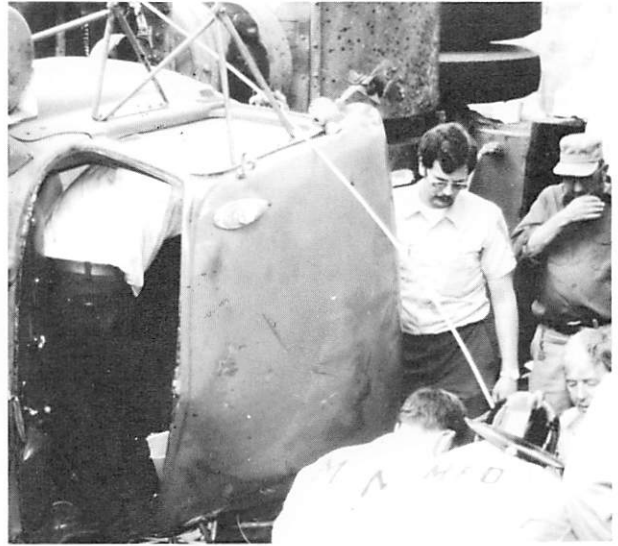


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1. Rescue man from Tractor Trailer Rig — 1977
2. Chief Terry Bragg falls from school building — 1976
3. Rescue man from tractor — 1977
4. Removing victim from car 1979, left to right: Gene Hanning, in car Gary Woodward, Dave Bailey, John Foreman, Sam Elliott.
5. EMT Training, Kaye Seyerle, Rex Bucey



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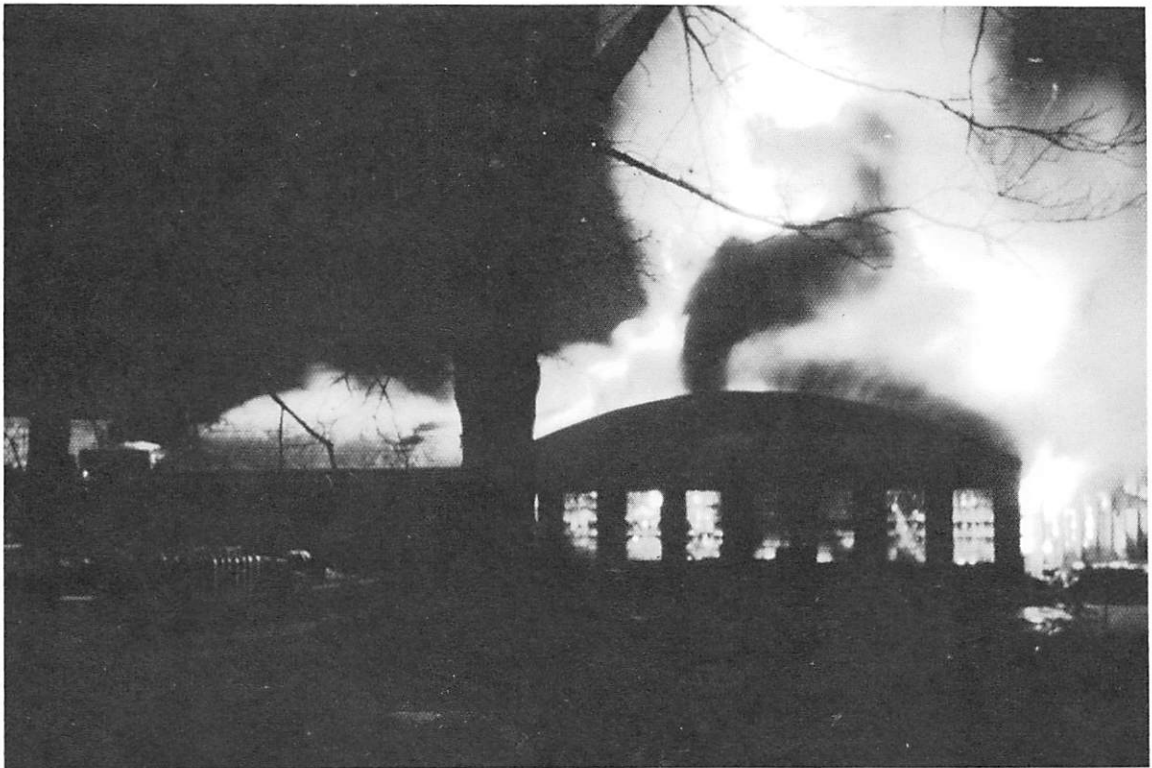
Fighting oil fire



George Fox fire at Meigs



George Fox fire 1971. 2 trucks damaged by heat



McWilliams Machine Co. Fire, Christmas 1961

**The Fireman of the Year Award** was initiated in 1972, in appreciation to Edsel Miller and Carl Warne 40 year charter members of the Fire Department. This award is given to a member who has shown good Firemanship, good attendance and a good attitude in the Department. Any member who is a line officer is not eligible for this award. This is one of the greatest awards a Fireman can receive. Listed below are the recipients of this award.



**1972**  
**Dave Bailey**

**1974**  
**Howard Conkle**

**1976**  
**Ronald Cordray**

**1978**  
**Bill Olasin**

**1973**  
**Maurice Hammond**

**1975**  
**Jerry Johnson**

**1977**  
**Gary Woodward**

**1979**  
**John K. Finley**



**Bill Olasin, John K. Finley, Clara Miller, and Carol Warne Almendinger**



Fire on Main St. in McConnellsville



Fox Fire at Meigs  
Jack Nelson helping Gene Masterson with air pack



Firemen on ladder at Fox Fire

The **Most Improved Fireman — Squadman Award** was initiated in 1975. Given to the person who has improved the most in Firemanship and Emergency Squad work.

**Award Recipients**

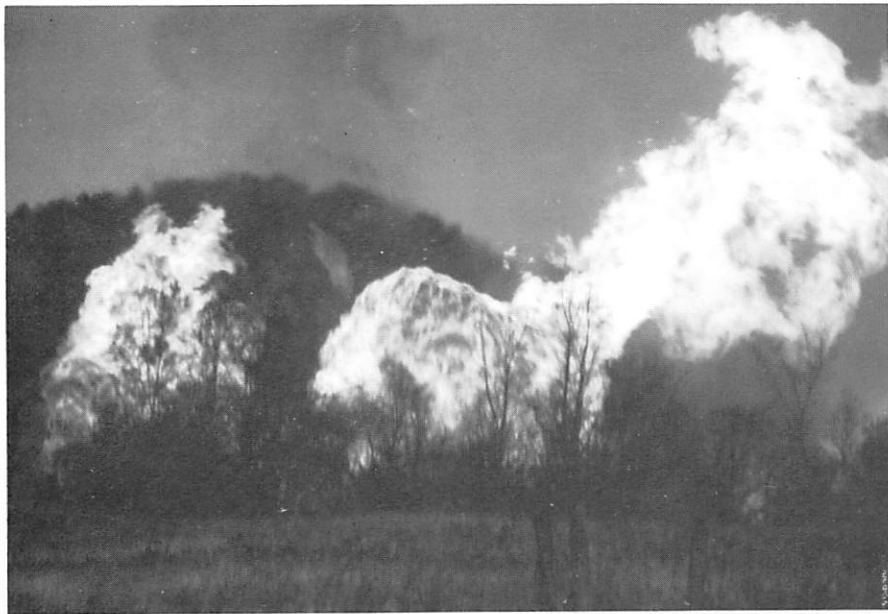
- 1975 — Larry Gessel
- 1976 — Lefty Drake
- 1977 — Bill Olatin
- 1978 — Ronnie Bankes
- 1979 — Mark Moellendick



**Assistant Chief Robert Nesselroad presenting the Award to Mark Moellendick**



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1. Memorial Day 1979
2. Ruptured gas line Muskingum County, Meigs Twp. 1976
3. Donation from Buzzard Booster Club 1978
4. The Fox fire in Meigs, Wind changed and house exploded, resulting in two damaged fire apparatus.



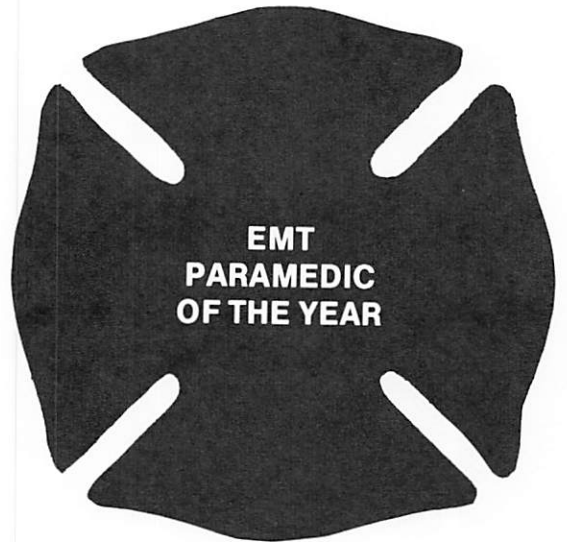
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The **EMT-Paramedic of the Year Award** was initiated in 1975, given to the outstanding Emergency Squad person.

- 1975 Rick Palmer
- 1976 Gary Spencer
- 1977 John Foreman
- 1978 Don Drake
- 1979 Elaine Myers



**Elaine Myers receiving The EMT-Paramedic of the Year Award from Captain Dave Bailey**

Fighting oil spill fire 1977



Laughery Cleaners 1978

Reed Fire, Deerfield township 1978





The **Officer of the Year Award** was initiated in 1973 and given to the outstanding line officer from the Chief.

- 1973 Don Palmer
- 1974 Clayton Woodward
- 1975 Bob Nesselroad
- 1976 Dave Bailey
- 1977 Dana Nesselroad
- 1978 Bob Nesselroad
- 1979 Dave Bailey



**Captain Dave Bailey receiving Officer of the Year Award from Chief Terry Bragg**



Happy-Landing fire in 1965



Truck fire at Malta Mfg. 1972



Firemen on the roof at Happy-Landing in 1965

The **Bravery Award** was initiated in 1979, for any member who went beyond the call of duty, risking his life to save the life of another. A committee of three members and Judge Robert Daniel was appointed to go back ten years and research such incidents. Listed below are seven recipients who were at the wrong place at the right time.

**Chief Terry Bragg**  
October 11, 1973  
January 1, 1974

**Larry Gessel**  
October 11, 1973

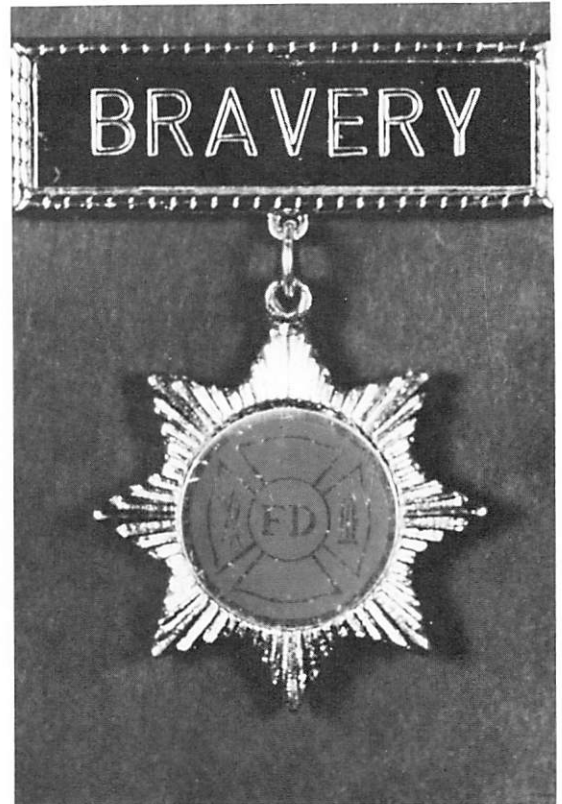
**Jim Smith**  
January 1, 1974

**Captain David Bailey**  
January 29, 1979

**John Foreman**  
January 29, 1979

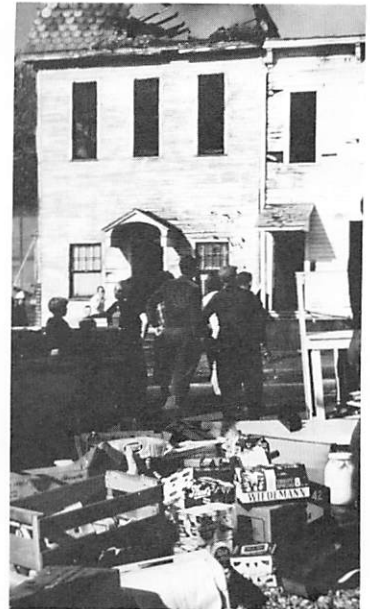
**Captain Dana Nesselroad**  
January 29, 1979

**Dave Seyerle**  
January 29, 1979



Left to right — Chief Terry Bragg, Dave Seyerle, Captain Dana Nesselroad, Judge Robert Daniel, Jim Smith, John Foreman, Larry Gessel, and Captain David Bailey.

1. Mark Strahler taking pictures inside burning house 1979.
2. Harold Heckman checking out equipment after fire.
3. Bill Janes Fire and Dinner Bell.
4. Air packs in use
5. Fire breaking through wall over house 1979.



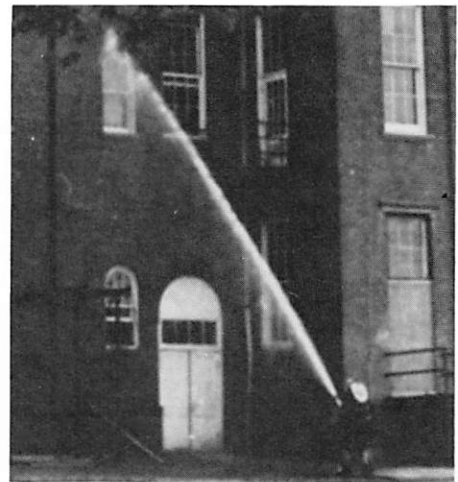
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# McCONNELLSVILLE

## GRADE SCHOOL FIRE

1970





Joe Aber  
Ben Almendinger  
Ralph Bamfield  
Ted Bragg  
Eugene Calendine  
Leonard Clifton  
Bill Drake  
Ed Ervin  
Clifford Hupp  
Dorset Kincaid  
Dolph McInturf  
Donald Martin  
James Murray  
Harry Reed  
Rex Tolbert



***We Appreciate...***

***the promptness and professionalism by the dedicated members of the Volunteer Fire Department of Malta/McConnelsville on October 20, 1978, in responding to an industrial fire at the Malta facility.***

***This excellence in performance prevented a potential major disaster.***

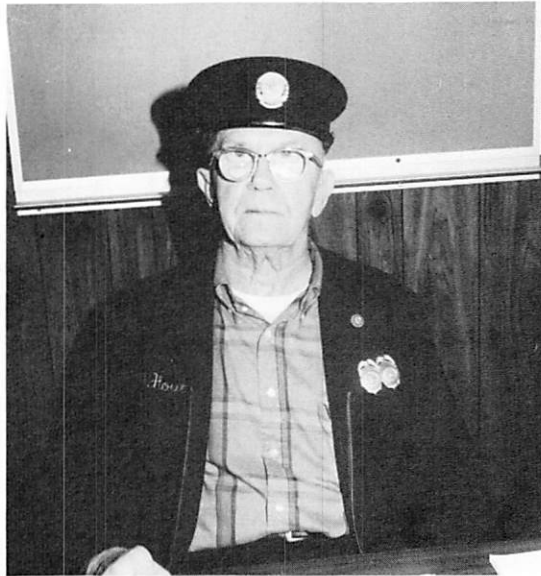
Malta Division  
Phillips Industries, Inc.  
Malta, Ohio 43758



Art Balding  
Bob Daniel  
Don Keller  
Fred Kennard  
Jess Prewett  
Delmar Walker  
Lee North  
Bob Wilson  
Dr. Howard Marsh  
Harry Torbert







Frank Howard  
Second Chief, Oldest living Past Chief,  
and charter member



## 172 YEARS OF SERVICE

Left to Right — Terry Bragg 20 years, Don Palmer 23 years, Kenneth McInturf 25 years, John Finley 28 years, Putt Bragg 27 years, Robert Brock 25 years, Clayton Woodward 24 years.

# 1930

# ROLL CALL

# 1980

\*R.J. Ashton, Chief  
 \*Frank Howard, Ass't Chief  
 \*Carl Warne, Capt.  
 \*Carl Scott, Capt.  
 Dallas Scott  
 William Garner

Dana Walker  
 Duke Sears  
 James Flanagan, Jr.  
 Roy Walker  
 Gerald Price

Lawrence Partesius  
 Lewis Adrean  
 Ty Henry  
 John Parsons  
 Edsel A. Miller

The above men were charter members 1930

Marshal Wade	1931	Dean Fox	1952	David Bailey	1967
Ernest Scott	1931	*Dorsel Kincaid	1952	Junior Weaver	1968
Beryl Ford	1931	Barney Scott	1953	Jack Cornell	1969
Clarence Adrian	1931	Dale Headley	1953	Ronald Newberry	1969
Wallace Bragg	1931	Charles Hottinger	1953	Jerry Johnson	1969
Owen Marshall	1931	Dow Walker	1954	Roy Patterson	1971
Carl Miller	1931	*Putnam Bragg	1953	Rich Travis	1971
Dwight Miller	1936	Frank Smith	1953	John Foreman	1971
Thomas Kinney	1936	Robert Brock	1955	Gary Spencer	1971
Charles Haynes	1936	Kenneth McInturf	1956	Gene Hanning	1972
Ernest McInturf	1936	Forest Hivnor	1956	Doug Burke	1972
Robert Dutcher	1936	Clayton Woodward	1956	Harold Heckman	1972
Walter Marquis	1936	Edsel D. Miller	1956	Larry Gessel	1972
Raymond Fox	1937	Berl Welch	1957	Steve Sherman . . . . .	1972
Emmet Shuler	1937	Donald Palmer	1957	Fred Kennard	1972
Gus Abel, Sr.	1938	Ben Almendinger	1957	Gary Weaver	1973
Harry Davis	1938	Raymond Campbell	1957	Ronald Cordray	1973
Harry Robb	1939	Don Drake	1957	Dave Calendine	1973
Chester Johnson	1939	Rex Tolbert	1958	Gary White	1973
*Howard Conkle	1939	Robert Thompson	1958	David White	1973
James Benjamin	1940	Deverne Cordray	1958	Dave Ferguson	1973
Dwight (Eby) Balding	1940	Harry Reed	1960	Jim Smith	1973
*Frank Bragg	1940	Russell Moore	1960	Gary Woodward	1973
Kenneth Tomkins	1941	Jerry Davis	1960	Maurice Hammond	1974
Leonard Clifton	1941	Robert Pickenpaugh	1960	Don Trainer	1974
Forest Totman	1941	William Weith	1960	Elaine Myers	1974
Clifford Hupp	1942	Eugene Calendine	1960	Rick Palmer	1975
Joe Aber	1942	*Terry Bragg	1960	Robert Geary	1975
Raymond Roberts	1942	Andrew Taylor	1962	Edward L. North	1975
Fred Price	1943	Don Graham	1962	Ronnie Bankes	1976
Kenneth Kimble	1944	James Murray	1963	David Seyerle	1976
Ray Doak	1944	William Brown	1963	Bill Olatin	1976
Richard McClure	1944	Lloyd Drake	1964	Phil Roberts	1976
Don Martin	1947	Gene Masterson	1964	Rex Bucey	1976
Ed Ervin	1950	Bill Drake	1965	Tom Taylor	1978
Dolph McInturf	1950	Dana Nesselroad	1965	Mark Moellendick	1978
Charles Boggs	1950	Ted Bragg	1966	Clyde Williams	1979
Gus Abel, Jr.	1950	Richard Smith	1966	Sam Elliott	1979
John K. Finley	1952	Robert Nesselroad	1967	Tim Bragg	1979

Served as Chief

## 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

In 1939 I was honored by being voted into membership of the M&M Fire Department. At that time the "Fire House" was located to the rear of the Court House. We had limited space, also a limited amount of equipment, and no money. We began raising money by sorting stamps, cleaning cisterns and of course our annual festival. It took a lot of hard work, dedication and teamwork to keep our heads above water. Fortunately the people of Morgan County were behind us 100% as they are today, or the M&M Fire Department would not have become the #1 Fire Department of Southeastern Ohio.

As time passed, we were able to add new equipment and dispose of our out-dated trucks. E.D. Shafer, fondly known as "Pop", was the backbone of the department always urging us on.

In 1957 we purchased our new 65 foot ladder truck of which we were very proud. In 1963, I suffered a heart attack and had decided to retire from active membership but was asked to remain on active member on a limited basis, less demanding than fighting fires and the many other strenuous activities. Thanks to the persuasion of the members, I completed my 40 years of what I considered the best Fire Department ever formed. The Department however; should never lose sight of the dedication of men like Edsel Miller and Carl Warne who made sacrifices to make the department a great success.

In my forty years we had many ups and downs, agreements and disagreements but we weathered the storm, always keeping the community in mind.

I am proud to say I was a member of the M&M Fire Department; very proud of its success, and in my heart I know it will continue to grow and be a greater success than it is today because of the loyal and hard working individuals that make up the membership of this department.

Many people asked why I wanted to stay in the Fire Department for forty years, the only answer I have is that I watched it grow, had it in my blood and was very proud of being a member.

Howard Conkle



Howard Conkle Retirement Party 1979



Howard and Edsel on The Old Wagon

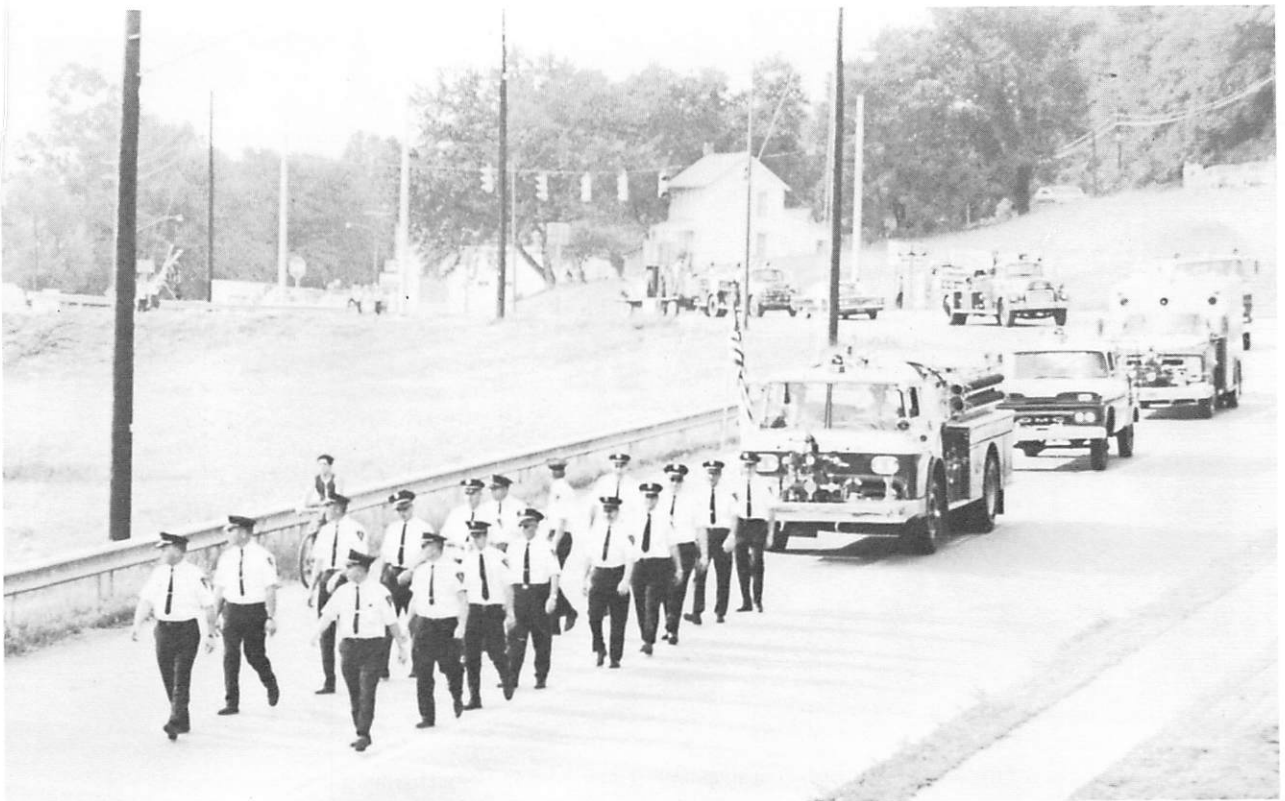


Howard Conkle receiving Fireman of Year Award. Left to right; Edsel Miller, Howard, Gus Abel Jr.



**Color Guard**

Left to right, Ron Newberry, Dave Seyerle, Jim Smith, Ronnie Bankes 1979



**Fire Department Marching 1970**

# DECEASED MEMBERS

Charles W. Haines  
 Raymond Roberts  
 Cecil Mummy  
 William Garner  
 Byrl Ford  
 Ed Shafer  
 W. W. Bragg  
 Gus Abel Sr.  
 Harry Robb  
 Chester Johnson  
 Gus Abel Jr.  
 Carl Warne  
 Dean Fox  
 Edsel Miller  
 Robert W. Thompson



Plaque of Deceased Members



Firemen carrying casket of a Fellow Fireman, who answered his last alarm.

## RETIRED SHIELD NUMBERS



Flame at the Morgan Co. Fair



1



2



3



4



5

1. Rappelling
2. Tim Bragg running the pump.
3. Rob Bankes and Dana Nesselroad loading Blitz Line.
4. Women's Float
5. Dave Bailey operating pump 1.

**DO SOMETHING.  
LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET  
OUT OF THE WAY.**

Sign over door in meeting room.



Chief Bragg receiving a certificate of appreciation and resolution for outstanding public service as Fire Chief of the Villages of Malta-McConnelsville. Left to right Mayor Finley, Chief Bragg, Susy Bragg, and Mayor Demster.



Honorary member and Master of Ceremonies Judge Robert Daniel and wife Lois.



# ENGINE 1



1977 Pierce Custom, 1500 GPM triple-combination pumping apparatus, designed exclusively for the M&M Fire Dept. Equipped with many of the latest innovations in the fire service. The first pumper of this size in Southeastern Ohio. Instrumental in obtaining Class 5 insurance rating.

# FIRE-RESCUE 3



1978 Pierce heavy duty fire/rescue unit designed by M&M Fire Dept. for multi-purpose utilization. Used on all fires and rescues. Has a 750 GPM pump, carries a Hurst tool and other crash rescue equipment. Designed for manpower to ride in out of the weather.

## GRASS FIRE 2



1960 Four-wheel drive utilized for off the highway use, such as grass fires, wood fires, etc. Carries 200 gallon of water, portable pump, and miscellaneous equipment. Designed and built by the M&M Fire Dept.

## ENGINE 4



1970, 1000 GPM triple-combination pumping apparatus, the first apparatus in southeastern Ohio with a preconnected, 2½" Blitz line. The first 1000 GPM pumper delivered to a Volunteer Fire Dept. in Southeastern Ohio.

# LADDER-PUMPER 5



1967 Seagrave Quint ladder/pumper apparatus. Delivery of this apparatus resulted in the two Villages going from Class 8 rating to Class 6 insurance rating. 65', three-section hydraulic operated aerial ladder, 198' of ground ladders, ladder pipe with fog head.

# MINIPUMPER 2



1978 Pierce 400 GPM Mini Pumping apparatus mounted on a Chevrolet Chassis, K-30, four-wheel drive with 250 gal. booster tank, booster reel of 200' of 1" hose, PTO front winch, capable of discharging 700 GPM from exterior water source. Replaced grass truck 2 in 1980.

# TANKER 6

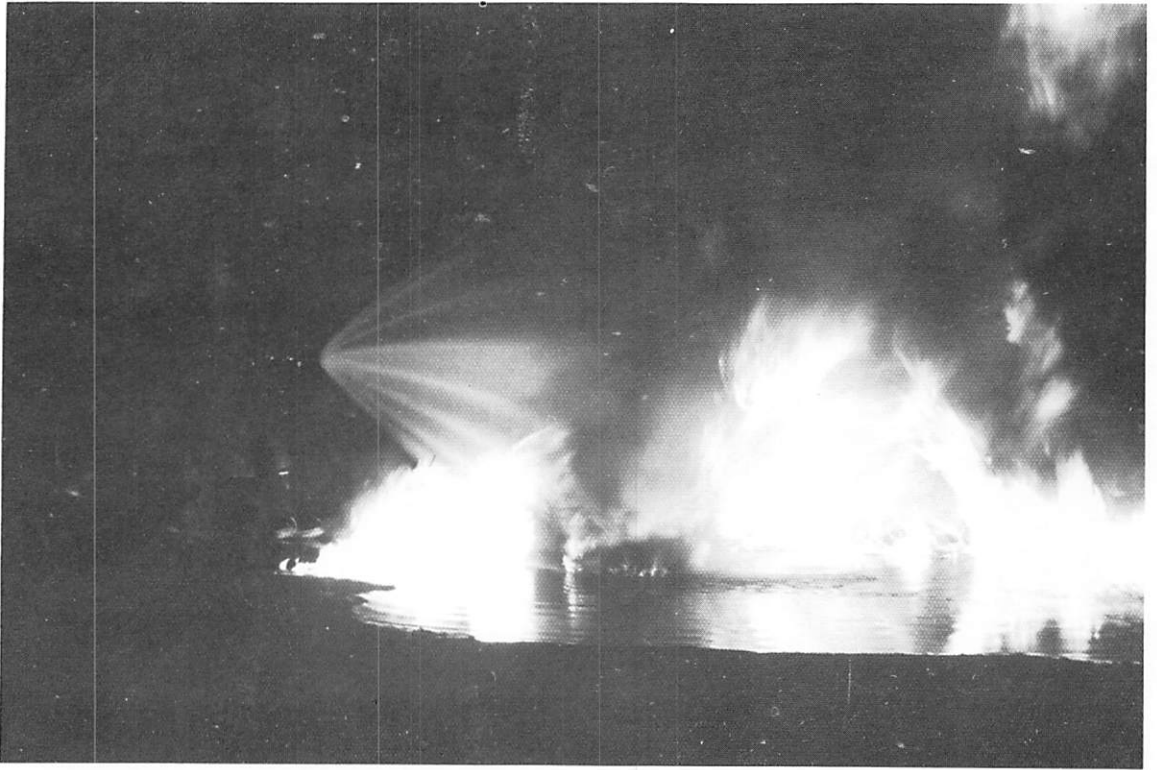


1971, 1500 Gal. tanker with 400 GPM transfer pump and many other fire equipment items. With the utilization of this tanker and any pumper, any area without hydrant water protection, obtained a Class 6 rural fire protection rating.

# MEDIC 1-2-3-4



Each of the above Medics carry the basic life support equipment required by the State of Ohio and the Federal Government. In addition these vehicles have the necessary equipment to act as a mobile coronary care or high trauma unit.



Fire Training — Oil Fire



Fire Training — House Fire

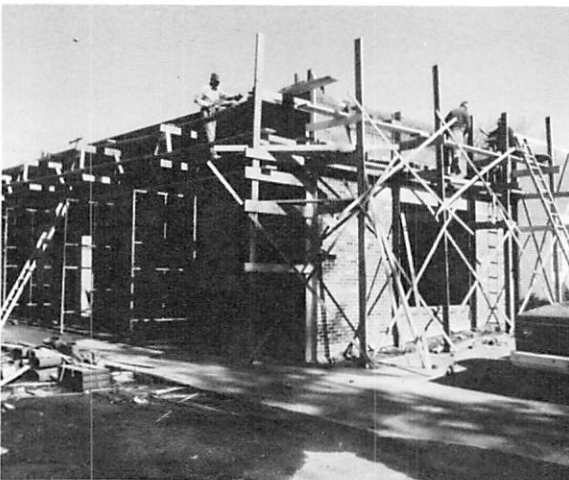
# FIRE COMPLEX



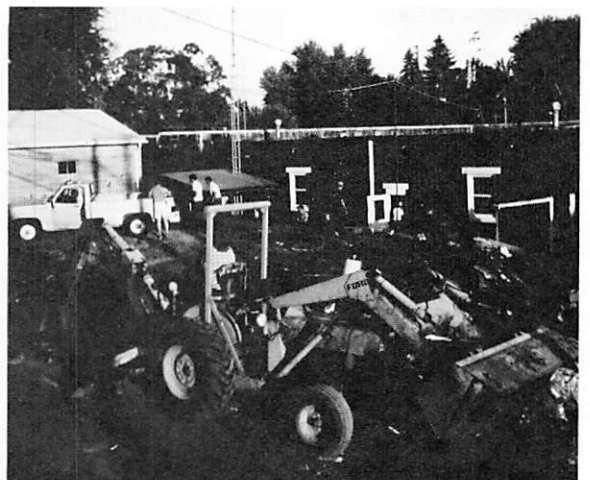
In 1979 a committee was formed to establish plans for an addition to the Fire Station. The addition was deemed necessary due to State Training Regulations. The property in the back of the station was purchased for a parking lot, as the new training addition would eliminate most of our existing parking space.

The building contract was given to Nesselroad Construction Co., the electrical supplies were donated by Gould Inc., and the Senior Morgan High Electronics class under the supervision of David Bailey, completed the electrical-electronics work.

Two new meeting and training rooms, and two new offices were built and moved into in March 1980.



Bricking the addition

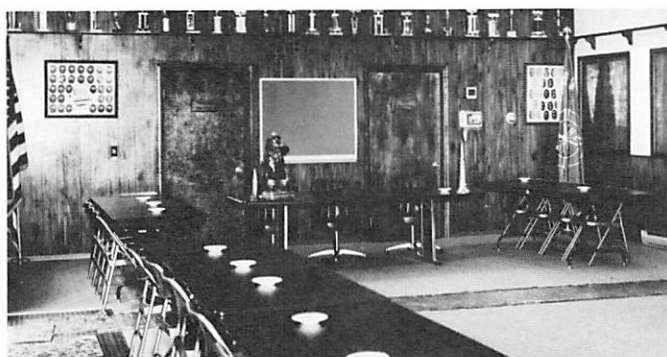


Member working on the new Parking Lot.

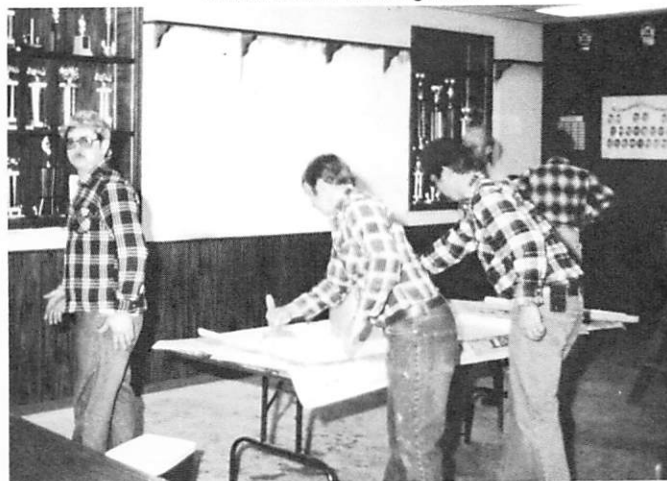
# 1980



Electronics class at work



Inside the new meeting room



Members working on the new meeting room.

# **A FIREMAN'S PRAYER**

**When I am called to duty, God, whenever flames may rage;  
Give me strength to save some life, whatever be its age.**

**Help me embrace a little child before it's too late  
Or save an older person from the horror of that fate.**

**Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.**

**I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,  
To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.**

**And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life;  
Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife**

**(author unknown)**





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all deceased members of the M & M Fire Dept.

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Carl Warne  
John M. Kirkbride  
John Lee Wilson  
Jake Staker

Floyd Yerlan  
Nellie Marshall  
Dale B. Imlay  
Norval Hannah  
Chas. Comstock

Michael Oliver  
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Augustus Abel Jr.  
Duke Sears

Edsel Miller  
Susie Graham  
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# A WORD OF THANKS



What a better way can we have to mark our 50th Anniversary of the Fire Department than to say we have topped our goal for 1979 our biggest year ever.

That accomplishment could not have been made possible without the help and assistance of the thousands of people who have supported our efforts during the past years. By your votes you have elected Trustees, Councilmen, Mayors, Commissioners, and other County Officials who have, without exception, assisted us in many ways to see that you had the best fire protection possible. To the many fraternal, veteran, civic, church, school, and other groups who have helped us so much, we say thanks again.

Today we have a class five fire insurance service rating.

In the past 50 years, over a hundred men have served before us. We give our thanks to them for a job "well done"; They laid the ground work for us and over the years were continuously upgrading the department.

To our dedicated Firemen today, we along with your thousands of supporters, say "**Thank You**". over and over again through the past years and again as we have depended on you in time of fire and other emergencies.

Since you have added the M-M Fire Department Emergency Medical Services to your Department many of you and your wives have volunteered countless hours of service in time of need.

Appreciation is extended to the wives and families who have had many disappointments when your husbands and fathers were called by an alarm.

**May you be blessed,  
Robert Wilson**

**Art Balding**

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"Past Chiefs and Brothers"



"You're kidding"



"It was an 18 Pound Bass"



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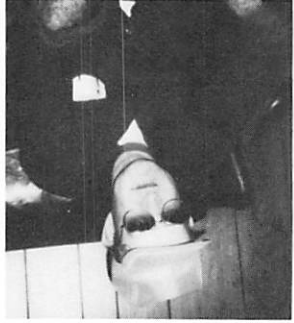
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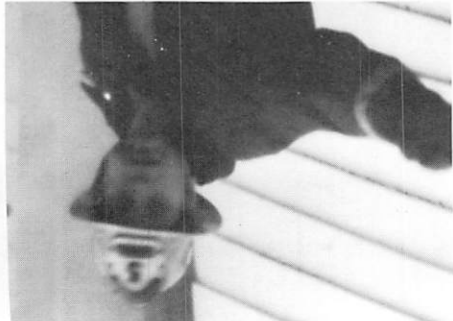
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"Working Midnights!"



"Not Again!"



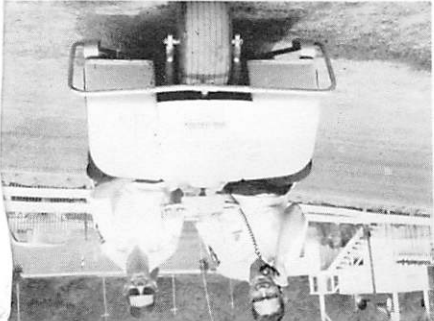
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"Get Up Morris!"



"Send us Some Gas!"



"Need a Ride — Kenny?"



