

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

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

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

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

St. Regis Park Trying To Organize Fire Unit

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

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

If 1,000 homes donate \$20 to \$30 each to get the unit started, it can be maintained at a cost of \$3 to \$7 annually per home, he said. This would raise the area from 10th class insurance rates to sixth or seventh class, he said, and mean an annual saving of about \$50 per home.

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

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

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

March 17, 1955

1,000 Letters To Go Out For Fire Department

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

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

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

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

Officials pointed out that homeowners will save \$50 per year on fire insurance rates when the department is established.

March 31, 1955

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The committee announced

March 24, 1955

\$7,000 Collected For Hikes Point Fire Department

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

No figure was available on the total pledges to date. The committee announced that all Lazy Acres had been covered in the drive to collect at least \$25 from 31 residents of the Hikes Point area. About \$25,000 will be needed for the fire department.

Ashfield Acres and Lincolnshire were reported "about 80 to 90 percent in." A drive will be held the rest of this week in effort to get to every home. A meeting of area chairmen and volunteers will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the home of C. H. Bowlds, 20 Canterbury Drive.

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

Ashfield Acres, C. J. Richert, CH. 7261; Cambridge, M. T. Farquahr, CH. 5673; Cardwell Way, J. L. Shumate, 21-52433; Hill Creek Road, Paul Hessel, CH. 3115; Houston Acres, John Holz-knecht, CH. 9418 and J. L. Bullock, CH. 7878; Lazy Acres, R. M. Elrk, CH. 0130; Lincolnshire, C. H. Bowlds, CH. 4181; St. Regis, L. H. Barnett, CH. 2314; Sheffield Manor, J. B. Rottman, 21-5530; Six Mile Lane, Charles Hough, 21-3062; and Taylorsville Road, F. L. Brooks, 21-52197.

April 14, 1955

McMahan Volunteer Fire Department: The Following articles are from *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Fire Group Over Hump

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

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

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

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

County fire co-ordinator Daniel Boone commented: "With the exception of one other volunteer fire department, this group has raised more money faster than any other of the 11 volunteer groups in Jefferson County."

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

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

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

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

McMahan Donates Land For Fire Department

Volunteer Group Accepts And To Name Department After Him

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

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

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

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

Committee Chairman Thomas Wilder introduced Mr. McMahan to the group, meeting at the home of Charles Bowlds, 16 Canterbury Drive.

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

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

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

efitted by the new fire department."

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

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

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

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

May 19, 1955

April 28, 1955

McMahan Volunteer Fire Department: The Following articles are from *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

McMahan Vol'eer Fire Department Is Incorporated

By PHYLLIS THOMPSON

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

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

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

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

June 9, 1955

Wilder Named President Of McMahan Fire Dept.

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

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

June 30, 1955

Fire Rates Are Halved

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 26, 1956

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McMahan Volunteer Fire Department: Information from



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

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

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

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

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

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

Twenty-two additional volunteer fire fighters signed up for the Tuesday evening training sessions which began on March 5, 1956. These volunteers were required to obtain 20 hours of training before they could actually go into service.

July 1956, brought the first fund raising effort. "Fun-0-Rama" ran from July 10th to the 15th. With a carnival type atmosphere including Ferris wheels, merry-go-round, and horse rides, the Fire Department was trying to raise funds to pay off their mortgage of \$9,000 on their first fire engine. Various neighborhood organizations such as St. Regis Park and Lincolnshire worked such booths as the grocery booth, sportsman's booth, and candy booth with ticket prices being 5 or 10 cents. This fund raising effort netted the Fire Department over \$2,200.

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

McMahan Volunteer Fire Department:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McMahan Volunteer Fire Department:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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McMahan Volunteer Fire Department:

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

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

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

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

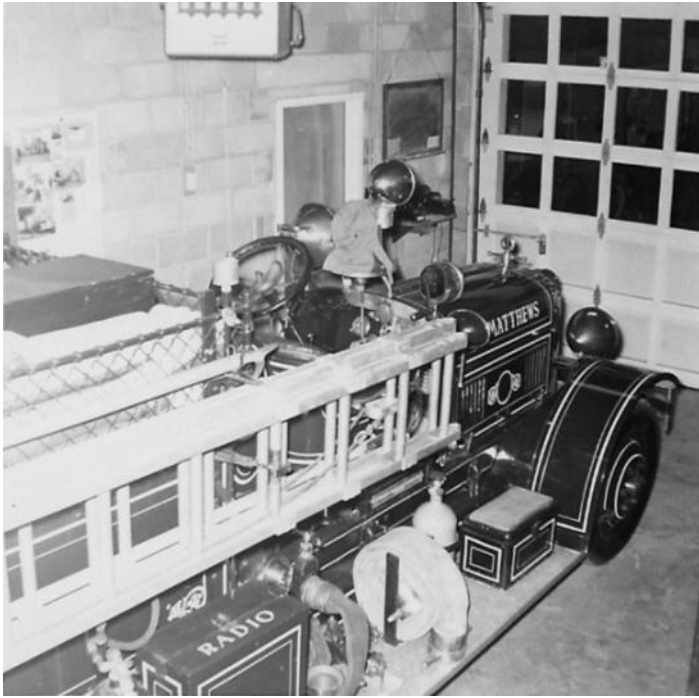
The Fire District resisted until March of 2003, putting on 24/48 shift Fire Fighters. Since 1983 when the first employee was hired, the employees have always worked a standard 40 hour, Monday thru Friday work shift. Due to the increase in run volume, and our needs to ensure a "one minute" response time,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

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



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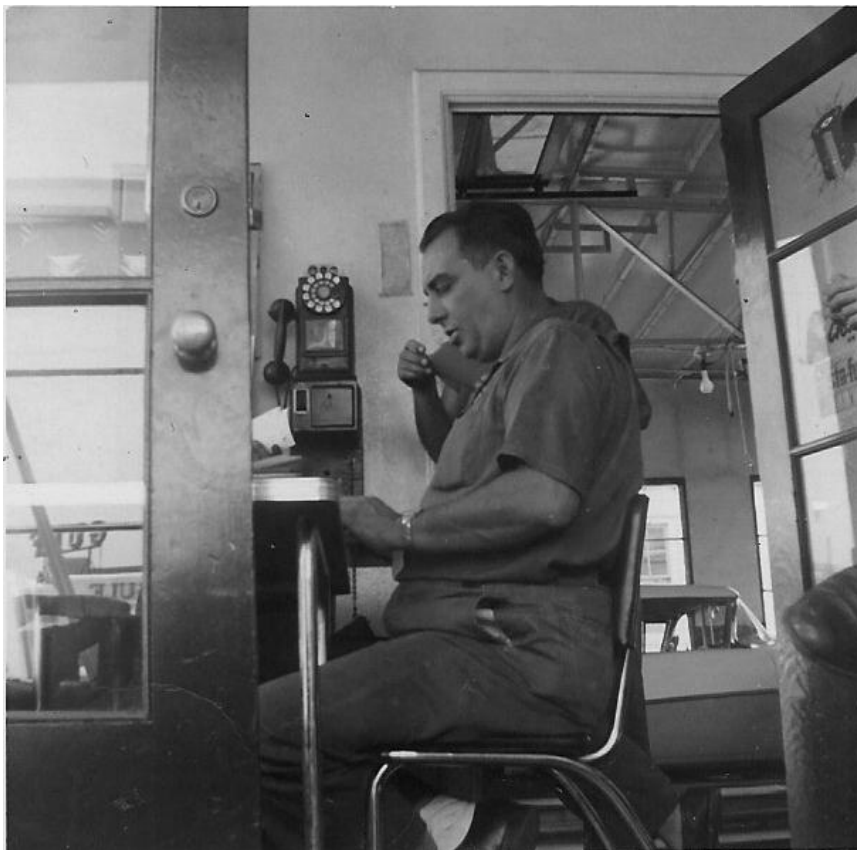
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Betsy, S2



1941 Ford Seagrave pumper — Betsy



JP Terry, firefighter and board member at his service station

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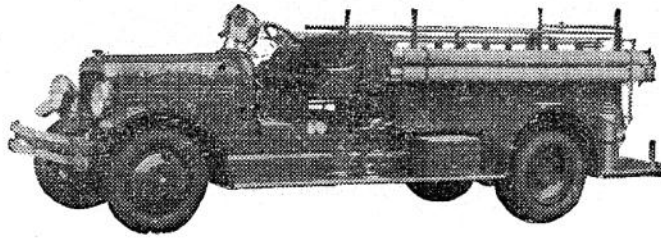
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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January 6, 1955:



ANDREW BROADDUS
MAYOR

CITY OF LOUISVILLE
KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF FIRE

1135 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
LOUISVILLE 3, KENTUCKY
CLAY 8831

W. GEORGE MATTON
DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

JOHN H. KRUSENKLAUS
CHIEF OF FIRE DIVISION

January 6, 1955

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

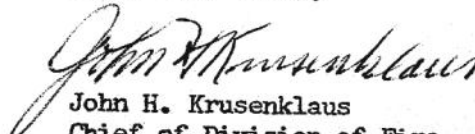
Dear Chief:

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

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

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

Yours very truly,


John H. Krusenklau
Chief of Division of Fire

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January 13, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular meeting of the directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, January 13, 1955, and was presided over by the President, Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

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

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

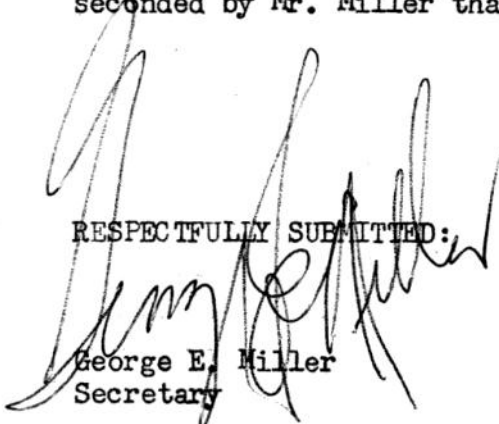
The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Karl Straub, at the First National Bank, St. Matthews, Ky., that we desire to borrow up to \$15,000.00 to pay for the new piece of equipment from Seagrave Company, to be delivered about January 20, at a cost of \$21,500.00.

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

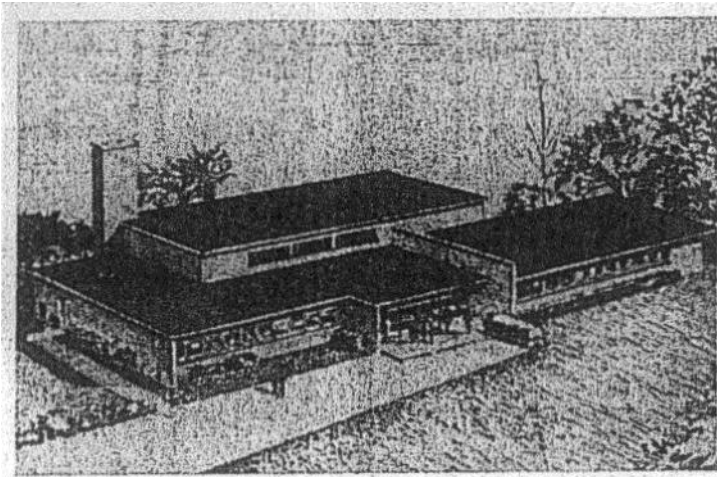
A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss that the salary of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Beam, be increased \$25.00 per month, retroactive to January 1, 1955.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



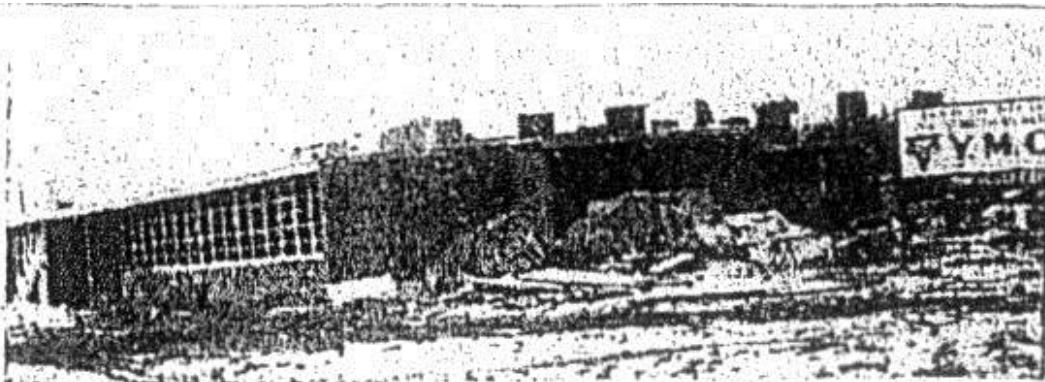
George E. Miller
Secretary



The Y.M.C.A. BUILDING to be built in St. Matthews is pictured here in an architect's drawing. Archie Cochran, president of the Louisville Y, has asked Beechwood Village citizens to allow it to be built in their city. A public hearing will be held on the matter October 3. Cochran, in a letter to the city, said the building would be available for public meetings. The building, he said, would include office space, craft and club rooms, a small kitchen (which he promised won't be turned into a restaurant), and a gymnasium. St. Matthews officials, now holding a membership drive for \$2,500, reported at a meeting Monday night they'd collected \$1,030.50. Ray Ogden's Red Division led with 65 members and \$330. Karl Hollenbach's Blue Division had 48 members and \$265. The special memberships team of Will Lausman and Burt Stevens had 18 memberships and \$435.50. High team in the regular teams' organization was headed by Charles Peege, captain, with \$150 and 29 memberships. High individual in Mr. Peege's team was Nelson Perry with 15 memberships and \$80. The next report meeting for workers will be held tonight at the St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. office on Frankfort Ave. The final report will be on Monday, Sept. 28, the day the drive ends. Y officials plan to spend nearly a quarter of a million dollars on the St. Matthews branch.



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



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

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January 14, 1955, Letters:

January 14, 1955

First National Bank
St. Matthews, Ky.

Attention: Mr. Karl Straub

Gentlemen:

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

This new unit is costing us \$21,500.00 and it is necessary that we ask your bank to grant us a loan, on a demand note at 4% interest, in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. However, we expect this note to be much less than \$15,000.00. The writer assures you that this will be paid as fast as, if not faster than, the note we had from your bank when our new building was constructed.

If you desire to discuss this before making the loan, you may call either me at TA 1364 or Mr. John M. Monohan, Jr. If you prefer we will have a committee of the board of directors meet with you at your bank.

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

Thanking you in advance, we are,

Very truly yours,

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

George E. Miller, Secretary

January 14 1955

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

Dear Colonel;

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

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

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

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

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

Very Truly yours

John M. Monohan
Chief, St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.

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

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

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

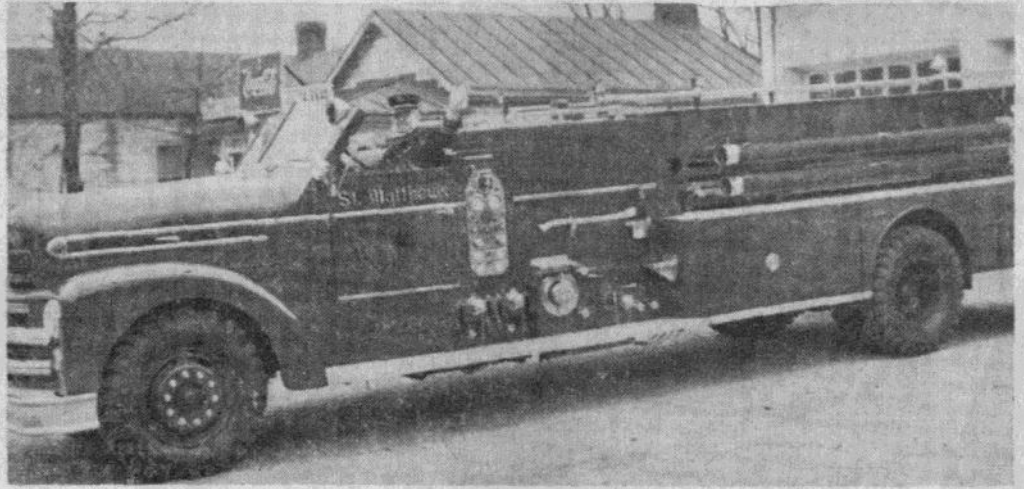
The \$23,500 truck, with a capacity of 750 gallons a minute, will give another boost to the effectiveness of the volunteer firemen.

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

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

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

Volunteer chief John Monohan said the company now has four trucks, two with a 750 gallon capacity and two with 500. It carries 1,200 feet of 2½-



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

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

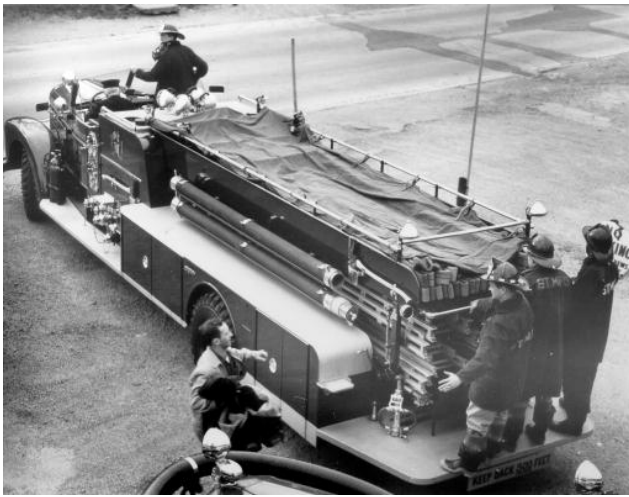
The new quad was tested Tuesday before becoming the property of the St. Matthews fire station. It has 209 feet of ladders ranging from 14 to 50 feet each. It was built according to the specifications of the St.

Matthews firemen.

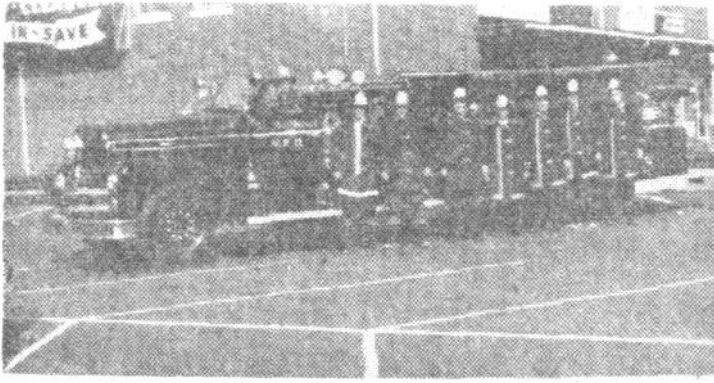
Records of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department reveal the men made 93 fire runs in 1954, and seven false alarms. All the firemen serve without pay. Homeowners are charged from \$3 to \$5 per year for protection, depending on how far

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

The St. Matthews Department was the first of its kind in Kentucky. It was organized in 1919. Mr. Monohan has been chief since 1941.



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



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February 3, 1955:

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

February 3, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Monohan:

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

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


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

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

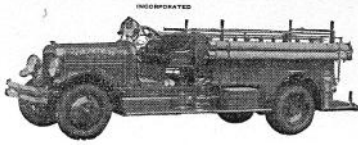


February 5, & 8, 1955, Letters:

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

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

From the Phone Red Book.

Residences	1731	at \$3.00	\$5199.00
Apartment Units	1466	" 2.50	1165.00
			<u>6364.00</u>
Business			1200.00
			<u>\$7564.00</u>

Listed from Subscribers records.

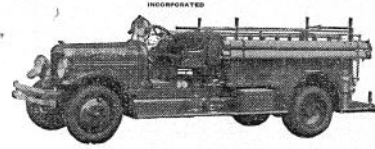
Subscriber Residences	1256	At \$5.00	\$3768.00
Apartment units	466	2.50	1165.00
			<u>\$4933.00</u>
Did not list Business but it will run close to same			1200.00
			<u>\$6133.00</u>

These Figures will not varie over \$500.00

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

Mr John M. Monohan Jr.
 President;

Dear Sir;

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

Deposited in January 1955	\$3169.73
Deposited in January 1954	<u>2575.58</u>
Jan, 55 Over Jan, 54	594.16

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

Figures taken from our Bank Book.

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

1955

February 10, 1955: Board meeting:

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

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

Directors present were:

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

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

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

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

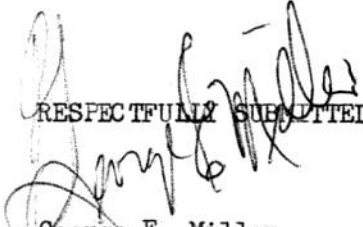
A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Zehnder that a twelve-volt radio, at a cost of \$475.00 installed, be purchased for the new piece of equipment.

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary

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

Accepts Fire Department Price; To Ask For Garbage Contract Bids

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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190 COLONY WAY—ST. MATTHEWS

St. M. Fire Heads At Memphis Meet

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

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

The chief and the captain will return Saturday morning.

City Spent \$34,216.51 Last Year

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

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

A proposed budget for 1955 calls for income of \$74,400 and expenditures of \$74,650.

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

The City at the end of the year had an unappropriated surplus of \$17,224.02. This included an unappropriated surplus of \$2,475.22 left over from the year 1953.

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

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

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

Other expenditures:

Office furniture and equipment, \$600.53; office supplies and expense, \$583.47; printing and notices, \$1,684.17; insurance and bonds, \$492.06; telephone, \$187.83; office rent, \$720; postage \$219; office salaries, \$1,565; cleaning office, \$26; legal department, \$2,357.62;

Treasurer's expense, \$825; audit expense, \$300; engineering road construction and repairs, \$3,179.80; fire department, \$3,000 fire plug service, \$296.09; police department salaries, \$1,442.60; police department cruiser expense, \$2,193.77; and police department expense, \$49.35.

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

Duncan Motors Switches To De Soto, Plymouth

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

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

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

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

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

Organized last August to buy

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

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



Portrait by Frederic Beck
GEORGE RIGGS



St. M. Firms Head Off Parking Worry

A Voice Feature

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

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

The lot purchased by Colonial is currently being used by Claxon Motor Sales. It is 142 by 115 feet, and cost \$47,500. Colonial's executive vice president, Harry King, said that for the present the lot will continue to be used by Claxon. But eventually, Colonial may make a parking area out of it, he said.

Colonial already provides free parking space behind its location at 3309 Frankfort Avenue. But Mr. King thinks it may need more in the future.

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

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

(A shopping center of 26 stores with parking for more than 1,000 cars is currently under construction on Shelbyville Road between the Inner Belt and Hubbards Lane.)

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

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

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

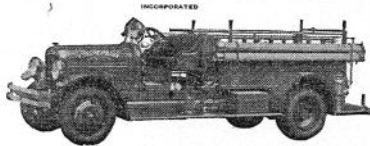
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March 7, 1955, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 March 7 1955

Mr John M. Monohan Jr.
 President,

Dear Sir;

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

Deposits for February 1955	\$3,048.27
Deposits for February 1954	592.00
Increase over 1954	<u>\$2,456.27</u>
Deposits for Jan. & Feb 1955	\$6,218.00
Deposits for " " 1954	3,167.58
Increase for same period 1955	<u>\$3,050.42</u>

Respectfully,
V.A. Beam
 V. A. Beam, Asst-Sec'y.

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

name your color YOU'LL FIND IT!
 Benjamin Moore Paints
 You'll find the colors you want in our wide selection of Benjamin Moore Paints. Easy to apply and quick to dry. Now's the time to brighten up your home. See us this week!

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BANK OF LOUISVILLE
 Announces the Gala Opening of its NEW
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 4400 SHELBYVILLE ROAD • "THE NEIGHBORLY BANK WITH THE EXTRA BANKING HOURS"

Thanks, Neighbors for the Grand Reception You Gave Our Temporary Office! Now Our Full Facilities Are At Your Service!

Bank of Louisville came to St. Matthews with a greeting that had something special to offer the people of this area. First—an attitude of neighborly helpfulness and an understanding of the problems of a semi-agricultural community—the needs of the farmer, the businessman and the individual. Second—a policy of service that includes longer banking hours—open extra hours every second week and Saturday banking. All three offices of Bank of Louisville are open from 9:00 to 4:00, Monday through Friday, and from 9:00 to Noon on Saturday. Third—the highest interest rate on savings paid by any bank or other financial institution. 3 1/2% on one year certificates of deposit of \$1000 or more; and 2 1/2% on regular savings accounts.

We opened our Temporary Office in St. Matthews on October 16, and we have been more than gratified in the response of the people of this community. Hundreds have told us that there was a great need here for a bank of real personal service, and the number of new accounts on our books in the few short months we have operated with limited facilities proves that they were right.

Now our full facilities are at your service—a big, brand-new bank with large, modern safety vault, drive-in window, night depositors and plenty of parking space!

RAY F. STELTENPOHL,
 Vice President & Manager



This is the view you get as you enter the lobby of the bank. To the left are the office, counters and the money cages. Directly across the lobby two safety vaults, where safe deposit boxes for bank customers may be rented for \$1 to a year. Storage cabinets, money cages, entrance to greater safety vault, and a drive-in window on "open" days were designed by John F. Strong, President of the bank, and are in use at all three offices of the institution. Note the convenient "drive-in" vault on the wall marks the vaults in which bank loans are approved. Doors on the rear wall lead to money cages, safe rooms, to help you manage your



Looking toward the front of the bank from the rear of the lobby, the smart modern lobby and entrance to the drive-in window are revealed. The drive-in window, the convenience window across the street, is now a bank of service. The drive-in window is now a bank of service. The drive-in window is now a bank of service.

Saturday, March 12—9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



The friendly "open line look" of the very modern new St. Matthews office of Bank of Louisville is pictured in this photograph, which was taken before the paving was completed on the drive-in parking area. Note the "drive-in" window. The entire building is situated for a road in that customers may drive to at the west end and on the east end and without leaving their cars without

FIVE BIG PRIZES IN SILVER!

FIVE PERSONS WILL WIN THEIR HEIGHT IN SILVER DOLLARS ON OPENING DAY

A unique device for measuring your height in silver dollars will be one of the attractions of the opening Saturday of the new St. Matthews office of Bank of Louisville. Every person who enters the bank between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. will be given the opportunity to get "measured" in silver dollars. The measurement will be written on a ticket and all tickets will be deposited in a barrel. Tickets are absolutely free and are limited to a single ticket for each person. At 8 p.m. there will be a drawing of FIVE LUCKY NUMBERS. The five lucky winners, regardless of age or sex, will each receive the number of silver dollars which are required (standing on edge) to reach from the floor to the top of his head.



Ray Steltenpohl, Vice President and Manager of the St. Matthews Office and Richard H. Shaw, Executive Vice President of Bank of Louisville, are trying out the new silver-measuring device. The new St. Matthews office of Bank of Louisville is being measured in silver dollars. Tickets will be drawn for five of the five prizes. (Incidentally, all have one resident of the St. Matthews area.)

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March 10, 1955: Board meeting:

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

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

Directors present were:

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

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

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary

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March 17, 1955, Letter:

March 17 1955

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

Dear Sir;

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

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

Here-be-fore, we have used a 5 mile limit, but this left some property owners in a position where they did not know which department to call in case of Fire, nor to which one to subscribe to for Fire Protection.

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

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn, Inc.

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

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

City Of Woodlawn Park Officers Are Sworn In

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

Sworn in as trustees were: the Merchants' Ice and Cold Storage Company, Burns Speer, 46, 4308 Westportage Company, Road, assistant to the president of

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

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

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

Treasurer L. B. McIntire, 45, of 169 Beechwood Road, certified public accountant,

Assessor Harley Morgan, 47, 9 Westport Terrace, sales manager of The Lang Company.

City Clerk R. E. Cokerill, 37, 213 Ahland Road, director of production planning for U. S. Steel Homes, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

24-Hour Police Protection To Start In St. Matthews

Two Patrolmen Hired; City Hall To Be Moved

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

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

This was after the City Council Tuesday approved the appointment of the two new men to the force. They are Preston Lee Roberts, 26, and Clarence Durbin, 24. They were hired by the Council after nobody living in the City applied for the job.

Mr. Roberts, 2629 Portland, is a Marine Corps veteran, now working as a guard at Kentucky Synthetic Rubber. Mr. Durbin, Fern Creek, is an Army paratrooper veteran and was an electrician for the Louisville Parks Department. Each is married and has one child. Starting salary, fixed by City statute, is \$250 per month.

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



St. Matthews Fixing Grandview, Massie Avenues; Building Walkway

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

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

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

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

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

of Massie.

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

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

In the background of the picture, workmen repair Massie Avenue. On the bridge are Sandy Schuster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schuster, 222 Brown Avenue; Connie Math, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Muth, 263 Brown Avenue; and Sue Carol Schuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Schuler, Jr., 359 Ridgeway. On the pathway is Sandy's sister, Susan. All are Holy Trinity students.

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

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

Justen Wilken, owner of Wilken's Cafe, 3819 Frankfort Avenue, pleaded guilty to the charge and paid the fine in lieu of a five-day suspension of his malt beverage license. The violation occurred February 28.

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

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

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

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

Former STMFD firefighter

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God willing, tomorrow will start my fourth year in St. Matthews. I'm deeply grateful for your friendship, and your interest in The Voice.

Al J. Schansberg
Publisher

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



ST. MATTHEWS FINEST

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

Annexation Completed; Two Police Join Force

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

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

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

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

100 feet south of Grandview, west 100 feet, north to Grandview, to Breckinridge Lane, to Dayton, to Wiltshire, to Willis, to Frankfort Avenue, to Fairfax.

One area runs from the corner of Fairfax and Frankfort along Fairfax to an alley south of Dayton, to Meridian, to a point about

Creathouse School, Nanz and Neuner Florists, and Pearson's Funeral Home are included in the area.

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

The two men are Preston Lee Roberts, 26, and Clarence Durbin, 34. They assumed their duties April 1.

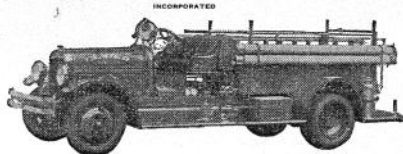
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
April 12 1955

Chief John M. Monohan Jr.

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

Deposited in March 1955	\$3232.45
Deposited in March 1954	918.20
Deposits over March 1954	<u>\$2314.25</u>

Deposited in Jan, Feb & march 1955	\$9450.45
Deposits in January, February & March 1954	4085.78
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Deposits 1955 over 1954 to date	\$5364.67.
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Respectfully,

Earl Roberts
Beam, Asst-Sec'y.

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April 14, 1955: Board meeting:

Minutes of the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'N

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

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

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

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

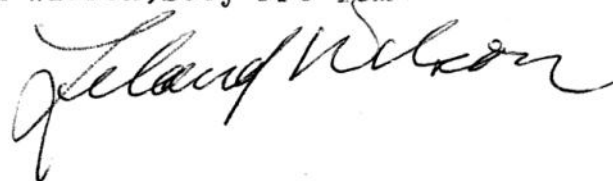
Fred Bess moved that the Association pay the First National Bank \$3171.00 on note - seconded by Louis Schweitzer. Motion carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leland Wilson, Secy Pro Tem



1955

April 14, 1955, Letter:

MILES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
229 BLANKENBAKER LANE
PHONE BE-6186

April 14, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Monohan:

Re: Comanche Village
Blankenbaker Lane
Jefferson County, Kentucky

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

MILES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

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

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Sec. & Treas.

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

St. Matthews Firemen To Inspect Homes Free

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There are many different

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

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

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

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

CHANDLER

FOR GOVERNOR



ORGANIZATION MEETING

WILL BE HELD

APRIL 22—7:45 P.M.

ELINE GARAGE BLDG.

3914 FRANKFORT AVE.

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

C. W. HARDIN
Chairman "A" District

BE SURE & REGISTER by JUNE 6
(If You Have Not Already Done So)

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

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

**City Willing To Pay
Fire Hydrant Rentals**

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

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

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

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

Old Breckinridge Lane Is Taking On A New Look

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

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

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

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

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

He said the building, all air-conditioned, will have 26 offices, including a small suite on the first floor for the City of St. Matthews. They will rent for \$60 to \$100 a month each, he said, and this will include all utilities.

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

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

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

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

Porter Paint will use the 25 by 100 foot building for a retail outlet. Construction will cost about \$21,000 and should be finished about June 1.



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

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

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

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

Mr. Augustus said his own firm will occupy the second floor of the building he's putting up across the parking lot from the Colonial Building.

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—AT—
Zehnder Bros.



PRICES . . . Cash and Carry

2 Gal. Can	1.40
1 Gal. Jug	72c
1/2 Gal. Bottle	42c
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Zehnder Bros.
3921 FRANKFORT 2 doors west of A & P
— FREE PARKING IN REAR

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MOORE'S
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NORTH SIDE OF SHELBYVILLE RD. AT BEECHWOOD VILLAGE

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

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FREE GIFTS FOR ALL!
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NEW Westinghouse ROOM AIR CONDITIONER
 Was \$399.95
ONLY \$239.95
 NORMAL INSTALLATION FREE

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THE CLARKE CO. GAS & ELECTRIC APPLIANCES
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FORMAL Opening
 —AND—
DEDICATION
SUNDAY
MAY 8th 10:45 A.M.



EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
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—OF—
St. Matthews Baptist Church
 GRANDVIEW AT MACON

Dedicatory Message by Dr. Carroll Hubbard
 SPECIAL MUSIC BY CHURCH CHOIR
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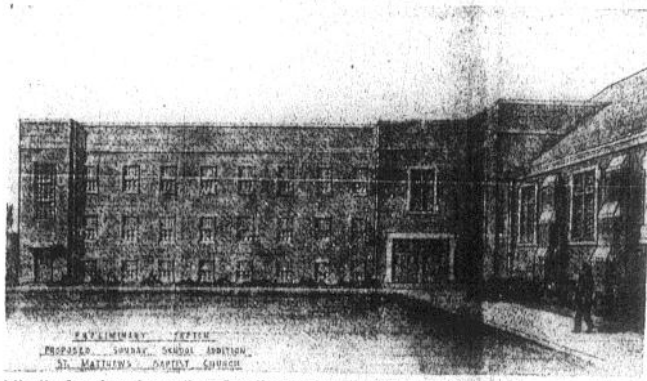
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9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION



8 P.M.—CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC
GEORGETOWN COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR



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

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10 lbs. 69¢ Each Additional Pound **6¢**

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SEND YOUR CLEANING WITH YOUR LAUNDRY!

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 For City-Wide Pickup and Delivery Call CL. 8805
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 BE. 2883 132 ST. MATTHEWS AVE.

TEXACO TERRY says:



A trucker drove in with a load of cattle. You should have heard them a-bellerin' and a-yowling' in there. You'd think I was stickin' the gas hose down their throats.

AAA Road Service—Call TA 9217

TERRY'S Texaco Service

Your Friendly Neighborhood Texaco Dealer
 3800 Lexington Road TA. 9217



1955

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



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

Fire Makes This Business Expand

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

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

business there for several months.

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

Terry's Texaco became the

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

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

1955

May 12, 1955: Board meeting:

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

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

Directors present were:

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

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

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

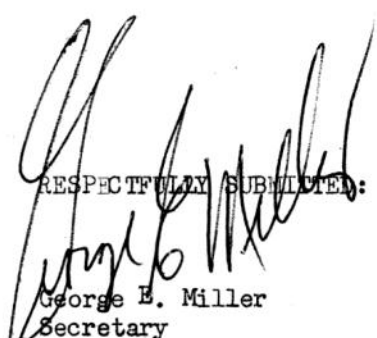
A motion was made by Mr. Boss and seconded by Mr. Terry that we pay two notes ^{\$1000.00, Ead} on the loan, on the new piece of equipment, of \$2,000.00 and interest.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller
Secretary

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

Pryor To Build New Shelbyville Road Restaurant

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

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

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

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

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

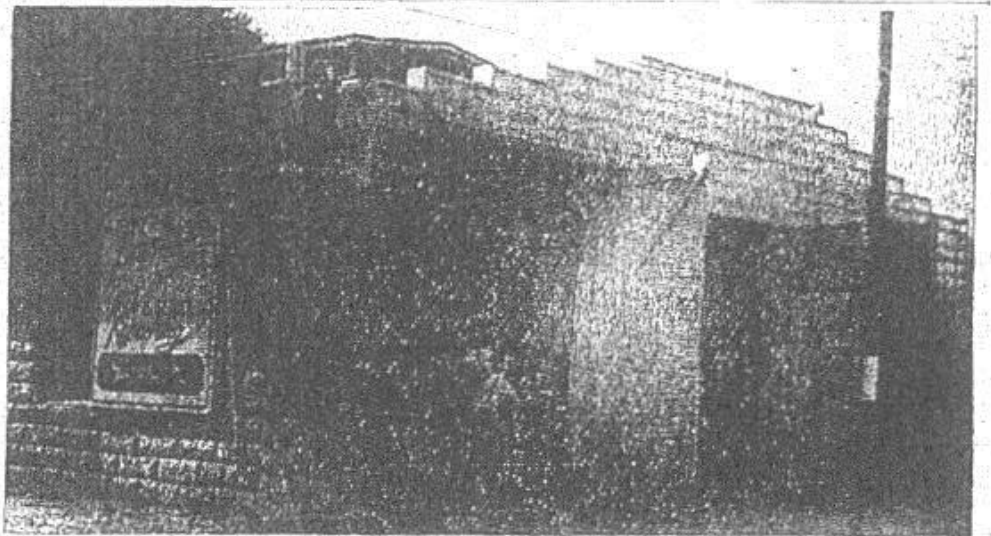
Future "Big Boy"

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

Rabies Clinic Set For St. M. Fire Station

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

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



The Hansen Shop—Photo by Basil Willis, Jr.

Cherokee Laundry Buys Out A. L. Hansen Shop

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Chitwood said his firm

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

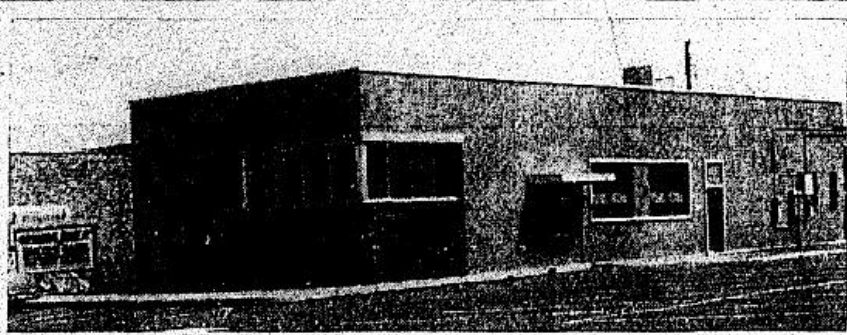
Another possibility was that a building for doctors might be erected, he said.

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

NOTE: This shop served as temporary quarters for STMFD during the very early years. Also over the years many STMFD fire-fighters worked here.



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



Lincoln Bank Branch Opens June 1

The St. Matthews branch of the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company, 4304 Shelbyville Road, will open for business Wednesday, June 1, at 9 a.m.

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

Branch manager will be John Emrich, 509 Oxford. Assistant

manager will be Dan J. Goss, 127 Ridgeway. Mrs. Sanford Bishop, 402½ Winchester, will be in charge of the vault. In addition, two tellers will be on duty at the bank.

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

The bank's hours will be 9 to 2 daily, plus 3:30 to 5:30 on Fridays. It will open on Saturday only during those weeks in which a holiday falls.

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

Noel Rush is president of the Lincoln Bank and Wilbur Chaplin, executive vice president.

Said Mr. Rush: "In keeping with our policy

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

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

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

June 2, 1955: *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

MATHES-KENTUCKIANA SAYS:

BEAT THE HEAT

ENJOY . . .

DELIGHTFUL Days COOL nights

. . . In The Good Old "Hot" Summertime

WITH A NEW "ALL FEATURE" 1955

MATHES AIR CONDITIONER

LOOK! COMPARE!
Get ALL The Features!

- Hardwood Cabinets
- Flush Window Mounting
- Aluminum Rust-Free Outside Case
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- Automatic Temperature Control
- Whisper Silent Operation
- Stale Air Exhaust Control
- Easy Terms
- 24 Months To Pay

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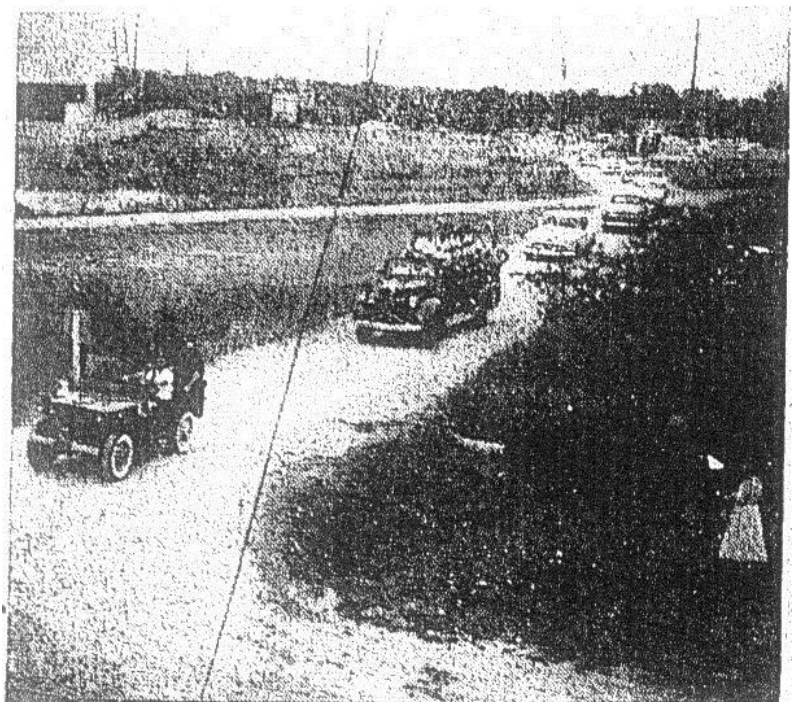
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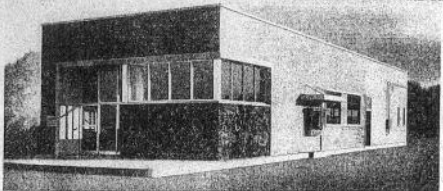



Little League opened with a parade; the boys raced from it

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

Open for Business

Our New Shelbyville Road Branch
4304 Shelbyville Road — Just East of Hubbards Lane

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


Complete Banking Service

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- Special Checking Accounts
- Savings Accounts
- Drive-in Window
- Safe-deposit Boxes
- Installment Loans
- Commercial Loans
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CONVENIENT LOCATIONS
421 W. Market St.
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ST. MATTHEWS TRIM SHOP

TA. 6177

NEW LOCATION:
131 Breckinridge Lane
Rear

BUDGET TERMS

1955

June 9, 1955: Board meeting:

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

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

Directors present were:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

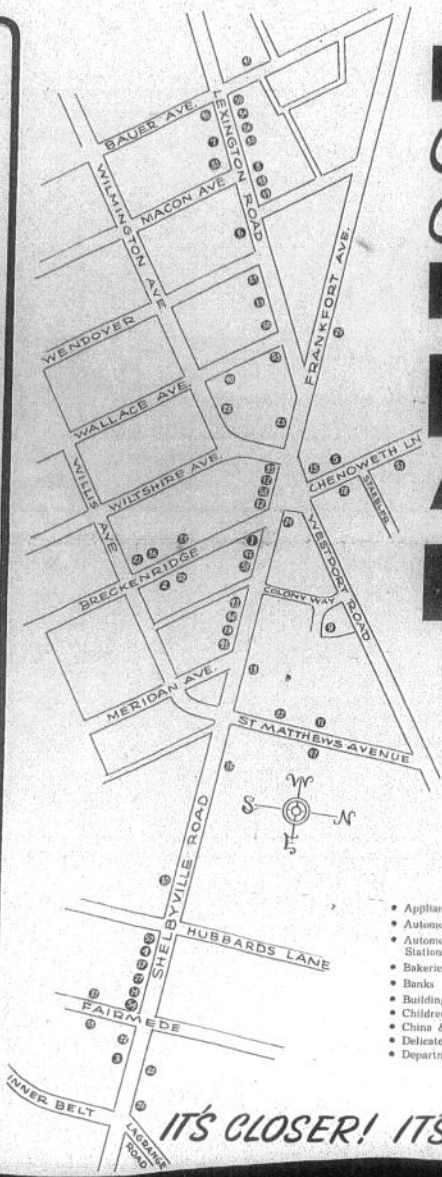
George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary

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

ST. MATTHEWS SHOPPING CENTERS

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

- ASHBURY-BERMAN DRUG CO. (1)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- BALLEINA, INC. (2)
- 400 Brookridge Lane
- BANK OF LOUISVILLE (3)
- 400 Shelbyville Road
- BERNSEN PAINT & WALLPAPER (4)
- 400 Shelbyville Road
- BLUGGANS TRAILERS & MOWERS (5)
- 110 Chesworth Lane
- BOSTON SHOE STORE (6)
- 200 Lexington Road
- K. BROWN JEWELER (7)
- 200 Lexington Road
- BUSCHMEYER'S JEWELRY STORE (8)
- 300 Lexington Road
- CAPITAL LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING CO. (9)
- Behind the A. A. P.
- CAHILL CHEVROLET CO. (10)
- 100 Shelbyville Road
- CHESTER LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING CO. (11)
- 120 S. Matthews Avenue
- CITIZENS FIDELITY BANK (12)
- 200 Franklin Avenue at Brookridge Ln.
- BARBARA CLARK (13)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- THE CLARKE CO. (14)
- 400 Shelbyville Road
- CONSOLIDATED SALES CO. (15)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- THURSTON COOKE FORD, INC. (16)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- DAVIS WALLPAPER & PORTER PAINT (17)
- 400 Lexington Road
- DEVINE'S FAN AND SERVICE (18)
- 110 Chesworth Lane
- DOELFINGERS, INC. (19)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- JOHNNY DOYLE'S SHELL SERVICE (20)
- 200 Shelbyville Road
- KEY ELLIOTT INSURANCE SERVICE (21)
- 100 Brookridge Lane
- FREDERICK BUILDING & LOAN ASSOC. (22)
- 111 St. Matthews Avenue
- FIRESTONE SERVICE STORE (23)
- 400 Lexington Road
- FIRST NATIONAL BANK (24)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- GUARDIAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION (25)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- HODGES AETNA SERVICE (26)
- Shelbyville Road & Wallace Avenue
- HOUSE PLANT & NURSERY STORE (27)
- 400 Shelbyville Road
- KENTUCKY MODEL SHOP (28)
- 200 Brookridge Lane
- BERT L. KRUEK JEWELER (29)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- THE KROGER CO. (30)
- 200 Lexington Road
- LESTER JEWELRY (31)
- 200 Lexington Road
- LINCOLN BANK & TRUST CO. (32)
- 400 Shelbyville Road
- LLWELLEN'S ST. MATTHEWS LAUNDRY, INC. (33)
- 100 Brookridge Lane
- MARIE'S WOMEN'S APPAREL (34)
- 200 Lexington Road
- MARTIN'S GROCERY (35)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- J. ASHBY MILLER CO., REALTOR (36)
- 100 Brookridge Lane
- MUNISH & POTS FLORISTS & NURSERY (37)
- 110 Fairmeade Road
- MOHGAN'S MEN'S SHOP (38)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- GIL MUELLER SALES & SERVICE (39)
- 400 Lexington Road
- OAKWOOD SPORTING GOODS STORE (40)
- 21 Wallace Center
- OFFUT & HELM, INC. (41)
- 100 Baser Avenue
- PAINT POT (42)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- PANTRY DELICATESSEN (43)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- PAUL'S SHOES (44)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- PLEIN'S BAKERY (45)
- 200 Franklin Avenue
- PODEMAN DRUGS (46)
- Lexington Road & Baser Avenue
- SANDERS CLEANERS (47)
- 100 S. Matthews Avenue
- SEARS-ROEBUCK & CO. (48)
- 370 Lexington Road
- SMITH'S SUPER MARKET (49)
- 200 Lexington Road
- PAUL D. SNYDER GULF SERVICE (50)
- Lexington Road & Wallace
- ST. MATTHEWS FEED & SEED (51)
- 100 Chesworth Lane
- ST. MATTHEWS TRIM SHOP (52)
- 100 Brookridge Lane (near)
- SWISS CLEANERS & LAUNDRY (53)
- 100 Fairmeade Avenue
- SYDNEY'S (54)
- In Fairmeade Shopping Center
- TERRY'S TEXACO SERVICE (55)
- 200 Lexington Road
- YANETTI APPLANCE CO., INC. (56)
- 211 Lexington Road
- WEBER DRUG STORE (57)
- Shelbyville Road & Hubbard Lane
- THE WHIRLIGIG (58)
- Popular Price Cafeteria Restaurant
- WOHLER'S BAKERY (59)
- 200 Lexington Road
- ERNEST E. YENAWINE CO. (60)
- 200 Franklin Avenue



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- Appliance Stores
 - Automobile Agencies
 - Automobile Service Stations
 - Bakeries
 - Banks
 - Building & Loan Assns.
 - Children's Apparel
 - China & Gift Shops
 - Delicatessens
 - Department Stores
 - Drug Stores
 - Finance Companies
 - Food Markets
 - Hobby Shops
 - Insurance Agencies
 - Interior Decorators
 - Jewelers
 - Laundry & Dry Cleaning Companies
 - Men's Apparel
 - Nursery, Garden & Seed Stores
 - Paint & Wallpaper Stores
 - Realtors
 - Restaurants
 - Shoe Stores
 - Sporting Goods
 - Trailer Sales
 - Upholstery Shops
 - Women's Apparel
 - Every Type of City Service

IT'S CLOSER! IT'S CONVENIENT TO
SHOP IN ST. MATTHEWS!

June 30, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews:*

Construction's All He's Ever Done

Construction is the only type work young Edwin W. Shaver has ever done. A native of Greenville, Ky., he started his career in Louisville at the age of 20 as a "sort of lay-out engineer."

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

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

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

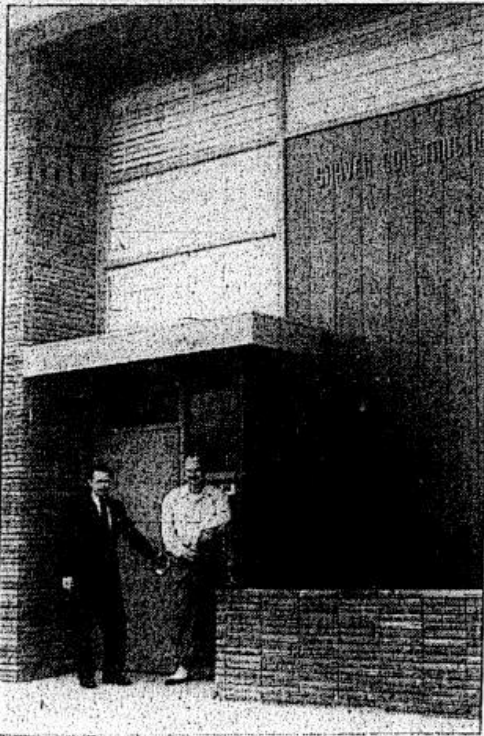
Business advisers pointed out to young Mr. Shaver the obvious solution; build what people who can buy demand. He streamlined his organization, standardized procedures, and began building a home a week as a regular operation.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At 36, Mr. Shaver and his 27-year-old architect, Mr. Nunnally, are unquestionably among the most successful young builders in the State.

St. M. Merchants Split With Brady, Defeat Firemen

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

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

The Merchants on Sunday edged the Fire Department 7-8. Larry Powers went the distance for the victory. Ed Hamilton's hitting and Jerry Wibbels' fielding were the high spots of the game. Hamilton blasted four hits in five trips, and Wibbels made three great catches in left field.

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

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July 14, 1955: Annual Board meeting:

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

The Annual Meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday evening, July 14, 1955, and was called to order by President John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

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

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

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

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

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

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

On a motion made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kamer was ^{re}lected Vice-President.

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

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary

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



The unusual interior of the new Porter Paint Company Service Center, which opened this week at Breckinridge Lane and Willis Avenue, has no shelf displays of paint. Instead the store is designed to guide customers' selections of colors and patterns by showing paint and wallpaper in use. Paint is shelved in the rear of the store, and wallpaper samples are convenient in clever sliding panels. Mrs. Coleen Holton (inset), of 1567 Arcade, will be decorator, and store manager will be R. Lee Schneider (inset), of 411 Hillcrest. Both were transferred from the downtown store.

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Mon. thru Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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July 21, 1955, *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Merchants Play Two This Weekend

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

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

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

Dystrophy Group Honors St. Matthews Firemen

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

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

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



CHIEF MONOHAN

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

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

State Traffic Plan For St. Matthews

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

PROBLEM

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

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

LEXINGTON ROAD

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

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

ST. MATTHEWS AVENUE AND WESTPORT ROAD

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

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

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

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

AN ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND STREET CAPACITIES

Lexington Road, Bauer Avenue to Frankfort Avenue				
Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
1270	1630	1420*	89%	115%

*Prohibition of left turns between blocks and prevention of cars backing into driving lanes when departing will increase this capacity by 25% making this figure 1620.

Frankfort Avenue—Chenoweth Lane—Breckinridge Lane Intersection				
Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
2290	3010	2750*	83%	109%

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

Frankfort Avenue—St. Matthews Avenue Intersection				
Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
1740	2420	2080	84%	116%*

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

Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane Intersection				
Hourly Volumes		Capacity	Ratio Vol. to Capacity	
Avg.	Peak		Avg.	Peak
468	620	400*	117%	155%

*Prohibiting left turns from Chenoweth and making Westport Road one-way west increases this figure to 900.

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

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

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

"The duration of said corporation shall be perpetual."

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My commission expires January 26, 1956.

Ammarret

NOTARY PUBLIC, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY.

STATE OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

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

My commission expires January 26, 1956.

Ammarret

NOTARY PUBLIC, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY.

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Charles K. Rosnell
SECRETARY OF STATE OF KENTUCKY
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY
BY *D. J. Davis*
CHIEF CORP. CLERK

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

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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



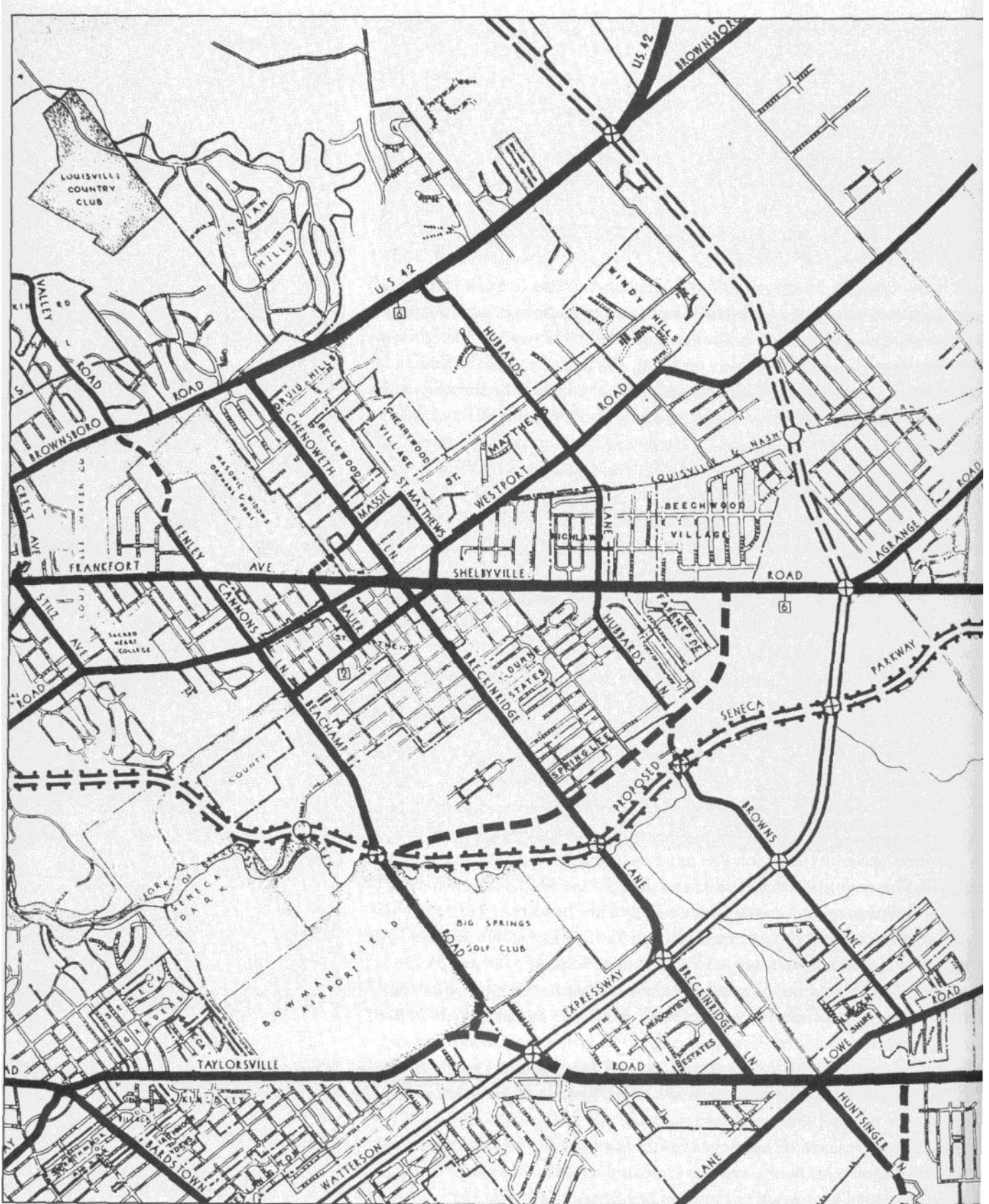
John M. Monohan PRESIDENT
George E. Miller SECRETARY

STATE OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Articles of Incorporation of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association were produced to me in the County aforesaid by John M. Monohan, who as president signed and acknowledged the same to be the act and deed of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, a party hereto, and affixed the seal hereto of said Association this July 26th, 1955.

1955

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



July 28, 1955, The

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August 8, 1955, Letter:

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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED



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Jan 2,575.58	Jan 3,169.73
Feb 592.00	Feb 3,048.27
Mar 918.20	Mar 3,231.45
Apr 1,531.21	Apr 1,221.55
May 748.00	May 2,776.10
June 2,409.03	June 2,536.48
July 2,039.33	July 2,938.11
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P. O. Box 115
 St. Matthews, Ky.
 August 8 1955

Chief John M. Monohan Pres.

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

Deposits for July 1955	\$2,938.11
Deposits for July 1954	<u>2,039.33</u>
Increase over 1954	\$ 898.78
Deposits for first 7 mo. 1955	\$18,921.69
Deposits for First 7 mo. 1954	<u>10,813.35</u>
Increase over 1954	\$8,108.34

Recorded from Bank Book.

Respectfully
J. A. Beam

1955

August 11, 1955: Board meeting:

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

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

Directors present were:

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

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

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



George E. Miller, Secretary

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

City Hires Two Police

The City of St. Matthews has hired two new patrolmen, bringing the police force up to three. Sworn in by the City Clerk, Mrs. E. R. Grinstead, were Kermit Cook, 36, of 1601 Brashear, and Edgar N. Kelley, 37, of Shelbyville. They began working last week.

Starting salary for both men is \$250 a month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- A. & P. Food Store
3929 Frankfort Avenue
CALL BOX JUST INSIDE FRANKFORT AVENUE ENTRANCE
- Taylor Drug Store
3201 Frankfort Avenue
CALL BOX ON SIDE OF BUILDING FACING FRANKFORT AVENUE BUS STOP
- Crescent Hill Loop
CALL BOX AT YATES CAFE
- Kroger Food Market
3721 Lexington Road
CALL BOX LOCATED INSIDE STORE

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



September 8, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, September 8, 1955, and was called to order by Vice-President Kamer.

Directors present were:

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

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

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

George E. Miller
George E. Miller, Secretary

September 6 & 8, 1955, Letter & The Voice Of St. Matthews:

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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOC



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St. Matthews, Ky.
September 6 1955

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for 2,776.10
for 2,536.48
for 2,938.11
for 1,920.50

Monohan, Pres.

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

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

For the 8 months 1955	\$ 20,843.19
For the 8 " 1954	11,879.69
Increase over 1954	\$ 8,963.50

Recorded from Bank Book.

Respectfully
V. A. Beam
Capt. V. A. Beam.

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

FALSE ALARM

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

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

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

Eline Builds New Office

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

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

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

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

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

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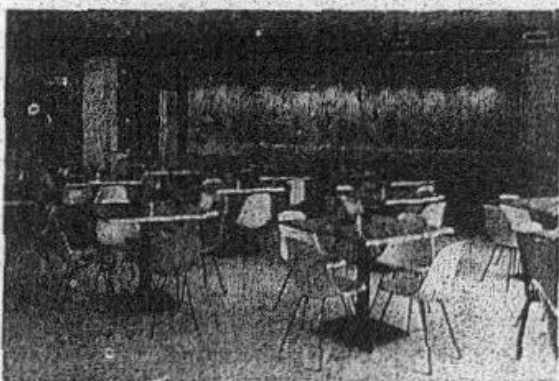
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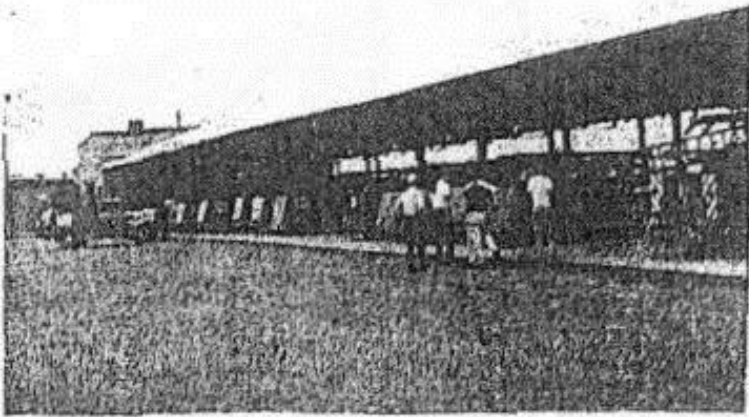
September 28, 1955, *The Courier-Journal*:



Courier-Journal Photo by Whit Woolton

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

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



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

Unique Method Moves 99 Phone Men To New Site

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

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

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

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



Saturday, Oct. 1 will be opening day of the new sixth branch of the Greater Louisville First Federal Savings and Loan Association at 4310 Shelbyville Road, St. Matthews, and also the 40th anniversary of the association. L. Frank Withers, president, announced, Henry H. Scherff will manage the branch, assisted by George M. Faurman, Jr. In a unique circular design, the new building is set back on the lot to provide parking space for 80 cars, according to Gustav Flexner, executive vice-president and secretary, who will also observe 40 years with the association on Saturday. The new St. Matthews branch will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through October 10. Many special features will mark the opening and the month-long 40th anniversary celebration.

October 4, 1955, *The Louisville Times*:



Fireman Inspect Scene of Fatal Fire

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



MRS. DOROTHY BILHARZ
Dies of Burns In Home Fire

Woman Dies as Flames Sweep Suburb Home; Official Probes Start

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

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

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

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

Officials at St. Joseph Infir-

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

Two Investigations Begin

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Furniture Charred

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bilharz Says He Couldn't Arouse Wife Before Fatal Fire

Husband Tells of Bringing Food To Room and Knocking on Door

By ROBERT CLARK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Doesn't Know What Awakened Him

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Says Dog Sometimes Stayed Away

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

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

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

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

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

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

After Bilharz discovered the fire, he said, he tried to get into his wife's bedroom through a window.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Told City Firemen Couldn't Make Run

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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October 13, 1955: Board meeting:

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday, October 13, 1955, and was called to order by President John M. Monohan.

Directors present were:

Mr. Marty Kamer
Mr. George E. Miller

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

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

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

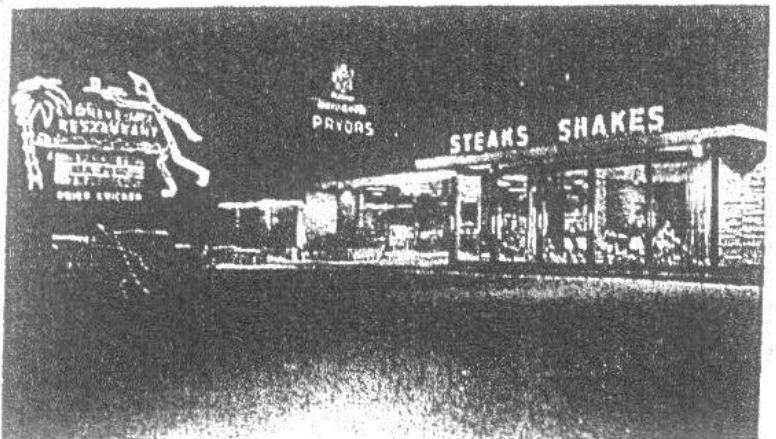
A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Kamer that we pay one note on the new piece of equipment.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

George E. Miller, Secretary

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



Popular Pryor's Puts Appetites Into Action

More and more hungry people are accepting Pryor's invitation to enjoy a Chicken-in-the-Rough dinner in their fabulous new dining room. It's something to see—and the food is delicious. Drop in some evening . . . or call TA. 1750 and try the Take Home Specials. They're ready to go in fifteen minutes. Always plenty of parking space. If you're hungry put your appetite into action now—you're invited. —Adv.

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

Meeting: Oct. 18, 1955

1. Ronnie Florence
2. Phil Schneider
3. Joe Sullivan
4. Bill Breason
5. Ed Foley
6. Nick Whelan
7. John Wacter
8. Bob [unclear]
9. R. H. Schultze
10. Bill Medina
11. [unclear]
12. Billy Smith Jr.
13. R. E. Kowdy
14. [unclear]
15. [unclear]
16. Phil Resch
17. Leo Wachelin
18. Robt Turner
19. Joe Kemper
20. Jim Wether
21. H. M. Coy
22. R. E. Karty

Left Inroft + visit
to Palmer-Ball Plant.

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Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

St. Matthews Elementary School

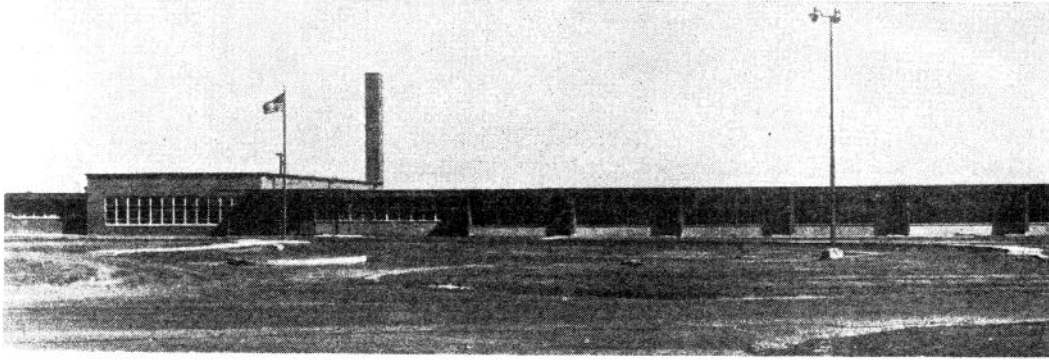
Dedication and Open House

ST. MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 20, 1955

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

7:30 P.M. Dedication



Master of Ceremonies

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

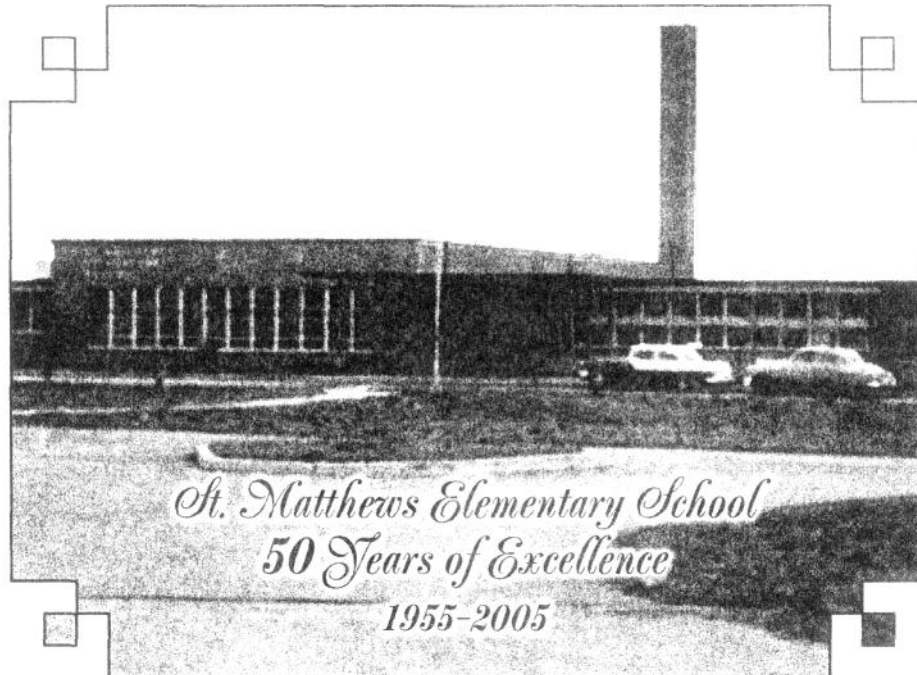
Speaker

RICHARD VANHOOSE, Superintendent

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

Invocation

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



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

BRAND NEW IN ST. MATTHEWS

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Fairmeade PHARMACY

FREE SURPRISE TREAT COUPON

This coupon entitles bearer and his family to "Surprise Treat"

Name _____
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Moved to Greater St. Matthews _____ 19____ Year

TO BE ELIGIBLE—

- You must have moved into Greater St. Matthews within the last year.
- Bring your entire immediate family to our store
- Present this coupon to pharmacist on duty
- Come in for "Surprise Treat" during family hours—6 P.M. to 10 P.M. any day in the week. Absolutely no obligation—nothing to buy. Offer void after Monday, October 31, 1955.

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* THREE (3) FULL TIME REGISTERED PHARMACISTS TO SERVE YOU
For faster service, ask your dealer to phone in your prescriptions. We will have it ready when you arrive at our store.

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November 10, 1955: Board meeting:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
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The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association's Board of Directors was held Thursday evening, November 10, 1955, and was called to order by President John M. Monohan, Jr.

Directors present were:

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

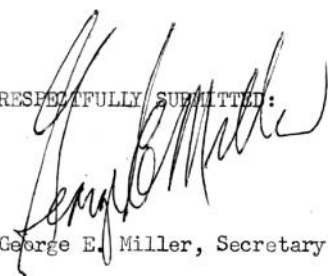
The minutes of the last meeting, on October 13, 1955, were read by President Monohan, and, on a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Boss, the minutes were accepted as read.

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


George E. Miller, Secretary

November 12 1955

November 12, 1955: Letter:

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

Dear Mr Mayor;

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association wishes to extend congratulation to you upon your selection as Mayor of St Matthews; We wish to assure you of our cooperation and support for you coming regime.

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn, Inc.

by _____
President and Chief.

November, 1955: Unknown Newspaper article, Rolling Fields Ballot Is Set On Annexation Property Owners Will Vote Monday: Property owners in Rolling Fields subdivision will vote at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Chenoweth Elementary School on whether they wish to be annexed by Louisville.

Waller Grogan, 429 Country Lane, who heads a seven man committee of Rolling fields residents, said a letter was drafted last night that will go to the subdivision's 230 property owners.

Grogan said ballots on which property owners will vote at the meeting will go with the letters. The vote will be taken after the pros and cons of annexation are discussed.

Letters Going Out Soon: The letters, which will go out in the next day or two, will quote the metropolitan Sewer District as saying the cost to property owners of extending City sewer lines to the subdivision will be from \$350,000 to \$400,000, Grogan said. The letter also will say it will take about two years before the lines are installed.

Grogan said his committee understands Morris Foreman, chief engineer for M.S.D., will be at the meeting to explain the details of extending sewer service to the subdivision. Grogan added it was understood that Mayor Broaddus also would attend.

Broaddus has promised Rolling Fields would not be annexed unless a majority of the property owners approved.

Ordinance Passed: Louisville's Board of Alderman last Tuesday passed a long-pending ordinance proposing to annex the 172-acre subdivision. But it was emphasized that it was a move to keep alive the City's proposal, which otherwise would have died.

Louisville cannot annex the area until 30 days after passage of the ordinance, which allows property owners wishing to block annexation an opportunity to file court suits.

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

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Leathers, Plastics, Fabrics	HANDBAGS Regular 1.00	\$1
"Stretch" NYLONS 2 per. for \$1	SLIPS 2 - \$3	PANTIES 2 for \$1

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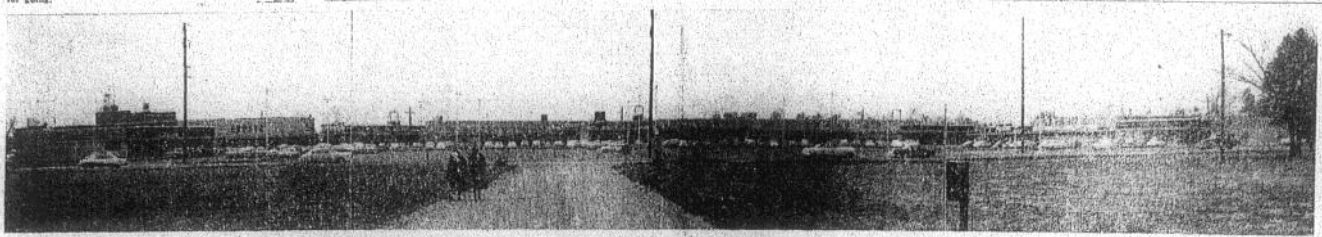
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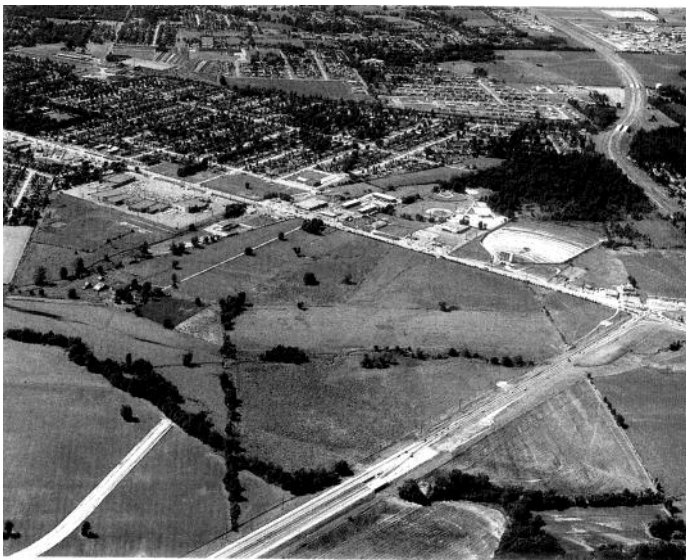
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Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*, November 24, 1955:



The Shelbyville Plaza

Shelbyville Plaza Grand Opening Is Tuesday



Aerial view showing Watterson Expressway before completion North of Shelbyville Road and the completed Shelbyville Road Plaza. By Billy Davis, 7 July 1960. Louisville Since The Twenties, 192. Below, 1967 photo, Billy Davis Collection, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.



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

November 28, 1955, Letter:

Fire Departments To Collect Funds For Dystrophy

St. Matthews and Eastern county areas are giving support to the 1955 Muscular Dystrophy Fund campaign which lasts through November 30.

Fire departments in Buechel, Anchorage, Fern Creek, Jefferson-town, Lyndon and Middletown, serving as headquarters for solicitation material in the house-to-house canvass and many members of these departments and their families are participating in the "marching." The home visits are being made by workers throughout an 11-day period which started November 20.

Sanders Cleaners in St. Matthews is including pledge cards and descriptive leaflets in its regular 10,000 mailing to residents of this area. Campaign chairman Charles F. Wood urged recipients to return the cards and contributions to Dystrophy, Commerce Building, Louisville 2.

Mrs. Carl Thomale, Lyndon, is serving as woman's chairman for the 1955 campaign. Dr. C. H. Blandford of Lyndon, is acting president of the Muscular Dystrophy Clinic. Three of his children were stricken with the disease. Two have died.

Listed Property		ROLLING FIELDS.		W. Collect from.
7 on Basswood		6 @ \$5.00		\$30.00
60 Brownsboro	\$72.00	24 @ 3.00		72.00
48 Club Lane		43 @ 5.00		215.00
59 Country Lane		45 @ 5.00		225.00
3 Crocus Lane		3 @ 5.00		15.00
6 Enmond In		5 @ 5.00		25.00
26 Fairway		24 @ 5.00		120.00
13 Pennington		15 @ 5.00		75.00
		Church @	15.00	15.00
32 Rolling In		27 @ 5.00		135.00
21 Swing Lane		14 @ 5.00		70.00
17 Tiffany		10 @ 5.00		50.00
232 @ 5.00	1160.00			
60 @ 3.00	180.00			
	\$1340.00			
Apt. House	140.00			
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 Semblin Owen Apt. House \$1047.00
 We now collect--- \$1187.00

If annexed by Louisville, we stand to lose.

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December 1, 1955, Sign in sheet:

Harry E. Pitzer
Paul Hesson
John Hoffmecht
Thomas W. Sieder
Bob McLu
Buddy Kern
Howard Beckham
James Baird
John A. Waterman
David L. Hall
Ed Sawyer
H. Breake
Henry D. Zimmig, Jr.

McMan Fire Dept at St. Matthews
Phurley Dec. 1st for school
by V.A.B. & Chief Wauson
A New Organization at Hiker Point

December 5, 1955, Letter:



EXECUTIVE OFFICES
826-32 W. JEFFERSON ST.

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

December 5, 1955

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn.
P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing our check for \$10.00 to cover our subscription to the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association for our store at 27 Shelbyville Road Shopping Center.

Yours truly,
T. P. TAYLOR & CO., INC.

[Signature]
Thomas P. Taylor
Secretary-Treasurer

TMF:sk

Enclosure

OK 12/12/55
10.00

December 6, 1955, Letter:

December 6 1955

Woodlan Park;

Gentlemen;

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Association Inc, will be happy to give Fire Protection to your Area on a Contract basis, our contracts are written thusly;

The St Matthews Volunteer Fire Department does hereby agree to respond to all Alarms of Fire within the now existing boundaries of Woodlan Park, for a period of one (1) year for a sum based on \$3.00 per residence, and .25¢ per vacant lot.

A discount of .8¢ will be allowed if paid within 30 days from date of contract, however no discount on vacant lots.

We desire that you furnish us with a map of your Area, showing the Streets and Hydrant layout, for our information and study.

We believe this a more attractive plan for your community, than the idea of each person paying his Fire Protection Subscription individually.

Yours very truly

St Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn. Inc.

By Capt. V.A. Beam, Asst-Sec'y.

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December 8, 1955, Board meeting

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association was held Thursday evening, December 8, 1955, and was called to order by President Monohan.

Directors present were:

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

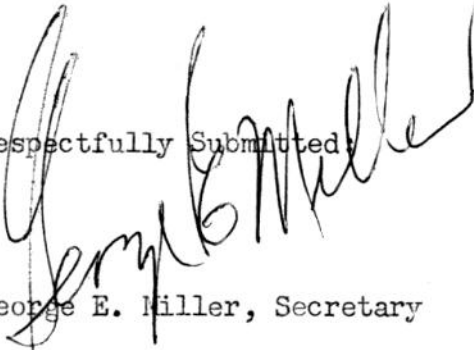
The minutes of the last meeting, on November 10, 1955, were read by President Monohan, and, on a motion made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Zehnder, the minutes were accepted as read.

The attorney's bill of Mr. Al Marret was presented to the meeting. There was an actual expense of \$12.00 for filing the new articles of incorporation. A motion was made by Mr. Schweitzer and seconded by Mr. Terry that we send a check for \$100.00 and an additional \$12.00 for actual expense, as a fee, to Mr. Al Marret.

A motion was made by Mr. Zehnder and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer that Mr. Monohan be instructed to order turkeys for all the firemen and directors.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


George E. Miller, Secretary

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December 8, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews*:



The Chenoweth Car Wash opened for business recently, and manager George Chle watches as one car on the assembly line goes through the water spray. Located on Chenoweth Lane just north of the railroad tracks, it is St. Matthews' first automatic-type, assembly-line car wash.

Firemen Get First Call In 9 Days—A False Alarm

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department received its first call in nine days on December 10. At 5:10 p.m. a "malicious false" alarm was received for 4212 Churchill Road.

On December 11 at 2:45 a.m. the call for an automobile fire at 413 Highfield was received. Only the wiring on the motor burned. A short in the wiring was the possible cause of the fire.

At 5 p.m. on December 13 an alarm was received for an automobile fire at 113 Chenoweth Lane. The fire was caused by distilled anti-freeze on the motor. Only the wiring on the motor was damaged.

Fire Chief Says Be Careful With Christmas Party

For homes, churches, schools and places of business planning holiday parties, Fire Chief John Monohan, of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, recommends that fire safety be made just as much a part of these plans as the decorations or refreshments.

Holiday parties, explained the Chief, often center around a Christmas tree, and because such trees are extremely combustible, these safety rules are suggested:

1. Don't set the tree up near any stairway or elevator shaft which would provide a draft.
2. The tree should not block a door or any exits.
3. Someone in authority should inspect the tree every day to determine whether it should be left up for a longer time.
4. Be sure plenty of ashtrays are provided for smokers. Don't allow smoking near the tree.
5. See that all decorations in the room have been flameproofed.

An added fire hazard exists if dresses, costumes or children's clothes made of net or gauze-like fabrics are worn. If it is impossible to avoid wearing them, they should be made flame-resistant with the following solution. Mix nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric in this solution, wring by hand, then hang to dry. Ironing does not affect the flame-resistance of the fabric, but the treatment must be repeated after each laundering.

A word of caution. Don't expect too much from the term, "flame-resistant." If you hold a match to flame-resistant material, it will burn. But it will not continue to burn when you take the match away. There will be no deadly or disfiguring "flash fire."

Fire Chief Urges Precautions With Christmas Trees

Chief John Monohan of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department urges the public to take these precautions with Christmas trees:

1. Choose a small tree rather than a large one.
2. Store it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.
3. When you bring it in, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit.
4. Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in good condition — no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally, you never use candles!)
5. When you buy new sets or cords, look for the UL label. The ones that bear it have passed Underwriters' Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards.
6. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.
7. Ornaments should be made of fireproof materials, like metal or glass. Never decorate with cotton or paper unless they are labelled "fireproof" or "flameproof."
8. Never set up electric trains under the tree!
9. Don't let gift wrappings pile up under or near the tree.
10. Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is home.
11. From time to time, see whether needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.
12. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it—outdoors!

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December 28, 1955, Letter:

December 30, 1955, Letter:



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December 28, 1955

St. Matthews Fire Department
Box 115
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The writer has recently moved to 706 Indian Ridge Road. It is my understanding from a telephone conversation with your department today that by making a yearly contribution, which at the present time is \$3, that I am entitled to the use of your department without any further charges. I am attaching ~~my~~ *Cash* check for this amount hereto.

I assume that in some manner you will notify me when the next subscription is due.

Very truly yours,
WHAYNE SUPPLY COMPANY

J. S. Buren
J. S. Buren,
Vice President & General Mgr.

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ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

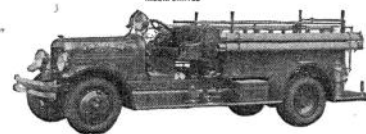
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P. O. Box 115
St. Matthews, Ky.
December 30 1955

Board of Directors
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Assn;

Gentlemen;

My wife and I wish to thank you for the most enjoyable gift of the Christmas Turkey.

We surely did enjoy this delicious present on Christmas day, as did the rest of the family; it was so nice of you to remember us at this season of the year.

Yours very truly

Capt. V. A. Beam

December 22, 1955, *The Voice of St. Matthews:*

Sanders Cleaners To Build \$50,000 Addition

Construction of a \$50,000 addition to Sanders Cleaners, 129 St. Matthews Avenue, is scheduled to start this week, according to Al J. Sanders, one of the owners.

Demolition of a four-room cottage just south of the present structure was begun this week to clear the way for the addition.

Mr. Sanders said expanded business called for a bigger plant. "We now service about 1,500 customers a week, and have a total of about 4,500 customers," he said. "We are currently doing about twice the business we did three years ago."

The new building, completely air-conditioned, should be finished in 60 to 90 days, he said. It will be 47 feet long and 47 feet wide.

Clothes ready to take out will be in the new place. The present structure, 50 by 120 feet, will be used solely for production, he said.

Mr. Sanders noted that the property on which the present building is located cost only \$9,500, when purchased more

than three years ago. Cost of the new property, somewhat smaller in size, was \$17,000 when it was bought 1½ years ago, he said.

The new place will have drive-in facilities, he said. It will be connected with the present building by fireproof doors.

Mr. Sanders said his firm has spent \$6,000 for new electronic conveyor racks, the first in the South.

The present structure cost \$75,000 to build, he said. The firm has been located there three years. Before that, it was at 3937 Frankfort for seven years.

The firm has about \$25,000 worth of equipment and plans to buy more to enlarge production, said Mr. Sanders. Thirty-five employees work at the plant.

The business is owned and operated by Mr. Sanders, his brother, Carroll M. Sanders, and their father, I. J. Sanders.

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December 31, 1955: Grass & weed fire 11:50 a.m. 375 Foeburn Way

375
Foeburn Way,

12/31/55

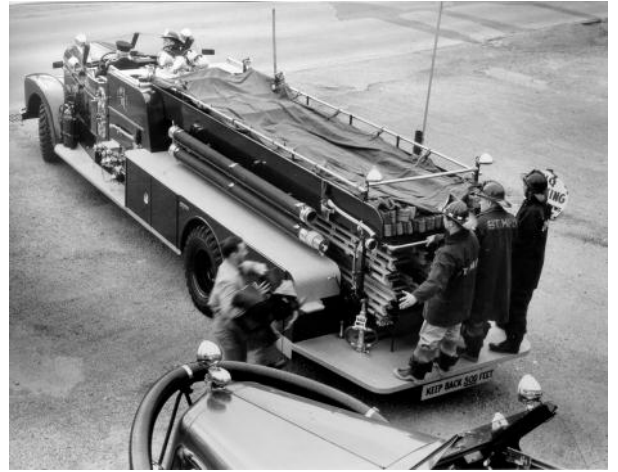
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Grass & weed

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| 1. William T. Beeson | 17. R.E. Kaster
<i>R E Kaster</i> | 33. Phil. L. Schneider Jr.
<i>Phil Schneider</i> |
| 2. Pete Blackwell | 18. Joseph L. Kempf | 34. Richard H. Schultze
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| 3. James J. Brentzel | 19. Ralph E. Kempf | 35. Billy Smith Jr. |
| 4. Robert Brentzel | 20. Henry L. McCoy | 36. Dan Sullivan |
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| 9. Edward C Foley
<i>Ed Foley</i> | 25. Jack M. Monohan
<i>Jack M. Monohan</i> | 41. Richard M. Wheeler Jr.
<i>Rich Wheeler</i> |
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<i>Al Haerberlin</i> | 27. Philip Ray Resch | 43. George Westwood |
| 12. George. C. Haerberlin | 28. Randy Robertson | 44. Wm. W. Writers
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| 16. John V. Kaster
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Florence</i> |

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1955 "Ready to Roll."



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1955: STMFD Apparatus and Personnel, taken in lot across from the firehouse at 117 St. Matthews Avenue.



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Fire Statistics For 1955

Total number of fire runs:	96
Total working fires:	7
Total hours fire fighting:	31 1/2
Total 1 1/2" hose used:	1,800 feet
Total 2 1/2" hose used:	1,700 feet
Back up City of Louisville:	
Number of A. M. runs:	34
Number of P. M. runs:	63

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

Engine 1:	69
Engine 2:	12
Engine 3::	28
Quad:	24

Types of fire runs:

House	48
Commercial	8
Automobile	13
Field & trash	17
Miscellaneous	8
Malicious false	3

Working fires:

1/21/1955	7:35 p.m.	House, 3721 Edmond Lane, fire above fireplace
3/6/1955	6:30 p.m.	House, 133 St. Matthews Avenue
9/25/1955	2:08 a.m.	Shed, Thierman Lane & U. S. 60
9/28/1955	7:43 p.m.	Out building, 3819 Washington
10/3/1955	9:42 p.m.	House, 3709 Fairway Lane, fire in bedroom, 1 fatality
11/29/1955	1:10 p.m.	House, 300 Sprite Road, fire in attic
12/22/1955	9:25 a.m.	House under construction – basement fire, Mount Vernon Rd. in St. Regis Park. (McMahan VFD organized but not operational as of this date.)

Responded to two separate rescues at auto accidents, one man killed at each accident.

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